

## Important Events in Pakistan and Swat

- 14 August 1947** – Pakistan created as the world's first homeland for Muslims; princely state of Swat joins Pakistan but keeps its special status
- 1947** – First Indo-Pakistan War
- 1948** – Death of founder of Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Jinnah
- 1951** – Pakistan's first prime minister Liaquat Ali Khan assassinated
- 1958** – General Ayub Khan seizes power in Pakistan's first military coup
- 1965** – Second Indo-Pakistan War
- 1969** – Swat becomes part of North-West Frontier Province
- 1970** – Pakistan's first national elections held
- 1971** – Third Indo-Pakistan War; East Pakistan becomes independent Bangladesh
- 1971** – Zulfikar Ali Bhutto becomes first elected prime minister
- 1977** – General Zia ul-Haq takes power in military coup
- 1979** – Zulfikar Ali Bhutto hanged; Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
- 1988** – General Zia and senior army officers killed in plane crash; elections held; Benazir Bhutto becomes first female prime minister in Islamic world
- 1989** – Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan complete
- 1990** – Benazir Bhutto government dismissed
- 1991** – Nawaz Sharif becomes prime minister
- 1993** – Nawaz Sharif forced to resign by army; second Benazir Bhutto government
- 1996** – Taliban take power in Kabul
- 1996** – Second Benazir Bhutto government dismissed
- 1997** – Nawaz Sharif forms second government
- 1998** – India conducts nuclear tests; Pakistan does same
- 1999** – Benazir Bhutto and husband Asif Ali Zardari convicted of corruption; Benazir goes into exile; Zardari jailed; General Pervez Musharraf takes power in coup
- 2001** – Al Qaeda 9/11 attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon; US bombing of Afghanistan starts; Taliban government overthrown; Osama bin Laden escapes to Pakistan
- 2004** – Pakistan army starts operation against militants in FATA; first attack on Pakistan by US drone; Zardari goes into exile
- 2005** – Maulana Fazlullah starts radio in Swat; massive earthquake in Pakistan kills more than 70,000 people
- 2007** – Army storms Red Mosque in Islamabad; Benazir Bhutto returns to Pakistan; Fazlullah sets up Islamic courts; Musharraf sends troops into Swat; launch of Pakistan Taliban; Benazir Bhutto assassinated
- 2007–9** – Taliban extend influence across Swat
- 2008** – Zardari becomes president; Musharraf goes into exile
- 2009** – Fazlullah announces all girls' schools to close in Swat; Pakistan government agrees peace accord with Taliban; Agreement breaks down as Taliban take over Swat; Pakistan army starts military operation against Taliban in Swat
- July 2009** – Pakistan government declares Taliban cleared from Swat