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Chief Editor's Note

The 8th Session of National Assembly started on 27th January. This session is considered important as very important decisions of national security are being discussed. The Prime Minister of Pakistan, in his speech in National Assembly on 29th January, reiterated his resolve to pursue the process of dialogue with Taliban. His decision in favour of dialogue was appreciated and most of the parties in parliament showed their support. Both, the government and Taliban, have nominated committees for dialogue. The terrorism-hit and war weary nation has attached a hope of peace to this process.

As the issue of terrorism is in limelight nowadays, a special report has been included in National Assembly Gazette that elaborates the direct and indirect losses that we have suffered in the war on terror. Looking at the colossal damage to our security and economy, there is no disagreement on the idea of ending this war as soon as possible. However, variant views have come forth on the mechanism for restoring peace. The hopes are high for the peaceful resolution of the problem, although the process of dialogue will become more complicated, quite understandably, as it progresses.

May Allah give us all the courage to stand for the right and resist the evil!

Thank You.

Ch. Mukhtar Ahmed



LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Session

National Assembly of Pakistan was summoned by the President to meet on Monday, the 27th January 2014 at 4:00 p.m. This is the 8th Session of the First Parliamentary Year of the 14th National Assembly. The session was in progress at the time of publication of Gazette. There was no legislative business conducted during the four days of session that fall in the month of January 2014.

CALLS ON

Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly along with the Members of Legislative Council calls on Deputy Speaker, National Assembly

Deputy Speaker National Assembly Murtaza Javed Abbasi has said that proper utilization of immense economic and tourism potential in Gilgit-Baltistan could lead Pakistan and especially Gilgit-Baltistan to progress and prosperity. He said that establishment of Pak-China Economic corridor would be beneficial for achieving the above targets. The Deputy Speaker said this while talking to Mr. Wazir Baig, Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly who called on him alongwith the delegation comprising Deputy Speaker, Ministers, Gilgit-Baltistan, Members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council at Parliament House on Thursday, 2nd January 2014.



Group photo of Members of Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly with the Deputy Speaker National Assembly, Murtaza Javed Abbasi. Speaker and Deputy Speaker Gilgit-Baltistan also present on the occasion

Murtaza Javed Abbasi said that Gilgit-Baltistan was an important part of the country and rich in natural resources and human potential. He said that present government was committed to bring the region in mainstream by providing economic activity, education and provision of basic amenities. He said that establishment of Pak-China Economic Corridor was a step forward in relation of the commitment of the incumbent political leadership.

The Deputy Speaker said that administrative and financial autonomy has been ensured to GB. He was confident that the political leadership of GB was aware of the problems of the area, therefore, would devise policies for socio-economic development of the area. He assured all out support of the National Assembly Secretariat for the capacity building of members and staff of Legislative Assembly.

Oamar Sohail Lodhi, Additional Secretary (Legislation) briefed the participants of the meeting about the organizational setup,

Questions

Each day of the session (except Private Members Day), comprises of a Question hour which is the physical oversight tool the Parliamentarians use to exercise check on the Government performance. During January, a total 50 questions were received and 57 were asked including supplementary questions. 261 questions were replied.

formation and working of National Assembly and its Standing Committees.

The Speaker of the Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly thanked the Deputy Speaker for organizing comprehensive briefing about the working of the National Assembly for the members Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council.

Australia to Stand by Pakistan in its Pursuit of Socio-Economic Development: Says Australian High Commissioner

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has termed Pakistan's friendship with Australia, historic and based on mutual trust and cooperation. He expressed the desire to further solidify the existing bonds of friendship through enhancing parliamentary and economic cooperation between both the countries. Speaker National Assembly was talking to Mr. Peter Heyward, High Commissioner of Australia who called on him in Parliament House, on 6th January.

While talking to the Australian High Commissioner, the Speaker said that Pakistan attaches immense importance to its relations with Australia which are based on mutual cooperation, trust and support in diverse fields. He stressed the need for enhancing cooperation between National Assembly of Pakistan and



Mr. Peter Heyward Australian High Commissioner called on Speaker NA, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House on 06.01.14

Australian Parliament through Pak-Australian Friendship Groups. He termed it a beneficial way of exchanging views and learning from each other's experiences.

The Speaker asked for further enhancing contacts between business communities of both the countries for effective utilization of huge economic potential in Pakistan. He said that Pakistan would keenly look into the prospects of utilizing scientific research in fields of agriculture, mining and medicine. He appreciated opening of Campus of Australian University in Pakistan.



Australian High Commissioner Mr. Peter Heyward appreciated the remarks of the Speaker and said that his government also attaches importance to its relation with Pakistan which needed to be further enhanced on solid footing. He was confident that Parliamentarians of both the countries could play an important role in bringing both the countries closer. He said that Australian High Commission in Islamabad was playing its role in mobilizing business communities of both countries for exploiting immense economic potential on either side. He said that his country would always stand by Pakistan in pursuit of socio-economic development in Pakistan.

Ambassadors of Iran and Bahrain call on Speaker NA

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has expressed the desire to further strengthen warm relations between Pakistan and Bahrain through enhancing people-to-people and Parliamentary contacts. He said that Parliamentarians of both the countries could bring both the brotherly countries closer. The Speaker was talking to Mr. Mohamed Ebrahim Mohamed Abdul Qader, Ambassador of Kingdom of Bahrain who called on him in Parliament House, on Tuesday, 7th January morning.

The Speaker said that Pakistan values its relations with Bahrain which are based on shared religious and historic cultural values. He informed the Ambassador about the constitution of Pak-Bahrain Friendship Group in National Assembly of Pakistan. He



H.E Mohamed Ebrahim Mohamed Abdul Qader, Ambassador of Bahrain called on Speaker NA, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House on 07.01.14

said that interaction between parliamentarians of both the countries could add substance to the existing relations besides providing opportunities for exchanging views and sharing experiences. He asked the Ambassador to play his role in mobilizing business communities of both countries to take advantage of immense economic potential on either side.

Ambassador of Bahrain Mr. Mohamed Ebrahim Mohamed Abdul Qader, appreciated the kind remarks of the Speaker and said that Bahrain considers Pakistan as its brother and wants to further cement the ties through rejuvenating parliamentary contacts and exploring possible avenues of economic cooperation. He said that Pakistani expatriates in Bahrain were playing an important role in economic activity in the country. He said that Bahrain would encourage Pakistan skilled human resource in diverse sectors.

Earlier, Ambassador of Iran Mr. Ali Reza Haghghighian called on Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House. Issues pertaining to enhancing bilateral parliamentary relations came under discussion. The Speaker said that fraternal relations between Pakistan and Iran should be further strengthened and taken to new heights. He said that parliamentary friendship group in National Assembly has been established and needed to be reciprocated on Iranian side. He also stressed for enhancing commercial ties between both the countries. The Speaker also

reiterated his invitation to his Iranian counterpart to visit Pakistan alongwith a parliamentary delegation.



H.E Mr. Ali Reza Haghghighian, Ambassador of Iran called on Speaker NA Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House on 07.01.14

Mr. Ali Reza Haghghighian, Ambassador of Iran thanked the Speaker for his sentiments towards Iran and said that his country also considers Pakistan as one of its brothers and wants to further strengthen the existing relations. He said that parliamentarians could play a vital role in this regard. He complimented the National Assembly of Pakistan for its initiative of establishment of ECO Parliamentary Assembly. He assured the Speaker for mustering business communities of both the countries to generate economic activity on both sides.

US Consul General at Peshawar Calls on NA Deputy Speaker

The Deputy Speaker, National Assembly Murtaza Javed Abbasi has said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with USA and both the countries have similar perceptions on many regional and global issues. He said this while talking to Mr. Gabriel Escobar, US Consul General at Peshawar who called on him in Parliament House, on Tuesday, 7th January.

The Deputy Speaker has said that Pakistan believed that peace and stability was essential for promoting progress and prosperity in the region. He said that terrorism and extremism were biggest threats to peace and stability which could be countered by closer co-operation amongst the stakeholders. He said that poverty



Mr. Gabriel Escobar, US Consul General at Peshawar called on Deputy Speaker National Assembly, Murtaza Javed Abbasi in Parliament House on 07.01.2014

illiteracy and unemployment were the root cause of this menace. He stressed the need for addressing the root causes to curb this bane.

The Deputy Speaker said that Khyber Pukhtunkhwa lags behind in health and education sectors and provision of other social amenities were affected in Hazara Division due to Afghan refugee camps. He stressed the need for up-gradation of education sector



especially infrastructure for girls education in Hazara Division. He also stressed the need for including the opinions of elected representatives in developmental projects. He was of the opinion that elected representatives could identify the problems confronting to the masses in a better way.

Gabriel Escobar, Consul General agreed with the proposals of the Deputy Speaker. He apprised the Deputy Speaker that US is initiating various projects for the promotion of investment in Khyber-Pukhtunkhwa and FATA. He said that US wanted to see a strong and prosperous Pakistan He appreciated the role of Pakistan in war against extremism and terrorism and assured the Deputy Speaker all out support of his country for economic and social uplift of Pakistan.

“Excellent Opportunities for Investment are Available in Pakistan”: Says NA Speaker

Yemen Minister of Trade & Industry and Ambassador of Sweden separately called on Speaker, National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House, Islamabad, on 8th January. Talking to the Minister for Trade and Industry of Yemen Dr. Saadaldeen Ali Salim Talib, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that Yemen and Pakistan are tied in eternal bonds of religion and culture; therefore steps may be taken for further solidifying the existing brotherly relations between two countries. He said that present government has created conducive environment for foreign investment by introducing various incentives and reforms in the economic sector. He stressed the need to enhance interaction between business communities of both the countries.

Minister of Yemen Dr. Saadaldeen Ali Salim Talib thanked the Speaker for his kind words and said that Yemen also considers Pakistan one of its close friends. He said that law and order situation in Yemen has largely improved and the government is actively pursuing the reconstruction and rehabilitation process. He also expressed his government’s desire to further enhance economic cooperation between two countries. He asked the Speaker for support of National Assembly for capacity building of its Parliamentarians and support staff.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq assured that Pakistan would extend its all-out support for assistance in parliamentary practices and capacity building of parliamentarians and support staff of Yemeni Parliament through Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS).

While talking to the Swedish Ambassador Mr. Tomas Rosander, the Speaker said that Pakistan strongly desires to further diversify its existing relations through people-to-people contacts and parliamentary cooperation between National Assembly and Swedish Parliament. The present Pakistani political hierarchy envisions a qualitative transformation in its relation with Sweden for building a broad based, substantive and long term partnership encompassing all areas of mutual cooperation, he added. He said that women parliamentary caucus in National Assembly is also working actively in protecting women rights and empowering them politically and economically. He asked the Ambassador to energize the engagement between business community of both the countries.

