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Annotated Presidential Address of Allama Muhammad Iqbal to the 25th Session of the All-India Muslim League*

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Allama Muhammad Iqbal is the ideologue of Pakistan, who, first, presented the idea of division of India into two states, to solve the on-going communal problem of India, in his well-known 1930 *Khutbah Allahābād*.

This document, in full, is presented here with annotations to facilitate the reader to understand the religio-socio-political environment of 1930's India and the perspective and context of the Pakistan Movement.

Iqbal on the outset affirmed, “while assuming that the Muslims of India are determined to remain true to the spirit of Islam,” he would “propose basic policy principles based on the insight gained through his lifelong careful study of Islam, its law and polity, its culture, its history and its literature.”

Proposing the practical modality for solving the on-going Hindu Muslim communal problem, he stated: “I would like to see the Punjab, North-West Frontier Province, Sind and Baluchistan amalgamated into a single state. Self-Government within the British Empire, or without the British Empire, the formation of a consolidated North-West Indian Muslim state appears to me to be the final destiny of the Muslims at least of the North-West India.”

Finally, he cautioned: “At critical moments in their history it is Islam that has saved Muslims and not *vice versa*. If today you focus your vision on Islam and seek inspiration from the ever-vitalising idea embodied in it, you will be only reassembling your scattered forces, regaining your lost integrity, and thereby saving yourself from total destruction.”

* Allama Muhammad Iqbal (1294–1357/1877–1938) started writing this Presidential Address in July