

OBITUARY

SYED SHARIFUDDIN PIRZADA

We sadly announce the passing away of Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada, one of the oldest member of the Pakistan Historical Society and a legal luminary of the country on 2nd June, 2017. Born in Burhanpur (South India) in 1923, he joined the legal profession in 1945 and was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn. He settled down in Bombay (Mumbai), joined the Muslim Students Federation and the Muslim League. It brought him into contact with Quaid-i-Azam, who was also a member of Bombay City Muslim League.

After independence he came to Karachi and for some time taught law in the Sindh S.M. Law College. His legal expertise was recognized and in 1968 he was appointed Pakistan's Attorney General, a post which he held three times. His legal expertise won international recognition also. He represented his country in international forums. He was appointed as a member of the International Law commission (1978-1980) and also served as the chairman of the UN Sub-Commission on prevention of discrimination against Minorities. He was elected unanimously as the Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) as well (1985-1988). He had the honour of drafting the historic UN General Assembly Resolution on Jerusalem. His legal opinion was often sought by Pakistani governments and rulers.

He also authored a number of books, few of them are as follows:

1. *Evolution of Pakistan*
2. *The Pakistan Resolution and the Historic Lahore Session*
3. *Quaid-i-Azam Jinnah's Correspondence*
4. *Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Remedies in Pakistan*
5. *Foundation of Pakistan* (3 vol. set)
6. *Collected works of the Quaid-i-Azam* (3 vol.).

He would be long remembered for his legal expertise.
May Allah rest his soul in peace! Amen!

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