Swedish Ambassador Mr. Tomas Rosander acknowledged the sentiments of the Speaker and said that his government also attaches immense importance to its relations with Pakistan and wants to further cement them through cooperation in diverse fields. He agreed that frequent interaction between business communities and parliamentarians would be beneficial for both the nations.

Parliamentary Engagement to Add Substance to Pak-Danish Relations: Says Speaker National Assembly

Thursday, 9th January, 2014

Speaker, National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has said that Pakistan and Denmark enjoy cordial and cooperative relations which need to be further strengthened through substantive and long term parliamentary and economic cooperation. He said this while talking to Ambassador of Denmark Mr. Jesper Moller Sorensen in Parliament House, on 9th January.

The Speaker said that broad based substantive and long term parliamentary and economic engagements between Denmark and Pakistan would add substance to the existing relations for mutual benefits of both the nations. He appreciated Danish support to Pakistan in EU for inclusion in GSP plus scheme besides ongoing assistance in development program in Pakistan focusing on building education infrastructure in conflict affected areas of FATA, KPK and Balochistan.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that parliamentarians of both the countries could bring both the nations more close. He informed the Ambassador about the constitution of Pak-Danish Friendship Group in National Assembly. He said that engagement of parliamentarians would be beneficial for exchanging views and sharing experiences. The Speaker said that Danish Mission in Islamabad should mobilize business communities on either side to take advantage of immense economic and industrial potential in Pakistan. He said that Pakistan would welcome Danish investment in power generation, infrastructure development, dairy and food processing and industrial manufacturing.

Danish Ambassador Mr. Jesper Moller Sorensen acknowledged the sentiments of the Speaker and said that his government also attaches immense importance to its relations with Pakistan and wants to further cement them through cooperation in diverse fields. He agreed that frequent interaction between business communities and parliamentarians would be beneficial for both the nations. He informed the Speaker about the establishment of Trade and Commercial Section in Danish Embassy for facilitating trade activities. He also apprised the Speaker about the allocation of \$50 million for developmental activities in Pakistan for the next three years.

Pakistan Determined to Achieve MDGs: Says NA Speaker

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has said that Parliament was cognizant of its responsibilities and would play its role in achievement of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



Mr. Haoliang-Xu, UN Assistant Secretary General accompanied by officials of UNDP called on Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly at Parliament House on 22.01.14

He said that a Parliamentary Committee has already been constituted to coordinate the achievement of Goals by the relevant stakeholders. The Speaker was talking to Mr. Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary General of United Nation along with UN



Resident Coordinator and Country Director UNDP in Parliament House, on 22nd January afternoon.

The Speaker said that after the passage of 18th Amendment, subjects like health, education, environment, women development and social welfare etc have been devolved to the provinces. He said that Federal government has extended maximum support to the provinces for implementation of the development of the devolved subjects. He said that the relevant stakeholders were steadfast in development of the social sector and achievement of MDGs, thereof. The Parliamentary panel would be coordinating with the federal and provincial stakeholders for achievement of MDGs as per international commitment.

The Speaker also appreciated the United Nation for its unwavering support to the government of Pakistan for its social sector development initiatives. He said that UN may focus on development in the areas affected by the terrorist activities and

natural calamities. He also informed about the National Assembly's Strategic Plan through which the capacity of the Parliamentarians and parliamentary staff would be enhanced besides making the Parliament, paperless, Green and environment friendly.

Mr. Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary General of United Nation said that despite various constraints, the present government has effectively embarked on its social sector development plans. He assured the Speaker for United Nations unwavering support in this regard. He said that UN through its implementing departments has identified the sectors in dire need for assistance. He said that UN would focus on provision of healthcare facilities, education, sanitation, provision of clean drinking water and gender equality. He credited Speaker National Assembly for his initiatives for making Parliament, energy efficient and its conversion on solar energy.

ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEES

1st meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage

1st meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage was held on Friday, 10th January at 2:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC), Islamabad. The meeting presided over by Mr. Muhammad Tallal Chaudhry, MNA/Convener.

The Committee was briefed in detail about the administrative, functions, objectives and future plan of the PTVC. The Sub-Committee suggested to make efforts for the establishment of Media University to educate/train the Anchors/Producers/Artists and decided to have a detailed briefing on the future plans of PTV during the first week of February, 2014.

Ms. Zeb Jaffar and Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, MNAs attended the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the senior officers of Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage and PTV.

Standing Committee on Industries & Production met under the Chairmanship of Mr. Asad Umer

Standing committee on Industries and Production met under the chairmanship of Mr. Asad Umer, MNA, on Monday, 13th January. The Committee expressed its deep concern about the present state of Pakistan Steel Mills which is driven to collapse and even its employees are not being given salaries for last three months. The Committee strongly recommended that the Ministry may immediately ensure the release of salaries to the poor and low paid employees of the Steel Mills. As the Minister for Industries & Production and Secretary were not present, so the Committee asked the Ministry to ensure presence of both the heads in its next meeting.

The Committee discussed Government's policy regarding withdrawal of subsidy on fertilizer products which has not only increased the rates of fertilizers but also enabled Companies to earn more profit. In this way, the farmers have to pay much higher rates than the original prices. The Committee also expressed its concern over withdrawal of subsidy on sugar which caused increase in its prices.

Earlier, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries & Production briefed the Committee about performance of the Ministry and its attached departments and the ongoing projects.

MNAs Mr. Qaiser Ahmad Sheikh, Sahibzada Muhammad Nazeer Sultan, Ms. Surriya Asghar, Sardar Kamal Khan Chang, Ms. Sajida Begum, Mr. Saleem Rehman, Mr. Muhammad Muzamil Oureshi, Mr. Iftikhar-ud-Din, Mian Abdul Manan MNAs attended the meeting, besides officials of the Ministry.

Meeting of National Assembly Standing Committee on Interior & Narcotics Control

A meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control was held on 13-01-2014 at 11:00 a.m in Committee Room # 7 in National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Rana Shamim Ahmed Khan, MNA to discuss the following agenda:-

- i.** The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013. (Ordinance No.VII of 2013)
 - ii.** The Protection of Pakistan Ordinance, 2013. (Ordinance No.IX of 2013)
 - iii.** Any other item with permission of the Chair.
- 2.** The Standing Committee expressed its deep sorrow and offered Fateha over the death of SP CID Ch. Aslam, Mian Mushtaq, ANP leader and his companions, those six persons who died during attack on Mr. Amir Muqam, Advisor to the Prime Minister and who died in other incidents during last week.
 - 3.** The Committee unanimously passed a resolution for appreciating unprecedented role of Shaheed Aitazaz Hassan, a 15 years old student who secured lives of more than 100 students in Hangu.
 - 4.** The Committee discussed Agenda item No.i, regarding the Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013, (Ordinance No.VII of 2013). The main object of the Bill was that due to the increasing terrorism in the country, more legislative measures were required to enhance the effectiveness of the law enforcing agencies in tackling heinous crimes, especially conferring powers of investigation on Rangers, providing legal cover to Joint Investigation Team (JIT), enabling Police to become complaints in extortion cases and special provisions for protection of witnesses (faceless) through video recording.
 - 5.** After detailed deliberation, the Committee passed the Bill in majority with some amendments.
 - 6.** The agenda item No. ii was pended till its next meeting.
 - 7.** The meeting was attended by Syed Javed Ali Shah, Mr. Ghalib Khan, Sheikh Muhammad Akram, Syed Iftikhar-ul-Hassan,



Makhdoomzada Basit Bokhari, Mr. Nauman Islam Sheikh, Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari, Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur, Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan, Dr. Arif Alvi, Syed Asif Hasnain, Sardar Nabil Ahmed Gabol, Mr. Sher Akber Khan, Mian Shahid Hussain Khan Bhatti, Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani, MNAs, Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Parliamentary Secretary for Interior and Narcotics Control and other officers from the Ministry of Interior, Law, Justice and Human Rights and its attached departments.

8. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Meeting of the Standing Committee on Science & Technology

Standing committee on Science & Technology met under the chairmanship of Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema, MNA, on Monday, 13th January, to discuss the performance of Ministry of Science & Technology and its attached departments.

The Committee appreciated the overall performance of the Ministry however, directed that each department of the Ministry gave the comprehensive briefing to the Committee so that the Committee could help them in resolving their issues. The Committee also appreciated the educational institution i.e, NUST & COMSATS working under the administrative control of the Ministry and also to take stringent measures to enhance the number of seats for students so that the maximum students could be accommodated.

Earlier, Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Science & Technology congratulated the newly elected Chairman and Members of the Committee and assured full cooperation of the Ministry to facilitate the working of the Committee. He also briefly apprised the Committee about the efforts made by his management to improve the performance of the Ministry and problems faced by them in this regard. MNAs Mr. Sarzameen, Ch. Armaghan Subhani, Ms. Shazia Mubashar, Mr. Nouman Islam sheikh, Mrs. Shams-un-Nisa, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Mr. Gulzar Khan, Mr. Sajid Ahmad, Mr. Mehboob Alam, Mr. Aliya Kamran, Ms. Shahjehan, Engineer Usman Khan Taraki MNAs attended the meeting, besides officials of the Ministry.

Standing Committee on Religious Affairs & Inter-Faith Harmony meets

Standing committee on Religious Affairs & Inter-Faith Harmony met under the Chairmanship of Hafiz Abdul Kareem, MNA on Monday, 13th January, to discuss the performance of Ministry of Religious Affairs & Inter-Faith Harmony and its attached departments.

The Committee appreciated the overall performance of the Ministry however, directed that Ministry may avoid to impose unnecessary financial burden on pilgrims and provide maximum facilities to them during the Hajj. Moreover, Ministry may introduce single category of Hajj in order to provide identical facilities to Pilgrims through Government scheme. The Committee further recommended that Hajj Policy may be discussed in the Standing Committee meetings before it presented to the Cabinet for its approval.

