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Chief Editor's Note

On 6th September every year, we celebrate Pakistan Defence Day in commemoration of the heroics this Nation showed to defend the motherland against an attack by a cunning enemy. A war was imposed on us and we took no time to realize that it was time to defend our ideology and country. The military and general public of Pakistan showed such incredible feats of bravery and resilience that are rarely witnessed in the history. When the President of Pakistan gave a call of Jihad, the whole Nation came out to offer their lives for motherland. **Our brave soldiers laid before tanks to blow them up.** Our mothers, sisters and daughters offered their savings and jewelry. The brave people of Lahore went rushing to the border with sticks and hatchets to fight side by side with Pakistan Army. The passion of civilians was so high that soldiers could hardly convince them to go home for civil defence. The sky roared with the flight of our Shaheens and made a history by destroying a much well supplied air force. M.M. Alam downed five Indian aircrafts in less than a minute — the first four within 30 seconds — establishing a world record. Who can forget Major Aziz Bhatti (Nishan-e-Haider), our own symbol of bravery and courage? We not only defended our lands but also on the night of 7/8 September, after crossing two major water obstacles in a bold thrust, Pakistani armoured and mechanized formations supported by artillery and Pakistan Air Force overran area of Khem Karn, 6 to 8 miles inside Indian territory. Our navy destroyed the strong Indian base of Dwarka Bay in a surprise attack. Very soon, the enemy realized that Pakistan was a reality which can never be defeated.

Through the course of history, whenever an external threat has been posed on Pakistan, the whole nation has united against it. Today, we have internal threats instead of external. We need to tackle these problems with the same spirit, zeal and patriotism that was shown in 1965. Today we need to stand once again as a nation, united and harmonized. We have to think beyond our personal affiliations for the sake of Pakistan. This country was made after huge sacrifices and we should not let those martyrs down today. Otherwise, history will never forgive us. May Allah protect Pakistan from all internal and external threats and give us the foresight to think beyond our personal motives for the sake of this precious gift, Pakistan.

It is expressed with great sorrow and grief that Ex-Deputy Speaker, National Assembly Honourable Ashraf Khatoon Abbasi has passed away on 3 August, 2014. We pray for the departed soul. May her soul rest in peace and paradise. The tremendous services of Mrs. Ashraf Khatoon Abbasi for the National Assembly and Democracy will be remembered.

Thank You

Ch. Mukhtar Ahmed



Legislative Business

National Assembly was summoned by the President to meet on Monday, the 4th August 2014 at 4.00 p.m. It was the 14th Session of the 14th National Assembly. The Session was prorogued on Monday, 1st September 2014. The important legislative business of the 14th Session during August 2014 is summarized below:

A. Bills

Government Bills Laid

The following four bills were laid by the government in National Assembly during August.

1. The Equity Participation Fund (Repeal) Act, 2014

The bill was laid in National Assembly on 6th August. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 4th June 2008, accorded approval of winding up of Equity Participation Fund (EPF). The winding up process has been completed after observance of prescribed procedure. Summary for repealing of Equity Participation Fund Ordinance (I of 1970) was moved and EPF (Repeal) Bill, 2014 was approved by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 18th April, 2014.

2. The Foreign Exchange Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2014

The bill was laid in National Assembly on 6th August. State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) is the regulator of the foreign exchange regime in Pakistan and is responsible for the administration of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947 (the Act). Since the

promulgation of the Act, the volume of foreign currency transactions to and from Pakistan has considerably increased. It needs to have effective enforcement powers to regulate the foreign exchange business of banks and exchange companies. However, under the existing provisions of the Act, SBP has no direct power to impose monetary penalties on violation of provisions of the Act and has to follow a lengthy procedure of adjudication. It can only suspend or cancel the license of a bank or an exchange company on violation of any provision of the Act which often becomes more severe than the violations warrant.

3. The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2014

The bill was laid in National Assembly on 7th August. The Pakistan Bar Council has proposed amendments in sections 41 and 54 of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 (XXXV of 1973) to further regulate the disciplinary proceedings in the cases of grave professional misconduct and to prescribe the period for expeditious disposal of complaints.

