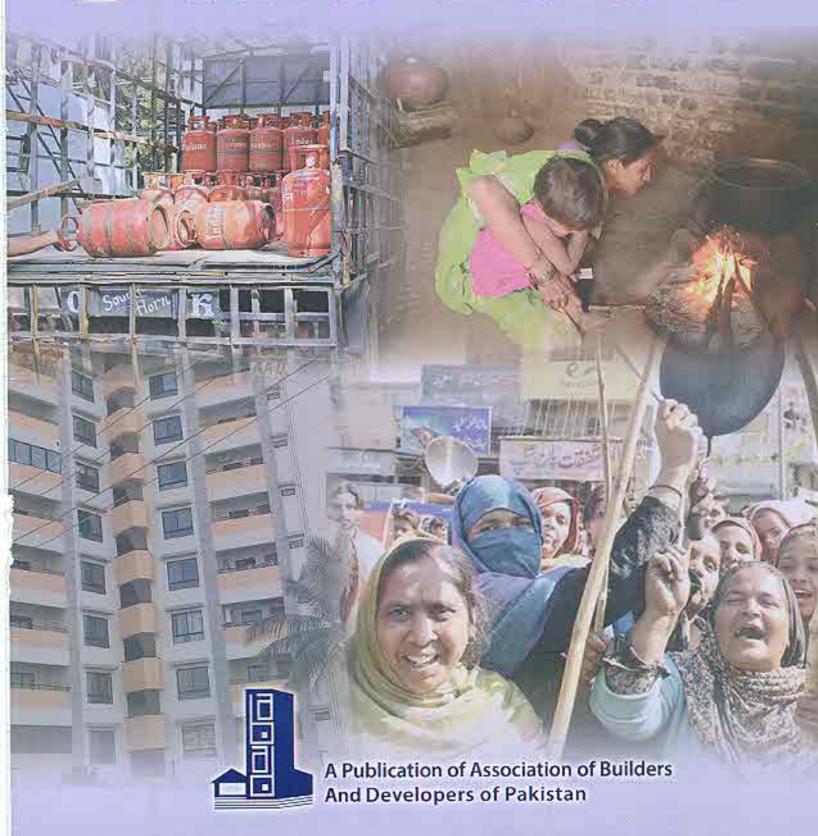
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EDITORIAL



Energy is fundamental to quality of our daily lives. Energy has also direct impact on country's economic outlook and modern national life. It is the lifeline of any modern state's economy, infrastructure and technology. Although Pakistan has been blessed with natural gas reserves but years of mismanagement, lack of strategic vision, limited investments in energy sector and inadequate exploration of these reserves have led to shortage of natural gas in Pakistan.

Among the issues creating the shortfall of Natural Gas in our country is its exploration. It is said that the country has enough amount of gas but not properly explored so that to make these reserves beneficial for the public. It has been published in the research reports that Pakistan has great potential for natural gas which can meet our energy demands for the next 50 years. In fact, achieving self-sufficiency through the development of these national resources would result in savings of billions of dollars and will put the country on the road to economic growth and development.

If we talk about impact of gas shortage on the construction industry only due to which a ban was imposed on getting new gas connections than we came to know that it has hampered the possession to the people of more than 25,000 housing units. This has also resulted in freezing of more than 200 billion rupees of builders and the public who have booked flats in these projects. It is also causing loss of revenue generation to the Government.

It should clearly understood that provision of infrastructure which include water, sewerage, gas, electricity, roads etc. is the sole responsibility of the state and anywhere when construction is allowed it should be checked in advance that all these facilities should be available in the end runs.

So the problem of gas should be resolved on priority basis to increase the construction activities in the country that in result will be provided job opportunities as well as revenue generation for the Government.

MESSAGE BY CO-CONVENERS

Through this publication ABAD is playing a major role in highlighting the problems and issues faced by Builders' Community. In this way a platform is also been provided to raise the voice of construction industry and is also very helpful in bridging the gap between the industry and the concerned departments.

As a Co-Convener of the magazine, I invite all the members to write in our magazine and discuss their concern regarding construction industry. Therefore it would become a source of knowledge for others and would surely pave a path for the betterment of our industry.



Mustafa Sheikhani Co-Convener Shelter and Publication Sub-Committee

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) has been very active in maintaining close liaison with all relevant Government Departments and Authorities and working with them for the betterment of Construction Industry. On the other side the Executive Committees of ABAD are holding their regular meetings to chalk out frame work for solving the problems being faced by the industry.

Through the platform of Shelter Magazine. I request all the members to come forward and tell us about the issues in the construction of their projects, so that we can also highlight and try our level best to resolve them on immediate basis.



Muhammad Zeeshan Siddiqui Co-Convener Shelter and Publication Sub-Committee



A CITY OF CHAOTIC DEVELOPMENT

MASSIVE MIGRATION OF PEOPLE IS THE MAIN CAUSE OF KATCHI ABADIES IN KARACHI

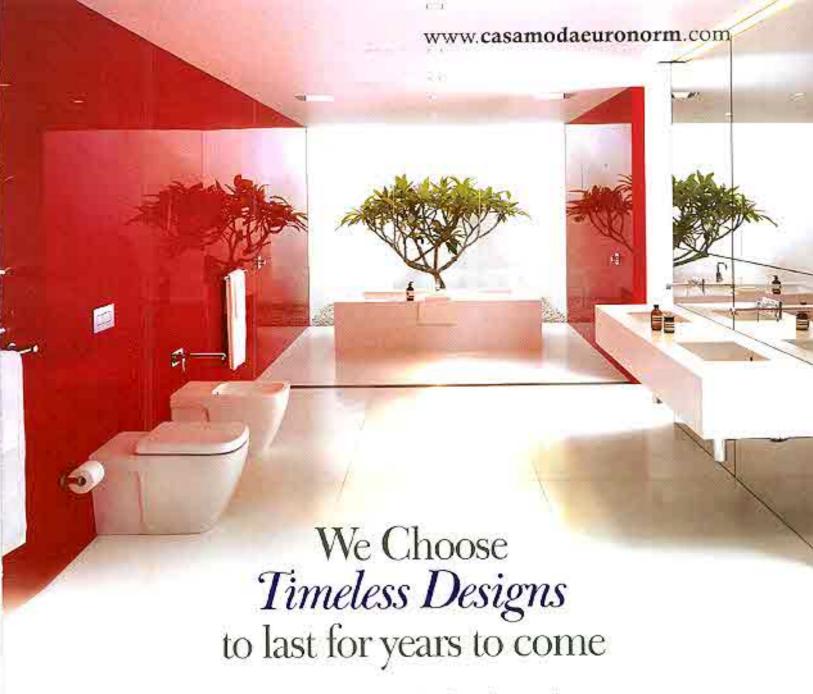
Five of South Asia's mega-cities, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Dhaka and Karachi, have become the focal point for diverse forms of economic, social and political interaction. Their combined population is 15 per cent of the region's total urban population. Each of these cities performs a vital function with regard to trade, investment, employment, growth and innovation while simultaneously bearing the cost of this function. Not only do these cities face acute challenges in terms of densification, overburdened and unsatisfactory infrastructure, poor urban service provision and a growing slum population, they also pose significant threats to urban life—traffic congestion, environmental pollution, polarization of communities and rampant poverty and violence.