The Committee expressed dissatisfaction for awarding the quota of Hajj to bogus private hajj operators and directed that Ministry may probe into the matter and cancel the licenses of such tour operators if any and consider only well renowned private hajj operators, in future. The Committee expressed displeasure that Islamic Ideology Council, Islamabad refused to give briefing to the Standing Committee with the view point that they do not fall under the purview of the Standing Committee. Therefore, the Committee directed to write them to

clear their position as to why they refused to attend the meeting despite the fact that there is a clear rule provision that they came under the purview of the M/o Religious Affairs & Inter-faith Harmony. Earlier, Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, Minister for Religious Affairs & Inter-faith Harmony congratulated the newly elected Chairman and Members of the Committee and assured full co-operation of the Ministry to facilitate the working of the Committee. He also briefly apprised the Committee about the efforts made by his management to improve the performance of the Ministry and problems faced by them in this regard. MNAs, Rana Muhammad Hayat Khan, Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar, Syed Imran Ahmad Shah, Sahibzada Faiz-ul-Hassan, Mr. Bhawn Das, Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli, Mr. Tariq Christopher Oasier, Ms. Romina Khurseed Alam, Syed Amir Ali Shah Jamote, Ms. Shaugfta Jumani, Mr. Ramesh Lal, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Mr. Lal Chand Malhi, Ms. Kishwar Zehra, Mr. Bismillah Khan, MNAs, attended the meeting, besides officials of the Ministry.

Meeting of Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control was Held on 21.01.2014

A meeting of the Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control was held on Tuesday, 21st January, 2014 at 02:00 pm in Committee Room No. 07, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Rana Shamim Ahmad Khan, MNA to deliberate on The Protection of Pakistan Ordinance 2013 (Ordinance No.IX of 2013). The following Members attended the meeting;

- i. Syed Javed Ali Shah
- ii. Dr. Ibadullah MNA
- iii. Sheikh Muhammad Akram MNA
- iv. Syed Iftikhar-ul-Hassan MNA
- v. Ms. Tahmina Daultana MNA
- vi. Mr. Nauman Islam Sheikh MNA
- vii. Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari MNA
- viii. Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan MNA
- ix. Dr. Arif Alvi MNA
- x. Syed Asif Hasnain MNA
- xi. Sardar Nabeel Ahmed Gabol MNA
- xii. Mr. Sher Akbar Khan MNA
- xiii. Mian Shahid Hussain Khan Bhatti MNA
- xiv. Mr. Essa Noori MNA
- xv. Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani MNA

2. The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran. The Standing Committee strongly condemned the recent terrorist attacks in Rawalpindi, Bannu and Peshawar and also attack on the News team of Express TV and on Mufti Usman in Karachi. The Standing Committee also took serious notice of the burglary in the house of renowned journalist Mr. Saleem Safi and directed that the culprits be taken to task as early as possible.

3. The Standing Committee deliberated on The Protection of Pakistan Ordinance 2013 (Ordinance No.IX of 2013) and passed it with overwhelming majority, although a few members from PTI and MQM dissented with the Bill.

4. The Chairman opined that the Bill is of utmost importance and will go a long way in curbing heinous crimes against the people of Pakistan, and thanked the members of the Standing Committee for the passage of the Bill.

5. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.



Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Meets

First meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage was held on Thursday, 23rd January, at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room of Women's Parliamentary Caucus, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting presided over by Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri, MNA/Convener of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee.

The Sub-Committee was briefed about the details of Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) network, installation of new transmitter in Karachi, Peshawar, Dera Ismail Khan, and the future plans for the improvement of PBC regarding digitalization, revival of Dramas and Music production. The Sub-Committee was also briefed about the total sanctioned strength of staff and about the income and expenditure of PBC. The Sub-Committee appreciated the efforts made by the Department for the improvement of PBC.

The Meeting was attended by Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti, Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon, Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan, MNAs and Officers/Officials of M/o Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage and PBC.

NA Business Advisory Committee Discusses Agenda for the 8th Session of The National Assembly

The House Business Advisory Committee of the National Assembly met in Parliament House, on 27th January afternoon, with Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly in the chair to discuss the business for the 8th Session of the National Assembly.

After discussion, it was decided that the current session of the National Assembly will continue till 7th February, 2014 and sittings of the National Assembly will be held in morning except Monday. It was further decided that National Assembly would discuss prevailing law and order situation in the country apart from other matters of public importance during the current session. The discussion on Law and Order situation in the country would be wound-up by the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control on 29th January, 2014.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Science & Technology, Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Defence Production, Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir, Minister for



Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly chairing the meeting of Business Advisory Committee at Parliament House on 27.01.14

Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, MNAs; Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Ch. Muhammad Ashraf, Ms. Shaista Pervez, Mr. Shahab-ud-Din Khan, Syed Naveed Oamar, Mr. Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani, Dr. Arif Alvi, Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan, Sheikh Salahuddin, Syed Kazim Ali Shah, Sahibzada Tariq Ullah and Ch. Tariq Bashir Cheema.

Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination Meets

The Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination discussed the Report on Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PM&DC), submitted by the Sub-Committee in its meeting held on Tuesday, 28th January, in the Parliament House,

Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi, MNA.

The Standing Committee accepted the Report and suggested that PM&DC may clarify its position to the Standing Committee in its next meeting to be held on 6th February, 2014.

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhatti, Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt, Choudhry Muhammad Shahbaz Babar, Dr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman Drishak, Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, Ms. Shaista Pervaiz, Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi, Dr. Azrra Fazal Pechuho, Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani, Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon, Syed Ghazi Gulab Jamal, Mr. Abdul Qhar Khan Wadan, MNAs, and Minister of State for National Services, Regulations &



Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi, Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, chairing the committee meeting at Parliament House on 28.01.14

Coordination attended the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the senior officers of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination and its attached Departments.

Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Meets

Third meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage was held on Tuesday, 28th January, at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room No.7, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting presided over by Ms.

Arifa Khalid Parvez, MNA/Convener of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee.

The Sub-Committee was informed about the details of action taken by Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) for irregularities of

the TV channels and also Region-wise performance of PEMRA to control Cable Operators violations.

The Committee suggested to review the PEMRA Rules and the draft amendments of the rules may be submitted to the Sub-Committee within four weeks and inquired about the notice taken by the PEMRA to stop the broadcasting the statements given against the Ideology of Pakistan. The Chairman (PEMRA) told the Sub-Committee that the Toll free number (24/7) of Call Complaint Center advertised in the Print and Electronic Media.

The Meeting was attended by Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh, Mr. Tahir Iqbal Ch., Ms Naeema Kishwar Khan, Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri, MNAs and Officers/Officials of M/o Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage and PEMRA.



The First Formal Meeting of the Special Kashmir Committee (National Assembly) Held at Parliament House

First Formal meeting of the Special Committee on Kashmir was held in the Parliament House, Islamabad on Tuesday, 28th January, with Maulana Fazl-ur-Rahman in the Chair. The Chairman welcomed the MNAs for joining the Kashmir Committee and also thanked them for electing him un-opposed as its Chairman last month.

After the formal introduction, the Foreign Secretary Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Ch. briefed the Committee about the latest situation of Kashmir issue and efforts so far taken by Pakistan to solve the issue on national and international forums. He also replied the questions of the Members of the Committee on the subject.

Later, the Secretary Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan Division Mr. Shahid-ullah Baig also apprised the committee about the details of activities on the occasion of Kashmir solidarity day falling on 5th February, 2014. Maulana Fazl-ur-Rahman, Chairman nominated MNAs Mr. Muhammad Ijaz ul Haq, Choudhary Iftikhar Nazir and Malik Ibrar Ahmed to present a Memorandum to the United Nations Resident Representative in Islamabad on behalf of the Chairman and Committee. He further asked that the Speakers of the Provincial Assemblies and Chief



Maulana Fazl-ur-Rahman, Chairman Special Committee of the National Assembly on Kashmir, chairing the committee meeting at Parliament House on 28.01.14

Ministers of the Provinces to participate in these activities to show complete solidarity with the people of Kashmir. The Chairman observed that their active participation on this important day will give a message to the world that whole Pakistani nation is on one page and with one voice on the Pakistan's principle stand of right of self-determination of the Kashmiri people.

The Chairman further nominated MNAs Mr. Abdul Waseem, Mr. Mujahid Ali and Rana Umar Nazir Khan to join the ceremony of human chain at Kohala Bridge linking Pakistan with AJ&K to represent the Special Kashmir Committee and to express Solidarity with the Kashmiri people.

The meeting was attended by MNAs Mr. Amir Haider Khan, Mr. Mujahid Ali, Engineer Dawar Khan Kundi, Malik Shakir Bashir Awan, Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra, Mr. Zahid Hamid, Mian Javed Latif, Choudhary Iftikhar Nazir, Mr. Muhammad Ijaz ul Haq, Mr. Muhammad Arshad Khan Laghari, Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Mahar, Mir Ajjaz Hussain Jakhriani, Mr. Abdul Sattar Bachani and Mr. Abdul Waseem. The senior officers from the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mrs. Riffat Masood, DG (South Asia) and Mr. Ajmal Gondal, Joint Secretary, KA&GB Division/ Focal person Kashmir Solidarity day and Mr. Nasim Khalid Director General (Kashmir Committee) also attended the meeting.

DELEGATIONS

Parliamentary and Economic Cooperation to Strengthen Fraternal Bonds between Pakistan and Korea: Says NA Speaker

Republic of Korea and Pakistan have agreed to further strengthen existing bilateral relation through enhancing parliamentary and economic cooperation. This was agreed between Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Speaker National Assembly and Mr. Kang Chang Hee, Speaker of the National Assembly of Republic of Korea in a meeting held in Parliament House, on Friday, 31st January. The Korean Speaker was accompanied by a 19-member parliamentary delegation.

Talking to his Korean counterpart, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that Pakistan attaches immense importance to its relation with Korea and strongly desires to further strengthen them through parliamentary and economic



H.E Mr. Kang Chang Hee, Speaker National Assembly of Republic of Korea called on Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House on 31.01.2014

cooperation. He said that Korea has achieved remarkable economic and industrial progress which owes to the relentless and sagacious Korean leadership. He said that Korea and Pakistan has been economic partner since decades which needs to be further diversified. He stressed that Korean business community should take benefit of the massive economic opportunities in Pakistan in fields of industrial manufacturing, infrastructure, education, energy, agriculture and services sectors. He said that Korean investors should bring in capital in Scientific and Technological Research and Development sectors. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that parliamentarians of both the countries could play an important role in bringing both the nations closer. He

said that Pak-Korea Friendship Group has been constituted in National Assembly of Pakistan which would be an important



platform for achieving greater mutual understanding and exchange of experiences. He underlined the need for frequent exchange of parliamentary delegation from either side. He suggest for cooperation for capacity building of Legislators and legislative support staff. The Speaker also sought Korean support for the Pakistan's Candidate for Secretary Generalship of IPU, Ms. Shazia Rafi.

