

Remarks by the Prime Minister on  
235<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations  
of the United States of America

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Excellencies  
Ladies & Gentlemen

I would like to extend the heartiest felicitations of the people and Government of Pakistan to your Excellency and American nationals present here tonight in celebration of the 235<sup>th</sup> Independence day of USA. I also congratulate the government and people of USA on this occasion.

The people of Pakistan are especially enamored with the concepts that formed the basic elements of the U.S. independence struggle. That struggle has since inspired millions all over the world.

Our democratically elected government has embarked on an ambitious programme to provide security and socio-economic stability. We are committed to improve the lives of our citizens and to provide them hope for a better future.

Ladies & Gentlemen

We highly appreciate the assistance that the U.S. government and people are providing to enable us to take the government's agenda forward.

We are grateful to President Obama for his special attention to bolster Pakistan – United States relationship. We are also grateful to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for her untiring efforts in this regard.

Our two countries enjoy a strong partnership. We need to translate this partnership into ever stronger bonds of friendship between our two peoples and for the peace, progress and prosperity at the regional as well as global level.

Towards this objective, we have been working together to build a sustainable, broad-based, long-term relationship through the mechanism of the Strategic Dialogue.

This Dialogue has set in motion greater opportunities for the mutual benefit of the people of both countries. We are looking forward to the visit of Secretary Clinton, later this month, to take this process forward through the next round of Dialogue, scheduled to be held in Islamabad.

We have also seen increased and enhanced interactions between official and private sectors of both countries, which augurs well for the relationship.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Our two Countries remain engaged in a joint struggle against terrorism and extremism. The Government is fully conscious of the challenges it faces from this mind set. We are fully engaged with all stake holders to devise a strategy to deal with this menace, which has afflicted our peace loving people.

Ladies and Gentlemen

As we deal with this challenge, we are encouraged by the support provided by the U.S. and other friendly countries. We are confident that the friendly and cooperative ties between our two countries will continue to grow through increased cooperation in diverse fields and greater people-to-people contacts.

In addressing the American people, let me again reiterate that a relationship which permeates the official contacts and forges people to people interaction is the surest guarantee of a strong and long lasting friendship.

We look forward to such interactions to build a strong structure for a broad based, long term and sustainable growing Pakistan – U.S. partnership.

Thank you and long live Pakistan – United States friendship.