Unplanned and chaotic urban development is

central to understanding such dichotomies. As we all know that Katchi Abadies have also been contributed in the developmental problems of our city and under the prevailing conditions Katchi Abadis are proliferating. Since the "land grabbers" enjoy patronage of powerful peoples and the political parties sooner or later these housing units get electricity and gas connections. After a few years, these Katchi Abadis are regularized and the businesses of land

flourishing. The prime reason for the proliferation of Katchi

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Karachi is massive migration of people from other parts of the country. According to some estimates at an average over 2,500 people enter Karachi every day. Added to this are refuges from Afghanistan. Banaladesh, Iran and African countries. Since they have either no or worthless income in the earlier

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mostly occupy houses in the outskirts, where rentals are low mainly due to the lack of basic amenities. The immigrants have formed 'ethnic concentration' which often become serious law and order issue.

However, most flourishing is the business of land grabbers, who even don't spare amenity plats of parks and playgrounds. The 'dignified' land grabbers first construct schools on amenity plots and then convert these into marriage halls. They acquire land in the name of educational institutions on nominal cost from the government but ultimately do the same. So to restrict these unethical activities amenity plots should not be converted into residential or commercial plots.

At present the Karachi city is expanding horizontally. On the National Highway, Karachi touches Gharo and on Super Highway it is getting closer to Thana Bola Khan, But in this case provision of infrastructure is very difficult for the government agencies. So the city should be developed vertically to overcome the issue of infrastructure facilities. Multistory buildings should be constructed on the sites to save the land and make people come closer to the city area rather than go to outskirts for living and earning.

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the people living in the far-flung areas belong to middle and low income groups, Most of them have no transport of their own or at the best have motorcycles. Lack of public transport cause two serious problems for commuters:

- People have to travel in highly depleted and over loaded public transport or
- 2) Buy motorcycles to save them from this tyranny. Over the years, due to availability of motorcycles at lower prices, commuters have gone for this option. Rising population of motorcycles has given birth to some contentious problems like accidents and worst traffic jams on the roads, huge increase in petrol consumption and the rising pollution caused by the toxic emission by these motorcycles.

As stated earlier ethnic concentrations have developed in various parts of the city, Katchi Abadis have also become hideouts for the outlaws. It is known to all (even the law enforcing agencies) that militants and extremists, robbers, killers and even the most wanted criminals belonging to other parts of the country come to Karachi to for these illegal activities and hideouts.

Planned urbanization can improve outcomes for human development by providing people with the necessities and comforts of urban life. On the flip side, unplanned urbanization can pose the greatest challenge to the survival and wellbeing of urban dwellers and exclude them from sharing the benefits of development, as we have seen in the case of Karachi.



The city's future awaits an informed response from urban planners and policy makers that is in consonance with a rational and environment-friendly approach to intrastructural development. While investing in infrastructure is a costly endeavor and necessitates long term planning, there are several concrete steps that can be taken in the immediate to short-term. These include:

- Resource mobilization by municipal and provincial authorities to finance basic services;
- Provide basic infrastructure facilities to the public from government;
- City development should be vertical rather than horizontal;
- Access to formal housing credit for low and middle income groups;
- Development of human capital and the expansion of individual capabilities to position Karachi as a globally competitive mega-city with substantial benefits:
- Sustainable urban planning needs to be at the forefront of urban policy making in Karachi, where planning documents are dynamic enough to incorporate real-time adjustments.
- Balance between the core and periphery whereby the expansion of the mega-city does not come at the cost of peripheral development;

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- Social and environmental assessments at all stages to ensure effective land-use management;
- Minimal speculation over current and potential land values; and
- Protection of land from encroachment and illegal occupation.

For a city of the size of Karachi, good urban planning can result in real urban transformation. Balancing the negative externalities associated with a spatial concentration of people and economic activities is contingent upon effective mega-city management. More often, the city's problems are caused by the pattern of land-use, the violation of laws and regulations, non-provision of infrastructure facilities and overall urban mismanagement.

To rectify these, the city's administrative apparatus can conduct annual surveys and assess both the quality of urbanization and its scale. Moreover, it can document the contribution of the informal sector, which plays a central role in the city's growth and function.

Uisit of CEO TDAP and Delegation from FPCCI at ABAD

A luncheon meeting in honour of the newly elected office begrers



of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry was held at ABAD House on 5th March, Leading Businessman and Chairman Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, S M Munir was also invited in it with other Officials from different trade bodies.

The proceedings started with the welcome note of Vice-Chairman ABAD Muhammad Hanif Memon. He first greeted the guests and then briefed them about the agenda of the meeting. After that Chairman ABAD, Junaid Ashraf Taloo came of the rostrum and soid that Iftikhar Ali Malik and S M Munir panel succeeded in FPCCI with heavy mandate. Similarly, the panel backed by Mohsin Sheikhani succeeded with heavy mandate in ABAD. He spoke

> about the role of construction industry in the economic development and said that the total requirement of all gas connections in Sindh including Karachi and Hyderabad is less than MMCFD. The summary about lifting the ban on gas connections has been

sitting in the Prime Minister's office for the last six months. He said that Rs 200 Billion of builders and allottees are blocked at present which could bring more revenue for the Government if brought into circulation.

S. M. Munir said that Construction industry has an important role in the economic development of any country. He said that in his next meeting with the Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, he will take ABAD representatives along and request the PM to remove the four year old ban on new gas connections.

Praising the efforts of ABAD he said that ABAD has great respect in trade associations and this is officially accepted. He said that old issues of housing & construction Industry will be resolved from FPCCI platform. Informing about the benefits of EXPO he added that their exhibition was a great success and export orders worth 1.75 billion dollars were booked while the participation by businessmen from 75 countries improved the image of Pakistan in the world.



Addressing gathering President of FPCCI Mian Muhammad Adrees said that FPCCI has declared 2015 as the Year of Revival of Pak Economy and the Government has also supported our view that issues can be resolved at 7% growth of the economy. Appreciating



is peace. The Construction moves the wheel of many allied industries and should be given facilities and incentives.

At the end Senior Vice President of FPCCL Abdul Raheem Janoo and Regional Chairman ABAD. Mohammad Hassan Bakshi also spoke on the occasion.



the role of construction industry in the economic development of the country, he said that bureaucracy has failed to resolve the issues of country and the economy cannot prosper without private sector participation. He offered full cooperation of FPCCI for resolution of issues of members of ABAD.

Addressing the gathering former Chairman, Mohsin Sheikhani said that disturbed law and order situation is a great hurdle in the



developmental process in our country and the situation can be improved with the cooperation of business community. He said that Construction Industry is the largest employer in the cities where there





Visit of Russian Trade Commission at ABAD House



A delegation of Russian Trade Commission headed by Mr. Alexey Kudryavtsev, Consultant of Trade Commission of Russia, Karachi branch with Maxim

increasing trade between Pakistan and Russia. He said that they have contacts with Russian companies, who are interested to sell construction machinery and



Gromakov, Chief Expert Trade Commission of Russia visited ABAD on 7th March. The delegation was received by Vice Chairman ABAD m. Hanif Memon, Regional Chairman (SR) M. Hassan Bakshi and Former Senior Vice Chairman M. Saleem Kassim Patel.