Mr. Kang Chang Hee agreed with his Pakistani counterpart and said that Korea also considers Pakistan one of its close friends and economic partner. He said that his visit to Pakistan has provided him and his colleagues an opportunity to discuss new vistas of cooperation besides strengthening of the bonds of fraternity and brotherhood between Pakistan and Korea. He said that parliamentary interaction could bring both the nation more closer as well as providing opportunities to either side for exchange of views and experiences. He said that Korean investors were keen to take part in the economic activity in Pakistan and assured all-out Korean support to Pakistan at regional and international forums. The Korean Speaker also assured his support to the Pakistani Candidate for post of IPU Secretary General.

Earlier, Deputy Speaker welcomed the Korean Speaker and his delegation on their arrival at Parliament House. Later on, Speaker National Assembly hosted a luncheon in honour of his Korean Counterpart and the accompanying delegation.

Parliamentary Friendship Group to play a Pivotal Role for Bridging up the Gaps: Says NA Speaker

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly has said that the awarding of GSP-Plus status to Pakistan by the European Union is the landmark achieved by the diplomatic interactions, parliamentary diplomacy and government's effort. He expressed these views while attending an inaugural meeting of Pakistan-European Union (EU) Parliamentary Friendship Group in PIPS Islamabad, on Thursday, 30th January. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq was the Chief Guest.

He said that the awarding of GSP-Plus is the only good news for Pakistan during last months of stressed situation in the country. This status provides more jobs and will strengthen the economic condition of the country. He appreciated the efforts of the diplomats of the European Union, who are the ears and eyes of their countries and portrayed the actual and on ground situation of Pakistan in their respective countries. He invited the parliamentarians of the European Union countries through their ambassadors and Speakers of the Parliaments to visit not only

Islamabad but also other part of the country with Pakistani counterparts. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that boosting the contact through Parliamentary Friendship Groups would advance better understanding for achieving common goal of development.

The Speaker said that the recent smooth transition of power from one elected government to another is a great motivation for strengthening of the democratic institutions in Pakistan. The Speaker informed the Ambassadors of EU regarding Human Resource Policy of National Assembly that will streamline work of the parliament, more effectively and efficiently. He also shared that the parliament of Pakistan is planning to electrify itself with solar



Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly, addressing the Inaugural Meeting of Pakistan-EU Parliamentary Friendship Group at PIPS Islamabad on 30.01.2014

energy with the support of the donors.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, Ambassador of the EU said that the granting of GSP Plus shows the importance of the European Union attaches to its relations with Pakistan. In addition to expanding and facilitating Pakistan's trade with EU, GSP+ will also promote economic growth and create much needed jobs across Pakistan. He said that EU consumers will benefit as well from cheaper imports made in Pakistan. The textile industry is an obvious winner, but we should work together to ensure that other sectors of Pakistan's economy will benefit too. He urged that supporting growth and equal opportunity for everyone in Pakistan, regardless of ethnicity, religion or gender, are important objectives of the EU's relations with Pakistan.

Earlier Engineer Khurram Dastagir Khan, Federal Minister for Trade and Commerce briefed the efforts to achieving the landmark of GSP-Plus status to the ambassadors of the European Union countries. A large numbers of ambassadors of European Union countries and parliamentarians were also present on the occasion.

OTHER NEWS

Speaker Chairs Meeting to Discuss Proposed Construction of Additional Block of Parliament House

Tuesday, 7th January 2014

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq chaired a meeting to discuss the proposed construction of Additional block of Parliament Building in the parking area of the Parliament House, here today.

Mr. Murtaza Javed Abassi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly, Secretaries of the National Assembly, Senate Secretariat, Cabinet Division and Planning Division, Chairman CDA and other officers of the concerned departments attended the meeting. The representative of CDA briefed the meeting about the progress on the project.



The Speaker directed all the concerned to finalize the proposal at the earliest for resource allocation and initiation of construction work. He said that the space constraint in present Parliament Building has necessitated the construction of the additional block which will accommodate offices of the Parliament Staff, Committee Rooms and parking space. He said that since the proposed building would be an extension of the magnificent Parliament Building, therefore, it should be architecturally and aesthetically in consonance with the old Building. He further directed that the provision should be made in the proposed building for future expansion besides making it energy efficient and maximum utilization of available space.

The Representatives of all the departments assured the Speaker that the design would be finalized within due course keeping in view the requirements of both the Secretariats and sent to the competent forum for formal approval and resource allocation.

The Arrival of Holy Prophet (PBUH) is a great blessing for whole world

Monday, 13th January 2014

قومی اسمبلی نیکرٹریٹ
میڈیا ونگ
پریس ریلیز

حضور ﷺ کی آمد کا نکات کے لیے باعث رحمت و برکت ہے: ڈپٹی سیکرٹری قومی اسمبلی

اسلام آباد، 13 جنوری، 2014: ڈپٹی سیکرٹری قومی اسمبلی مرتضیٰ جاوید عباسی نے کہا ہے کہ حضور ﷺ کا سوہا حسد ساری انسانیت کے لیے ذریعہ رشد و ہدایت ہے جس پر عمل کرنا اور کریم دنیا و آخرت میں کامیابی حاصل کر سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے ان خیالات کا اظہار 12 ربیع الاول کے بارگاہِ مہربانہ پر قوم کے نام اپنے پیغام میں کیا۔

ڈپٹی سیکرٹری نے کہا کہ حضور ﷺ کی آمد کا نکات کے لیے باعث رحمت و برکت ہے اور اللہ تعالیٰ نے انہیں کا نکات کے لیے رحمت اللعالمین بنا کر بھیجا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حضور ﷺ کی آمد سے دنیا میں چھائے تاریکی اور ظلمت کے گہرے بدل جاواں میں بدل گئے اور ساری کا نکات ان کے نور سے منور ہو گئی۔ ڈپٹی سیکرٹری نے کہا کہ امت مسلمہ کو آج جن دشواریوں اور چیلنجوں کا سامنا ہے ان کی بڑی چیز حضور ﷺ کی تعلیمات سے روگردانی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حضور ﷺ کی تعلیمات پر عمل کر کے ہم موجودہ چیلنجوں سے با آسانی نبرد آزما ہو سکتے ہیں۔

ڈپٹی سیکرٹری نے کہا کہ حضور ﷺ نے محبت، اخوت، بھائی چارے اور ایثار کی جو اعلیٰ تعلیمات دیں آج ہم ان کو بھلا کر آپس میں دست و گریباں ہیں اور فروری اور فرقہ واریت کی دلدل میں پھینچے ہوئے ہیں۔ انہوں نے باہمی اختلافات کو بھلا کر اتفاق، اتحاد اور بھائی چارے کے فروغ کی ضرورت پر زور دیا اور 12 ربیع الاول کے بارگاہِ مہربانہ پر حضور ﷺ کی تعلیمات پر سختی سے کاربند ہونے کا عہد کرنے کے لیے کہا۔

(یوٹو شوٹنگ)
سیکشن آفیسر (میڈیا)

Holy Prophet (PBUH) is the Ever- Best Model of Virtue, Justice, Equity and Love: Says NA Speaker

Monday, 13th January 2014

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has urged Muslims to adopt the teachings of Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) to improve their lives and for the betterment of Muslim Ummah. The Speaker, in a message on the auspicious occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) being celebrated on Tuesday, congratulated Muslims on the auspicious birthday of benefactor of humanity and the last Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).

He said that today is the birthday of a great personality who is mercy for all mankind and who elevated the status of humanity. "Holy Prophet (PBUH) is a source of blessing for the entire humanity and his teachings convey the message of love, tolerance and compassion" he added. The Speaker said that the whole life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is the beacon of guidance and he is no doubt a living representation of the Holy Quran and Islam.

"We must pledge that we would act upon the real teachings of Islam, consider ourselves as followers of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and a matter of pride to perform our duties honestly and diligently" he said.

He mentioned that the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi not only provides us the opportunity to celebrate the day with mutual affinity and love, but also draws attention towards enlightening our days and nights with the glowing teachings of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). He prayed to Almighty Allah to guide all to follow the teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH).

NA Speaker Visits Pakistan Sweet Homes

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly has said that Pakistani youth have a lot of potentials and they are future of the country. It is imperative to provide better health and education facilities to our young generation with confidence and guidance. He said this while addressing to the children residing in Pakistan Sweet Homes on the auspicious occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH), Islamabad on Tuesday, 14th January 2014.

The Speaker said that Holy Prophet (PBUH) is a torch bearer and blessing for the entire universe. It was the strength of the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) character and preaching through self-example and charms of personality that molded the hearts and minds of the people and compelled the enemies to embrace Islam, he added.

He said that provision of education facility and moral building of the youth is necessary to make them best human and good citizen. Peace, tolerance, kindness and cleanliness are the basic of our religion and we can meet any challenge by adopting the Islamic way of life, he added. The Speaker urged upon the philanthropist to visit and support such kind of institutions. He said that this act will increase the confidence in the children who are residing in these institutions.

The Speaker said that fostering and supporting of orphans is a noble deed and the people involved in such deeds are pious. He appreciated the establishment of Sweet Homes for the Orphans and said that it is our national and moral duty to help the destitute children. He said that the steps initiated by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal in the supervision of Managing Director, Barrister Abid Waheed Sheikh and Chief Patron Pakistan Sweet Homes, Mr. Zumarad Khan for the marginalized segments of the society especially for the orphans are commendable. He expressed the hope that establishment of the Pakistan Sweet Homes will prove a milestone to make Pakistan prosperous and developed country. On this occasion, the Speaker expressed his wish to work as a volunteer for Pakistan Sweet Homes and also invited the children of Pakistan Sweet Homes to visit Parliament House. The Speaker distributed trophies and certificates among the children who participated in competitions of Qirat, Naat Khwani and Speech. He also visited the different sections of the Sweet Homes' hostel and shared lunch with children. A large numbers of Parliamentarians, politicians and social workers were present on the occasion.

NA Deputy Speaker Congratulates the Newly Elected Office Bearers of Hazara Journalists Association/ Forum, Islamabad

Monday, 6th January 2014

The Deputy Speaker National Assembly Murtaza Javed Abbasi has congratulated the newly elected office bearers of Hazara Journalists Association/Forum, Islamabad (HJAFI).

In his congratulatory messages to the newly elected Mr. Muhammad Riaz, Patron-in-Chief, Mr. Changaiz Khan Jadoon, President, Mr. Asghar Ch., General Secretary, Mr. Shams-ur-Rehman Abbasi, Finance Secretary and other office bearers of HJAFI, he said that their election was an evidence of trust and confidence of Journalist fraternity reposed in them.



The Deputy Speaker hoped that they will work for welfare of Journalist Community and freedom of press. The Deputy Speaker said that freedom of expression was essential for strengthening democracy in the country. He expressed the hope that under the new leadership the problems of Journalist's community would be resolved. He prayed for their success during their tenure.

