

# Association of Builders And Developers of Pakistan

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Attention: Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Mr. Sharafuddin Memon, Advisor to the Government of Sindh for Law and Order has outlined the steps taken by the government of Sindh with particular regards to the problems being faced by the Builders in Karachi particularly in connections of the recent recurrence of threatening calls to builders and renewed demands for extortions.

He was talking to the delegation of ABAD which met him Saturday in his office. Mr. Memon said that a special cell has been created within office to look into the complaints and strengthening measure already taken. He said that law and order was top priority of the government. He appreciated the role of construction industry in the development of national economy cumulative with the contribution of around 70 allied industries and said that government appreciates the overall performance of this sector. He emphasized the peaceful working atmosphere for this sector as well as to all the business sectors in order to keep the wheel of the economy running. He said he and the government of Sindh fully realizes the importance of law and order situation and reiterated the emphasis being given to improve it.

The delegation was led by Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan, Chairman ABAD, Regional Chairman Southern Region M. Saleem Kassim Patel, Dr. Talha Farooqi, Mr. Raees Ahmed, Mr. Mohammad Arif Jeeva, Mr. Nusrat Mirza and Mr. Junaid Taloo were also present.

The delegation particularly emphasized the incidents of land grabbing and Encroachments and demanded that the campaign against the land grabbers be carried out with association of Rangers and ABAD be taken on board with the campaign. The delegation demanded that the campaign should be conducted with the participation of ABAD. The need to make the campaign broad based and extending it to both public and private properties.

The delegation reiterated that Extortionists and Grabber have again become active and referred to the recent cases reported to the government earlier this week. In recent incidents Members offices were ransacked and looted to repeat the threats for extortion of money. The delegation demanded issuance of arms licenses for protection of their life and property.

Thanking you,

**S. Javed Jafri**

Secretary General – ABAD