The meeting started with a brief introduction of ABAD given by Regional Chairman. Then expressing his views regarding the business opportunities in Karachi Mr. Alexey Kudryavtsev, Consultant of Trade Commission of Russia, Karachi branch said that there are vast openings of

materials special explosives for demolishing old buildings, He added that due to Russian Rouble being less expensive. Pakistani Construction companies can purchase construction machinery and material on comparatively cheaper rate, He said that Russian companies are also interested in Joint Ventures in Pakistan, The Volume of trade between the two countries can be greater than 500 million Dollars in future, Russian companies are also interested to sell roof fillings and precast roofs.

Then Regional Chairman ABAD M Hassan Bakshi said that ABAD has

more than 800 members in its umbrella. He said that construction material is being imported in good quantities from China, Russian companies can also increase their trade with Pakistan, Russian Companies can also display their products in ABAD EXPO 2015 by booking stall in it.

Former Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, Saleem Kassim Patel said that there is a shortage of 8 Million. houses in Pakistan. Russian companies can help in reducina this shortage by participating in low cost housing. He added that the housing mortgage to GDP Ratio in Pakistan is the lowest in the region and Russian companies could start joint ventures in Pakistan.

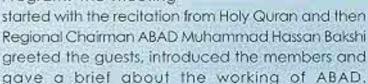
Vice Chairman M. Hanif Memon. said that Russian Tiles, Special Grade Steel Bars, Sanitary Fittings, Fancy Lights and machinery are specially required for high rise construction and can have good scope in Pakistan. So these should also be considered in good business opportunities.

At the end ABAD shield was presented to the guests.

Visit of DELEGATION FROM BBSYDP AT ABAD HOUSE

A delegation from Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development program BBSYDP visited ABAD House on 17th February and the purpose was to develop mutual understandings regarding future

collaborations. Among the quests was Air Marshal (Retd.) Riazuddin Shaikh, Chairman BBSHRRDP with Dr. Naseem. Director Provincial Coordination and Mr. Shams Memon, Director Training Program. The meeting



Mr. Riazuddin Shaikh thanked the members for hospitality and then briefed about the aims and objectives of Program. Emphasizing upon the need of training the youth he said that it is very necessary to make them skilled and most important is to train them according to the requirements of construction industry. For that it is mandatory that the curriculum should be mutually designed by the builders and the institute that caters all the requirements for a valuable worker.

Informing the meeting about the current courses offered by BBSYDP, Dr. Naseem said that we already have started some courses related to construction industry but now we want to focus on masonry which we haven't yet introduced. Added that our aim to produce the labour that would be saturated easily in the market. Then Mr. Shams Memon highlighted the payment structure and the mode of selection of different students in the program. Recommending the members he said the Association can take

> guidance from other institutes that have been collaborated with BBSYDP in past.

Then Chairman ABAD Junaid Ashraf Taloo appreciated the program and thanked the guests for their time.

Praising the efforts of BBSYDP to train the youth he added that no other step can be considered more positive than this, Establishina a society with the skilled members is really a remarkable work.

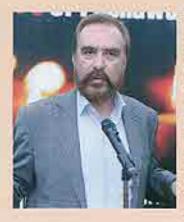
Adding into the discussion, Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Hanif Memon said that skilled labor is more helpful in completing the projects on time with minimum amount of wastage. Further said that it would become better to find the labor in our localities otherwise builders' have to manage them from outside districts. Another member present in the meeting said that efficient labor is the key in providing low cost housing.

During the meeting a documentary on low cost housing was also presented that was made by the Association in result of last years' efforts. After that the meeting ended over a cup of tea and it was mutually agreed that in next meeting MoU signing would be done leading to some other practical approaches.

The Condolence Reference

for the Martyrs of Peshawar School Attack at ABAD HOUSE

condolence reference for the Martyrs of Army Public School Peshawar was held at ABAD House on 6th January 2015. On the occasion a number of famous social figures and other dignitaries expressed their views regarding the tragic incident. undermine our resolve to save our nation. If the criminals kill our one son, our mothers will present another son for the defense of our nation. Even though our children are killed and we are in pain but our commitment has strengthened.



Speaking on the occasion, renowned social worker and human rights activist Ansar Burney advocated for unity of action among all irrespective of religion, sects, ethnicity or creed and said that this tragedy, which is the greatest of all in the history of Pakistan, has awakened the people.

Now they stand united with their army, police, rangers and all other law enforcement agencies as they have realized that only in this way they can save themselves from these terrorists who are out to destroy our generations.

Sarim Burney the wellknown rights activist and social worker said that the Peshawar incident has shaken us so seriously that no words can describe our grief and pain. The killing of children is not accepted in any religion and being Muslims we should be ashamed that the killers also call themselves Muslims.



Mrs. Alia Sarim Burney said that the killers cannot

Munir Ahmed Shaikh, DIG East said that ABAD has



made a remarkable effort by holding the condolence reference to pay tribute to the martyrs of Peshawar, Due to the sacrifice of our children. we have united like never before. We have seen many crimes but this incident has shaken our souls. Even the worst

criminals let go of children but these beasts were not ashamed to kill our innocent kids. DIG East added that the bill passed by the National Assembly will be a big support to help eliminate crimes and the criminals.

Mohsin Sheikhani, Ex-Chairman ABAD, thanked all auests for joining in the noble cause of paying tribute to the martyrs of Peshawar attack. He advocated unity of all and no compromise on



principles He said that we should not be afraid of anyone and advocated to stand united alongside the law enforcement agencies to control the terrorist activities. He said that the nation's lies in its unity,



Brigadier Khalid Mahmood, Sector Commander Malir, stated that the support shown by ABAD for the Law Enforcement Agencies, specifically for Rangers is remarkable. He said that the Peshawar incident has brought

tears of blood in our eyes No religion allows crimes against children. It is time that we should unite and put an end to these atrocities. We should strive that our efforts do not go in vain.

M. Junaid Ashraf Taloo Chairman ABAD, thanked all for joining to pay tribute to the martyrs of Peshawar tragedy and called for united action against terrorists. He commended the present Government for



passing Anti-Terrorist Laws and hoped that this would discourage the terrorists from carrying on their activities. He hoped that we would not face another tragedy like the Peshawar one.

Allama Bashir Faroogi, Patron-in-Chief Saylani Welfare Trust, offered Dua and Fatiha for the martyrs of Peshawar incident. The Condolence Reference was also attended by Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Commissioner Karachi; Agha Pervez, DC East; Muhammad Ali Shah, DC West, Muhammad Saleem

Rajput, DC South, Sved Pir Muhammad Shah, SSP East; Ahmad Chinoy and Shaukat Suleiman of CPLC: Rashid Ahmed Siddiaui, Chairman KATI. Mrs. Zahida Jalil, Principal Rangers Public School & College, Karachi, M. Saleem Karim President Pakistan Disabled Cricket Association; Zakir Hussain Syed, Chairman Enquiries and Anti-Corruption Establishment; Dr. Abdul Shakoor Abro. Director







Enquiries-III, Enquiries and Anti- Corruption Establishment: Abid Qaimkhani, SP Gulshan & Focal Person for ABAD: Test Cricketer Muhammad Sami; and a large number of members of ABAD.