National Assembly has been summoned

[Thursday, 23rd January 2014](#)

The President summoned the National Assembly to meet in the Parliament House, Islamabad on Monday, the 27th January, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

CONDOLENCES

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condole the Death of Mother of Senior Journalist, Abid Abbasi

[Wednesday, 1st January 2014](#)

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly have condoled the death of mother of Abid Abbasi, Bureau Chief Channel 5 and senior correspondent, Daily Khabrain.

In their separate condolence messages to Abid Abbasi, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker expressed their heartfelt grief and sorrow over the sad demise of his mother. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant strength and courage to him and other members of the family to bear the irreparable loss with equanimity.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condole the Death of Wife of Renowned Poet, Habib Jalib

[Monday, 6th January 2014](#)

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly condoled the death of wife of Habib Jalib, famous poet.

In their separate condolence messages to her family, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker expressed their heartfelt grief and sorrow over the sad demise of their mother. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant strength and courage to the members of the family to bear the irreparable loss with equanimity.

Qazi Hussain Ahmad was a Religious Scholar and Patriotic Pakistani: Says NA Speaker

[Monday, 6th January 2014](#)

Islamabad: January 6, 2014; Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly has said that Qazi Hussain Ahmad was a prominent religious scholar, veteran politician, respected leader and above all patriotic Pakistani. His deep knowledge of religious teachings distinguished him.

Paying homage to the former Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Qazi Hussain Ahmad on his 1st death anniversary, he said that he was a seasoned politician and during his tenure as Member National Assembly, he had rendered valuable contributions in legislative business. "His services for promotion of democracy and supremacy of Constitution in the country will be remembered for a long time to come," he said.

He added that Qazi Hussain united all groups of different sects in Pakistan and always remained active in all political and religious activities in the country till his death.

May Allah Rest the soul of Qazi Hussain Ahmad in eternal peace (Ameen), Speaker prayed.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condole the Death of Mother of Senator, Maula Bux Chandio

[Tuesday, 7th January 2014](#)

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly condoled the death of mother of Senator Maula Bux Chandio, former Minister of Law & Justice.

In their separate condolence messages to Maula Bux Chandio, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker expressed their profound grief and sorrow over the sad demise of his mother. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant strength and courage to him and other members of the family to bear the irreparable loss with equanimity.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condole the Passing Away of Father of Anusha Rahman Khan

[Sunday, 12th January 2014](#)

Speaker, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Deputy Speaker Murtaza Javed Abbasi condoled the passing away of father of Anusha Rahman Khan, Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication.

In their separate condolence messages to Anusha Rahman Khan, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker expressed their heartfelt grief and sorrow over the sad demise. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to her and other members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss with equanimity.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Express Grief and Sorrow over the Loss of Precious Lives in Result of Traffic Accident at Nawab Shah

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly expressed their heartfelt grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives due to unfortunate traffic accident at Qazi Ahmed Link Road, Nawab Shah, on Wednesday, 15th January.

In their separate statements the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker condoled with the bereaved families and prayed for solace of departed souls. They asked the Health Department to provide all out medical assistance to injured and prayed for their early recovery.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condole the death of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin

[Friday, 17th January 2014](#)

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly have condoled the death of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, eminent religious scholar and spiritual leader of Dawoodi Boras community.

In their separate condolence messages the Speaker and Deputy Speaker paid tribute to the services of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin for creating interfaith harmony and unity among the Ummah. They expressed their heartfelt grief and sorrow over the sad demise and prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family and his followers to bear the irreparable loss with equanimity.

CONDEMNATIONS

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condemn the Bomb Blast in Karachi

[Thursday, 9th January 2014](#)

Speaker, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Deputy Speaker Murtaza Javed Abbasi have strongly condemned the bomb blast at Lyari



Expressway, Karachi and express profound grief and sorrow over the assassination of SSP Ch. Aslam and other Police personnel. In their separate statements, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker termed it a barbaric and shameful act of terrorism. They said that the elements involved in such activities were the enemies of humanity and the country. They said that such shameful acts could not deter the Government from its firm resolve to fight against terrorism. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the souls in eternal peace and express solidarity with bereaved families.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condemn the Bomb Blast at Shangla

Sunday, 12th January 2014

Speaker, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Deputy Speaker Murtaza Javed Abbasi strongly condemned the bomb blast at Shangla and expressed grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives. In their separate statements, they termed it a barbaric and shameful act of terrorism. They said that the elements involved in such activities were the enemies of humanity and the country. They called upon the law enforcing agencies to apprehend the culprits involved in this shameful and heinous act and bring them to justice. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the souls of martyred in eternal peace and sympathized with bereaved families. They also prayed for early recovery of injured.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condemn Bomb Blast in Peshawar

Thursday, 16th January 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly strongly condemned the bomb blast in Peshawar and expressed grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives. In their separate statements, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker termed it a barbaric and shameful act of terrorism. They said that the elements involved in such activities were the enemies of humanity and the country. They said that such shameful acts could not deter the Government from its firm resolve to fight against terrorism. They were confident that the culprits involved in such activities will not be spared and will be brought to justice. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the souls of martyred in eternal peace and sympathized with bereaved families and prayed for early recovery of injured.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condemn Bomb Blast in Bannu

Sunday, 19th January 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly strongly condemned the bomb blast in Bannu and expressed grief and sorrow over the loss of precious lives. In their separate statements, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker termed it a barbaric and shameful act of terrorism. They said that the elements involved in such activities were the enemies of humanity and the country. They said that such shameful acts could not deter the Government from its firm resolve to fight against terrorism. They were confident that the culprits involved in such activities will not be spared and will be brought to justice.

They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the souls of martyred in eternal peace and sympathized with bereaved families and prayed for early recovery of injured.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condemn Bomb Blast in RA Bazaar, Rawalpindi

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly condemned the bomb blast in RA Bazaar, Rawalpindi Cantt. on Monday, 20th January. In their separate statements, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker termed it barbaric and shameful act of terrorism. They said that the elements involved in such activities were the enemies of humanity and the country and playing with the lives of innocent people. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker asked the Law Enforcing Agencies to arrest the miscreants involved in this heinous act and bring them to justice. They sympathized with bereaved families and prayed for eternal peace of departed souls and early recovery of injured.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condemn Terrorist Activities in Mastung and Charsada

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly condemned the terrorist activities, causing loss of precious lives in pilgrim's bus at Mastung last night and on police van at Charsada on Wednesday, 22nd January morning. In their separate statements, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker termed these terrorist activities barbaric and shameful act of terrorism. They said that the elements involved in these heinous acts were the enemies of humanity and the country. They said that miscreants playing with the lives of innocent people could not save themselves from the wrath of Allah. They sympathized with bereaved families and prayed for eternal peace of departed souls and early recovery of injured.

Working Council of the Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) meets

Dr. Fehmida Mirza, Patron Women's Parliamentary Caucus chaired meeting of the Working Council of the Caucus at Parliament House, on 30th January 2014. The Chair congratulated Ms. Shaista Parvaiz on her appointment as a new Secretary Women's Parliamentary Caucus as a replacement to Senator Nuzhat Sadiq. Working Council discussed the annual plan and upcoming activities of the Women's Parliamentary Caucus. Working Council also discussed holding a Round Table Conference and Women Convention in the coming quarter in addition to establishment of Provincial Women Caucuses. The meeting was also attended by other members of the Working Council including Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb, Ms. Munnazza Hassan, Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali and Ms. Aisha Syed.



FROM MEDIA

For the readers of National Assembly Gazette, two important and interesting articles published in print media are included in February issue. The first article was published in Daily Jinnah on 24 January 2014. It is especially relevant to National Assembly as the prompt response of the Secretary Public Accounts Committee has been acknowledged. It manifests that Public Accounts Committee is vigilant and takes no respite in dealing the matters of public importance. The second article was published in Daily Naw-e-Waqt on 06 February 2014. It is about the recognition of Sheikh Saadi Sherazi on international level as UN has declared 2014 as Sheikh Saadi's Year. This is an honor for this region and a global commendation for Sufism.

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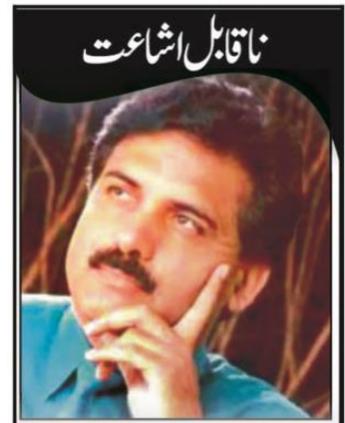
سیکرٹری ہیں یعنی طاہر حنفی کا خط آپ بھی پڑھ لیجئے، اب شمینہ پرویز کا فراڈ نہیں چلے گا

دیا۔ اب فوج پھر ڈرائیونگ سیٹ پر ہے اور اس نے وزیر اعظم اور عمران خان کو اپنی راہ پہ لگا لیا ہے۔ باقی سب کہانی ہے۔ فوج کے اندر دو آرا تھیں کہ 2014 میں امریکی جاسپیں گے تو بہت سے لوگ افغانستان چلے جائیں گے تو دباؤ کم ہوگا اس وقت وہ اپنے علاقے صاف کر سکیں گے۔ دوسری رائے یہ تھی کہ اگر افغانی طالبان نے امریکی فوجوں کے جانے کے بعد زور پکڑ لیا تو پاکستانی طالبان بھی شیر ہوں جائیں گے لہذا پاکستانی طالبان کو پہلے ہی قابو کرنا ضروری ہوگا۔ پاکستانی طالبان نے سیاسی حکومتوں کی کمزوری سے غلط نتیجہ اخذ کیا اور مارا ماری کر کے مجبور کر دیا کہ پاکستانی ریاست کی اصل قوت افواج پاکستان اپنا قومی فریضہ انجام دیں۔ لہذا انہوں اور راولپنڈی کے واقعے کے بعد فوج نے میدان میں اترنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا ہے۔ اب چوہدری نثار گھر بیٹھیں گے اور فوج اندرونی سلامتی کے امور طے کرے گی۔ بہت جلد پارلیمنٹ کو اعتماد میں لیا جائے گا اور جو فوج کہے گی۔ سب اس کا ساتھ دیں گے۔ وزیر اعظم قوم کو اعتماد میں لیں گے اور عمران خان بھی یہ امر مجبوری سب تسلیم کریں گے رہے بیچارے فضل الرحمن اور سمیع الحق ان کی کس نے سنی ہے اصل سیاسی ہیرو بلاول بھٹو بن چکے ہیں جنہوں نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف اپنی ماں کی زبان میں بات کی ہے۔ سرتاج عزیز امریکہ گئے ہیں اور 16 فروری کو شاہ سعود آ رہے ہیں اور پاکستان اس آخری معرکے میں شامل ہو جائے گا بانی سب اتحادی ہوں گے۔

