

# Is Colonial Mentality Impeding Pakistan's Progress?

Colonial Mentality in Military

One of the many institutions, which were setup in India by the colonial masters to strengthen their rule, was the British Indian Army. In fact, this army was the most prestigious institute in British India, as India under British Monarchy was controlled and administered by the army. All the major government offices were held by the army officers, such as the viceroy of India, governor of a province, head of the district police, all were army officers. Even after independence in 1947 and up till now, the same colonial mentality is prevailing in Pakistan. This mental approach was the basic impetus behind every extra constitutional adventure in the past. This very reason caused that the democracy as a system in its true spirit has never been grown in Pakistan. That is why Pakistan is still struggling to achieve political and economic stability.

## Colonial Mentality in Education

Last but not the least our education system follow the same colonial mindset, which is one of the main reason that we are lagging behind in every field of life. This education system was introduced by the British coloniser in 1835, in the form of Macaulay's minutes on education in India. The sole purpose behind this education system was to produce a class of native people, who are Indians in blood and colour of their skin, but English in taste, in opinion, and in intellect. To strengthen their rule in the India, the Britishers succeeded to develop a sense among the native Indians that their language and culture is inferior to that of English language and culture. This is evident from the Macaulay minutes that "a single shelf of a good European library was worth the whole literature of India and Arabia". But unfortunately in 21st century, we are practicing the same 19th century education system, which was made for a slave nation.