4. The Seed (Amendment) Act, 2014

The bill was laid in National Assembly on 8th August. It has been observed that Seed Act, 1976 does not fulfill the requirements of "Modern Seed Industry". Over the years, the capacity of the Public sector has been greatly impaired and the private sector is playing stronger and more vibrant role in the development of seed industry, the world over. The new innovations in hybrid



technology and Genetically Modified Crops, (CMC's) have transformed the seed industry. The new "Seed Amendment Bill" has been drafted in view of the emerging realities which will provide level playing field to both, public as well as the private sector. The salient features of the "Draft Seed Amendment Bill" are enumerated below:

- a) The draft bill would clearly delineate the role of registered seed companies, seed dealers, processing units and fruit plant nurseries established in the private sector.
- b) It would also allow the private sector to produce basic seed for its multiplication and Certification.
- c) The Draft Bill would allow the private sector to establish accredited seed testing laboratories.
- d) The Draft Bill also authorizes the registration of Genetically Modified Crops (GMC's) subject to undertaking by the applicant that no terminator technology is involved in development of the seed variety. A certificate from National Biosafety Committee (NBC) would be a pre-requisite for the approval of the plant variety. This would satiate the environmental concerns about the GMC's.
- e) The penalties provided in Seed Act, 1976 are very meager and have become ineffective in deterring violations. The Draft Bill enhances the penalties for effective deterrence against sale of sub-standard seed in the market.

B. Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed in National Assembly during August, the 14th session.

National Assembly appreciates Minorities Role in Nation Building

This House recognizes 11th August as Minorities Day in Pakistan and on this day, appreciates the pivotal role of minorities (non-muslim Pakistanis) in nation building; pays tribute to the sacrifices and services rendered by them towards the creation of a safe and inclusive Pakistan; reiterates its commitment to adhere to the principles laid down by Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in his address to the Constituent Assembly in 1947, laying the foundation for a tolerant and progressive Pakistan; strongly condemns the brutal killings of Pakistani minorities and vociferously rejects all forms of discrimination against them in Pakistan; And urges the Government to take concrete steps to establish and maintain inter-faith harmony in order to safeguard fundamental rights of the minority communities as enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan.

Resolution Date: August 11, 2014

The House congratulates the Nation on 68th Independence Day of Pakistan

☆ یہ ایوان 68 ویں یوم آزادی پر قوم کو مبارکباد پیش کرتا ہے۔

☆ ”پاکستان دنیا کا پہلا اسلامی ملک ہے جو بابائے قوم قائد اعظم کے وژن کے مطابق جمہوری اصولوں کے مطابق ووٹ کی بنیاد پر قائم ہوا۔ عوام کے ووٹ سے منتخب پارلیمنٹ اس ملک میں آئین، قانون اور جمہوریت کی بالادستی کے لئے کام کر رہی ہے اور کرتی رہے گی۔ ہمیں یقین ہے کہ پاکستان کی بقا، ترقی اور استحکام صرف اور صرف جمہوریت سے وابستہ ہے۔ اس لئے ہم عہد کرتے ہیں کہ جمہوری اداروں اور پاکستان کے آئین کی بالادستی کو برقرار رکھنے کے لئے بھرپور کردار ادا کرتے رہیں گے۔“



Resolution Date: August 11, 2014

The House rejects the unconstitutional demand of resignation of Prime Minister

This House rejects the unconstitutional demands from certain political parties for the resignation of the Prime Minister and the dissolution of the National Assembly and deplores the extremely derogatory, defamatory and inflammatory language used by leaders and members of these parties in their speeches.

This House resolves to uphold the supremacy of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the sovereignty of Parliament, which embodies the will and the mandate of the people of Pakistan, and the prevalence of the rule of law. It reiterates its resolve to ensure that the democratic system continues to function and flourish in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Resolution Date: August 12, 2014

National Assembly Condemns Attack on Journalists

قرارداد

یہ ایوان صحافیوں پر جو پیشہ وارانہ ڈیوٹی سرانجام دے رہے ہیں، دھرنا اور مارچ کے مظاہرین کی جانب سے تشدد اور حملوں کی شدید مذمت کرتا ہے۔ ایوان محسوس کرتا ہے کہ آزادی رائے اور میڈیا کی آزادی جمہوریت کی بنیاد ہے۔ ان کا احترام ہر شہری اور ہر سیاسی کارکن پر لازم ہے۔

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Resolution Date: August 21, 2014

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Resolution Date: August 22, 2014

Resolution to Condemn Israeli Strikes in Gaza

This House unanimously condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the brutal Israeli strikes against the Palestinian people of Gaza and those abetting this genocide including unarmed civilians and innocent women and children, which have resulted in the loss of precious lives, injuries to thousands, and displacement of a large number of people from their homes, causing the people of Pakistan and the Muslim World great pain and anguish.