The perpetrators of this heinous crime should be punished in severest possible terms and exemplary sentences should be awarded to those ferocious beasts who took the lives of our children in a cowardly attack. This was the unified and single message from the Condolence Reference held at ABAD House to pay tribute to the martyrs of Peshawar school attack.



VISIT OF

CEO Clifton Cantonment Board at ABAD

The CEO Clifton Cantonment Board Mr. Shahrome Safdar Khattak visited ABAD House with Cantonment Executive Officer Mr. Wahab on 16th December 2014. The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran by Mr. Owais Thanvi. After that Chairman ABAD

projects in areas where law and order situation existed and hoped that this is being implemented.

The Chairman said that builders are willing to work in Cantonment areas as the security situation is better and the plans approval



Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo thanked the CEO Clifton for visiting ABAD and said that ABAD has developed very cordial relations with all Government Departments. including Cantonment Boards which is helpful in the resolution of issues of members.

The Chairman ABAD explained to the visitors that this meeting was not arranged to discuss issues of members of ABAD as this was a sort of get together with members of ABAD just to know each other better. This was not a proper forum to discuss any issues which will be taken up in a casual meeting in the office. He also pointed out that in a meeting held with the Director General it was agreed that blanket extension of one year will be given for completion of

process is smooth. He suggested that there should be a time frame for approval of building plans. If all formalities have been met, the approvals of plans should be automatic. He added that revenue generation is directly related to numbers of approvals which depends on mutual cooperation to resolve the issues.

Convener of the sub-committee referred to minor issues and said that work should not be stopped on minor deviations. We should try to resolve the issues so as to promote development in the Cantonment areas. Representation of ABAD in the **Building Committee** Cantonment Boards was also mentioned as agreed in the meeting with the DG, MLC.

Role of ABAD in introducing the Condominium Laws in Pakistan through the passage of a Bill by the Sindh Provincial Assembly was also mentioned. It was said that this will help in improving the maintenance of buildings. The visitors were also told that ABAD is also involved in improving the Building Bye Laws as well as the commercialization issues. Other activities of ABAD in Corporate Social Responsibility were also mentioned to the visitors which included the rehabilitation of Katchi Abadies, Low Cost Housing, Condominium Act, Special Development Board and High Density Zones.

After patience hearing of all the issues, facts and figures the CEO agreed to the proposal of ABAD and requested to nominate their representatives, Chairman (SR) Mr. M Hassan Bakshi and Mr. Rizwan Adhia were nominated. It was also pointed out that to the CEO that there has been no file movement during the last 4/5 months which is causing delay in processing. Similarly things are getting stuckup in the Regional Office as the incoming Director is new to the job and is trying to understand the working of the office. The monthly meetings have not been held for months in spite of requesting and reminding the same. As the Director is also a new entrant. things are slow over there as well.

At the end of meeting, bouquets and ABAD shield were presented to the guest.

VISIT OF CEO KARACHI CANTONMENT BOARD

The Chief Executive Officer of Karachi Cantonment Board Havat Mehar has said that if all formalities are complete, the NOCs of projects will be issued without delay. He was talking to ABAD members on the occasion of his visit to ABAD House. He appreciated the positive role of Housing and construction industry in the national economy. The CEO offered his cooperation to members of ABAD for resolution of their issues and also assured

problems are faced by individual member builders in Cantonment areas. The Cantonment Boards have their own policies. It is important that the institutions be made strong and vibrant so they may deal with the problems as and when they arise...

Regional Chairman ABAD, Mohammad Hassan Bakshi informed the CEO that members of ABAD have a common complaint that processing of yards costs approx. Rs. 35 to 40 crores and if this amount of money gets stuck up for months, one could imagine the loss, It is therefore very essential that approval process needs to be speeded up. A better solution suggested by him is that the approval should be done at the Cantonment Board offices to avoid delay. All Cantonment Boards have building control cells and they have qualified staff to approve the projects. Arif Siddik, Convener of Cantonment Boards Sub-Committee of ABAD also seconded the suggestion of Regional Chairman ABAD, He added that due to delay in approvals some builders have started thinking of shifting their investments to areas under SBCA control as approval process in these areas are much auicker .. It was also mentioned in the meeting that monthly meetings between ABAD and Military Lands & Cantonments which were being held regularly since 2012, have been discontinued for quite some time. Invitation to the Director Military Lands & Cantonments for a meeting in ABAD House is still pending.



them to look into the matter of delay in issuing project NOCs if no security issues are involved.

Chairman ABAD Junaid Ashraf Taloo said that several individual approvals of projects take long and delays are caused in launching of the projects which also affects the cost of the project as the investment aets blocked. He said that a project of 2000 sq.

The CEO Karachi Cantonment Board was requested to cooperate in this matter and he promised to speak to the Director.

VISIT OF

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PTCL AT ABAD HOUSE



The President and CEO of PTCL Mr. Walid Arshaid visited ABAD House on special invitation of the members of ABAD. On his arrival Regional Chairman South Mr. M Hassan Bakshi greeted the guests and gave a brief about ABAD with its aims and objectives. After that Chairman ABAD Junaid Ashraf Taloo thanked the guests for their time and appreciated the services of PTCL throughout the country. The meeting was attended by a number of members of ABAD and officials of PTCL.

Addressing the gathering President and CEO of PTCL Walid Arshaid assured the members that PTCL is always willing to address the telecommunication issues of members of ABAD. He said all facilities like telephone and DSL Broadband will be provided at the project site during the construction so that the concept of plug and play is materialized.

Chairman ABAD Junaid Ashrat Taloo appreciated the assurances of Walid Arshaid but said the organization is already working on this matter and hopefully in the near future the difference will be felt. Replying a question Walid Arshaid said efforts are being made to bring the standard of PTCL to that of Etisalat. He said all our services are in comparison with any country of the world. The change has begun in PTCL but taking into account the population and size of Pakistan it is going to be gigantic task.

Mohammad Hassan Bakshi Chairman Southern Region said the sim verification should be made on annual basis so that terrorism, threats for ransom is checked. In the meeting it was



infrastructure of PTCL is becoming old and obsolete and should be updated on urgent basis.

President PTCL said his

also agreed that PTCL should also adopt the procedure of strict verification of customers to avoid any mishap in future.

Wisit of MD HBFCL AT ABAD HOUSE

The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran and was chaired by Chairman ABAD Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo, He then welcomed the guests, Managing Director HBFCL Mr. Pervaiz Said, former MD HBFCL Zaigham Abbas Rizvi and other Officials of the Company. After that agenda of the meeting was briefed. In the meeting block wise disbursement/financina was focused as it gives more liquidity to builders. Large Scale development financing was also discussed with the reference of the guide lines of State Bank.

Ex Sr. Vice-Chairman ABAD
M. Saleem Kassim Patel
discussed some of the
agenda items and said that
HBFCL has 24% of market
share of all over housing
finance which is quite less to

the brand name of HBFCL and its current NPLs are decreasing to 6.5 billion but its revenue is also decreasing. He also said that people in Karachi not interested to take loan from HBFCL because of its cumbersome process. In replying to this, MD HBFCL said that ABAD and HBFCL are highly correlated to each other and are strategic partners. If they work mutually the increasing demand of housing can be reduced.

