

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
CABINET DIVISION**

Subject: **INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DESIGN AND USE OF THE
PAKISTAN FLAG AND USE OF FLAGS OF FOREIGN
COUNTRIES IN PAKISTAN, 1989**

Kindly find enclosed herewith the updated version of the 'Instructions on the Design and Use of the Pakistan Flag and Use of Flags of Foreign Countries in Pakistan, 1989' as on 13th August, 2026, for information and further necessary action, please.

Encl: **As above**


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1. The Chairman, Senate of Pakistan
2. The Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan
3. Governors of the Provinces
4. Federal Ministers
5. Advisors to the Prime Minister
6. Advisor to the Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad
7. Ministers of State/Special Assistants to Prime Minister
8. The Auditor General of Pakistan, Islamabad
9. Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan, Islamabad
10. Speakers of the Provincial Assemblies
11. Secretary to the President, President's Secretariat (Public), Islamabad
12. Secretaries/ Additional Secretaries (In-charge) of Ministries/Divisions, Islamabad / Rawalpindi
13. Secretary, Wafaqi Mohtasib's Secretariat, Islamabad
14. Secretaries Senate and National Assembly Secretariats, Islamabad
15. Chief Secretaries of Provincial, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Governments
16. Inspectors General of Police of Provincial, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Governments
17. Chief Commissioner, Islamabad
18. Inspector General of Police, Islamabad
19. Secretary, Wafaqi Tax Ombudsman Secretariat, Islamabad
20. The Registrar, Federal Constitutional Court of Pakistan, Islamabad
21. The Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad
22. The Registrar, Federal Shariat Court, Islamabad
23. The Registrars, Chief Justices of High Courts

Cabinet Division's U.O. No. 11-1/2021-Min-II dated 13th August, 2026

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(As amended up to 13th August, 2026)

No. 11-1/2021-Min-II.— In partial modification of notification No.5/2/89-Public dated 13th April, 1989 issued by the Ministry of Interior [and Narcotics Control] and of even number dated 21st October, 2025 and 31st December, 2025, the following updated '**Instructions on the Design and Use of the Pakistan Flag and Use of Flags of Foreign Countries in Pakistan, 1989**' are hereby notified with the approval of the Federal Government for compliance throughout the country and Pakistan Diplomatic Missions and Consular posts abroad:-

OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE PAKISTAN FLAG IS TO BE FLOWN

On the following days the Pakistan Flag shall be freely flown on public and private buildings throughout Pakistan and the office premises of the Pakistan Diplomatic Missions and Consular posts abroad:-

- (1) Pakistan Day (23rd March)
- (2) Independence Day (14th August)
- (3) Quaid-i-Azam's Birthday (25th December)
- (4) Such other days as may be notified by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan from time to time

2. The Pakistan Flag shall be flown over Pakistan Diplomatic Missions and Consular posts in foreign countries in accordance with the custom of the country in which the Pakistan Mission is situated. In countries where it is not the custom to fly the flag daily, the Pakistan Flag shall be flown on the days specified in Paragraph 1 as well as on other days on which flags are normally flown in those countries. But in the countries where flags are flown daily, specially large flags shall be flown on the days specified in Paragraph 1.

**USE OF THE FLAG ON GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, OFFICIAL
RESIDENCES MOTOR CARS ETC**

3. The Pakistan Flag shall be flown on all working days on important Government buildings and at all frontier areas at some special points, e.g Parliament House and Provincial Assemblies' buildings, Secretariat Offices, Offices of the Supreme Court, Federal Shariat Court, High Courts and Courts of District and Sessions Judges, Offices of Commissioners of

Divisions, Deputy Commissioners/Collectors, Political Agents and Sub-Divisional Officers, Central and District Jails, Police Stations, Customs Posts, Frontier Corps Posts, Offices of Municipal Corporations, Zila Councils, Municipal Committees and such other buildings as may be specified by the Government from time to time.

4. The Pakistan Flag shall be flown on the official residences of the following persons when they are in residence:-

- (1) The President and Prime Minister of Pakistan
- (2) Chairman of the Senate and Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan
- (3) Governors of the Provinces
- (4) Federal Ministers and other dignitaries entitled to the privileges of the Ministers of the Government of Pakistan
- (5) Chief Ministers and Ministers of Provinces
- (6) The Chief Election Commissioner
- (7) Deputy Chairman of the Senate/Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan
- (8) Speakers of the Provincial Assemblies
- (9) Diplomatic Representatives of Pakistan in foreign countries
- (10) Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners/Collectors and Political Agents
- (11) ¹The Auditor General of Pakistan

Note: The Pakistan Flag will be flown on the official residence of the President/Prime Minister alongside his personal standard.

5. Only the following persons shall be entitled to fly the Pakistan Flag on their motor cars, vessels and aeroplanes, when the dignitaries themselves are seated:-

- (1) The President of Pakistan
- (2) The Prime Minister of Pakistan
- (3) The Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan
- (4) The Speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan
- (5) ¹The Chief Justice of Pakistan

¹ Added vide notification No. 5/1/2004-Public dated 19th December, 2011 issued by the Ministry of Interior [and Narcotics Control].

