

# THE IMPERIAL NEWS

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## QUESTIONS:

- **What is going to be the impact of India's independence on the rest of the British Empire?**
- **Why does Ghana claim a right to independence?**
- **The British Empire consists of hundreds of millions of people living spread out over 20% of the world's land mass. Was giving India and Pakistan independence a mistake for Britain?**

## INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIA, BRITISH PARTITION INDIA AND PAKISTAN

(New Delhi India August 20, 1947) Crowds in the hundreds of thousands have gathered in the streets of India's capital to welcome India's first breaths of freedom since before the arrival of the British in the late 1700's.

The day when India woke up to freedom back in 1947 was a day of great celebration. A country got rid of her foreign yoke and became a sovereign nation.

On the stroke of midnight, a country came into life again as the British handed over the government of India to the Indian leaders. The long and difficult struggle had finally succeed, but the happiness came at a price as



India the "jewel" of the British Empire has received its independence from the British Empire this day.

the country was divided into India and Pakistan. That was the price that India paid for her dear freedom.

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## IF INDIA WHY NOT GHANA?

Why India and not Ghana? Ghana has been a member of the British Empire since 1901. Ghana's sons have fought under the British flag in all her wars for 46 years. Ghana has provided the British Empire with nothing but what was

wanted by the mother country. When mother England wanted peanut oil we grew peanuts, when mother England wanted rice we grew rice. When mother England wanted our sons for her army we gave our sons. It is now time

for England to give back. We live in a different world. We fought a war to free states from tyranny. What started in India will not stop until all colonized people are free.

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