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Balochistan High Court Suspends Government Move Granting 22-A, 22-B Powers to Commissioners, DCs

Syed Ali Shah:

QUETTA: The Balochistan High Court on Monday suspended a provincial government notification that had authorised divisional and district administration officers to exercise powers under Sections 22-A and 22-B of the Criminal Procedure Code.

A two-member bench

comprising Chief Justice Muhammad Kamran Khan Malik and Justice Gul Hassan Tareen issued the order while hearing constitutional petitions filed by advocates Rahib Khan Buledi, Ifikhar Ahmed Langove and Abdul Basoor Kakar.

The petitions challenged the Home Department's December 30, 2025 notification which designated commission-

ers, additional commissioners, deputy commissioners, additional deputy commissioners and assistant commissioners as "Justices of Peace" with authority to perform functions under the cited CrPC provisions.

The petitioners argued that the notification was issued unilaterally, without consultation with the provincial chief justice, and

violated Articles 175(3), 202 and 203 of the Constitution.

They further contended that judicial functions already rest with sessions and additional sessions judges acting as ex-officio justices of peace, and that conferring such powers on executive officers amounted to creating a "parallel judicial system."

Finding the points raised

worthy of consideration, the court admitted the petitions, issued notices to the respondents and ordered that the impugned notification remain suspended until the next hearing following the winter recess.

The court also directed that copies of the order be sent to the Advocate General's office for information and compliance.

Islamabad to get three mayors under new local govt system

NEWS DESK:

The federal cabinet has approved a new local government system for Islamabad and decided to replace the existing metropolitan corporation system by dividing the city into three separate town corporations. Sources indicate that the new system will establish a structure with three mayors and six deputy mayors for the capital, each serving a four-year term.

Elections for these positions will be conducted by the chairmen of union councils. The summary has been sent to the president for his signature, after which the Election Commission will announce the new boundaries and an election schedule based on the amended framework.

The government has forwarded a summary to the president for his assent. Once the president gives his approval, an ordinance will be promulgated to implement the new local government structure in the federal capital. According to sources, the capital will be divided into three town corporations based on the three constituencies of the National Assembly. Under the proposed system, town corporations will be granted administrative and financial autonomy, with many powers currently held by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) being gradually transferred to the town corporations.

In the new setup, mayors will be given significant powers over municipal services, such as sanitation, drainage, and development projects. Each town corporation will have one mayor and two deputy mayors. However, the mayoral and deputy mayoral elections will not be held directly. Instead, the chairmen of the union councils will elect the mayors and their deputies.

The proposal also includes a four-year term for both mayors and deputy mayors. Following approval from the federal cabinet, the presidential ordinance is expected to be issued soon. Afterward, the Election Commission will finalise the new electoral boundaries and announce the election schedule.

Under the new system, Islamabad's 125 union councils will be distributed among the three town corporations based on population. The proposed structure is expected to improve local governance and enhance the provision of urban services to residents.

Bomb blast destroys ANP district president's community hall in Tirah Valley

NEWS DESK:

Terrorists carried out another act of violence in the Tirah Valley of Khyber district, blowing up the hujra (community hall) of Awami National Party (ANP) District President Abdul Raziq Sunday night. According to police, the attackers used explosive material, completely destroying the structure and reducing all valuable items inside to rubble.

Police officials said that Abdul Raziq's palatial residence had previously been set ablaze by militants about two years ago. Due to the worsening law and order situation in the area, he had vacated the locality nearly four years ago because of persistent security threats. Authorities further revealed that the ANP leader had been receiving continuous threats from terrorists for a long time. Fortunately, no casualties were reported in the latest incident, as the hujra had remained uninhabited for an extended period. After the explosion, security forces and police cordoned off the area and launched a search operation to trace the perpetrators.

NEWS DESK:

The United States may impose additional tariffs on Indian exports if New Delhi does not significantly scale back its imports of Russian crude, President Donald Trump warned on Sunday, adding pressure as stalled trade negotiations drag on. Speaking aboard Air Force One, Trump said Prime Minister Narendra Modi understood Washington's frustration, noting that U.S. authorities could raise duties on Indian products "very quickly" if required. India's commerce ministry did not immediately comment.

The remarks follow months of uneasy talks after the United States doubled tariffs on a range of Indian goods to 50% last year, citing India's continued energy dealings with Moscow. Financial markets reacted nervously, with India's IT index sliding on fears the dispute could delay a potential trade agreement. U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, traveling with Trump, argued that sanctions on Russian oil companies and steeper duties on India

Trump Threatens Higher Tariffs on India Over Russian Oil Purchases



had already reduced Indian purchases of Russian crude.

He is backing legislation that would authorize tariffs of up to 500% on countries that keep buying discounted Russian oil, saying such imports help sustain Russia's war effort.

Trade analysts caution that India's cautious approach may be costly. Ajay Srivastava of the Global Trade Research Initiative said Indian exports are already burdened by high U.S. tariffs,

half of which are linked to Russian oil. Although refiners have trimmed purchases, he said India remains in a "grey zone," and ambiguity may weaken its negotiating position. Srivastava added that even a complete halt might not end U.S. pressure.

, which could shift toward other trade demands. Meanwhile, despite tariff headwinds, India's exports to the U.S. rose in November, though shipments have declined sharply since mid-2025.

Talks between the two countries continue, but a breakthrough remains elusive.

QUETTA VOICE

Editor: Asim Khan

Balochistan Government Abolishes Levies Force After 142 Years: Historic Merger with Police Sparks Debate

Editorial: In a landmark administrative reform, the Government of Balochistan has abolished the historic Levies Force after 142 years, merging it into the Balochistan Police. The decision, approved by the Balochistan Cabinet, aims to modernize the province's law enforcement system and enhance its law and order capacity — but it has also sparked reservations among Levies personnel and opposition from several political parties.

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Previous Reforms and Political Reversals The merger of the Levies Force into the police is not unprecedented. During the tenure of General Pervez Musharraf, the force was initially merged with the police under then-Chief Minister Jam Muhammad Yousaf. However, the move was reversed in

2008 by Nawab Aslam Raisani of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), restoring the Levies to their traditional structure. Now, more than a decade later, the Balochistan Assembly has again legislated to merge the Levies with the police, signaling the government's intent to build a unified, modern, and well-equipped law enforcement system in the province.

Government's Stance: Modernization and Uniformity The provincial government describes the decision as part of a larger strategy to ensure professional policing, better coordination, and modern security management.

Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti stated that integrating the Levies with the police will enhance counterterrorism capacity, digital monitoring, and operational effectiveness. "This merger will help establish one uniform policing system in Balochistan. The government will provide modern equipment and training to all personnel to effectively deal with terrorism and extremism," the Chief Minister said. Officials emphasize that the reform will strengthen institutional structure, reduce duplication, and ensure better governance in remote and conflict-prone districts. Reservation and Political Opposition However, the decision has not been met with universal approval. Levies personnel have expressed strong reservations, arguing that the

merger undermines their historical role, tribal identity, and trust-based relationship with local communities.

A number of political parties in Balochistan have also opposed the move, describing it as a "hasty and non-consultative decision." They claim that the Levies Force has historically played a crucial role in maintaining peace in tribal areas where the police system remains ineffective.

Critics argue that merging a tribal community-based security structure into a centralized police institution could disrupt local dynamics and alienate the public. Some parties have demanded a parliamentary review of the cabinet's decision before full implementation. A Divisive but Defining Reform Despite the opposition, the Balochistan Government remains firm on its stance, describing the merger as a step toward institutional modernization, national integration, and professional law enforcement. Supporters of the decision believe it will bring uniformity, transparency, and accountability across all districts, enabling the province to better combat militancy and improve coordination with federal security agencies such as the Frontier Corps (FC) and Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD).

The coming months will reveal whether this bold reform strengthens Balochistan's security apparatus or fuels administrative and political friction within the province.

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A Billion Dollar, Million Jobs Opportunity : Why Pakistan Must Recognize NGOs as an Economic Industry

by Gul Hassan Durrani

Pakistan today faces a convergence of serious challenges: rising unemployment, fiscal pressure, climate vulnerability, and widening social inequalities. While the state continues to pursue foreign investment in traditional sectors such as energy, mining, and infrastructure, a powerful and already existing engine of inclusive growth remains largely overlooked—the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and social development sector.

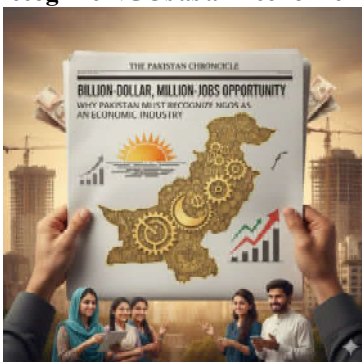
Globally, NGOs are no longer perceived merely as charitable entities. In advanced economies and developing countries alike, they function as professional service providers, innovation hubs, and major employers in education, healthcare, humanitarian relief, and social protection. If properly recognized and regulated, Pakistan's NGO sector alone has the potential to attract over one billion dollars annually in foreign funding and generate more than one million jobs nationwide, with transformative implications for underserved regions such as Balochistan.

In Pakistan, NGOs play a critical role in complementing government services, particularly in remote and marginalized areas where state capacity is limited.

They operate schools, health facilities, vocational training centers, disaster response systems, and climate resilience programs.

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1 billion annually in foreign NGO assistance, making the sector a significant contributor to the national economy. Beyond funding inflows, NGOs are major employers. They provide direct jobs to teachers, doctors, nurses, field mobilizers, researchers, data analysts, engineers, and climate specialists, while indirectly supporting local suppliers, trainers, and entrepreneurs.

In low-employment provinces such as Balochistan, this job creation potential is especially critical. Pakistan's development landscape already offers strong examples of NGO impact. Organizations such as the Edhi Foundation operate the world's largest volunteer ambulance network, while the Indus Hospital and Health Network delivers high-quality healthcare free of cost.

The Akhuwat Foundation has empowered millions through interest-free microfinance. Rural Support Programs including NRSP, BRSP, PRSP, SRSP and KRSP have transformed livelihoods through community-driven development.

The advocacy and governance institutions such as Transparency International Pakistan, CPDI, SPO, and ROZAN

have strengthened democracy, accountability, and civic engagement. Women- and youth-focused organizations, including today's Woman Organization (TWO) and the Christian Study Centre, have promoted peacebuilding, inclusion, and social cohesion.

Despite these contributions, the NGO sector continues to face systemic challenges. The regulatory environment is fragmented and opaque, involving multiple federal, provincial, and district authorities. Lengthy registration and renewal processes, overlapping mandates of regulators, arbitrary NOC requirements, and sudden funding suspensions discourage legitimate organizations and deter investment. Law-abiding NGOs are often treated with suspicion rather than as development partners.

Financial sustainability is another major constraint. Most Pakistani NGOs remain heavily dependent on short-term foreign funding, leaving them vulnerable to policy shifts and donor fatigue. Local philanthropy mechanisms remain underdeveloped, and corporate social responsibility spending is inconsistent, and NGO endowment models are

rarely supported. This structure limits long-term planning, professionalization, and employment growth. To unlock the sector's full potential, Pakistan must adopt a reform-oriented, industry-based approach. First, the government should establish a One-Window Digital NGO Authority, such as a National NGO Regulatory Authority (NNRA), with online registration, reporting, and renewal systems.

Time-bound approvals, automatic renewals for compliant organizations, harmonized laws, and risk-based oversight would reduce bureaucratic friction while strengthening transparency and accountability. Second, financial sustainability must be addressed. The government should expand tax incentives for individual and corporate donations, mandate CSR spending for large corporations, and establish federal and provincial NGO endowment funds. NGOs should be allowed to adopt social enterprise models, generating a portion of their income through training institutes, micro-services in health and education, and impact products. In parallel, Government

NGO Service Contracts should be introduced, where NGOs deliver verified outcomes in education, health, nutrition, and climate services, and are compensated accordingly.

Third, a clear categorization framework is essential. NGOs should be classified as international, national, provincial, and local organizations, with proportional compliance requirements and funding thresholds. Such categorization would improve regulation, prevent monopolies, enable grassroots organizations to access funding directly, and support evidence-based planning by federal and provincial governments.

Public trust and transparency must also be strengthened. Mandatory disclosure of audits, governance structures, and project outcomes through a national online portal would allow citizens and donors to distinguish credible organizations from weak ones. Investment in digital transformation—mobile monitoring, shared service centers, and national impact data systems—would significantly improve efficiency and performance, especially for community-based NGOs.

Ultimately, strengthening Pakistan's NGO sector is not charity; it is sound economic and social policy. Development challenges today are too complex for any single actor to address alone. A tri-sector partnership model—combining public financing, private sector expertise, and NGO implementation—offers the most effective path forward.

If treated as a regulated, professional, and growth-oriented industry, Pakistan's NGO sector can become a billion-dollar contributor to the economy, a major source of employment, and a cornerstone of inclusive development. For Pakistan, and especially for Balochistan, this opportunity can no longer be ignored.

Addressing Poverty and Inequality: A Call for Sincere Leadership and Perpetual Reforms

By Amjad Rashid: Poverty and inequality, much like man-made disasters, afflict societies worldwide, including Pakistan. These are not natural phenomena but rather systemic issues rooted in human actions and policies. To eradicate this disease, national governments must craft comprehensive strategies aimed at safeguarding future generations from its scourge.