Vice Chairman Mr. Hanif Memon said currently fees are charged by HBFCL from both, the builder and the client which is unethical. MD HBFCL said we are taking some structural steps in HBFCL like centralize system. MD HBFCL said we are charging minimum fees of R\$ 75,000 and maximum Rs 150,000. Vice Chairman Mr. Hanif Memon and Mr. Saleem Kasim Patel said it

MD HBFCL said that we want to promote our brand name and want to do marketing of HBFCL through the projects. Further to his discussion Mr. Zagham Rizvi said HBFCL will reach its target as once it was.

Vice Chairman Hanif Memon said HBFCL was in practice of block financing and clubbing. This gives advantage to builder that he will



should be Rs 50,000, as it was in the tenure of Mr. Zagham Rizvi. MD HBFCL asked Mr. Asad (representative of HBFCL) about the processing fees. He replied it was more at that time coated min Rs 150,000 and max Rs 300,000. Mr. Zagham Rizvi also said now HBFCL housing loan is reduced to hundreds from thousands and said HBFCL should not outsource these processing fees matters.

not short of cash and deliver the product timely to the end user.

At the end MD HBFCL said he was new to this field need to do some research on it. If ABAD give some presentation of few projects which were under construction that would increase his knowledge how business runs. Chairman and other members of ABAD agreed with it and they promise to give related material as soon as possible.

PRESS CONFERENCE

ON ISSUES OF GAS CONNECTIONS

A press conference by Office Bearers of ABAD was held at Karachi Press Club on 10th March 2015 regarding ban on new gas connections. It was attended by large number of builders and called high-rise buildings are in fact individual houses which are construction in shape of flats as they are identical in size of houses. The needs related to these units are also identical. Chairman ABAD



people from press and media. Addressing the conference Chairman ABAD Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo said that the ban imposed on gas connections has hampered the possession to the people of more than 25,000 housing units and has resulted in freezing of more than 200 billion rupees of builders and public who have booked flats in these projects. It is also causing loss to the Government as revenue generation has stopped.

Chairman ABAD added that the Federal Government had imposed a temporary ban on 4 October 2011 and SSGC stopped providing Gas connections to High Rise buildings as a result. The four year old ban has very drastically affected the construction industry as lack of gas connections has stopped the construction companies to hand over the possession of the relevant housing units to their allottees. These so-

further said the ban on gas connections has resulted in increase in housing shortage which has reached over 8 million units.

Addressing the conference Vice Chairman ABAD Mohammad Hanif Memon said due to

unavailability of gas connections over 250,000 individuals are affected and those who have taken possession without gas connection are burdened with additional Rs. 6 thousand to 8 thousand monthly for the consumption of LPG.

Expressing his views regarding ban on gas

connections, Chairman Southern Region Mohammad Hassan Bakshi said projects on which possession has not yet been given were announced before the moratorium was announced. Over 25,000 connections are to be

provided to these units. The total consumption of these units is a meager 0.6 MMCFD. The question is what gain SSGC is getting by stopping gas connections. It is pathetic that despite producing over 70 percent of gas the residents of Sindh are being deprived. As per 18th amendment in the constitution the province has first right which produces any natural resources. This makes the moratorium on gas connections in Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur against the constitution and immoral.

Rizwan Adhia, Convener SSGC Subcommittee said a summary moved by SSGC is lying at Prime Minister House for last six months. He said it is our request that Prime Minister Mian Mohammad Nawaz Sharif should sign the summary without any further delay so that



affecttees who are homeless should be given possession. The removal of ban will result in increased construction activities thus providing job opportunities as well as revenue generation for the Government.

Meeting of

ABAD Delegation with Dr. Farooq Sattar



A delegation from ABAD headed by the Chairman Junaid Ashraf Taloo with with Vice Chairman Muhammad Hanif Memon, Regional Chairman Mohammad Hassan Bakshi and members Owais Thanvi, Rizwan Adhia, Arif Jeewa, Fayyaz Ilyas, Mustafa Thanvi, Anwar OK and Sohail Warind met with Parliamentary Leader of MQM in the National Assembly Dr. Farooq Sattar at Markaz 90. Incharge Rabita Committee, Qamar Mansoor, Rashid Godil and Arif Advocate also attended the meeting from MQM.

Highlighting the issues faced by the builders and developers Chairman ABAD said that ban on gas connections to high rise and multi storey buildings has resulted in blocking the investment of millions of rupees of builders and the allottees and the construction activities have come to a standstill. Sindh including Karachi is being given a step motherly treatment in the matter of gas connections though Sindh is producing 70 % natural gas.

Praising the efforts of ABAD for the Construction Industry Dr. Farooq Sattar said that the Construction Industry has an important role in the economic development of the country. MQM will raise different issues including gas, electric and water connections in the National Assembly. He added that Karachi contributes 67% to the revenue of the country in which the builders community has an important role.

The construction industry is providing employment to a vast majority and the Government must provide incentives to this industry.

Vice Chairman, Muhammad Hanif Memon said that moratorium on new gas connections was imposed in 2011 for a period of two years apparently to support LNG business. Regional Chairman, Mohammad Hassan Bakshi said that if all pendina applications for gas connections of all builders of Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur are accommodated, the total requirement of gas will be less than 1 MMCFD. He also mentioned about the issues of K-Electric. He said that even under self financing scheme, the builders have to provide a bank guarantee for which they have to deposit 100 % cash margin, which causes double financial burden on the builder. He said that the bank guarantee should not be more than 10% to 15% of the total amount, K- Electric should inform about areas where capacity is available so the builders can plan residential and commercial projects in those areas. The tariff for TL connection should be reduced.

At the end, Dr. Farooq Sattar, Rashid Godil and Qamar Mansoor offered their full cooperation to the delegation of ABAD and promised to highlight their issues at the Governmental level.

Meeting of

ABAD Delegation with Opposition Leader National Assembly

A delegation from ABAD led by Chairman Junaid Ashraf Taloo with Vice Chairman Muhammad Hanif Memon, Regional Chairman Mohammad Hassan Bakshi and members Owais Thanvi, Rizwan Adhia, Arif Jeewa, Fayyaz Ilyas, Mustafa Thanvi, Anwar OK and Sohail Warind had a meeting with Leader of



Opposition in the National Assembly Mr. Khursheed Shah. The purpose was to discuss some recent and very chronic issues faced by the builders community.

Highlighting the importance of construction industry and the role of Karachi in the economic development Chairman ABAD said that Karachi contributes 67% to the revenue of our country and the construction industry is providing employment to a vast majority. He added that due to ban on gas connections to high rises and housing societies, the investment of billions of rupees of builders and allottees has been blocked. Though Sindh is producing 70% natural gas but the right to get gas connection in high rises and

housing societies is being denied.

After that Vice Chairman, Muhammad Hanif Memon said that moratorium on new gas connections was imposed in 2011 for a period of two years apparently to support LNG business but still after passing too much time the ban is not removed.

Then Regional Chairman, Mohammad Hassan Bakshi said that if all pending applications for gas connections of all builders of Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur are accommodated, the total requirement of gas will be less than 1 MMCFD. On the issues of K-Electric, he said that even under Self Finance Scheme, the builders have to provide a bank guarantee for which they have to deposit 100 % cash margin. This causes double financial burden on the builder. He demanded that the bank guarantee should not be more than 10% to 15% of the total amount and the tariff for TL connection should be reduced.

