

REMARKS

**THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

H.E. JOKO WIDODO

BEFORE

**THE JOINT SESSION
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF PAKISTAN**

ISLAMABAD, 26 JANUARY 2018

Honorable Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker of the National Assembly,

Honorable Mian Raza Rabbani, Speaker of the Senate,

Honorable Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi

Honorable members of the Parliament,

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Pakistan Zindabad [Pakistan...[:Zin-dabat:]]

1. It is an honor for me to speak before this honorable assembly...the **Joint Session of the Parliament**...today.

2. In 1963,...The First President of Indonesia, Soekarno,...spoke before this honorable Parliament.

3. At that time, President Soekarno...ignited the spirit to fight against colonialism...as well as the spirit of cooperation...between newly independent countries.

4. **Fifty five years later...**the President of the Republic of Indonesia is honored once again...to speak before the Parliament of Pakistan.

5. I would like to use this opportunity to **ignite cooperation... for the world's peace and prosperity.**

Honorable members of the Parliament

6. The friendship between Indonesia and Pakistan...**is not a newly forged friendship.**

7. Indonesia will always remember the support of the people of Pakistan...towards Indonesia's struggles for independence.

8. **As a token of appreciation, in 17 August 1995... coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the Indonesian Independence,**the Republic of Indonesia conferred **First Class Adipurna Star to Pakistan's Father of the Nation, Muhammad Ali Jinnah...** for his contributions in supporting Indonesia's independence.

9. Apart from friendship, ...our two countries have much in common.

10. Indonesia and Pakistan are two countries with the biggest Muslim population....

→ we are member countries of D-8...

→ we are OIC member states...and Non-Aligned Movement as well...

→ we are the initiators of Asia-Africa Conference... and

→ most importantly,...we are both democratic countries.

11. We are the two countries that consistently support the **independence of Palestine.**

12. In this Forum ... I would like to call once again for us to continue supporting our Brothers and Sisters in Palestine...**Let us continue supporting Palestine in their struggles!!!**

Honorable Members of the Parliament,

13. Indonesia is **the largest Muslim populated country in the world....**

→ Around **87% from 260 million** people in Indonesia... equals to **226,2 million populations** are Muslim.

14. **As in Pakistan,...** apart from being home to Muslims, Indonesia is also home to Hindu, Catholic, Protestants, Buddhist as well as the others....**Indonesia is a pluralistic country.**

15. I am grateful...despite being very plural ...with a large number of population ...and more than 17.000 islands ... and with 1.340 ethnics as well...**Indonesia is able to preserve its unity.**

16. **Unity in diversity... that is our slogan in our life as a nation.**

17. We are equally grateful...to be able to live our lives as a nation in a **democratic** manner.

18. Most people understand...that...

→ managing diversity is not an easy thing...

→ neither managing democracy.

19. What we need is commitment...the strong commitment of each nations elements...

→ **commitment to tolerate...in order to maintain plurality**

→ **commitment for mutual respects ...so that democracy could function well.**

20. As President I strongly believe ... that **democracy is the best way serving our peoples' interests.**

21. Democracy provides the space for the people ...in decision-making process.

22. With democracy...political stability in Indonesia can be maintained.

23. With democracy, economic growth is strong enough...reaching above 5% per year.

24. With democracy...Indonesia's economy becomes one the 20 largest in the world.

25. What I would like to ensure is that economic growth can be enjoyed by all Indonesian people...that**fair development remains a priority.**

Honorable Members of the Parliament

26. The economy of a country... a region...can grow if there is political stability and security.

27. Economic activities will never take place if there is conflict ...or even war taking place.

28. Conflicts and wars will benefit no one...**I repeat...conflicts and wars will benefit no one.**

29. The people... mainly women and children...always become the most impacted ones in conflicts and wars.

30. **Conflicts and wars destroy the grand values of humanity...the virtues bestowed by Allah SWT.**

31. Hence...it is Indonesia's commitment to maintain world's peace...asnett contributor to peace.

32. Together with ASEAN, over the past fifty years ... Indonesia has been working hard ... to create the ecosystem of stability and prosperity ...in the South East Asia region.

33. Through ASEAN unity and centrality ...Indonesia continues to contribute...in the creation of stable and prosperous ...Asia Pacific region.

34. In a wider region,...Indonesia would like to have ...an ecosystem of peace, stability and prosperity ... in the Indo-Pacific region.

→ Making the Indo-Pacific ...a region of growth for the world.

35. At the global level,...just like Pakistan... Indonesia is one of the biggest contributors for the World Peacekeeping Troops.

36. Indonesia is determined...to be **“True Partner for World Peace”**

37. In the past two years, Indonesia has collaborated... and provided contributions to:

→ resolve differences among countries;

→ provide humanitarian assistance ...including in conflict areas;

→ help the preservation of security in the region;

→ overcome various trans border crimes,...including the illicit trafficking of drugs and psychotropic substances, human trafficking and terrorism.

Honorable Chair and Members of the Parliament,

38. Radicalism and terrorism rampant.

39. Not a single country is immune from terrorism.

40. Terrorism attacks took place in almost all countries...including Indonesia and Pakistan.

41. Muslims are the largest in number as victims from conflicts, wars and terrorism.

42. Have a look at this **most worrying** data ...
- ➔ 76% of terrorism attacks took place in Muslim countries;
 - ➔ 60% of armed conflict happened in Muslim countries
43. Furthermore, millions of our brothers and sisters, ...must leave their countries in pursue of a better living...67% refugees come from Muslim countries.
44. Millions of young generations lost their hope for the future.
45. This alarming condition ...is partially caused by internal weakness...even though there are also a lot of external factors.
46. Are we going to let these apprehending conditions keep on happening ...over and over again?
47. If you ask me, I will say NO.
48. We **MUST NOT** allow conflict to continue existing in our countries... We must not allow conflict to continue existing in the world.
49. Our respect for humanity...for humanity... should be our guide ...in our lives as nations...once again, respect for humanity.

Honorable ...

50. History taught us... weapons and military power...will never be able to resolve conflicts.

51. Weapons and military powers alone...will never be able to create and maintain World's peace.
52. Competition, arms race will take stage... continuously creating tensions.
53. Indonesia is a country that underwent conflicts.
54. Conflicts in Aceh, for example... took place for more than 30 years.
55. Military approach alone did not resolve the conflict in Aceh... The conflict is resolved through negotiation... through dialogue.
56. For this reason, **habit of dialogue** must be put forward.
57. It **is also** the habit of dialogue that makes ASEAN...The Association of ten Countries in South East Asia...able to be the engine of stability and prosperity in South East Asia.
58. I hope that each and every one of us... each and every one of us...will be the contributor of world peace... each and every one of us be the efforts-contributor in prospering the World...in the name of humanity...in the name of justice.
59. We must be a "**part of solution**" ...andnot be "**part of the problem**".
60. Let us work together...**for the creation of peaceful and prosperous world... in the name of all mankind living in this world.**
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