- (6) ²The Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court
- (7) ³The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- (8) Federal Ministers and Ministers of State
- (9) The Governors of the Provinces
- (10) The Chief Ministers of the Provinces
- (11) ⁴The Deputy Chairman of Senate of Pakistan
- (12) ⁵The Auditor General of Pakistan
- (13) Chief Election Commissioner
- (14) Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman)
- (15) ⁶Chief Justice of Federal Shariat Court
- (16) ⁷Chief Justices of the High Courts
- (17) ⁸Speakers of the Provincial Assemblies
- (18) Provincial Ministers

- Notes:**
- (1) No other holder of public office or public servant shall fly the National or any other flag on his motor car.
 - (2) These orders do not apply to Diplomatic Representative of Pakistan in Foreign Countries who shall continue to fly the Pakistan flags in their countries of accreditation.
 - (3) The President/Prime Minister may fly two flags, i.e., his personal flag in addition to the National Flag.

MAINTENANCE OF THE DIGNITY OF THE PAKISTAN FLAG

6. Due honour and respect shall always be shown to the Flag. It shall never be subjected to any indignity.
7. The Flag shall not be draped over the hood, top sides or back of a vehicle, railway train or boat.

¹“Chief Justice of Pakistan” means the senior amongst the Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court and the Chief Justice of Supreme Court, as defined in Article 260 of the Constitution.

² The Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court as specified in clause (1) of Article 175(B) of the Constitution

³ The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as specified in Article 176 of the Constitution

⁴ Added vide notification No. 8/4/97-Public dated 21st April, 2003 issued by the Ministry of Interior [and Narcotics Control]

⁵ Added vide notification No. 5/1/2004-Public dated 19th December, 2011 issued by the Ministry of Interior [and Narcotics Control]

⁶ Added vide notification No. 5/1/2004-Public dated 18th July, 2009 issued by the Ministry of Interior [and Narcotics Control]

⁷ Added vide notification No. 8/4/97-Public dated 27th February, 1997 issued by the Ministry of Interior [and Narcotics Control]

⁸ Added vide notification No. 5/2/89-Public dated 17th August, 1989 issued by the Ministry of Interior [and Narcotics Control]

8. The place of honour shall be reserved for the Pakistan Flag whenever it is accompanied by flags or colours of foreign countries.

9. If there are only two flags or colours the Pakistan Flag shall be flown at the right of the building, i.e., to the left of the person facing it.

10. When the number of flags is more than two, the Pakistan Flag shall be placed in the centre if the number of flags is odd; it shall be flown the first to the right of the centre if the number is even.

11. When the Flag is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staff, the Flag shall be on the crossed flags' own right (i.e., to the left of the person facing the crossed flags), and its staff shall be in front of the staff of the other flag.

12. No other flag or colour shall be flown above the Pakistan Flag.

¹[12A. No flag other than the Pakistan Flag or the authorised standards of the Government or public institutions or the standards of public office holders, in the case of high offices, shall be flown or displayed on any Government or publicly owned building, premises, or on any vehicle:

Provided that the flags of foreign countries or International Organizations may be flown or displayed in publicly owned building or premises during foreign visits or meetings or commemorative occasions etc. in accordance with diplomatic norms and traditions.]

13. In processions, the Flag shall be carried at the centre or at the right of the procession in the line of march.

14. In escutcheons, the Flag shall be placed in the centre and to the highest point if the number of flags is odd, and at the right of the crest of the escutcheon (i.e., to the left of the person facing it), if the number is even.

15. When the flag of any other country is flown together with the Pakistan Flag, the latter shall be hoisted first and lowered last.

16. When the flags of two or more countries are displayed, they shall be flown on separate staffs. The flags shall be approximately of equal size.

¹ Inserted vide notification No. F. 11-1-2021-Min-II dated 13th August, 2026

17. The flag when flown at half-mast shall first be hoisted to the peak and then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag shall again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.
18. When the Flag is displayed on a wall, otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it shall be displayed flat, the white portion being towards the left of the person facing it. In a public auditorium or meeting, the Flag, if displayed flat, shall be above and behind the speaker. When the Flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it shall be displayed vertically with the white portion up.
19. The Flag shall not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.
20. The Flag shall not be dipped to any person or any inanimate object.
21. The Flag shall never be carried flat or horizontally but always aloft and free.
22. The Flag shall never touch any object beneath it such as the floor, water, or merchandise.
23. The Flag shall not be used as drapery of any sort whatsoever provided that the use of the Pakistan Flag may be permitted for draping the bier of a high personage who is given burial with full military honours or full ceremonials.
24. The Flag shall not be hoisted, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way.
25. The Flag shall not be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
26. The Flag, except with the permission in writing of and in accordance with the conditions, if any, imposed by the Federal Government, shall not be used in any trade-mark or design or the title of any patent or for the purpose of any trade, business, calling or profession or for any other purpose whatsoever.
27. The Flag when it is in such a condition that it can no longer be used shall be disposed of in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.
28. The Flag shall be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

29. During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the Flag or when the Flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present shall face the Flag and stand to attention.