In Pakistan, the onus lies heavily on our political elite, spanning all parties, to recognize the gravity of the situation and redirect their efforts towards combating this man-made affliction. Without a collective awakening and a shift in approach, the cure will remain elusive. Moreover, at the international level, institutions such as the IMF, World Bank, and the UN must prioritize social and cultural rights over neoliberal agendas, especially as the global order undergoes significant decay.

The challenges of poverty alleviation, malnutrition, stunted growth, inadequate sanitation, and unemployment are pervasive across South Asia and Africa. Collaborative efforts between these regions, bolstered by partnerships



with nations like China, hold promise in addressing these issues.

However, reliance on the failing

neoliberal order is futile; instead, a paradigm shift towards sustainable solutions is imperative.

In Pakistan, the

establishment of robust local governance structures with financial decentralization is paramount.

Political elites pos-

sess a window of opportunity to empower local bodies and enact pro-poor policies.

The Chinese model serves as a bea-

con of inspiration, demonstrating the efficacy of such strategies when implemented effectively.

Regional connec-

tivity, underpinned by a long-term vision, emerges as a viable solution. It necessitates moving beyond the romanticized no-

tions of democracy and socialism towards pragmatic approaches that address our unique challenges. Special economic zones,

coupled with initiatives for youth development and the expansion of remittances, offer short-term relief while perpetuating reforms to broaden the tax base and reduce dependency on electoral politics.

South Asia, in particular, requires a concerted effort towards regional connectivity, resource exploration, harnessing youth potential, and fostering transparent governance free from corruption. The path forward does not demand extraordinary intellect but rather sincere leadership committed to implementing existing solutions.

The concept of Basic Democracy warrants reevaluation, with a focus on strengthening local bodies to eradicate poverty and pursue enduring prosperity through perpetual reforms.

It is incumbent upon all stakeholders responsible for the nation's development to prioritize this agenda and steer Pakistan towards a brighter future.

Sindh CTD says major terrorist plot in Karachi foiled; 2,000kg of explosive material seized

NEWSDESK: The Sindh Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) said on Monday that a major terrorist attack had been averted in Karachi.

Addressing a press conference alongside CTD Additional Inspector General (IG) Zulfiqar Ali Larik in Karachi, CTD Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Ghulam Azfar Maheer said that law enforcement agencies and the "premier intelligence agency" received information that terrorists were planning an attack to target the city.

Maheer said that the terrorists were planning to attack specific targets in Karachi to "destabilise" national security. He said that intelligence agencies, the Special Branch, the Intelligence Bureau as well as Sindh and Balochistan CTD designed a strategy to thwart these plans.

He said that intelligence officials were deployed in different locations, while focusing on Karachi's west region. Maheer said that after several days of robust efforts, officials succeeded in getting information on a terrorist

hideout in Raees Goth, Karachi, where terrorists had prepared a large amount of explosive material.

He said that upon receiving the information, Sindh CTD and the "premier intelligence agency" conducted a joint raid.

"We captured one terrorist, while three or four of them managed to escape the scene," he said. Maheer affirmed that the agencies had initiated a search operation to ensure their capture.

"The officials recovered a Mazda truck loaded with explosive materials," he said. He said 30 drums filled with explosives, five cylinders filled with explosives, 2,000kg of explosive materials and detonators had been seized.

CTD Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Ghulam Azfar Maheer addressed a press conference in Karachi. — DawnNewsTV

Student critically injured in fall at Lahore university, second such case in weeks

NEWSDESK: A female student at the University of Lahore was critically injured on Monday after she allegedly attempted suicide by jumping from the fourth floor of a campus building, officials said, in the second such incident at the university in less than two weeks.

The student, identified as 21-year-old Fatima, was enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy programme. Initial reports said she jumped from the same spot where another D-Pharmacy student, Muhammad Owais, had earlier jumped and died. University and hospital sources said Fatima survived the fall but suffered critical injuries.

She was first taken to the university's teaching hospital for emergency treatment and later shifted to a private hospital on Defence Road due to the severity of her condition.

Hospital officials said the student is in a ventilator and remains in critical condition. She has sustained fractures to her arms, legs and ribs, along with serious

head injuries. Doctors are conducting CT scans and other tests to assess internal damage. Once stabilised, she will be shifted to the Punjab Institute of Neurology for further treatment.

The hospital administration said senior doctors from multiple departments are involved in her care and that all possible measures are being taken, though her condition remains serious.

Nawab Town police reached the scene soon after the incident and launched an investigation. "Initial investigation is under way to determine the reasons behind the incident," a police official said.

Following the incident, the university suspended all on-campus academic activities indefinitely, citing student safety concerns. In a notification, the administration announced that physical classes had been cancelled and teaching would continue online from Monday.

All entry and exit points were sealed as panic spread on campus.

Social media posts case: Cross-examination of key witness completed by Imaan, Hadi

NEWS DESK: The cross-examination of Anisur Rehman, an official of the National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) and a key witness in the controversial social media posts case against lawyer Imaan Zainab Mazari-Hazir and her spouse Hadi Ali Chatha, was completed on Monday.

During the proceedings, Rehman refused to comment on previous statements by incumbent ministers and an ex-army official that touched upon the issues of missing persons, negotiations with rights activists and criticism of the military.

The statements were referred to by Chatha, who along with Mazari, cross-examined Rehman during today's hearing from the defence's side.

Chatha and Mazari have been facing legal proceedings in the case on accusations of attempting to incite divisions on linguistic grounds through social media posts and of creating the impression that the armed forces were engaged in terror-

ism within the country. The first information report (FIR) of the case, registered with the NCCIA under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (Pecca), alleged that the two held security forces responsible for cases of missing persons in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

It also stated that they had portrayed the armed forces as ineffective against proscribed groups, including the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

Additional District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Afzal Majoka presided over the hearing of the case today, during which Hadi referred to a Dawn report dated July 31, 2025. The report carried statements by Punjab Senior Minister

Mariyumi Aurangzeb and the Jama-at-i-Islami (JI) Emir in Balochistan Maulana Hidayatullah Rehman. The JI leader also led the Haq Do Balochistan Tehreek, which was the subject of Dawn's July 31 report.



BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 19/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Complex Branch, M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

Tariq Ahmed S/o Taj Muhammad, Designation: Class IV, Department: ATF Police, ATF Head Quarters Quetta Cantt.

Address: Muhallah Arbab Ghulam Ali Road Deba.