This House expresses its deep concern at the brazen and blatant violation by Israel of Security Council's resolutions which have called for immediate suspension of Israeli activities and warned of serious consequences for the region, including likely exacerbation of existing tensions, violence and despair, undermining any chances of achieving durable peace.

This House expresses its heartfelt sympathy for the Palestinian people and unequivocal support for their cause. It welcomes the adoption of a resolution by the emergency session of the UN Human Rights Council,



launching an independent inquiry into the gross violation of humanitarian and human rights laws in Gaza by Israel. It calls upon the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to convene an Emergency Session in order to take effective action to stop Israeli brutality against innocent civilians forthwith. It also calls upon UN Security Council to take appropriate action on this issue.

This House therefore calls upon the international community to:

- (1) Negotiate immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza;
- (2) Require Israel to completely halt its air, ground and naval offensive, remove its forces from the area, and its blockade of Gaza;
- (3) Ensure the immediate resumption of negotiations for achieving a comprehensive peace agreement, providing, inter-alia, for

establishment of a viable and geographically contiguous Palestinian state, based on pre-1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Shrif as its Capital; and

- (4) Compensate for loss of the destruction of the entire infrastructure of Gaza.

This House appreciates the action of the Government of Pakistan to:

- (a) Donate US\$ 1 million (Rupees 100 million) to UNRWA for whole providing material support especially food and medicine to the Palestinian people.
- (b) Observe 25th July, 2014 as a national day of mourning and protest.

It calls upon the Muslim Ummah to focus, in parallel with political initiatives already taken, on direct and tangible support for the effectees by providing substantial financial assistance to alleviate their immense suffering and meet their growing humanitarian needs.

QUAID-E-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH

"If we want to make this great State of Pakistan happy and prosperous we should wholly and solely concentrate on the well-being of the people, and especially of the masses and the poor... you are free- you are free to go to your temples mosques or any other place of worship in this state of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion, caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of the state... in due course of time Hindus will cease to be Hindus and Muslims will cease to be Muslims- not in a religious sense for that is the personal faith of an individual- but in a political sense as citizens of one state"

Address to the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan, Karachi

August 11, 1947



Ex Deputy Speaker Mrs. Ashraf Khatoon Abbasi – Departed Soul



Mrs. Ashraf Khatoon Abbasi was the first Lady Deputy Speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan. She was doctor by profession. She started her political career when she was elected Secretary of Student's Union at Dow Medical College in 1952-53. Soon she started to take part in politics of Larkana and became Member of West Pakistan Assembly. In 1970 she was elected MNA on Pakistan People's Party ticket. She was regarded as close aides of both Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto. She served as Deputy Speaker of National Assembly of Pakistan twice from 11-08-1973 to 10-01-1977 and 03-12-1988 to 06-08-1990.

She is survived by three sons, former Senator Safdar Ali Abbasi, former MPA Munawwar Ali Abbasi and Akhtar Abbasi.

According to her family, Begum Abbasi had been battling several ailments over the last five years. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan have condoled on the sad demise of Former Deputy Speaker Mrs. Ashraf Khatoon Abbasi.



Calls On

Bangladesh High Commissioner calls on NA Speaker

High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Mr. Suhrab Hussain called on Speaker National Assembly, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House on 6th August, 2014.

While talking to the High Commissioner, Speaker said that considering Bangladesh as one of its brotherly country, Pakistan strongly desires to further strengthen the existing fraternal bonds through enhancing parliamentary interaction and people-to-people contact between two countries. The Speaker also stressed the need for enhancing Pakistan-Bangladesh trade activities. He said that immense potential exists in two

Friendship Group in National Assembly. He asked for reciprocation of the same in the Bangladesh Parliament. He was confident that parliamentarians of both the countries could add substance to the existing bilateral relations between two countries. He reiterated invitation already extended to his Bangladeshi counterpart to visit Pakistan. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq praised the Bangladesh's disaster management system due to which the disaster caused by the cyclones and floods have been reduced. He said that Pakistan could take advantage of Bangladeshi disaster management expertise. He also stressed for institutionalizing research activities in agriculture and fishing sectors.



