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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
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Subject: **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2026**

The public and optional holidays on days of national significance and festivals of Muslims and minorities in Pakistan for the calendar year 2026 shall be as under:-

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2026
1	Kashmir Day	Thursday	5 th February, 2026
2	Pakistan Day	Monday	23 rd March, 2026
3*	Eid-ul-Fitr (1 st Shawal 1447 A.H)	* Saturday, Sunday & Monday	21 st , 22 nd & 23 rd March 2026
4	Labour Day	Friday	1 st May, 2026
5	Youm-e-Takbeer	Thursday	28 th May, 2026
6*	Eid-ul-Azha (10 th Zil Haj. 1447 A.H)	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	27 th , 28 th & 29 th May, 2026
7*	Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharram 1448 A.H)	Wednesday & Thursday	24 th & 25 th June, 2026
8	Independence Day	Friday	14 th August, 2026
9*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 th Rabi-ul- Awwal 1448 A.H)	Tuesday	25 th August, 2026
10	Allama Iqbal Day	Monday	9 th November, 2026
11	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Friday	25 th December, 2026
12	Day after Christmas	Saturday	26 th December, 2026 (For Christians only)

2. The following will be bank holidays. However, on these days Banks/DFIs/MFBs will remain closed for public but **NOT** for their employees:

Sr.#	Day/ Date
1	1 st January, 2026 (Thursday)
2*	18 th February 2026 (Wednesday) corresponding to 1 st Ramazan 1447 A.H for deduction of Zakat (subject to appearance of moon)
3	1 st July, 2026 (Wednesday)

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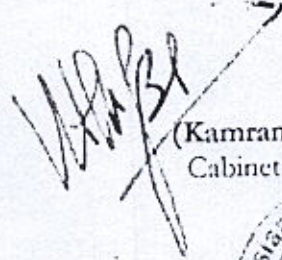
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4. In the case of Muslim optional holidays, the number of persons permitted to avail optional holidays should be regulated in a manner that adequate staff is available for proper continuance of work.
5. In the case of minorities, government servants should not ordinarily be refused an optional holiday of religious significance.
6. Exporters, including manufacturers of exports, shall be exempt from these holidays on the condition that they pay their workers overtime for these days in addition to their existing salary/wage structures.



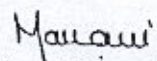
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