Cell No: 0333-7898088. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 483,979/12- BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 0974-79001760-02 US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCE) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 483,979/12-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is 09-02-2026.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5th day of January, 2026. (SAIFULLAH KHAN) Registrar Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 17/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Complex Branch, M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

Muhammad Saad S/o Raja Azhar Hussain.

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Cell No: 0301-1736395. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 475,830/33- BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 2412-79001824-03 US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCE) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 14/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

Mansoor Ahmed S/o Manzoor Ahmed.

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CNIC No: 54400-968592-1. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 251,201/31 BEARING ACCOUNT NO. 15AKP00040917 PERSONAL FINANCE FACILITY US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCE) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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terial. He said a total of three terrorists had been arrested.

Maheer said that during the initial interrogation, the terrorists revealed that they were associated with the Bashir Zeb network of the banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and the Majed Brigade.

Image shows explosive filled gas cylinders. — Photo via CTD

The CTD official said that the additional interrogation and investigation was under way, and authorities were

conducting raids to make more arrests. He further said that facilitators and handlers of this terrorist network were identified.

"All the planning regarding the attack was done from outside the country," he said. The CTD official said that the facilitators and the handlers involved had been identified, adding that several teams were working on their arrest.

Image shows plastic drums filled with explosives. — Photo via CTD

He said that the ex-

plosive material that was shifted to the metropolis adding that this was a major achievement of all agencies that had prevented a major attack in Karachi.

He said that the explosive material seized was "a mix", saying that some of it was an amalgam of commercial explosives and other items, while some of it was smuggled through Balochistan's mountainous regions.

The CTD official said that more details on this would be shared at a later date.

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 18/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Complex Branch, M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

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Cell No: 0323-8327795. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 236,266/45- BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO: 2412-79003632-03 US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCE) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 15/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

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CNIC No: 54400-1976667-5. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF PERSONAL LOAN RS: 280,115/77- BEARING ACCOUNT NO. 15AKP00083062 PERSONAL FINANCE FACILITY US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCE) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 280,115/77- balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5th day of January, 2026. (SAIFULLAH KHAN) Registrar Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 13/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M.A. Jinnah Road Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS

Noor Ul Haq S/o Haji Abdul Wadood.

Resident of: 1. Chaman housing Custom Colony Airport Road Quetta. 2. Airport Road Qureshi House Mandokhalabad Circle No. 4, Tehsil and District Zhob.

Official Address: Designation: XEN, BPS-17. Executive Engineer Gas Division Spiny Road Quetta.

CNIC No: 54601-935035-9. Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF PERSONAL LOAN RS: 378,081/24- BEARING ACCOUNT NO. 15AKP00083062 US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCE) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for RS: 378,081/24- balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5th day of January, 2026. (SAIFULLAH KHAN) Registrar Banking Court Quetta

President, PM reiterate Pakistan's moral, political, diplomatic support for people of IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (INP): President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif have reiterated Pakistan's moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in their just and peaceful struggle for right to self-determination.

In their separate messages on Right to Self-Determination Day being observed on Monday, they said this date marks the adoption of a United Nations resolution in 1949 that recognized the right of people in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir to determine their future through a free and impartial plebiscite.

The President said the solemn commitment

remains unfulfilled despite passage of seven decades.

The Prime Minister said the world must recognize that a just resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute is the only way to achieve durable peace in South Asia.

He urged the international community to urgently call upon India to reverse its unilateral and illegal actions of 5 August 2019 and give the right to self-determination to the Kashmiri people.

In his message on the Right to Self-Determination Day, Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to extending moral, political and diplomatic support to the people of IIOJK un-

til the realization of their inalienable right to self-determination as stipulated in the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

He called upon the international community, particularly the UN, to honour its long-standing commitment with the Kashmiri people and play its mandated role in ensuring a just and peaceful resolution of the Jammu & Kashmir dispute.

Ishaq Dar said illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir by India stands as a stark tragedy of our times as the people of IIOJK continue to endure systematic repression, widespread human rights violations and denial of their fundamental rights and dignity.

He paid glowing tribute to unwavering resilience, courage and perseverance of the people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

He said India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019 represent a deliberate attempt to consolidate the illegal occupation through demographic engineering of IIOJK. He said these measures are designed to systematically transform the Kashmiri people into a disenfranchised community in their own homeland, in clear violation of international law and the principles of self-determination.

25 EST teachers promoted to SST Scale-16

FAISALABAD, Jan 05 (INP): The Education Department has promoted 25 Elementary school Teachers (ESTs) from Scale-15 to Secondary School Teacher (SST) Scale-16 in various categories in Faisalabad.

A spokesperson said on Monday that the promotions were made on the directives of Punjab Minister for Education Rana Sikandar Hayat, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Education Faisalabad Rao Abdul

Kareem issued the official notification in this regard. He said appointments were distributed during a ceremony attended by Divisional Director Education Iftikhar Khan and District Education Officer (Secondary Education) Muhammad Waseem Sajid, Assistant Director Education Javed Shehbaz and MC cadre teacher Muhammad Akhtar Butt were also present.

According to details, six female teachers from the MC cadre were promoted as SST General Scale-16, while five male and female MC cadre teachers were elevated to the same category. Additionally, 14 teachers from the general cadre were promoted as SST Scale-16.

Speaking on the occasion, CEO Education Rao Abdul Kareem congratulated the promoted teachers and urged them to perform their duties.

Muqam reiterates resolve to stand with Kashmiri people

ISLAMABAD (INP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON, Engineer Amir Muqam, has said that Pakistan stands shoulder to shoulder with the Kashmiris in their struggle for freedom and will make every possible effort to ensure that the people of Kashmir are granted their right to self-determination.

In his message on the Right to Self-Determination Day of the people of Jammu and Kashmir,

Federal Minister Engineer Amir Muqam termed all measures taken by the Indian government on August 5, 2019, as unilateral and illegal, and in violation of the United Nations Charter, the Fourth Geneva Convention, and international laws.

He emphasized that the Kashmir issue must be resolved in accordance with the UN Charter and the resolutions passed by the UN Security Council.

Praising Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for raising the Kashmir issue at the United Nations General Assembly, Engineer

Amir Muqam said that the sacrifices of the Kashmiri people will not go in vain.

He reiterated that Pakistan will continue its full moral, diplomatic, and political support to the Kashmiris until the final resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

Every year, January 5 is observed as the 'Right to Self-Determination Day' by the Kashmiris. On this day in 1949,

the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan (UNCIP) adopted a historic resolution guaranteeing a free and fair plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir to enable the Kashmiri people to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination.

The right to self-determination is a fundamental principle of the UN Charter and international law. He said the United Nations should ensure the implementation of its resolutions and grant the Kashmiri people their right to self-determination so that lasting peace in South Asia can be ensured.