After patience hearing of all the issues and demands the Leader of the Opposition Mr. Khursheed Shah first appreciated the role of builders and developers in the progress and prosperity of the country and then promised to extend full cooperation to members of ABAD. He said that the Government must provide incentives to Construction Industry as it has an important role in the economic development of the country. He assured that the Opposition in the National Assembly will raise issue of gas, electric and water connections on the floor of the House.

ABAD DELEGATION VISIT TO AMANTECH

A delegation of ABAD led by Vice Chairman Mr. Hanif Memon and South Regional Chairman Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi with other prominent members visited AMANTECH on 3rd February on the special invitation of higher management of AMANTECH. The delegation received a warm welcome there by higher management and other heads' of departments of the institute.

If was a candid meeting started with the short four of their technical institute. The team from ABAD was very well explained with each and every trait that has been offered in the institution. During the visit the Team went into the classes and in the practical labs as well. It was observed that latest machinery and modern techniques are being used to train the students.

After visiting the training area the members met with the CEO of AMANTECH Mr. Zaheer Hussain over a cup of tea, Discussions were made on relevant topics and different ideas and suggestions were exchanged with each other.

Vice Chairman ABAD appreciated the CEO for his sincere gesture regarding our youth and transforming them into a skilled member of our society through the institute, Mr. Hassan Bakshi Chairman (SR) thanked the management for their time and company throughout the visit and at the end a documentary was also played highlighting the achievement of Foundation.







ABAD Delegation Visit to

Memon Industrial and Training Institute (MITI)











A delegation of ABAD led by Vice Chairman Mr. Hanif Memon and South Regional Chairman Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi with other prominent members visited Memon Industrial and Training Institute (MITI) on 3rd February on the invitation of their President. After reaching the institute the delegation received a warm welcome by the President of Memon Industrial and Training Institute Mr. H. M. Shahzad.

The meeting started with the brief introduction of MITI by Mr. H. M Shehzad. He informed the meeting

with the present and past of the institute and also with the future plans that he has in his mind. After some necessors the delegation was taken to the floors to inspect the teaching methods and the courses

offered. In between, the members thoroughly visited each class and particle lab and asked several questions to the attendees. It was also noticed that the students were very satisfied with the training approaches as well as the practical facilities provided to them.

The delegation comprehensively reviewed the institute and then Vice Chairman Mr. Hanif Memon thanked the Administration and praised the efforts of founder President of the Institute Mr. H.M. Shehzad by saying that providing skill to the unskilled is really a job to get heaven. Adding in the comments Regional Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi said that in

today's busy world no one have time to think about the needy and helpless section of our society but establishing the institute like MITI is indeed a worthy mission and must be rewarded by Allah.

At the end,

administration of the Institute appreciated the concern of ABAD and again thanked them for the visit.

Meeting of

ABAD Delegation with Director General Military Land and Cantonment



A delegation of ABAD led by The Chairman Junaid Ashraf Taloo with Vice Chairman Muhammad Hanif Memon, Chairman Southern Region Mohammad Hassan Bakshi, Ex Senior Vice Chairman Saleem Kassim Patel, Convener Cantonment Boards Sub-Committee of ABAD Arif Siddik, Co Convener Contonment Boards Sub-Committee of ABAD Haroon Karim and members Rizwan Adhia and Mehmood Tabba met with Director General Military Lands & Cantonments Major General (R) Furrukh Rashid at his office. Additional Director General Military Lands & Cantonments Amir Rashid also attended the meeting.

In the meeting Saleem Kassim Patel gave a detailed briefing on the role of members of ABAD and demanded close coordination between ABAD, the Director's Office and the offices of Cantonment Boards. Then Mr. Arif Siddik enlightened on the issues of delays in the approval of projects of some members of ABAD. Speaking on the occasion, Junaid Ashraf Taloo suggested that in view of the delay in the approval of projects, the process of approval of projects in the Director's office be made simple and short.

After that Mr. Furrukh Rashid DG ML&C assured ABAD

delegation while appreciating the role of ABAD in the promotion of construction industry that issues of members of ABAD engaged in construction activities in Cantonment areas will be resolved on priority. He promised that he will consult his team in this connection to simplify the process of approval and also fix a time frame for approval of projects.

It was also suggested that membership of ABAD should be mandatory for all builders engaged in construction activities in the Cantonment Areas. A detailed appraisal of delayed projects of members of ABAD was also done during the meeting, Rizwan Adhia suggested one window operation for quick approval of projects of members of ABAD.

At the end of the meeting, DG Furrukh Rashid said that the office of Director Military Lands & Cantonments is examining the process and policies for delay in the resolution of different issues and these will be resolved soon. He added that Building Bye Laws in Cantonment Areas would be amended in the light of suggestions from Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) to upgrade them technologically.

ABAD Delegation Visit FPCCI

A delegation of ABAD Member headed by the Chairman Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo visited Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries FPCCI. The purpose of meeting was to discuss and highlight some very noticeable issues like moratorium of gas connections to the Construction Industry.



square yard houses despite the fact the said moratorium was implemented for two year in 2011.

Through the meeting the

President FPCCI drew the

attention of the government to

the fact that Sindh province is

producing more than 70% natural

In the meeting Chairman ABAD informed that an amount of more than Rs. 200 billion have been blocked in different project consisting of 25000 housing units/flats. These units are waiting for the gas connections without which the people avoid to get possession of their unit.

gas and according to 18th amendments it has first right of utilization of natural gas. He further said that it is common criteria everywhere in the world including Pakistan that domestic consumer always given preference.

He further informed that these units hardly need 0.00062 MMCDF gas which is not a big deal for the government. Moreover the builders also avoid starting new housing projects due to liquidity problem and moratorium on gas connection.

He added that in Punjab province the government declared moratorium on the supply of gas to CNG stations due to the preference of the domestic users while in Karachi which is the biggest city the domestic consumer is deprived of this basic human necessity.

Mian Muhammad Adrees, President FPCCI expressed his deep concern over the moratorium on new gas connections on multi-storey buildings where mostly small flats constructed for the low income masses while the gas connections are available on 4000 The President FPCCI further said that the time period of the government's moratorium on gas connection has already been finished and now the new gas connections to the housing projects should be restored. He urged both the Federal and Provincial governments to officially lift ban on new gas connection for project having small residential units.

MEETING OF ABAD DELEGATION WITH FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR HOUSING & WORKS

A delegation from ABAD led by the Chairman Junaid Ashraf Taloo with Vice Chairman Hanif Memon, Chairman Southern Region Mohammed Hassan Bakshi and other prominent members of ABAD met with Federal Secretary for Housing & Works Shahrukh Arbab in his office. After receiving a worm welcome the Chairman thanked him for his time and briefly described the agenda of meeting.

Praising the ideas and concerns of Federal Secretary, Chairman A&AD said that to materialize this dream it is our collective responsibility to play an active rale. Highlighting the past issues he further said that previous Governments did not pay required attention to the Construction Industry despite the fact the construction sector has a very important and central role in the revival of the nation's economy.

Appreciating the services of ABAD Mr. Shahrukh Arbab said that in order to encourage the Construction Industry and to revive it, all possible steps will be taken and added that it would be his priority to bridge the gap between builders and developers and the relevant Government departments in order to effectively address the housing shortage in the country.

