

Association of Builders And Developers of Pakistan

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Babar Mirza Chughtai, Chairman of Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan has welcomed the orders of the President and Prime Minister for strict action against Land grabbers and those involved in encroachment activities on lands, offices and unoccupied flats. The Chairman said these steps will be helpful in revival of construction activities. In this connection, a delegation of ABAD met the Federal Interior Minister Rehman Malik. The minister promptly issued directives for strong action against land grabbers and BHATTA MAFIA and gave instructions for setting up a CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTRE in ABAD House where a DSP rank officer will be appointed so that action on problems of Construction Industry may be taken immediately. Rehman Malik asked the Chairman to provide details of land grabbings and encroachment of private properties. The Interior Minister said that the construction Industry is main motivation force for economic development which is earning and providing millions of Rupees to national exchequer and it creates employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled labour. Chairman ABAD Babar Mirza Chughtai informed the Federal Interior Minister about the details of QABZA on land belonging to members of ABAD, the incidents of Bhatta, ransacking of offices, beating the staff and threat to kill and said that these type of activities have resulted in negative impact on the building and construction industry which in turn has affected the business of 72 industries allied to construction industry. He said that due to this, the production of steel rerolling mills has gone down by 50%. Same is the situation with other allied industries. This situation has adversely affected the Government revenues in the form of taxes. The Chairman concluded by saying that the Construction Industry cannot prosper without providing security to builders. If the Government will act against Land Grabbers, Encroachers and Bhatta Mafia, this will help in promoting investment both local and foreign. This will also reduce unemployment by increasing the construction activities which will also help in reducing the crime rate.

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