ANF arrests 14, seizes over 90 kg of narcotics in nationwide operations

RAWALPINDI (INP): The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), conducting 12 operations across the country, arrested 14 suspects, including 2 women, and seized 90.73 kilograms of narcotics with an estimated value of Rs10.4 million, the force said on Monday.

In operations carried out near educational institutions, the ANF recovered 1.2 kilograms of hashish from a suspect near Sakhi Sarwar Road in Dera Ghazi Khan district. The arrested suspect confessed to selling drugs to students of educational institutions.

Under international drug interdiction efforts, 28 grams of weed were seized from a parcel arriving from the United Kingdom at the International Mailing Office in Rawalpindi.

Near the Kala Shah Kaku Toll Plaza in Sheikhupura, 30 kilograms of hashish were recovered from a vehicle, and 2 suspects were arrested. On Raiwind Road in Lahore, 20.4 kilo-

grams of hashish were seized from a man and a woman travelling in a rickshaw.

At Jamshoro Toll Plaza, the ANF recovered 8 kilograms of hashish from a suspect in an operation, while a separate raid at the same location resulted in the seizure of 6 kilograms of hashish from another suspect.

In Lahore, 3 kilograms of heroin, along with a drone and a remote control, were recovered from a suspect on Gulberg Road. Near No. 26 Bus Stand, 7.2 kilograms of hashish and 1.5 kilograms of ice were seized from a man and a woman.

Further recoveries included 7.2 kilograms of hashish from a vehicle near Sangiani Toll Plaza in Islamabad, 4.8 kilograms of hashish from a suspect near Raiwind Road in Kasur, and smaller quantities from motorcyclists near Mullan Mansoor Toll Plaza (946 grams) and Teen Mela Chowk (204 grams) in Attock district.

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 12/2026

Askari Bank Limited,
M.A Jinnah Road Quetta.

VERSUS

Muhammad Hanif S/o Karim Bakhsh.

Plaintiff

Resident of:

1. Muhallah Killi New Nachari, Sumangli Road Quetta.

Official Address:

Designation: Junior Clerk, Personal No. 20011311,
C/o Communication & Works Department, Consulting Architect,
Office Phutake, Quetta.

CIF No. 003861093

CNIC No. 54400-6509623-3

Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF PERSONAL LOAN RS. 258,805/77-BEARING DAMAGES BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 1007693224/LOAN #A22059MIRAL US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to -

The above noted defendant,

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS. 258,805/77-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.**

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is **10-02-2026**.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this **5th** day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 10/2026

Bank Alfalah Limited, through Team Leader SME & Commercial duty Constituted Attorney
M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta.

VERSUS

Nizam Ud Din S/o Rehmat Ullah.

Plaintiff

Resident of:

1. Buzar Muslim Bagh Killa Saifullah.

Official Address:

2. Driver, BUTEMS Sub Campus Muslim Bagh.

CNIC No. 56202-4117773-3

Cell No. 0334-0008603

Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 213,944/44-WITH 20% LIQUIDATED DAMAGES BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 1007693224/LOAN #A22059MIRAL US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to -

The above noted defendant,

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS. 213,944/44-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.**

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is **10-02-2026**.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this **5th** day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 8/2026

Bank Alfalah Limited, through Team Leader SME & Commercial duty Constituted Attorney
M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta.

VERSUS

Muhammad Hassan Baloch S/o Abdul Karim.

Plaintiff

Resident of:

1. Kallag Pao Turbat, Tehsil turbat Kech Turbat.

Official Address:

2. Engineer, Supervisor, Transport Network PTCL, PTCL Office Turbat.

CNIC No. 52203-3695878-3

Cell No. 0323-8106024

Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 161,775/28-WITH 20% LIQUIDATED DAMAGES BEARING PERSONAL LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 1007693224/LOAN #A22059MIRAL US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to -

The above noted defendant,

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS. 161,775/28-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.**

In the default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after expiration of such 30 (thirty) days to obtain decree as prayed in the plaint.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the court supported by an affidavit or declaration showing that there is defense to the suit on the merits, or i.e. if, it reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit. Date of hearing is **04-02-2026 at Hub**.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this **5th** day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 9/2026

Askari Bank Limited,
M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta.

VERSUS

Amjad Ali S/o Rao Sakawat Ali.

Plaintiff

Resident of:

1. Liaqat Road, Muhallah Rajpoot Galli, Tandi Amdam, District Sanghar.

CNIC No. 44206-0917774-3

Cell No. 0313-3356705

Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 135,740/- BEARING ACCOUNT NO. 1007693224/LOAN #A22059MIRAL US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to -

The above noted defendant,

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS. 135,740/-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.**

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this **5th** day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 7/2026

Bank Alfalah Limited, through Team Leader SME & Commercial,
M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta.

VERSUS

Shahzad Hussain S/o Zakir Hussain.

Plaintiff

Resident of:

1. House No. 4, Muhallah, Staff College Road, Near Post Office Quetta.

Official Address:

2. Office No. 9, Abdul Sattar road, Khan Gold Shopping, near Sultan Hotel.

CNIC No. 54400-7852192-9

Cell No. 0315-775517/0336-2550005

Defendant

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS. 88,325/-FOR CREDIT CARD FACILITY & Rs. 1,209,336/-FOR PERSONAL LOAN, TOTAL RS. 1,286,661/25-AMOUNT DUE TO HIM OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908

Notice to -

The above noted defendant,

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS. 1,286,661/25-balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.**

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this **5th** day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

Security Concerns Escalate as Kech Sit-In Continues, Baloch Leaders Hold Provincial Government Accountable

News Desk

KECH: The ongoing sit-in protest in Kech has intensified concerns over law and order, with political leaders and civil society organizations sharply criticizing the Balochistan government for administrative failures and inadequate protection of citizens.

According to local reports, the protest has received support from Jamaat-e-Islami, the Doctors Association, and various social and professional groups. Participants have raised alarms over worsening security conditions.

They warned that repeated incidents of unrest, and growing public anxiety across Kech district.

Addressing the protest gathering,

former Chief Minister of Balochistan and National Party leader Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch stated that enduring peace, on the

lives, and maintaining the constitutional responsibilities of the state.

He said the prevailing situation in Kech reflects serious governance and administrative shortcomings.

Protest leaders, including Maulana Haji Yaseen and Shah Nawaz, emphasized that demonstrators are exercising their democratic right to peaceful protest.

They warned that any harm to protesters would place direct responsibility on the state and its institutions, stressing that the

Kech Sports and Fitness Festival 2026 Inaugurated in Turbat

TURBAT: Deputy Commissioner Kech Bashir Ahmed Bariach inaugurated the 12-day Kech Sports and Fitness Festival 2026 at Kech Stadium, Turbat.