اگر ایسا نہ ہوا اور میاں نواز شریف و عمران خان کی منطقی چلتی رہی تو پاکستان شمال مغربی سرحد کی جانب سے نہ صرف انتشار کا شکار ہو سکتا۔ بلکہ خدا نخواستہ ٹوٹ بھی سکتا ہے فوج نے منتخب حکومت کی عزت کی ہے اور اسے برقرار رکھا ہے اب یہ بھی اپنی عزت کو بچائے رکھنے کیلئے خاموش طبع لیکن شہیدوں کے وارث جنرل راجیل کے مشورے پر کار بند ہوں گے قارئین! سیاستدانوں کا INITIATIVE ختم ہو چکا..... اب فوج کی باری ہے۔

آج سچ ٹی وی پر رات 10 سے 11 بجے FIFTY MINUTES With Khushnood ali Khan کے عنوان سے پروگرام کروں گا۔ آپ کی رائے پر Khushnoodalikhan@gmail.com ضرور بھیجئے گا۔

قارئین! آپ نے دیکھا کہ کل اسن و امان پر ایک



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اجلاس ہوا، جس میں آرمی چیف بھی تھے اور ڈی جی آئی ایس آئی بھی..... مجھے باقی باتوں کا تو علم نہیں۔ لیکن ایک دن بمباری ہوئی وہ میں لکھ چکا کہ فوج روزانہ صبر کر کے کھٹکتی تھی..... انہوں نے فضائیہ کے ذریعہ ان پر حملہ کر دیا جنہیں وہ خود پر حملہ آور سمجھتے تھے۔ اب وزیر اعظم نے اچھا کیا کہ فوج کے ساتھ بیٹھ کر بات کر لی..... لیکن اگر وہ فوج کو اجازت نہ بھی دیتے تو یہ اجازت ہی تھی۔ میں نے یہ بھی لکھا تھا کہ آپ فوج کا امتحان نہ لیں لہذا جب آپ کے پاس موقع تھا اس وقت تو آپ نے کچھ کیا نہیں، اب تو فوج پر جتنے حملے ہوئے۔ ان کے پاس اسلحہ بھی ہے، اسلحہ استعمال کرنے کی تربیت بھی۔ لہذا وہ جواب دیں گے۔

برادر کرم امتیاز عالم سے کل لاہور میں ملاقات ہوئی ان کا کہنا ہے کہ سیاسی پارٹیوں نے دہشت گردی کوئی پہل نہیں کی اور وہ بہانے ڈھونڈتی رہیں کہ اس عفریت کا سامنا نہ کریں۔ وفاقی حکومت یا پنجاب و خیبر پختون خوا کی صوبائی حکومتیں..... اس بڑے چیلنج کا مقابلہ کرنے سے اجتناب کرتی رہیں۔ ایک بیہودہ مقابلہ تھا کہ کون ثابت کرے کہ وہ طالبان اور شدت پسندوں کے ساتھ معاملہ کرنے میں ایک دوسرے کو پھپھانے میں آگے ہے۔ طالبان نے یہ سمجھا کہ یہ تو سب مٹی کے مادھو ہیں اور غلطی یہ کی کہ وہ جو کچھ کریں گے۔ یہ مزید دب جائیں گے طالبان نے جو مارا ماری شروع کی اور خاص طور پر فوج کو نشانہ بنایا تو وہ یہ بھول گئے کہ کسی ملک کی فوج یہ سہ ہی نہیں سکتی۔ سیاسی حکومت کو بڑا وقت ملا جو انہوں نے گنوا

قارئین محترم! میں نے ریڈیو پاکستان محترمہ شمینہ پرویز اور مارکیٹنگ کے ٹھیکے پر جو کالم لکھے..... ان میں سے ایک دن پہلے کے کالم میں اس موضوع پر میں نے PAC کو مخاطب کیا تھا کہ پی اے سی اس پرائیکشن لے..... جواب میں آج پی اے سی نے ایڈیشنل سیکرٹری قومی اسمبلی جو PAC کے سیکرٹری ہیں کے ذریعے ایک خط بھیجا ہے، جسے میں قارئین سے شیئر کر رہا ہوں..... لکھتے ہیں

محترم خوشنود علی خان صاحب سلام مسنون قومی اہمیت کے معاملات میں پبلک اکاؤنٹس کمیٹی کی جانب سے کیے گئے فیصلوں پر آپ کے تبصرے کمیٹی اراکین کیلئے یقیناً حوصلہ افزائی کا سبب بنتے ہیں۔ آج 23 جنوری کے کالم میں آپ نے ریڈیو پاکستان میں مارکیٹنگ سے متعلق سیکنڈل پریکٹس اکاؤنٹس کمیٹی کے چیئرمین سید خورشید احمد شاہ کی توجہ مبذول کرائی ہے، اس ضمن میں مندرجہ ذیل حقائق آپ کی توجہ کے مستحق ہیں۔

1- یکم جنوری کو پبلک اکاؤنٹس کمیٹی کے اپنے افتتاحی اجلاس کے دوسرے روز ریڈیو پاکستان میں ایف ایم ریڈیو پبلسیشن کے مارکیٹنگ کنٹریکٹ کے بارے میں سپینہ بدعنوانی کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے وزارت اطلاعات کو 15 جنوری تک کمیٹی کو اس بارے میں ہونے والی حکیمانہ تحقیقات سے آگاہ کرنے کی ہدایت جاری کی تھی۔

2- 15 جنوری کی پی اے سی کے اجلاس میں وزارت اطلاعات کی جانب سے اس موضوع پر رپورٹ کو غیر تسلی بخش قرار دیتے ہوئے یہ معاملہ آڈیٹر جنرل کے سپرد کر دیا گیا تاکہ وہ اس کے بارے میں پی اے سی کو پندرہ روز کے اندر اندر رپورٹ پیش کرے۔ وزارت اطلاعات کو ہدایت کی گئی کہ اس کنٹریکٹ کے متعلق تمام دستاویزات آڈٹ حکام کو بلاتا خیر فراہم کریں۔

مجھے امید ہے کہ مندرجہ بالا سطور سے یہ تاثر کہ پی اے سی نے اس بڑی سپینہ بدعنوانی سے صرف نظر کیا ہے، زائل ہو جانا چاہیے۔ اور اس موضوع پر کمیٹی کے اجتماعی فیصلے کو آپ اپنے قارئین سے Share کریں گے۔ مخلص (طاہر حنفی) ایڈیشنل سیکرٹری (پی اے سی) قارئین! میرا دوسرا موضوع کل بھی رشید چوہدری چیئرمین میمبر اتھے..... آج پھر اس پر لکھ رہا ہوں کہ میری تازہ ترین اطلاع ہے کہ رشید چوہدری صاحب ذاتی وجوہات کی بنا پر آج کل میں مستعفی ہو رہے ہیں.....



سعدی شیراز..... شیخ اجل

قافیہ اور دریف کے ساتھ کئی غزلیات لکھی ہیں۔ علامہ اقبال پر بھی سعدی کے اثرات تھے۔ علامہ اقبال نے ایک نظم میں سعدی کے یہ دو شعر بھی نقل کئے ہیں:

کی قطره باران زاہری چاکید
نخل شد چو پھنای دریا بدید
کہ جالی کہ دریاست من کیستم
گراہست حقاً کہ من نیستم
اردو شعراء میں خواجہ میر درد اور الطاف حسین حالی بھی سعدی سے بے حد متاثر تھے۔ ”کریم“ آج تک طلباء کو درس میں پڑھائی جاتی ہے۔ روٹی کشمیر و پنجاب میاں محمد بخش صاحب سیف الملوک بھی سعدی کے روحانی و اخلاقی شاگرد تھے۔ پاکستان کی کئی مقامی بولیوں اور زبانوں میں لکھنے والے اکثر شاعر سعدی سے کسب فیض حاصل کرتے رہے ہیں۔ آج بھی مدرسوں، خانقاہوں، زیارتوں اور عمارتوں پر جابی سعدی کے اقوال اور اشعار لکھے نظر آتے ہیں۔ سعدی نے گلستان اور بوستان کے علاوہ غزلیات،

عربی و فارسی قصائد، مرثی اور قطعات کے علاوہ عطار کے طرز پر پندنامہ بھی تالیف کیا۔ آج بھی فارسی کا یہ شعر سعدی کی عظمت کا آئینہ دار ہے۔

در شعر سے تن پیبرا نند
ہر چند کہ ”لابی بعدی“
ایات و قصیدہ و غزل را
فردوسی و انوری و سعدی
اہل مغرب نے گلستان اور بوستان کے کئی زبانوں میں تراجم کروائے ہیں اور سعدی نہ صرف مشرق میں بلکہ مغرب میں بھی شہرت تاحصہ رکھتے ہیں۔ آج ساڑھے سات سو سال گزرنے کے بعد بھی سعدی زندہ و پائندہ ہے۔ آخری عمر سعدی نے شیراز سے ڈیڑھ میل دور رکنابار کے کنارے واقع خانقاہ میں عبادت و ریاضت میں گزار دی۔ یہیں تقریباً 691ھ میں انتقال فرمایا اور یہیں دفن کر دیئے گئے آپ کا مزار سعدیہ کے نام سے مشہور ہے لیکن سعدی نے زندگی میں ہی کہہ دیا تھا:

بد از وفات تربت ما در زمین بجوی
در سینہ حالی مردم عارف و مزار ماست

تصوف و عرفان کے زمرے بھی کثرت سے دکھائی دیتے ہیں۔ سعدی نے دنیا کو مختلف زاویوں سے پرکھا اور مختلف نظروں سے دیکھا۔ آپ حسن پرست، زاہد و اعفا، شاعر، عالم، فلسطینی اور عابد شب زندہ دار تھے۔ سعدی کی شاعری اور فکر آفاقی ہے۔ گو وہ جا بجا آیات قرآن مجید اور احادیث مبارکہ اپنی تحریروں میں نقل کرتے ہیں اور عربی کے اشعار اور اقوال سے اپنی سادہ اور پرکیر تحریروں میں جان ڈال دیتے ہیں مگر ہم یہ دیکھتے ہیں کہ ان کی تحریروں پر فخر اور پر بہات ہیں جو انسانی تجربات اور انسانی نفسیات کی آئینہ دار ہیں۔ اپنی آفاقی فکر کے بارے میں وہ کہتے ہیں:

کس نالیہ در این عہد چومن بر در دوست
کہ با قاق سخن می رود از شیرازم
سعدی نے فارسی گو شعراء پر گہرے نقوش مرتب کئے ہیں۔ مثال کے طور پر لسان الغیب خواجہ حافظ شیرازی فرماتے ہیں:

استاد سخن سعدی است پیش ہمہ کس اما
دارد سخن حافظ طرز و روش خوا جو
ملک الشعراء بہار لکھتے ہیں کہ سعدی کی شخصیت اور عظمت کو گلستان میں دیکھنا چاہئے۔ شاید یہی وجہ ہے کہ گلستان سعدی برصغیر پاک و ہند کی علمی و ادبی و مذہبی درسگاہوں کی آج بھی زینت ہے۔ گلستان کی حکایات، اخلاقیات اور واقعات پر مبنی ہیں۔ مولانا الطاف حسین حالی نے حیات سعدی میں گلستان پر تبصرہ کرتے ہوئے لکھا ہے کہ سعدی نے یہ چھوٹے چھوٹے جملے ریشم کے لچھے معلوم ہوتے ہیں احادیث رسول اور نبی البلاغہ عربی زبان میں علم و عرفان کا بے مثال سرمایہ ہے۔ چھوٹے چھوٹے مربوط فقرے ادبیات و عرفانیات کی بے نظیر مثالیں ہیں۔ انگریزی ادب میں نیکن کی تحریروں اور اوسکر و امیلڈ کے جملے عقل و دانش کے حسین مرقعے ہیں۔ اسی طرح فارسی زبان میں سعدی کی تحریروں و لچسپ، پر مغز اور پرکیر ہیں۔ سعدی کی شاعری اور افکار کے اثرات برصغیر کے فارسی شعراء پر بھی نظر آتے ہیں۔ امیر خسرو دہلوی اور حسن دہلوی نے سعدی کی زمین میں ای



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اقوام متحدہ نے فارسی کے عظیم شاعر سعدی شیرازی بین الاقوامی شخصیت کے پیش نظر یہ سال ان سے منسوب کیا ہے۔ تمام دنیا میں یوم سعدی کے حوالے سے تقریبات منعقد ہو رہی ہیں۔ برصغیر ہندو پاک میں سعدی کی تعلیمات کا گہرا اثر رہا ہے۔ گلستان سعدی اور بوستان سعدی ہماری تعلیم و تربیت میں کلیدی کردار ادا کرتی رہی ہیں۔ سعدی کا مختصر تعارف اور اس کے برصغیر پر اثرات موضوع مضمون ہے۔ احسان معتمد ”سعد چپی گوید“ میں اور شبلی نعمانی شعر انجم حصہ دوم میں لکھتے ہیں کہ آپ کا نام صلح الدین اور سعدی تخلص تھا۔ پروفیسر براؤن اور رضا زاہد شفق نے آپ کا نام مشرف الدین لکھا ہے بہر حال اصلاح امت اور شرف دین کی خدمت سعدی ہی کا نصب تھا۔ شیخ سعدی کے آباء اجداد کا تعلق علمی و دینی خاندان سے تھا جس پر سعدی فخریہ انداز میں کہتے ہیں:

ہمہ قبیلہ من عالمان دین بودند
مرا معلم عشق تو شاعری آموخت
آپ نے زندگی کا خاصہ حصہ سیر و سیاحت میں گزارا۔ شیراز سے نکل کر بغداد آئے اور جوزی جیسے اساتذہ سے کسب فیض کیا۔ بعض لوگوں نے لکھا ہے کہ سعدی ہندوستان بھی آئے اور گجرات میں کچھ مدت قیام کیا لیکن اس کے بارے میں مستند سندیں میسر نہیں ہیں۔ سیاحت کے بارے میں سعدی فرماتے ہیں:

بہ بیچ یارمدہ خاطر و بہ بیچ دیار
کہ بر و بحر فراخ است و آدمی بسیار
چو ماکیان بدر خانہ چند بنی جور؟
چرا سفر کنی چون کبوتر نظار
دشمن کے قحط اور شیرازی تاخت و تاراجی نے سعدی کو دنیا کی بے ثباتی کا احساس دلایا۔ آپ نے لوگوں کو تزکیہ نفس اور اصلاح کردار کی تلقین کی۔ آپ کی غزلیات میں جہاں حسن و عشق کی رنگینیاں اور کیفیتیں ملتی ہیں وہاں



PERSPECTIVE

Miseries of the Poor

Ashtar Hussain



I was warmly welcomed with freezing breeze last time I went to my village in winters, on January 10, 2014. The Green Kurram Valley had been converted into White and Blue Kurram Valley due to the winter season. The mountains in the region, especially the White Mountain (Koh-e-Safaid) were all covered with blizzard. The clean natural environment was in its full bloom, with the deep blue sky. The whole atmosphere was looking like frozen ice in the prevailing low temperature almost below minus 10 degree centigrade, during winters.

As the White Mountain (Koh-e-Safaid) is covered with blizzard almost all over the year, hence the name of Koh-e-Safaid, while the region is facing snowfall each year, time to time, from almost December to the end of February. During this time period, most of the life activities are paralyzed which leads the people to face severe problems in the winter season. The existing poverty in the region adds more fuel to the fire of problematic life in the region.

Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) is considered to be one of the most backward areas of the country, let alone the Kurram Agency. All the parameters of the general welfare are alarmingly low. Access to all the basic needs of life, i.e. education, health, infra-structure, communication, sanitation and clean drinking water etc. are merely available in the region.

During the trip to my village for one week, I observed so many problems – paralyzed life, load shedding, unemployment, poor means of communication, and several diseases of chest infection along with poverty as usual – the people of the region are facing. As the region is surrounded by so many problems, what I observe the most dangerous was the chest infection diseases – an outbreak which was due to the prevailing very much low temperature during the winter season. I found most of the children coughing severely, while they were getting treated with the high doses of anti-biotic medicines. The children under the age of five years, even infants were given injections of high dose anti-biotic medicines. The elders were not spared from such treatment. The sad part is that all these treatment are not provided at least by the MBBS doctors. The medical dispensers and lab technicians, who have worked with doctors, have opened their clinics and are serving as so-called doctors. The remaining deficiency in this regard is fulfilled by the low-standard companies' medicines. This practice continues every year in the winters.

People of the area use wood-fuel for heating-up their rooms and other energy requirements, while the prices of fuel wood are very much high, costing forty kilogram (considered as one Mann) of wood of around 800-1000 PKR. The wood-fuels on one side cause deforestation while on another side creating reasons for the asthmatic diseases. The list of the problems is too long to describe, while this is not the case only with the Kurram Agency. Other

Agencies of FATA are facing more or less similar situation, while the rest of the rural areas of Pakistan are not the exceptions.

It is the immense need of the time to take strategic decisions regarding the development of the country in general while the rural areas especially FATA in particular. It is the time to adopt long-term strategies for the development and growth, or else we must expect the worst situations in the near future. If we did not take care of things now, tomorrow will be worse than today. It is the time for the newly established democratic government to implement all the strategies for the better future; otherwise democracy will remain still as an ambiguous picture in the minds of the people. The future generation will never forgive us then.

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Special Article

COST OF WAR ON TERROR TO PAKISTAN

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It is believed that Pakistan's role in the "War on Terror" far exceeds its capabilities, responsibilities and size. Pakistan's documented economic loss amounted to 67 billion US dollars in 2010-11 since the inception of this war in 2001.

The benefits associated with Pakistan's "yes" to cooperate in the anti-terrorism war were short lived. Pakistan had sustained huge economic costs in terms of loss of investment, fall in exports and GDP and increase in costly imports.

The insurgency and terrorist activities that grew in Pakistan were mostly hatched in the northern areas of Pakistan and as a result Pakistan army had to launch major operations in Swat and Malakand in 2009. As a result of army operations and presence of Taliban in those areas around 3000,000 people were displaced and were resettled by Pakistan Army, this all caused Pakistan big cost.

COST OF WAR ON TERROR		
Years	Billion \$	Billion Rs.
2001-02	2.669	163.9
2002-03	2.749	160.8
2003-04	2.932	168.8
2004-05	3.41	202.4
2005-06	3.986	238.6
2006-07	4.67	283.2
2007-08	6.94	434.1
2008-09	9.18	720.6
2009-10	13.56	1136.4
2010-11	17.83	1528
Total:	67.926	5036.8

The table below shows the total cost of war on terror incurred by Pakistan which is the sum of both direct and indirect costs year by year.

Several major and full-fledged operations were undertaken by Pakistan army with the name of Sher Dil operation in 2007 in Bajur, Zalzala Operation in 2008 in South Waziristan and Operation Rah-e-Rast in 2009 in Malakand and Sawat which amplified the total cost in the year 2007-08 by 48% and by 47% in 2009-10.

During the last 10 years the direct and indirect cost of war on terror incurred by Pakistan amounted to Rs.5037 billion or \$ 67.93 billion. These figures represent a completely different picture as compared to the estimates that were made at the start of this war. The table below represents the estimated figure in 2001 and the actual expenses borne by Pakistan incurred due to its active and much criticized participation the war against terror.



The main element that was missed in the initial estimates was the compensation that was to be paid to the war affected people; a sizeable chunk of the total cost is paid as compensation to the affected people.

Cost of War Estimate in 2001-02 and 2010-11 (\$ Billion)		
	2001-02	2010-11
Exports	1.4	2.9
Compensation to War Affected People	0	0.8
Physical infrastructure	0	1.72
Foreign Investment	0.15	2.1
Privatization	0.5	1.1
Industrial output	0.11	1.7
Tax Collection	0.25	2.1
Cost of Uncertainty	0.1	2.9
Expenditure Over run	0.11	1.6
Others	0.1	0.9
Total:	2.72	17.82
<i>Source: Ministry of Finance</i>		

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

The events that emerged after 9/11 in Afghanistan deteriorated the security environment in the country. As a result, the western countries plus the United States enacted travel ban for their citizens including investors, importers, tourists etc. to visit Pakistan. This prevented the inflows of foreign investment, affected Pakistan's exports, braked the overall economic activity, increased expenditure on additional security, reduced tax collection, domestic tourism industry bear the brunt of it. Pakistan's investment-to-GDP ratio plunged from 22.5 percent in 2006-07 to 13.4 percent in 2010-11 with serious consequences on job creating capability of the economy.