30. When the flag is hoisted formally, it should be done with the singing and/or playing of the National Anthem. When the National Anthem is being played and/or sung and the Flag displayed, all present shall face the Flag. Those in uniform shall salute.

31. The Flag shall not be flown at half-mast without the orders of the Prime Minister throughout the country or without the orders of the Chief Minister with the prior approval of the Prime Minister within the Province concerned, provided that the head of a Pakistan Mission in a foreign country shall have discretion to fly the Flag at half-mast on the days when flags are hoisted at half-mast by the government of the country to which he is accredited.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

32. The Flag shall be flown only from sunrise to sunset, except on cars, vessels and aeroplanes, provided that the Flag shall be flown continuously during the day and night on the parliament House and the buildings of the Provincial Assemblies and may be flown at night on buildings on special occasions, such as the swearing in ceremony of the President, the Prime Minister or a Governor held after sunset:

¹[Provided that the Prime Minister may permit the National Flag to be flown continuously, as a symbol of national honour and pride, at such iconic places as may be notified in the official Gazette.]

33. When the Flag is displayed on a motor car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the radiator cap.

34. Nothing should be written or imprinted on the Flag nor should any mark be made on it on ceremonial or any other occasion.

35. The Flag shall not be used except in accordance with these Instructions and as modified from time to time.

36. The use of the Flag by the Army, Navy and Air Force shall be governed by special rules framed by them for the purpose.

¹ Inserted vide notification F. No. 11-1-2021-Min-II dated 13th August, 2026

USE OF FOREIGN FLAGS IN PAKISTAN

37. National Flags of foreign countries can be flown on the chancery building (s) of Diplomatic Missions as well as on consular offices in Pakistan. Heads of Diplomatic Missions may, in addition, fly their national flags on their official residences as well as on their cars.

38. Foreign dignitaries of the following categories can fly their personal standards or the national flags of their respective countries, in case they have no personal standards, on the place of their residence and on their cars, on State visit to Pakistan:-

- (1) Heads of States
- (2) Visiting Prime Ministers
- (3) Ministers of Foreign Governments

39. In case on occasions such as the National days, a Foreign Mission in Pakistan holds a social function in a place other than the Chancery or the residence of the Head of the Mission, it may fly its national Flag there provided that the Pakistan Flag is flown along-side and is accorded the place of honour.

Note:- The privileges cited in Paragraphs 38 and 39 above will apply only in case of those countries which offer similar concessions to Pakistan on reciprocal basis.

40. Except as stated in these Instructions, the flag of a foreign State shall not be flown on any car or building in Pakistan without the specific permission of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAKISTAN FLAG

41. As approved by the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on 11th August, 1947 through a Resolution on the 'National Flag of the Federation of Pakistan', the design of the Pakistan Flag shall be as follows:

A dark green rectangular flag in the proportion of length and width 3:2 with a white vertical bar at the mast, the green portion bearing a white crescent in the centre and a five-pointed white heraldic star.

The size of the white portion being one-fourth the size of the flag, nearest the mast, the remainder three-fourths being dark green. The dimensions of the crescent and star are obtained as follows:-

Draw the diagonal from the top right hand corner to the bottom left corner of the green portion. On this diagonal establish two points 'A' and 'B'. Point 'A' at a distance equidistant from top right and bottom left hand corners of the green portion, i.e. the centre of the green portion. Point 'B' at a distance from the top right hand corner equal to 13/20th the width of the flag. With centre point 'A' and radius 1.1/4th the width of the flag describe a second arc. The enclosures made by these two arcs form the crescent. The dimensions of the five-pointed white heraldic star are determined by drawing a circle 1/10th the width of the flag. The circle surrounds the five points of the heraldic star. The star lies with one point on the diagonal at a point where the larger arc of the crescent, if completed, cuts the diagonal.

Note: The flags to be hoisted at official residences, ceremonies, motor cars or to be used as desktop flags may be of any size but the proportions of length and width, the sizes of the white and dark green portions of the flag and the placement and dimensions of the crescent and star shall be as specified above.

42. The dark green and white colours of the Pakistan Flag in Pantone colour codes shall be as follows:

(i) For Paper Flags:

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| (a) Pakistan Green – | 19-5917 TPX |
| (b) White – | 12-4306 TPX |

(ii) For Fabric Flags:

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| (a) Pakistan Green – | 19-5917 TCX |
| (b) White – | 12-4306 TCX |

43. Where a colour code other than Pantone is used, it shall be the equivalent of the Pantone colour codes specified in Paragraph 42.

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