

PAKISTAN AFFAIRS

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Discuss the 3rd June Plan or Montagu Plan and also describe how it was implemented?

INTRODUCTION:

In the subcontinent, a time arose where Muslims realised that they cannot live with the Hindus. Quaid-e-Azam has rightly said:

"Muslims are a nation according to any definition of a nation".

Quaid-e-Azam played a leading role in the creation of Pakistan while presenting the concerns of Muslims and continuously reiterating Two-Nation Theory. Thus, by 3rd June, 1947, Pakistan and India were divided on the basis of 3rd June Plan. Undoubtedly, there have been instances where the division between both the

nations had been unjust and following points are to be discussed about third 3rd June Plan.

3RD JUNE PLAN AND ARRIVAL OF MOUNTBATTEN:

The last Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten arrived in the subcontinent and presented a plan to divide the two nations. However, **Ahmed Saeed** says that the plan was created with Indian help which did not favour the Muslims.

What was the 3rd June Plan?

3rd June Plan was solely made for the division of Hindus and Muslims and it continued to be implemented till the emergence of two nations in the subcontinent.

Key points of the plan:

Following are the key points of 3rd June Plan:

- The provincial assemblies of Punjab and Bengal were to decide either they want to be a part

of the new constituent assembly or not.

- For the above mentioned purpose, a boundary commission would be established to demarcate the P borders.

- Sindh Assemblies were also to choose if they want to become a part of the older constituent assembly or the new one.

- Balochistan was also given the option to express its desire to form a part of which side.

- The plan suggested a referendum for Bengal as well. It would be its will to decide either it wants to be a part of Assam province or wants to be annexed with East Bengal.

Collaboration of V.P Menon with

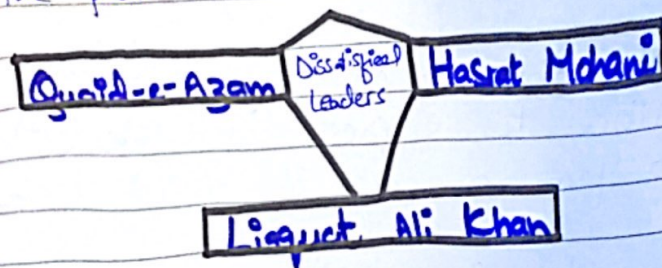
Jawaharlal Nehru:

The plan was highly biased and had favoured the Hindus. Shamsheed Ahmed in his book, "Pakistan and World Affairs" says that the

plan was made asked by V.P. Menon to be constructed by Jawaharlal Nehru and this completely took away the true essence of the partition.

Who showed disappointment with the plan?

According to Ahmed Saeed, following people showed disappointment with the plan:



How was the plan implemented?

By 15th August, 1947 both the countries got divided on the basis of 3rd June plan and division took place unfairly.

Arrival of Sir Radcliffe:

Sir Radcliffe was appointed for the demarcation of boundaries and he unfairly divided both the nations, giving majority areas to

to Hindus.

Demarcation starts:

According to the 3rd June Plan, the district of Gunderapur and Ferozepur were lost by the Muslims and they were unfairly given to India. The districts had strategic importance for Pakistan.

East Bengal:

East Bengal was consisted of Muslim majority and then it decided to become a part of Pakistan.

Quetta Municipality and Balochistan:

Luckily, ~~these~~ Quetta Municipality and Balochistan agreed to become a part of Pakistan.

The Princely States: Who to accede with?

Following were the princely states which were treated in an unfair manner:



- **Junagadh** \Rightarrow Junagadh was a Muslim majority state which was taken by India in an unfair manner.
- **Hyderabad** \Rightarrow Although Hyderabad consisted of Hindu majority but the ruler of Hyderabad wanted a **separate state** but India annexed Hyderabad as well when 3rd June plan was being implemented.
- **Kashmir** \Rightarrow Kashmir was a Muslim populated area and the people wanted to live ~~has~~ spend their future with the Pakistanis. However, Kashmir was also ~~to~~ later onwards deprived of their choice.

Conclusion:

Therefore, after the implementation of 3rd June Plan, Pakistan came into being in 1947. The country had meagre resources while India got more resources than Pakistan. However, Quaid-e-Azam gave motivation to the people of Pakistan for uplifting the ~~to~~ condition of people and infused the spirit of unity among people. He rightly stated:

"You are not Hindus, Punjabi, Balochi or Sindhi. We are Pakistanis and you are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to Masjid. The state & affairs has nothing to do with your religion."