The festival, running from January 5 to 16, features football, cricket, volleyball, and traditional games. Dignitaries in Attendance.

Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, former Chief Minister of Balochistan, Hajji Barakat Rind, Advisor to the Chief Minister, Commissioner Makran Qadir Bakhsh Perkani, District Police Officer Zhuhaib

Mohsin, Vice Chancellor University of Turbat Prof. Dr. Gul Hasan Baloch, Key Highlights.

Promotes youth engagement, sports culture, and healthy lifestyles. Features 20+ sports, including traditional games like Kappi and Chokri. Teams from Karachi, Quetta, Chaman, Gwadar, and Iran participating.

Dr. Baloch emphasized sports' role in shaping a civilized society, while DC Bariach highlighted the festival's impact on promoting positive activities.



BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 6/2026

Bank Alfalah Limited, through Team Leader SME & Commercial, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Sheraz Ahmed S/o Atta Ullah Jan.

Resident of:
1. House No. 8-40/47, Tareen Post Office Gawalandi, Quetta.

Official Address:
2. Pacific Oil Mills Pvt Ltd, Al-Shafi Enterprises Street road Quetta.

CNIC No: 54400-0533969-3
Cell No: 0333-7868184. **Defendant**

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 665,477/15- FOR INSTANT LOAN FACILITY & RS: 292,377/60- FOR CREDIT CARD FACILITY TOTAL RS: 957,848/75-AMOUNT US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908
Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS: 957,848/75** balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5 day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 4/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Roaz Uddin S/o Saif Uddin.

Designation: GSA Communication Civil Aviation Authority

Resident of:
1. Miha Chowk, Pashoon Abad, District Quetta.

2. Kilki Machan, Muhallah Ward No. 9, Pishin.

CNIC No: 54303-2025375-9
Cell No: 0343-286491/80310-8169820. **Defendant**

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 28,245/- BEARING ACCOUNT NO: 19AKPF000306 PERSONAL FINANCE FACILITY US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908
Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS: 28,245/75** balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5 day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 2/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Liaquat Bazar Branch Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Nadir Shah S/o Rahim Shah.

Address: R/O Flat No. D-10, Sir Saeed Ahmed Road Quetta Cantt, Quetta.

CNIC No: 55301-2339504-3. **Defendant**

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 477,973/25- US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908
Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS: 477,973/25** balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5 day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

movement is aimed at protecting public rights rather than creating instability.

Speakers highlighted that incidents of insecurity and administrative negligence have continued despite repeated assurances from the authorities.

They claimed that commitments made by the provincial government to address public grievances in Kech have yet to be implemented.

The protesters urged the district administration and law enforcement agencies to ensure

the safety of demonstrators, protect public property, and avoid measures that could escalate tensions.

They also called for meaningful dialogue to resolve longstanding issues faced by the people of Kech.

Political analysts note that the Kech sit-in has evolved into a

broader challenge to governance, public safety, and transparency in the district.

The situation has increased pressure on the provincial leadership to take concrete steps toward restoring public trust and ensuring stability.

The sit-in remains ongoing, while expectations are growing for negotiations between government representatives and protest leaders as public scrutiny continues to rise.

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 5/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Shahid Ali S/o Bashir Ahmed Rahoo.

Rank Sepoy
Department: Pakistan Army
P.A No: 3278486.
Parent Unit/HQ: Command and Staff College Quetta.

Resident of:
1. MT Coy, Soldier Living Command and Staff College Quetta Cantt.

2. Mohallah Pir Daudatpur, Tehsil Gazi Alam, District Shabaz Benazirabad.

CNIC No: 45401-6691469-5. **Defendant**

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 170,865/3- BEARING ACCOUNT NO: 19AKPF000306 PERSONAL FINANCE FACILITY US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908
Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

WHEREAS the plaintiff has instituted a suit against you under section 9(5) of the Banking Companies Ordinance XLVI of 2001 for **RS: 170,865/3** balance of principal & interest/mark up/rent due to him of which copy can be obtained from this court, on or, hereby summoned to obtain leave from the court within 30 (thirty) days, from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you.

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GIVEN under my hand and seal of the court, this 5 day of January, 2026.

(SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Registrar
Banking Court Quetta

BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 3/2026

Askari Bank Limited, M.A Jinnah Road Branch Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Waqar Ahmed Khan S/o Ajaz Ahmed Khan.

Designation: Principal Staff Officer to Chairman Leaders' Odysse School Quetta.

Resident of:
1. House No. 609, Street No. 09, Phase II, A-One City Brewery Road, District Quetta, Quetta.

2. House No. 25 Mohallah Patel Houses Saryab Road Quetta.

CNIC No: 54400-5124643-5. **Defendant**

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 115,157/58- BEARING ACCOUNT NO: 19AKPF000306 PERSONAL FINANCE FACILITY US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

NOTICE UNDER FORM IV APPENDIX B OF C.P.C. 1908
Notice to: - The above noted defendant.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE BANKING COURT QUETTA DISTRICT COURT/KACHEHRY SHARA-E-IQBAL QUETTA SUIT NO. 1/2026

Habib Bank Limited, Liaquat Bazar Branch Quetta. **Plaintiff**

VERSUS
Rizwan Iqbal Chughtai S/o Javed Iqbal Chughtai.

Address: R/O Androon Durani Gali, H.No. 8-40/35-7, Mohallah Kasi road Quetta.

Cell No: 0333-7070002. **Defendant**

CNIC No: 54400-6436117-5.

SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF RS: 2,075,762/- US 9 OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE XLVI, 2001.

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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to advertisement published in daily newspapers vide PRQ No: 250425-12-2025, it is hereby notified for all doctors of BOS Annual Examination session 2020/21, who applied for House Officer Training, but their relevant documents / detail marks sheet (DMS) have not yet been issued at the time of House Job Officer's (HJO) induction. The applicants are advised to file it in the applications form and submit it in original to the office of the PDSO on or before 12th January, 2026, along with attested copies of the following documents:

Required Documents

- Four (4) passport size photographs
- CNIC and Local Domicile of the candidate
- Qualification certificates
- Matric
- F.Sc
- DMS of Final Year BOS examination
- Character Certificate and Provisional Certificate issued by the concerned Principal
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the College/University
- Provisional License issued by PMDC OR receipt of PMDC Registration Certificate / Bank Draft copy

(Note) Date of interview: **Wednesday, 14th January 2026**
Venue: Directorate PMDC, Quetta
Timing: 11:00 AM

PRQ No.30865-1-2026

TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer Building CWP&A Department District Swat invited sealed tender based on composite schedule of rates 2023 G.O. B amended up to date from interested contractors/firms for the work listed below. **Earliest Money 2% and Time limit 12 Months for each work**