H.E. Mr. Suhrab Hossain, High Commissioner of Bangladesh called on Speaker NA Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House on 6.8.2014

countries which need to be exploited for mutual benefit.

The Speaker informed the High Commissioner about the establishment of Pakistan-Bangladesh Parliamentary

Bangladeshi High Commissioner Mr. Suhrab Hussain appreciated the remarks of Speaker, saying that Bangladesh also attaches importance to its relations with Pakistan and wants to strengthen them. He



agreed that parliamentarians of both the countries could bring the two countries more closer through exchange of views and sharing experience. He said that he will convey the invitation to the Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament. He suggested for exchange of parliamentary, academia, students and business delegations.

Ambassador of Romania calls on NA Speaker

Ambassador of Romania Mr. Emilian Ion called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in the Parliament House, on 7th August.

Talking to the Ambassador, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that Pakistan values high its relations with Romania since both the countries have the same views and perceptions about global issues. He said that

and cultural fields and wants these relations stronger. He also thanked Romania for its support in European Union in attaining GSP+.

The Speaker said that both the countries can enhance parliamentary cooperation besides cooperation in economic and social sectors through greater exchange of delegations. He informed the Ambassador about activation of Pakistan-Romania Parliamentary Friendship Group in National Assembly of Pakistan. He invited Romanian Speaker to visit Pakistan. He said that bilateral relations between both the Parliaments would strengthen by his visit to Pakistan.

The Ambassador Mr. Emilian Ion said that Romania also values its relations with Pakistan and wants to strengthen them through cooperation in diverse sectors. He



H.E. Mr. Emilian Ion, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Romania called on Speaker NA Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House on 7.8.2014

Pakistan understands the rising importance of Romania as a significant European country. It has strong bilateral relations with Romania in economic, educational, political

appreciated Pakistan's economic performance and underlined the need for closer cooperation in economic and trade sectors between the two countries. He



underlined the need for frequent exchanges of Parliamentary delegations for promotion of greater cooperation between the two countries. He also conveyed good wishes of Romanian Speaker and invitation to Speaker National Assembly to visit Romania.

A Group of Iranian Businessmen calls on Deputy Speaker NA

Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly has said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Iran and wanted to further cement these relations through enhanced economic and Parliamentary relations. The Deputy Speaker said this while talking to an Iranian Business Community delegation headed by Seyed Reza Dehnad, Ex-Governor of Lorestan Province Republic of Iran, who called on him in the Parliament House on 8th August.

The Deputy Speaker said that Pakistan and Iran were tied in the strong bonds of religions, history, culture and traditions and

The Deputy Speaker said that both brotherly countries have immense economic potential which can be utilized for the benefits of both the nations. He said that incumbent Government has introduced investment friendly policies and the Iranian investor can benefit from them. He stressed the need for regular interaction between the business communities of the both countries to explore the new vistas of economic cooperation between the two countries. He said that business community of both countries could play a key role to enhance volume of trade between two neighboring countries and bring them closer. He appreciated the Iranian support to Pakistan during natural catastrophes.

The Leader of the Iranian delegation Seyed Reza Ehnad, said that Iran gives great importance to its relations with Pakistan and considered it as Brother. He said that Iranian business community was taking keen interest to take advantage from the vast economic opportunities in Pakistan and wanted to invest in diverse fields. He



A Delegation of visiting Iranian Business Community called on Deputy Speaker NA Murtaza Javed Abbasi at Parliament House on 8.8.2014

their relations went from strength to strength with the passage of time.

agreed with the Deputy Speaker that the regular interaction between the business



communities of the both countries could play an importance role to bring both countries most closer and enhance the business volume of trade.

High Commissioner-Designate to Australia calls on NA Speaker

Pakistan's High Commissioner-designate to Australia Ms. Naila Chohan called on Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in Parliament House, on 9th August. Talking to the High Commissioner-designate, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq said that

further consolidation of Pakistan-Australian relations.

The Speaker said that immense potential exists in Pakistan which needs to be tapped for mutual benefit. He said that Pakistan has a strong agri-base, however, lacks expertise in value addition. He said that Pakistan could benefit from Australian Agricultural and value addition expertise.