Foreign Investment inflows in Pakistan (\$Million)				
Year	Greenfield Investment	Privatization Proceeds	Total FDI	Private Portfolio Investment
2001-02	357.00	128.00	485.00	-10.00
2002-03	622.00	176.00	798.00	22.00
2003-04	750.00	199.00	949.00	-28.00
2004-05	1,161.00	363.00	1,524.00	153.00
2005-06	1,981.00	1,540.00	3,521.00	351.00
2006-07	4,873.20	266.40	5,139.60	1,820.00
2007-08	5,276.60	133.20	5,409.80	19.30
2008-09	3,719.90	0.00	3,719.90	-510.30
2009-10	2,150.80	0.00	2,150.80	587.90
2010-11	1,634.8	0.00	1,634.8	344.5
2011-12	820.7	0.00	812.6	(46.9)
2012-13	1447.3	0.00	1447.3	119.5
<i>Source: Pakistan Board of Investment</i>				



With the foreign assistance coming in the investment rose in early years of the war but as the war expanded in time and scope the consequences of this war started to hit Pakistan harder

EXPORTS

Exports have had and are still having a negative impact due to war on terror, the reasons behind this adverse effect can be identified as:

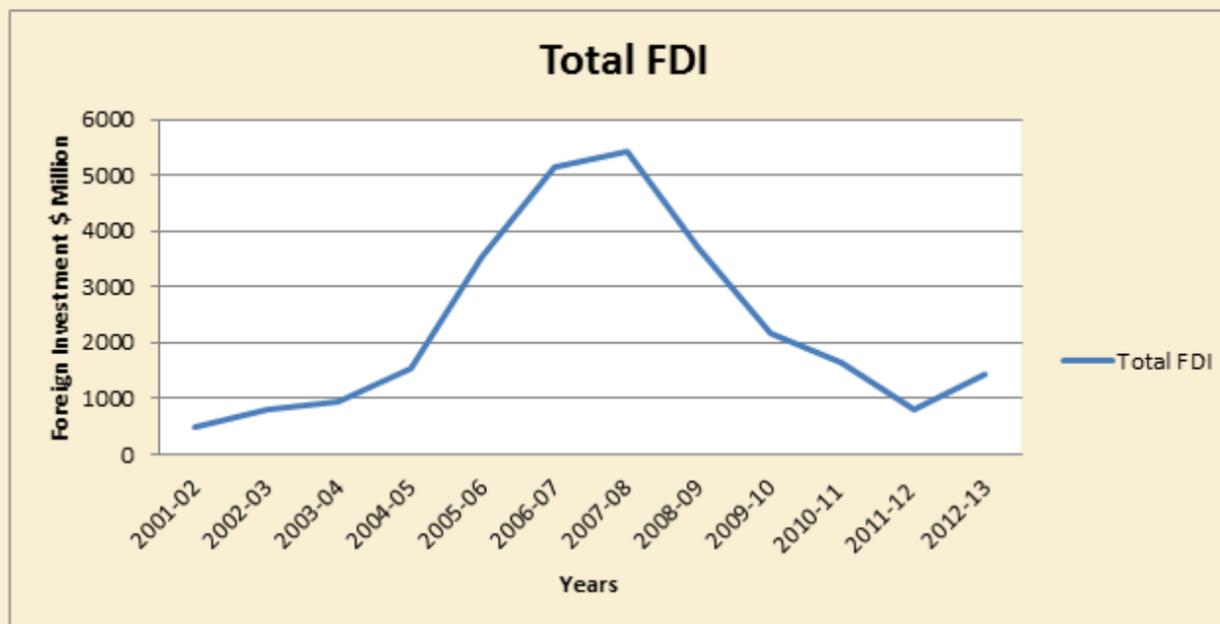
- (i) production fall;
- (ii) shift to domestic sales;
- (iii) Disruptions in international markets.

Pakistan suffers \$6 billion export losses annually due to the unending war against terrorism. Being a front line state against war on terrorism Pakistan has been subjected to many restrictions including a travel advice to the western citizens advising to limit their travel to Pakistan. Pakistan conducts most of its trade with the US and the European Union countries in fact more than 50% of Pakistan's exports have there last stop at these two destinations. After travel advice issued by western countries, the foreign buyers became reluctant to visit Pakistan. Many reputable international trading/buying houses that had established their offices in Pakistan before 9/11 for procurement of value added textiles from not only Pakistan but the entire region have moved to Bangladesh, India and Hong Kong. To worsen the situation the Pakistani businessmen are exposed to strict scrutiny for grant of visa and their visa process is substantially delayed. The one to one contact of Pakistani businessmen with their foreign colleagues has been limited or completely denied. This has badly impacted Pakistan's exports. As a result of this the foreign buyers have exploited the situation to procure goods at lowest values leaving Pakistan with low value of exports and high valued import.

The events that took place in Pakistan as a result of Pakistan's involvement in the war took the country back in terms of finances and growth. Hundreds; and thousands of jobs could have been created had the economic activity not slowed but in fact thousands of jobs were lost because of the destruction of domestic/foreign tourism industry, millions of people were displaced for war affected areas, increase in compensation paid to displaced people; destruction of physical infrastructure (military and civil) and massive increase in security related spending.

Exports & Imports of Pakistan		
Value in Million U.S.\$		
Year	Exports	Imports
2000-2001	9,202	10,729
2001-2002	9,135	10,340
2002-2003	11,160	12,220
2003-2004	12,313	15,592
2004-2005	14,391	20,598
2005-2006	16,451	28,581
2006-2007	16,976	30,540
2007-2008	19,052	39,966
2008-2009	17,688	34,822
2009-2010	19,290	34,710
2010-2011	24,810	40,414
2011-2012	23,624	44,912

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics



YEARS	GDP
2000-2001	3.11
2002-2003	4.73
2003-2004	7.48
2004-2005	8.96
2005-2006	5.82
2006-2007	5.54
2007-2008	4.99
2008-2009	0.36
2009-2010	2.58
2010-2011	3.66
2011-2012	4.36
2012-2013	3.59

Source: Economic Survey of Pakistan 2013

TOURISM

Pakistan's northern areas like Gilgit-Baltistan and KPK are one of the most beautiful tourists' attraction. People living there heavily depend on tourist visits to earn their bread and butter. However, this industry too witnessed the effects of anti-terrorism war and some of these areas went into the grip of terrorists.

According to the World Economic Forum, Pakistan ranked 122 out of 140 countries in 2012 as a tourist destination. The low ranking is due to incidents of terrorism and the counter terrorism activities carried out by the law enforcement agencies in the northern and tribal areas of Pakistan. However Pakistan is continuously making improvement in ranking in its travel and tourism competitiveness and moved to 122 out of 140 countries in 2012 from 131 in 2010.

PAKISTAN TRAVEL AND TOURISM COMPETITIVENESS	
2009	113 out of 130
2010	131 out of 140
2011	125 out of 140
2012	122 out of 140

Source: World Economic Forum



HUMAN LOSS

Pakistan is one of the top countries that is most effected by terrorist activities. According to the Global Terrorism index, Pakistan ranks second in the list of top 10 countries most affected by terrorism in the year 2011 succeeded by Iraq at the top. The complete list is given below:

Ten countries most affected by terrorism in 2011		
RANK	COUNTRY	GTI SCORE
1	Iraq	9.56
2	Pakistan	9.05
3	Afghanistan	8.67
4	India	8.15
5	Yemen	7.3
6	Somalia	7.24
7	Nigeria	7.24
8	Thailand	7.09
9	Russia	7.07
10	Philippines	6.8

Source: Global Terrorism Index

PAK ARMY’S CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE 9 / 11

Pakistan’s army has suffered the highest number of casualties than any other country’s army even the loss of Pak’s Army officers exceeds the loss of NATO forces as a whole, according to the statistics available from ISPR, 10 soldier casualties have taken place each day in 2009. Most of the casualties around 86% of the total casualties to Pakistan Army occurred in the period of 2007 to 2010, since the war has started total reported casualties are 8785 till 2010, of which 2273 soldiers have been killed and 6512 sustained severe injuries

In these 10 years of war (2001 to 2010) Pakistan army has paid the highest price in terms of war expenditures as well as loss of its officers. 2273 Army men were killed (Shaheed) in this war and Pak army killed/arrested 17,483 terrorists, however only 1582 NATO soldiers were killed during this period, so an army of one country has lost more than the army of 43 countries fighting together in the main battlefield.

Source: Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR)

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

Pakistan has grieved thousands of deaths of its civilians who were and are being targeted by these cruel terrorists. Civilian deaths in Pakistan amount to 17264, which makes 35% of all deaths and casualties that have been resulted from this war since it started in 2001. The chart below gives a clear year-wise summary of all the casualties sustained by Pakistan in terms of its human resource.

In 2012 alone a total of 1,577 terrorist attacks were recorded across Pakistan, which claimed the lives of 2,050 people



and caused injuries to another 3,822. The highest numbers of terrorist attacks (474) were reported from Baluchistan. The Taliban diseased and militancy affected Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) appeared to be the second and third most volatile areas of the country in 2012 where 456 and 388 terrorist attacks were stated, respectively.

	Civilians	Security Force Personnel	Terrorists/Insurgents	Total
2003	140	24	25	189
2004	435	184	244	863
2005	430	81	137	648
2006	608	325	538	1471
2007	1522	597	1479	3598
2008	2155	654	3906	6715
2009	2324	991	8389	11704
2010	1796	469	5170	7435
2011	2738	765	2800	6303
2012	3007	732	2472	6211
2013	2109	465	1332	3906
Total*	17264	5287	26492	49043

Source: SATP, Institute of Conflict Management

Enhanced spending on security and associated expenditures run the risk of 'over running' other expenditures required for the provision of basic social and economic services to the citizens. Pakistan should try to reduce its dependence on foreign assistance because, instead of economic improvement, the foreign financial and economic assistance programs allow the donor to exert a considerable amount of influence over recipient state's internal matters. By reducing the dependence on international aid making use of immense natural resources of Pakistan all current problems can be solved including energy crises, industrialization and economic uplift of the people.

In the first phase, the government must try to alleviate the situation in the terror infested areas with the support and cooperation of the local people. In the second phase, the government should initiate infrastructural development and focus on industrialization in the distressed regions by utilizing their natural resources. This will result in increased employment opportunities and will contribute in economic development of the country. Terrorism is believed to be the primary source of instability and economic deprivation in Pakistan.

There is a need to build consensus on the issue at the national level among the religious, political, bureaucratic and army leadership that can help reduce the terrorist attacks and can re-enforce the confidence of civilians, investors and international tourists in visiting and investing in Pakistan.

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