

## Making New provinces in Pakistan: Challenges and Prospects:

### 1- Introduction:

Thesis statement:- The creation of new provinces is a complex issue with various challenges. ~~But~~ overcoming these obstacles through a collaborative effort from all stakeholders can lead to national integration, economic development and a well governed federation, which are essential for the country's socio-economic growth and progress.

### 2- Why more provinces are essential?

### 3- Demand of new provinces in Pakistan.

### 4- Challenges in the way of the making new provinces in Pakistan.

(1) Complex constitutional procedure.

(2) Major political parties are against the formation of new provinces.

(3) Forces of centralization do not favour a decentralized.

system in the country.

(4) Contentious redistribution of assets further exacerbated by making new provinces.

(5) Economic consideration of new provinces.

5- Prospects of new provinces in Pakistan

(1) Improve governance and local administration.

(2) Economic development in the country.

(3) The smaller the provinces, the stronger will be federation.

(4) National cohesion will increase in Pakistan by making new provinces.

(5) Making of new provinces will prevent larger provinces to exploit smaller one.

6 Suggestion to overcome the impediments in the making of new provinces in Pakistan.

(1) Changes/Amendment in the constitution.

(2) Formation of a national commission.

7 Conclusion.

The division of a country into smaller provinces, constituent units, regions and states is crucial for a nation's smooth and uninterrupted socio-economic development. Many countries have formed new units in order to meet <sup>their</sup> people's growing demands and advance their administrative structure. For instance, Austria, with a population of 8.8 million and almost equal to size of Khyber Pakhtunkwa, has nine provinces and a GDP per capita income of \$ 50000. In contrast, with a population of 240 million, Pakistan has only four provinces, impeding the country's socio-economic growth. In fact, creating new provinces in Pakistan is a complex and multifaceted issue involving political, economic, cultural and administrative considerations. Several constitutional impediments, vested interests

of political parties and economic implications of new provinces pose challenge to their formation. Nevertheless, creating new provinces would promote socio-economic and political development in the country. It would lead to economic development of underdeveloped areas, national integration, and a robust and a well-governed federation, which are crucial for the country's progress. Overcoming the obstacles to forming new provinces require serious consideration of the issue and initiatives to counter impediments.

A collaborative efforts from all stakeholders, including the government, political parties and civil society, is imperative to successfully forming new provinces.

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