

Is Colonial Mentality Impeding Pakistan's Progress?

Famous American actor Chadwick Boseman used to say, "Colonialism is the cousin of slavery." This statement implies that colonialism is akin to slavery in meaning. Similarly, carrying a colonial mentality means treating inferiors as slaves, or in other words, keeping superiors blue-eyed and unaccountable. Like many other countries that were once colonies, Pakistan is struggling with the colonial mentality inherited from the British, who colonized the subcontinent. This mentality has impacted nearly every sector of Pakistan, hindering the overall advancement of the country. It is reflected in the institutions of bureaucracy, police, judiciary, military, feudalism, and the educational system, impeding social, political and economic development.