Al lhe end, Mr. Shahrukh Arbab assured his full support to ABAD in order to resolve the issues that are confronted by builders and developers and nominated Sohail Sarwar Jaura as the Focal Person for matters related to ABAD and Ministry of Housing. It was also decided that a complete working office may be established in Karachi to solve the problems of allottees at their doorstep.

First International Disability



CRICKET SERIES BETW

Pakistan and Afghanistan

The First International Disability T20 and One-day series between Pakistan and Afghanistan was played in National Stadium with the active support of ABAD. Pakistan Disabled Cricket Board (PDCB) and PCB, Pakistan won this three T20 International Disabled Cricket Series by 3-0 lead and also the One-day Match Series with 3-0.

Addressing the inougural ceremony Chairman Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) Junaid Ashraf

Taloo said that participation by disabled youth in sports encourages them and makes them strong and in spite of their disability they live a normal life. Added that one feels happy and satisfied internally when he sees the disabled people working hard in practical life. Further said it is our duty to organize such events for disabled people. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman also said that ABAD is sponsoring the Pak/Afghan International Disabled Cricket series as part of its





Corporate Social Responsibility. ABAD has been undertaking different activities in this connection which includes flood relief, Earth quake relief etc.

After that Commissioner Karachi, Mr Shooib Ahmed Siddiqui said that there is no international cricket in Pakistan at present. Therefore organizing an international series by PDCA through the sponsorship of ABAD and PCB is appreciable. Congratulating the President of PDCA Saleem Karim, Secretary Ameeruddin Ansari and all team members, he said that holding such events will pave the way for resumption of international cricket in Pakistan.

The matches attracted some visitors who came to watch the disabled playing cricket and to cheer

them up. The visitors included the Commissioner Karachi Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Chairman Anti-Corruption Mr. Zakir Hussain Syed, Executive Vice President, HBFCL, Mr. S.A.S.A Sayef Hussain and President Clifton Cantonment Board Brigadier Furrukh Waseem Khan and other dignitories to see the match.

All matches were played with full enthusiasm and enjoyed by the players and the visitors alike. At the end of the series, the Pakistan skipper was quoted as saying that the game can only be made professional once we have more sides playing in this category. He said that only Pakistan. Afghanistan and England have played disabled cricket series to date.



FPCCI STANDING COMMITTEES 2015

Following members of ABAD have been nominated in the Standing Committees of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries.



MR. M. SALEEM
KASSIM PATEL
AS CHAIRMAN OF FPCCI
STANDING
COMMITTEE ON REAL
ESTATE DEVELOPMENT



MR. ARIF SIDDIK
AS CHAIRMAN OF FPCCI
STANDING
COMMITTEE ON LAND
UTILIZATION



MR. RIZWAN ADHIA
AS CHAIRMAN OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE



MR. IRFAN PATEL
AS CHAIRMAN OF FPCCI
STANDING COMMITTEE
ON HOUSING &
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



MR. SOHAIL WARIND
AS CHAIRMAN OF FPCCI
STANDING COMMITTEE
ON ANTIENCROACHMENT
OF LAND



MR. ZEESHAN SIDDIQUI AS CHAIRMAN OF LIAISON WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES STANDING COMMITTEE



MR. SADIQ BALOCH
AS SR. VICE CHAIRMAN
OF GAWADAR
PROMOTION &
DEVELOPMENT STANDING
COMMITTEE



MR. ABDUL MAJEED
ADHIA
AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF
IRON, STEEL & ALLIED
PRODUCTS STANDING
COMMITTEE



MR. MUHAMMAD
HANIF GOHAR
AS SR. VICE CHAIRMAN
OF FPCCI STANDING
COMMITTEE ON URBAN
DEVELOPMENT



MR. ASIF SUMSUM
AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF
FPCCI STANDING
COMMITTEE ON URBAN
DEVELOPMENT



MR. AHMED OWAIS
THANVI
AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF
RELIGION & CULTURE
STANDING COMMITTEE
AND STANDING
COMMITTEE ON CITY
GOVERNMENT



MR. RAMEEZ QASIM
GAZIANI
AS VICE CHAIRMAN
OF SPORTS STANDING
COMMITTEE



MR. FAISAL YOUSUF AS SR. VICE CHAIRMAN OF ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Pakistan Turkey Business Forum 2015 Organised by Board Of Investment Government of Pakistan at Serena Hotel Islamabad





Mr. Arif Jeeva Senior Member ABAD with Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan, Minister of State for the Ministry of Commerce in Pakistan Turkey Business Forum 2015, Organised by Board Of Investment Government of Pakistan at Serena Hotel Islamabad. Prime Minister of Pakistan Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif with other senior Government Officials also attended the Forum.

Tape Ball Cricket Tournament Organized by ABAD at Kokan Ground, Karachi



Mr. Mohammed Hassan Bakshi, Chairman (Southern Region) ABAD & Mr. Muhammad Hanif Gohar, Ex-Vice Chairman ABAD with Cricket Team of ABAD, Mr. Rameez Qasim Gazinai, Convener & Mr. Kamran Tajani, Co-Convener of Sports, Culture & Entertainment Sub-Committee of ABAD, Mr. Farigh Nadeem, Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi, Mr. Anwar Dawood OK, Mr. Ahmed Musfa Thanvi, Mr. Danish Bin Rauf, Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Siddiqui, Mr. Nabeel Hanif Gohar, Mr. Shahnawaz Muhammad Khan, Mr. Haris Altaf, Mr. Ahson Lakhani, Mr. Asad Muffi, Mr. Yaseen OK at Kokan Ground, Karachi

Pictorial Glimpses of the activities of ABAD

Meeting of ABAD Delegation with Mr. Siraj ul Haq, Chief Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan



Meeling of ABAD Delegation with Mr. Siraj ul Haq, Chief Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan on the Issue of Moratorium of Gas at his office. The delegation led by Chairman ABAD Mr. M. Junaid Ashraf Taloo with Mr. Muhammad Hanif Memon, Vice Chairman ABAD, Mr. Mohammed Hossan Bakshi. Chairman SR - ABAD, Syed Afzal Hameed, Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Siddiqui, Senior. Senior Officials of Jamaat-e-Islami were also present in the meeting.

Meeting of ABAD Delegation with Syed Sardar Ahmed, **Member Provincial Assembly Sindh**





Meeting of ABAD Delegation with Syed Sardar Ahmed, Member Provincial Assembly Sindh at Sindh Assembly Building, Karachi, The delegation was headed by Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo, Chairman ABAD, with Mr. Muhammad Hanif Memon, Vice Chairman ABAD, Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman (Southern Region) ABAD, Mr. Rizwan Adhia, Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas, Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib and Mr. Mustafa Sheikhani also present in the meeting. The purpose of meeting was to discuss the issues faced by builders' community.

