

## **DEVOLUTION OF POWER PLAN: CONTRADICTION BETWEEN FRAME WORK AND IMPLEMENTATION**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*After the inception of Pakistan, the system of local government was strongly supported by military regimes instead of civilian rulers. In the political history of Pakistan, mostly military regimes played a prominent role in the establishment of government at local level. Most dominant military leaders, who introduced their own planned systems of local governments were Ayoub Khan, who introduced “Basic Democracies”, Zia ul Haq, who provided a local government system as “Local Bodies”, and General Pervez Musharraf, who launched another system of local government introduced in 2001 as “Devolution of Power Plan” under the conception of Decentralization of authorities. Former President of Pakistan General Pervez Musharraf introduces the plan of devolution of power under the local government ordinance 2001. But this plan was not completely implemented throughout the country and there were lots of contradictions between the framework and implementation.*

*For first time in the political history of Pakistan, the change in the structure of local government was more effective than previous systems. In order to maintain the complications and difficulties of masses at grass root level, it was decided that the bureaucrats shall work under the subordinate of elected representatives of masses. The bureaucrats under the elected representatives could not perform their duties as they could do in a perfect manner. As a result, the Devolution plan could not be implement in the way it was made. There were lots of cleavages and gaps*

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*in the implementation. Consequently with the end of General Pervez Musharraf's era this system also ceased to exist. There were lots of cleavages and gaps in the implementation.*

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