

Balochistan

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Balochistan Latest News

The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed that it has captured several strategic army posts across Balochistan that include the provincial capital, Quetta.

About Balochistan

- Balochistan lies **mostly in western Pakistan** but also **extends into southeastern Iran**.
- It is the traditional homeland of the Baloch people, after whom it is named.
- Balochistan (also spelled Baluchistan) is **bounded on the north by Afghanistan** and on the **south by the Arabian Sea**.
- The **Pakistani province named Balochistan** covers an area of 347,190 sq.km.
 - It is the **country's largest but least populated province**.
 - Its **capital is Quetta**.
- The **Baloch and Pashtun people** make up the two major and more distinct ethnic groups. The **third major group** consists of people who are of mixed ethnicity but mainly of **Sindhi origin**.

- **Most of the people practice Islam**, and most speak languages of the Iranian branch of the Indo-Iranian language family.
- The **main languages are Balochi, Brahui, Pashto, and Sindhi**.
- The **largest towns** and main trade centers in Balochistan are **Quetta, in Pakistan, and Zahedan, in Iran**.
- **History:**
 - It was ruled by the Greeks after being **conquered by Alexander the Great in 330 bc**.
 - Arabs held most of the region from the 7th to the 10th century.
 - The **British annexed most of Balochistan to India in the late 19th century**.
 - **When British rule ended** in India in 1947 and the colony was divided, **much of Balochistan became part of Pakistan**.

Balochistan FAQs

Q1: Balochistan lies primarily in which country?

Ans: Pakistan

Q2: What is the capital of the Pakistani province of Balochistan?

Ans: Quetta

Q3: Which sea borders Balochistan to the south?

Ans: Arabian Sea

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