The Ambassador-designate Ms. Naila Chohan assured the Speaker that she would meet Australian political and diplomatic hierarchy after assuming her charge and discuss ways and means to strengthen



Ms. Naila Chohan Pakistan's High Commissioner-designate to Australia called on Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Speaker NA at Parliament House on 19.8.2014

Pakistan attaches immense importance to its relations with Australia and wants to further reinforce them through intensifying parliamentary and trade relations and people-to-people contacts. He said the after assuming her charge, she should establish close liaison with Australian political hierarchy, business community and Pakistani expatriates settled in Australia for

Pakistan's relations with Australia. She agreed that Australian investors should take advantage of economic potential in Pakistan. She apprised the Speaker about the desire of Australian companies to invest in the Halal food sector of Pakistan and use their expertise to bring latest technology and value-addition to this sector. She termed it an impetus to Pakistan's Halal meat sector, which sees great potential of enhancing



exports to the Muslim countries especially the Middle East.

Ambassador Czech Republic Meets Speaker NA

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has underlined the need to strengthen existing relations between Pakistan and Czech Republic through enhancing parliamentary interaction. He said that regular interaction at executive,

that immense economic potential exists in Pakistan which could be utilized by Czech Businessmen for mutual benefit of both the Nations. He asked the Ambassador to arrange interaction between Czech and Pakistan businessmen so that they could explore economic opportunities.

The Ambassador Mr. Miroslav Krenek agreed with the Speaker and said that regular interaction between both sides would augment the existing bilateral relations. He said that he would facilitate interaction of



H.E. Mr. Miroslav Krenek, Ambassador of the Czech Republic called on Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker NA at Parliament House on 21.08.2014

parliamentary and business community would cement the existing bonds. The Speaker was talking to Mr. Miroslav Krenek, Ambassador of Czech Republic in Parliament House, on 21st August.

The Speaker said that regular interaction at parliamentary level would help parliamentarians from either side to share experiences and exchange views. He said

Czech and Pakistani Businessmen for enhancing economic cooperation. He said that parliamentary diplomacy could bring both the countries more closer. He also presented a letter of invitation from Chairman, Chamber of Deputies, Czech Republic to visit Prague which the Speaker accepted.



Committee Meetings

NA Business Advisory Committee meets

The House Business Advisory Committee of the National Assembly met in Parliament House, on 4th August with Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in the chair to discuss the business for the 14th Session of the National Assembly.

After discussion, it was decided that the Session of the National Assembly will continue till 12th August, 2014. It was further decided that National Assembly would take up question hour, calling attention notices and discuss address of the President of Pakistan to both Houses assembled together on 2nd June, 2014 apart from other legislative business during the current session.

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

Alvi, Sahibzada Tariq Ullah and Syed Ghazi Gulab Jamal.

Special Committee of the Parliament on Electoral Reforms unanimously elects Senator Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar as its Chairman

Special Committee of the Parliament on Electoral Reforms has unanimously elected Senator Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics & Privatization, as its Chairman. The Committee met on 6th August, 2014, in the Constitution Room, Parliament House, Islamabad.

Earlier, while chairing the meeting, Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar expressed his gratitude to the Committee Members for reposing confidence in him; and assured that he would take along this august Committee by taking decision with consensus. "This Committee would work bi-partisan and play



Sardar Ayaz Sadiq Speaker NA chairing meeting of Business Advisory Committee at Parliament House on 4.08.2014

Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs/Chief Whip of the Pakistan Muslim League (N), MNAs; Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Ch. Muhammad Ashraf, Mr. Shahab-ud-Din Khan, Dr. Arif

proactive role to complete the task within given timelines", he added. Federal Minister said that the representation of all the Parliamentary Parties in this Committee showed Government's resolve to frame such electoral reforms from where the coming generations would get tremendous benefit in



terms of political consciousness, social change and economic prosperity. He also outlined a future sketch in relation to Committee's working i.e. drafting of Rules of Business. Review/re-visit of existing electoral laws and proposals finalized by the former relevant Committees of the Senate and National Assembly of Pakistan.