S.No	Name of work	Estimate
1.	Fortification of the lands and posts (Sp) PS City Swat	28.58M
	Prd no 2453 22025 1461 TSE-25021/203343	
2.	Fortification of the lands and posts (Sp) PS City Swat	18.320M
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The procurement shall be carried out in accordance with Baluchistan Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules, 2014. **BASIC ELIGIBILITY:** The Contractor must have valid registration with Pakistan Engineering Council in the category relevant to the value of work C-5 or above for which one is applicable with relevant discipline and registration with tax authorities i.e. (NTN, Sales Tax Department and Balochistan Revenue Authority), where applicable. Two Years Relevant works experience. Turnover last three years showing financial capacity of the firm. **METHOD OF PROCUREMENT:** National Competitive Bidding Procedure: **SINGLE STAGE - ONE ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCEDURE. BIDDING TENDER DOCUMENTS:** Issuance: The contractor/firm having registered with PEC in aforementioned category in relevant discipline can obtain bidding documents from the address mentioned below on production of green challan form for an amount of Rs.1500/(Non Refundable) deposited in the head of account: C-02718 through Government Treasury National Bank Pakistan, or can be downloaded from website of BPPRA from the date of publication of this invitation on the website of BPPRA (one day prior to the last date of submission. The contractor/firm who obtained bidding document by downloading them from BPPRA website will also be required to produce deposited green challan from above mentioned tax. The document if requested by email will be promptly dispatched by registered mail for which cost of mail will be by the applicant, however, under no circumstances the procuring agency will be held responsible for late delivery or loss of document so mailed. Earnest money as mentioned above should be submitted in the form of bank guarantee or deposited at call from a scheduled Bank. **Dead Line Of submission:** The bidding documents daily filed and attached with copies of supporting documents must be delivered in sealed envelopes by hand or through registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before **30-01-2026 at 11:00 AM**. Opening: The tender document will be opened on **26-01-2026 at 12:00 PM**, before procurement committee in the presence of the contractor or its authorized representative. **Address:** Office of The Executive Engineer Building CWP&A Department District Swat. Tel: 0337191334. Email Address: engg_cwp&a@go.gov.pk

Term and conditions are mentioned (incorporated) in detailed in bidding documents. Procuring agency may cancel the bidding process at any time prior to acceptance of bid or proposal as per provision of BPPRA Rules, 2014.

PRQ No.308805-01-2026

Executive Engineer (Building), CWP&A Department District Swat

Samsung to double mobile devices powered by Google's Gemini to 800m units this year

violations of mandatory legal provisions and rules, which affected decisions on prequalification, valuation and the final terms offered and declared the process void and of no legal effect.

People's Unity also alleged that Arif Habib Group and its facilitators (Public Office Holders) remained unaccountable despite Supreme Court observation and prequalified for PIACL privatisation prior to disposal of its review petition in the PSM case, which is still pending in the Supreme Court.

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The union contended that blaming PIA and its employees for the carrier's performance was unjustified, arguing that outcomes were shaped by the com-

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Deloitte – the British multinational professional services network providing audit, consulting, tax, and advisory services – echoes this caution, warning that inflation, demographic trends, and trade policies remain key risks to the US economic outlook.

Analyst Michael Pierce of Oxford Economics adds that fading policy uncertainty, tax cuts, and recent Fed rate reductions could strengthen the economy in 2026.

According to the RBC forecast, there could be a "two-speed" consumer economy, where higher-income house-



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China and Pakistan Renew Commitment to 'Ironclad' Partnership

Syed Muhammad Qaseem:

China and Pakistan have renewed their commitment to deepen cooperation and strengthen what both nations describe as an "ironclad" relationship, even as Pakistan's ties with the United States appear to be warming.

Islamabad has long supported Beijing on a range of sensitive global issues, including Taiwan, Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong Kong and disputes in the South China Sea. In return, China has invested billions of dollars in Pakistan through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a central pillar of the Belt and Road Initiative.

However, repeated militant attacks targeting Chinese workers involved in CPEC projects have created tensions in recent years.

The situation is further complicated by improving relations between Pakistan and Washington since Donald Trump's return



to office, giving the U.S. renewed influence in a region China considers strategically important. Pakistan even suggested nominating Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize after he helped ease tensions with India.

In a joint statement, both nations pledged to upgrade CPEC and expand collaboration in areas such as industry, agriculture, mining, finance and banking. China also commended

Pakistan for measures taken to enhance the security of Chinese citizens and projects.

The statement urged more concrete and verifiable steps to dismantle terrorist networks operating from Afghanistan, though no specific plan was outlined.

Pakistan remains one of China's few "all-weather strategic partners" with ties spanning decades, including Islamabad's role in helping

China build diplomatic bridges with the United States in the 1970s. Yet strengthened security and development cooperation with Washington presents Islamabad with a delicate balancing act.

Despite changing regional dynamics, Beijing and Islamabad stressed that they intend to broaden strategic trust and pursue new opportunities to advance their shared interests.

Maduro Due in U.S. Court on Major Drug-Terror Charges

NEWS DESK:

Nicolas Maduro, the ousted Venezuelan leader, is scheduled to appear in a Manhattan federal court on Monday to face narco-terrorism charges, just days after his capture by U.S. forces reignited uncertainty over Venezuela's future.

Maduro, 63, and his wife, Cilia Flores, are being held in Brooklyn following a surprise U.S. raid in Caracas. Both are expected before U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein at noon, though it remains unclear whether they have legal counsel or intend to enter pleas.

The United States has refused to recognize Maduro's presidency since the disputed 2018 election, labeling him an authoritarian ruler. His arrest represents Washington's most



contentious move in the region since the 1989 Panama invasion. Prosecutors accuse Maduro of leading a network of Venezuelan officials who worked alongside criminal organizations and militant groups to channel huge quantities of cocaine into the United States. He was initially indicted in 2020 as part of a sweeping investigation targeting Venezuelan insiders and Colombian armed groups.

A recently unsealed indictment alleges that Maduro per-

sonally oversaw a government-backed trafficking pipeline linked with notorious drug cartels in Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela. Authorities say he enabled corruption fueled by narcotics profits to benefit himself and relatives. Maduro faces charges including enabling narco-terrorism, conspiracy to import cocaine, and weapons offenses involving machine guns and destructive devices, crimes that carry potential life sentences.

Prosecutors claim his involvement dates back to his early political career, continuing through his tenure as foreign minister and later as president.

The indictment accuses him of helping provide diplomatic cover for drug flights, using state-aligned gangs to enforce debts, and protecting trafficking routes with the military.

Legal analysts say the case may hinge on whether prosecutors can directly tie Maduro to operational decisions, a challenge he intentionally kept distance from daily activities.

