

Quetta

Quetta is the provincial capital and the financial hub of Baluchistan. The word 'Quetta' appears to have been derived from the Pushto word 'Kawatta' which means 'Fort' as the city is surrounded by unwavering mountains/hills. Renowned places include Quaid-e-Azam Residency (situated in Ziarat near Quetta) where the founder of Pakistan spent the last days of his life, Hanna Lake and Hazargangi Chiltan National Park. Quetta is also known as the 'fruit basket' of Pakistan, while livestock, dry fruit and minerals are its other famous produce.

The city provides financial access by housing branches of all major commercial banks, specialized credit institutions and national saving centers. Being a provincial capital, it is a center for offices of all major Government / Private Organizations. The city has a good number of educational institutes as well.

State Bank of Pakistan started functioning in Quetta on 24th September, 1952 in the building of Imperial Bank of India. To cater to the needs of the expanding business in the area, the Office was shifted to a new building on 17th November, 1984 while the previous location was declared as the Bank's Library.