Congratulating the newly elected Chairman, Members of the Committee extended their full co-operation in completing this crucial task; as the whole nation is expecting from this Committee with respect to free, fair and transparent electioneering system. This is now our national responsibility to establish such an electoral system which would be undisputed and acceptable to all the stakeholders, they added. The Committee decided to circulate a report prepared by former Senate Committee on Electoral Reforms amongst its Members as a working paper; which would be discussed in a Committee meeting to be held on 11th August, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in Constitution Room of the Parliament House.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Zahid Hamid, Federal Minister for Science & Technology, Lt. Gen. Abdul Qadir Baloch,

Khan Advocate, Minister of State for IT; and Mr. Abdul Rahim Mandokhail, Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan, Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Mahar, Syed Ghazi Gulab Jamal, Mr. Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao, Mr. Muhammad Ejaz-ul-Haq, Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed. Syed Naveed Qamar, Ms. Shazia Mari, Mr. Shafqat Mehmood, Dr. Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari, Dr. Arif Alvi, MNAs; besides Senator Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana, Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood & Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed. The meeting was also attended by senior officials of National Assembly Secretariat.

NA Business Advisory Committee decides to extend the duration of the 14th Session till 22nd August, 2014

The House Business Advisory Committee of the National Assembly met in Parliament House, on 8th August with Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq in the chair to discuss further business to be taken up and duration of the current session of the National Assembly. After discussion, it was unanimously decided to extend the duration of the current



Speaker NA Sardar Ayaz Sadiq chairing meeting of Business Advisory Committee at Parliament House on 8.8.2014

Federal Minister for SAFRON, Mr. Abdul Hakeem Baloch, Minister of State, Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly, Ms. Anusha Rehman

Session of the National Assembly till 22nd August, 2014. It was also decided that the Session will be adjourned on 12th August, 2014 and resume on 18th August, 2014. It



was agreed that National Assembly would take up question hour, calling attention notices and continue its discussion on the address of the President of Pakistan to both Houses assembled together on 2nd June, 2014 apart from other legislative business during the current session.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Science & Technology, Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir, Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, MNAs; Mr. Aijaz

Hussain Jakhrani, Dr. Arif Alvi, Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan, Sheikh Salahuddin and Syed Ghazi Gulab Jamal. Mrs. Shahida Akthar Ali and Mr. Sher Akbar Khan represented their respective parties in the meeting.

The Chairman Kashmir Committee has regretted the suspension of Foreign Secretary level talks between Pakistan and India

Friday, 22nd August, 2014

چیئر مین خصوصی کمیٹی قومی اسمبلی برائے کشمیر مولانا فضل الرحمن نے پاک بھارت سیکریٹری خارجہ مذاکرات کے تعطل پر افسوس کا اظہار

چیئر مین خصوصی کمیٹی قومی اسمبلی برائے کشمیر مولانا فضل الرحمن نے پاک بھارت خارجہ سیکریٹریوں کی سطح پر ہونے والے مذاکرات میں یکطرفہ تعطل پر انتہائی افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے انہوں نے اپنے ایک بیان میں کہا کہ دونوں ملکوں اور کشمیری عوام سمیت دنیا کے دیگر امن پسند ممالک کے عوام بھی ان مذاکرات کی شروعات کا بے چینی سے انتظار کر رہے تھے۔ بالخصوص پاک بھارت وزراء نے اعظم کی 27 مئی 2014 کو ہونے والی ملاقات کے بعد مثبت اشارے ملنے پر پوری دنیا کی امن پسند بین الاقوامی برادری، خطے کے سیاسی قائدین سے اپنے اپنے ملک کی غریب عوام کی خوشحالی، جنوبی ایشیاء میں امن و استحکام اور معاشی ترقی جیسے خوابوں کی تعبیر کی خاطر مسئلہ کشمیر سمیت تمام باہمی مسائل و کشیدگیوں کو مذاکرات کے ذریعے دور کرنے کے خواہاں تھے۔ مذاکرات میں تعطل نے ایسی تمام امیدوں کو سخت دھچکا پہنچایا ہے۔

2- بھارت کی طرف سے مذاکرات منسوخ کرنے کے اقدام پر ناصر بین الاقوامی قوتوں نے افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے بلکہ خود بھارت میں دانشور طبقہ نے وزیر اعظم مودی کی اس منفی سوچ سے اختلاف کیا ہے۔ بھارت کو دنیا کے بدلتے ہوئے حالات اور انسانی حقوق و اقدار کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے مظلوم کشمیریوں کے حق خود ارادیت جیسے مسلمہ حقوق کا احترام کرنا ہوگا۔

3- مولانا فضل الرحمن نے امید ظاہر کی کہ بھارتی حکومت اپنے فیصلے پر نظر ثانی کرے گی تاکہ امن کے لیے بات چیت کے عمل کو مثبت انداز میں آگے بڑھایا جاسکے تاکہ خطے کے عوام کی زندگیوں کو آسان اور پر اعتماد بنایا جاسکے۔



Other News

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker condole the passing away of former Deputy Speaker Mrs. Ashraf Khatoon Abbasi

Sunday, 3rd August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan have condoled the passing away of Former Deputy Speaker Mrs. Ashraf Khatoon Abbasi.

