

THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

No.GAZ/XVII.3(v)

Karachi, dated the 2nd February, 2026

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of Section 25 of the Sindh Civil Courts Ordinance 1962, it is hereby notified for general information that the following public and optional holidays shall be observed by the Sessions and Civil Courts as well as Federal and Provincial Tribunals / Special Courts in Sindh working under the Administrative Control of High Court of Sindh during the calendar year 2026.

These holidays shall also be observed by the High Court of Sindh, Karachi its Bench at Sukkur and Circuit Courts at Hyderabad, Larkana and Mirpurkhas.

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2026
1.	Kashmir Day	Thursday	5 th February, 2026
2.	Pakistan Day	Monday	23 rd March, 2026
3.	Eid-ul-Fitr, (1 st Shawal 1447 A.H.)	Saturday, Sunday & Monday	21 st , 22 nd & 23 rd March 2026
4.	Labour Day	Friday	1 st May, 2026
5.	Youm-e-Takbeer	Thursday	28 th May, 2026
6.	Eid-ul-Azha, (10 th Zil Haj 1447 A.H.)	Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	27 th , 28 th & 29 th May, 2026
7.	Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharram 1448 A.H.)	Wednesday & Thursday	24 th & 25 th June, 2026
8.	Independence Day	Friday	14 th August, 2026
9.	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 th Rabi-ul-Awwal 1448 A.H.)	Tuesday	25 th August, 2026
10.	Allama Iqbal Day	Monday	9 th November, 2026
11.	Quaid-e-Azam Day / Christmas	Friday	25 th December, 2026
12.	Day After Christmas	Saturday	26 th December, 2026 (For Christians only)

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OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS

Sr.#	Name of Occasion	Days	Date during year 2026
1.	New Year's Day	Thursday	1 st January, 2026
2.	Shab-e-Meraj (27 th Rajab 1447 A.H.)	Saturday	17 th January, 2026
3.	Basant Punchami	Friday	23 rd January, 2026
4.	Shab-e-Barat (15 th Shaban 1447 A.H.)	Wednesday	4 th February, 2026
5.	Shiv Ratri	Monday	16 th February, 2026
6.	Dulhandi	Tuesday	3 rd March, 2026
7.	Holi	Wednesday	4 th March, 2026
8.	Good Friday	Friday	3 rd April, 2026
9.	Easter / Day After Easter Sunday	Sunday & Monday	5 th & 6 th April, 2026
10.	Baisakhi	Tuesday	14 th April, 2026
11.	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Tuesday	21 st April, 2026
12.	Buddha Purnima	Sunday	24 th May, 2026
13.	Chehlum (20 th Safar 1448 A.H.)	Tuesday	4 th August, 2026
14.	Nauroze (Parsi New Year's Day)	Saturday	15 th August, 2026
15.	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Thursday	20 th August, 2026
16.	Krishna Janam Ashtami	Friday	4 th September, 2026
17.	Giyarvee Shareef (11 th Rabi-us-Sani 1448 (A.H.)	Wednesday	23 rd September, 2026
18.	Durga Puja	Monday	19 th October, 2026
19.	Dussehra	Tuesday	20 th October, 2026
20.	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Monday	26 th October, 2026
21.	Diwali	Monday	9 th November, 2026
22.	Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji	Tuesday	24 th November, 2026

NOTES:

- The holidays on all Muslim Festivals, are based on subject to appearance of moon.
- The District and Civil Courts will observe two (2) local holidays within their District during the year 2026 to be declared as Local holidays by the concerned Deputy Commissioners/Administrators.
- The Officers/Officials desiring to avail of optional holiday shall take prior permission of the Head of the Department concerned and no one shall be granted more than one optional holiday in the case of Muslims and three optional holidays in case of non-Muslim in a calendar year.
- The grant of this concession should not result in any dislocation of work and even in case of Muslim optional holidays the number of persons permitted to avail these holidays should be regulated in a manner so as to leave adequate staff for proper continuance of work

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- e) The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of the Office provided the state of work permits.
- f) A Government servant would not ordinarily be refused an optional holiday which is of religious significance to him, if the refusal is likely to decrease the maximum number of such holidays to which he is entitled.

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