Even so, his court appearance marks the opening of a high-stakes trial against a leader who presided over years of economic collapse and political turmoil in Venezuela.

Crans-Montana ski season continues after tragedy

NEWS DESK: Painfully aware of the fire tragedy in Crans-Montana, ski tourists said they had opted to stay in the Alpine Swiss resort whose tourism-dependent community remains open for business as it mourns the many victims.

The shellshocked town has toned down the party vibe out of respect for the victims of Thursday's blaze at Le Constellation bar, with concerts cancelled and the music and DJs muted.

But it insists the resort needs to keep going. Skiers heading to and from the slopes voiced sympathy for victims of the horrific bar inferno that killed 40 and injured 119 others out celebrating the New Year.

Some have visited the scene of the fire, which they described as "shocking" tragedy, said one 39-year-old Australian tourist, visiting from London on a four-night stay. "It would be a double whammy for the town," which relies on tourism.

"Heartbreaking," Isabelle Herstine, 58, a Swiss woman who now lives in the United States, said she had been coming to Crans-Montana since her youth — and intended to keep visiting a place she loves.

"I also went to these bars when I was young," she said.

"Why stop coming? It's an accident, it's tragic, but ... this can happen

anywhere; it's happened in other places around the world.

"It will not stop me from coming here, that's for sure."

Sofiane, 31, from Toronto, was visiting Crans-Montana for the first time, during a trip to Europe, and arrived the day after the tragedy.

His group considered cancelling, but said it would have been difficult to do so, having already paid up for the week.

Seeing that life in Crans-Montana was carrying on, they felt it was OK to stay.

Sofiane said the scene of the disaster was "heartbreaking, because you can see clearly victims there."

But they also saw people trying to continue on with their lives, "and we said, you know what, if people here are still open to that, we shouldn't stop either."

Finding the right tone Bruno Huggler, Crans-Montana Tourism's chief executive, told AFP the upscale resort would try to strike the right tone in the busy winter weeks ahead.

The town is muting the party vibe out of respect for the victims of Thursday's blaze at Le Constellation bar, where many young people had gathered to see in the New Year.

Huggler said concerts had been cancelled, and the resort had stopped the music and DJs in bars at the bottom of the slopes, but had kept the venues open to give people somewhere to connect.

"Especially in such hard times, the personal contact exchange is so important. So, give them a place, but it must not be with a party."

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He said many tourists had decided to stay on, and he had no information indicating that people were cancelling bookings.

"Everybody is really touched by this, but on the other side we have a resort which is fully open, which is fully accessible, and needs to go on," he said.

He said it was important to find "the right tone and not to forget that it's not only a tourism resort... it's a community that lives here."

Locking down the resort "would not help anybody either," but he said the tourism industry would "be respectful in this: how we keep on going, and how we will manage the coming month."

While some parts of the town might look as if things are carrying on as normal, near Le Constellation, "you dive into the very deep sadness of what happened,"

added, in his first re-

marks since images of the 63-year-old Maduro blindfolded and handcuffed on Saturday stunned Venezuelans.

Maduro is in a New York detention centre awaiting a Monday court appearance on drug charges.

Beijing has an ambition to become a diplomatic heavyweight, a goal it articulated most clearly after brokering a surprise rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran in 2023.

pledging to "play a constructive role in global hotspot issues." Analysts say Beijing's success in going toe-to-toe with the U.S.

in trade negotiations has only reinforced China's confidence.

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China condemns US capture of Maduro, says countries cannot act as 'world judge'

NEWS DESK: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing cannot accept any country acting as the "world's judge" after the United States captured Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro.

"We have never believed that any country can act as the world's police, nor do we accept that any nation can claim to be the world's judge."

Wang told his Pakistani counterpart Ishaq Dar during a meeting in Beijing on Sunday, referring to "sudden developments in Venezuela" without directly mentioning the U.S.

The sovereignty and security of all countries should be fully protected under international law.

However, President Donald Trump's

assertion that the U.S. will oversee Venezuela's government for the time being poses a stern test to the "all-weather comprehensive strategic partnership."

Beijing and Caracas struck in 2023, marking almost 50 years of diplomatic ties.

"It was a big blow to China. We wanted to look like a dependable friend to Venezuela," said a Chinese government official briefed on a meeting between Maduro and China's special representative for Latin American and Caribbean affairs, Qiu Xiaoguo, hours before his capture.

Maduro's son visited China's top-ranking Peking University in 2024, where he enrolled in 2016, they

new overseas corporate investment.

China's Belt and Road cooperation advances in a secure and smooth manner," it said.

"Calling on the international community to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation, the two sides expressed their firm opposition to double standards on counterterrorism," it added.

Both countries also expressed the readiness to continue leveraging the China-Afghanistan-Pakistan trilateral foreign ministers' dialogue and the China-Bangladesh-Pakistan cooperation mechanism to "deliver new outcomes."

According to the communiqué, during the dialogue in Beijing, the two sides engaged in a "thorough exchange of views on bilateral relations and cooperation in wide-ranging areas, in-

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New York Mayor MamdPakistan, China call for more 'visible, verifiable' actions to eliminate terrorist groups based in Afghanistan

NEWS DESK: Pakistan and China issued a joint communiqué on Monday calling for more "visible and verifiable" actions to dismantle and eliminate all terrorist organisations based in Afghanistan, and prevent them from using Kabul's territory for militancy against any other country.

The joint statement came after the conclusion of the 7th round of the Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue, for which Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar travelled to Beijing. "The two sides called for more visible and verifiable actions to dismantle and eliminate all terrorist organisations based in Afghanistan which continue to pose serious threats to regional and global security, and prevent terrorist

organisations from using the Afghan territory for terrorism against any other country and to endanger any other country," the statement said.

"The two sides agreed to keep in close communication and coordination on the Afghan issue, work with the international community to encourage the Afghan government to build an inclusive political framework, adopt moderate policies, focus on development, pursue good-neighbourliness, and play a constructive role in helping Afghanistan achieve stable development and integrate into the international community," it added.

The statement also said that China commended the measures taken by Islamabad to combat terrorism and protect the safety of



Chinese personnel, projects and institutions in Pakistan.

"China fully recognised the signifi-

cant contributions and huge sacrifices that Pakistan made in combating terrorism over the years," it said.

"The two sides reiterated their commitment to combating terrorism and security cooperation with zero tolerance, and agreed to further deepen all-round cooperation on counterterrorism and security and make concerted ef-

orts to ensure that the China-Pakistan Belt and Road cooperation advances in a secure and smooth manner," it said.

"Calling on the international community to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation, the two sides expressed their firm opposition to double standards on counterterrorism," it added.

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