In their separate condolence messages to her sons Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi and Munawar Ali Abbasi, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker expressed their deep sense of grief and sorrow over the sad demise. They said that she was a seasoned politician and during her tenure as Member, National Assembly and Deputy Speaker (11-08-1973 to 10-01-1977 and 03-12-1988 to 06-08-1990) she had rendered valuable contributions in Legislative Business.

"Her services for promotion of democracy and supremacy of Constitution in the country will be remembered for a long time to come," they said. They prayed Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant the courage and strength to her sons and other members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss with equanimity.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Congratulate Senator Ishaq Dar on his Election as Chairman of Special Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms

Wednesday, 6th August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker, National Assembly have congratulated Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance and Revenue on his unopposed election as Chairman, Special Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms.

In their separate congratulatory message to Muhammad Ishaq Dar, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker extended their warm felicitations on his election as Chairman, Special Committee on Electoral Reforms. They said that his unopposed election as Chairman was an evidence of trust and confidence of leadership of all the political parties sitting in the Parliament and members of the Committee reposed in his capabilities. They expressed the hope that under his sagacious and energetic chairmanship the committee will work more effectively and accomplish the task assigned to it within stipulated period. They assured all out support and cooperation of National Assembly Secretariat for smooth functioning of the Committee. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker prayed for his success.

NA Speaker Plants sapling at Parliament House

Wednesday, 6th August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly planted sapling Magnolia Grandiflora at Parliament House on Wednesday evening. He prayed for the security and solidarity of the country and welfare of the people of Pakistan, after planting the sapling.



Speaking on the occasion, the Speaker said that a greener environment is vital for a healthy nation. He highlighted the importance of trees as an essential part of our lives and for maintaining equilibrium in the ecosystem. He said that deforestation is one of the major reasons for increased pollution, irregular water flow and soil erosion control. He said that in view of critical role of trees, concerted efforts are required by all the stakeholders, including farmers, civil society, private sector, students, media and all others to raise awareness about the importance of trees and to enhance the tree cover in the country for mitigating the adverse impacts of environmental degradation and for providing a sustained renewable source of livelihood.

“Pakistan is blessed with plenty of rains and fertile soil, and therefore we should plant trees which are fast growing, he added. The Speaker directed CDA to devise an effective strategy to involve general public apart from NGOs and civil society in this campaign. He further said that an awareness campaign should also be launched to motivate the people in this regard. A large numbers of parliamentarians and senior officers of the National Assembly Secretariat were also present on the occasion.



Speaker NA Sardar Ayaz Sadiq planting a sapling of Magnolia Grandiflora in front of Parliament House on 6.8.2014

NA Deputy Speaker visits PIMS

Thursday, 7th August, 2014

Deputy Speaker, National Assembly Murtaza Javed Abbasi today visited Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) to enquire the health of father of former MD Bait-ul-Mall Mr. Zamurd Khan. The father of Mr. Zamurd Khan is under treatment in PIMS.

The Deputy Speaker remained there for some time and inquired about his wellbeing. He prayed for his speedy recovery. The Deputy Speaker also directed PIMS Administration to provide best medical care to the father of former MD Bait-ul-Mall.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker Condole the Death of Professor Anita Ghulam Ali

Sunday, 10th August, 2014

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly have expressed their grief and deep sorrow over the sad demise of renowned academician and researcher Professor Anita Ghulam Ali. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace.

In their separate condolence messages to her family, Speaker and Deputy Speaker said



that services of Late Professor Anita Ghulam Ali for strengthening of educational sector and ensuring education to all segments of the society will always be remembered.

They prayed for grant of courage to the members of the family of the deceased to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude.

Youth Key Partner for Sustainable Development: Says NA Speaker

Monday, 11th August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly has said that the future of any country depends on the youth since active participation of educated young people plays vital role in development of the nation. He said this in his message on International Youth Day, to be observed on 12th August under the auspices of United Nations.

He said that young people have proven themselves to be key partners in sustainable development; therefore, they should be engaged by the governments and communities to formulate poverty reduction strategies, entrepreneurial schemes and many other policies and initiatives. The Speaker said that youth deserves our commitment for full access to education, adequate health care, employment opportunities, financial services and full participation in public life.

He said that the objectives behind the celebration of International Youth Day are to recognize the contributions of the youth in society's development and to engage them in constructive activities. He said that this day provide us an opportunity to draw the attention of the world towards the youth issues.

“Let us all resolve on this day to invest in and protect our most valuable resource, and give young men and women a fair and full stake in our society and in its success” he added.

NA Speaker ask MNAs to visit families of Martyrs to pay tribute and respect on the 68th Independence Day.

Tuesday, 12th August, 2014

Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq has asked the Member of the National Assembly to visit the families of Martyrs and pay tributes for their sacrifices for the sake of national security residing their respective constituencies. Letters in this regard has been dispatched to all the Members of the National Assembly.

He said that the nation is celebrating the 68th Independence Anniversary of Pakistan and prostration before Allah for this blessing. They should also pay tribute to the sacrifice of our martyrs who forfeited their lives for the noble cause of our homeland.

In his letter, the Speaker also paid compliment to the Armed Forces, Civil Defence Institutions and Police Force who defend our geographical boundaries as well protect our internal security with courage and valor. The Speaker's letter also contains the detail of the martyrs enabling the members to visit their houses and paid tribute to their sacrifices.

NA Speaker & Deputy Speaker Congratulate The Nation On Independence Day

Wednesday, 13th August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly have greeted the nation on the auspicious occasion of Independence Day. He said that an independent Pakistan is a special blessing from Almighty Allah and now it is the responsibility of the people of this country to make it strong and prosperous. They said this in their separate messages on the occasion of 68th Independence Day Anniversary of Pakistan.



While congratulating the Nation, the Speaker said that this day reminds us of all the sacrifices and endeavors of the Muslims of the Sub Continent to achieve independence. He said that it is incumbent upon us to revive the spirit of national unity and follow the Quaid's guiding principles of Unity, Faith and Discipline.

“Let us make a firm resolve today to make all-out efforts to achieve the objectives of creation of Pakistan and also to make Pakistan a strong and a prosperous democratic country where will of the people, equality, justice and brotherhood reign supreme “he said.

Deputy Speaker Murtaza Javed Abbasi said that democracy is the best solution to all our problems. He said that democracy in Pakistan is at work and it is responsibility of every citizen to work for the strengthening the democratic institutions in the country. “Let us resolve to work hard to strengthen democracy in Pakistan and follow the sayings of the father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah” he urged.

NA Speaker & Deputy Speaker Condole the Death of sister of Mujeeb ur Rehman Shami and Mother of Rana Jawad

Sunday, 17th August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan have condoled the sad demise of sister of senior journalist and Chief Editor Daily Pakistan Mujeeb ur Rehman Shami and mother of senior journalist and Bureau Chief Geo News Islamabad Rana Jawad.

In their separate condolence messages, Speaker and Deputy Speaker prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant courage and fortitude to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable losses with equanimity.

NA Speaker and Deputy Speaker condole the Death of Hashim Khan

Wednesday, 20th August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker and Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Deputy Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan have condoled the sad demise of Legendary Squash Player, Hashim Khan.

In their separate condolence messages to members of bereaved family, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker expressed their heartfelt grief and sorrow over the passing away of Hashim Khan. While paying rich tribute to services of Hashim Khan the Speaker and Deputy Speaker said that he was legendary player and his death is a great national loss. They said that the vacuum created by the death of Hashim Khan is difficult to fill. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant strength and fortitude to the bereaved family and millions of his fans at home and abroad to bear the irreparable loss with equanimity.

NA Speaker condoles the death of father of Baidar Bakht Butt, Chairman of Editorial Committee, Jang Lahore

Wednesday, 27th August, 2014

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker National Assembly of Pakistan have condoled the passing away of father of Baidar Bakht Butt, Chairman of Editorial Committee, Jang, Lahore.

In his condolence message the Speaker expressed grief and sorrow over the passing away of his father. They prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear the loss with equanimity.