Group photograph of ABAD members with Disabled Cricket Team of Afganistan at National Stadium



Disabled Cricket Team of Afghanistan recieved by the Officials of Pakistan Disabled Cricket Team of Pakistan with Members of ABAD, Mr. Rameez Qasim Gaziani, Convener of Sports, Culture & Entertainment Sub-Committee of ABAD, Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi, Mr. Khawer Munir, Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia and Mr. Muhammad Zeeshan Siddiqui at National Stadium Karachi,

Tribute to Martyrs of Army Public School Peshawar at ABAD



Mr, Haris Ali Mithani, Ex-Chairman Southern Region of ABAD showing Panaflex with Stories of Innocent Students Martyred in Army Public School Peshawar. Mr. Junaid Ashrfa Taloo, Chairman ABAD, Mr. Zahir Hussain, Chairman Anti-Corruption Sindh, Mr. Munir Ahmed Shaikh, D.I.G. East. Sindh Police, Mr. Mohammed Hassan Bakshi, Chairman Southern Region ABAD and Mr. Asif Sumsum, Chief A.P.L.C. also seen in the photograph.

Achievement Report of

Anti-Encroachment

Cell of ABAD



Mr. Sohail Warind Anti-Encroachment Sub-Committee

Anti-Encroachment Cell of ABAD has carried out the operations in Surjani Town and Gulistan-e-Johan Karachi with the help of Anti-Encroachment Cell of Government of Sindh and as per the directions of Chief Minister of Sindh. From ABAD the Anti-Encroachment operations were supervised by Mr. Muhammad Sohail Warind who is working as Convener in the Anti-Encroachment Cell of ABAD and Mr. Zubair Esani as Co-Convener. It was a remarkable effort by Muhammad Sohoil Warind, who is also serving as Associate member of Central Zone in CPLC, Head of Task Force in ACLC and Deputy Chief Coordinator in APLC. In this connection encroachments were removed from the below mentioned areas:

- Office constructed Faridi Land Grabber
- Offices of Jillani Housing of Jillani Land Grabber
- Illegal encroachments on plots on Sector 11-A. Surjani Town
- 4. Encroachment on 3 Plots on SB's in Sector 4 -B Surjani Town
- Encroachments from Left side from 4K to Rupali Shehar in Surjani Town
- Illegal encroachment from Gulistan-e-Johar.

It was really a great achievement of antiencroachment cell of ABAD as in result the properties were restored form the illegal occupation that worth billions of rupees.







MEETINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES OF ABAD

Joint Meeting of City Builders Downtown Affairs and Updating Building Bye-Laws Sub-Committees of ABAD

The meeting called to discuss some recent issues faced by the builders. It was held on 11 December 2014 and started with the recitation from Holy Quran. Mr. Sohail Navivala started the discussion and informed the committees about some current problems encountered by the members working in downtown areas.

The meeting was informed that builders are receiving notices form the authorities that create hurdles in the construction processes. It was also discussed that previously these issues have been settled with the Deputy Commissioner but now new officers again disturbing the owners. Then decided that a meeting

should set with the new officers and references would be given regarding previous agreements and discussions.

If was also decided that letters must be sent to all members and ask them regarding notices and wait for their response and then a comprehensive case should be made against these notices. It was also discussed that all the progress should be followed on immediate basis.

Some other issues were also discussed in the end, like issues from parking department and lifting of material from builders' sites.

Joint Meeting of CEC and REC

The joint meeting held on 21st February and was chaired by Chairman ABAD Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo with Regional Chairman (SR) Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, It started with the recitation from Holy Quran and then proceed with the agenda items. In the meeting fourteen membership cases were approved and after that issues related to renewal of memberships and the defaulters' payments was also discussed.

In the meeting discussion were also made regarding similarity of the names of different builder's who were working in near cities like Hyderabad. After that Chairman ABAD informed the members about the upcoming EXPO and said that ABAD Expo 2014 had been held with a partnership with Badar Expo with a 50/50 partnership. ABAD agreement with Badar Expo was for two years. For ABAD Expo 2015 there will be no partnership with them. Badar Expo will only be Event Managers with a fixed fee for managing

this event. ABAD will make various committees which will be in coordination with Badar Expo and added that ABAD will keep its control on the event.

Then the matter of collection of fees from the members was also discussed regarding gas issues. In this matter the Chairman desired that the collections should be made as soon as possible. The convener of SSGC committee informed the meeting that members of the committee were working very hard to collect the money.

At the end, Convener of Sports and Culture said that two cricket teams of members of ABAD would be formed. Only those members would be considered who have participated and played in matches previously arranged by ABAD. Then Chairman ABAD said in order to select players; various teams should be made who should play each other. The best players then may be selected for the teams.

Meeting of ABAD Members with KW&SB Officials at ABAD

A delegation from KW&SB headed by their senior officials visited ABAD on 21st August 2014. The meeting started with recitation from Holy Quran and then visitors from KW&SB were welcomed by Mr. Rais Ahmed, Convener of KW&SB Sub-Committee of ABAD. The Convener and the Co-Convener of the KW&SB Sub-Cammittee thanked Mr. Aslam DMD - KW&SB for visiting ABAD Expo in spite of his extreme busy schedule and other responsibilities.

Mr. Aslam said that it had been agreed in the last meeting that ABAD/KW&SB Committee will meet every fifteen days at each other's place which will help in maintaining liaison between the two organizations and will be useful in the resolution of issues of members of ABAD. The committee of ABAD also appreciated the efforts of KW&SB in recovering

dues in excess of Rs. Seven Hundred & Twenty Million.

In the meeting a number of issues discussed like bulk billing of water connections, requirement of ABAD membership applying for new connection, representation of ABAD as member board of KW&SB and others.

It was further discussed in the meeting that if 60% of the billing is occupied, retail billing should be started, KW&SB informed that recovery campaign and action against illegal connections is being started and name of the defaulters will be published in the newspapers. It was agreed that the defaulters list will be shared with ABAD before publishing in the newspaper to avoid legal complications at a later stage.

Meeting of Seminar Shelter and Publication Sub-Committee

The meeting started with the recitation from Holy Quran and then the Convener Engr. Zaheer Qadri informed the committee about the purpose of meeting. He then explained the aims and objectives of the Magazine and highlighted the importance of publication for any Association. He also asked the members about suggestions regarding improvements in the publication. It was also discussed in the meeting that the magazine should print on monthly basis in order to keep the members up to date regarding the developments and achievements of ABAD.

A member of committee Mr. Shehzad labal said that we have to set goals and priorities for it and should play our part in making it an international publication. It was decided that committee members have to contribute in it according to their interest and respective fields and the committee has to hold regular meetings for it. It was also discussed that the magazine should be made so interesting that people would wait for the upcoming issues.

Discussing about content of the magazine, Mr. Zeeshan Siddiqui proposed that it should have progress reports of sub-committees, events coverage

that held inside and outside ABAD, articles related to construction industry, highlighting the projects of the members, research reports relevant to the fields and other knowledge regarding building and construction industry of the world.

Discussing about the changes in magazine that can affect its readership as well as the quality, Mr. Mustafa Sheikhani suggested that its name can be changed and the layout and design must be modified to give new life to the publication.

At the end, some committees were also formed working for the magazine, like a committee formed for collecting material and the responsibilities were given to Zeeshan Siddiqui and Mustafa Sheikhani. A committee formed for arranging articles and other relevant things from other sources and Engr. Obaid and Shehzad labal were given the task. A committee formed for collecting information from allied industries, Kareem Adhia and Ahmed Owaise were the members of this committee. Mr. Rameez Gaziani was given the assignment of checking the final proof of magazine prior to the printing process.





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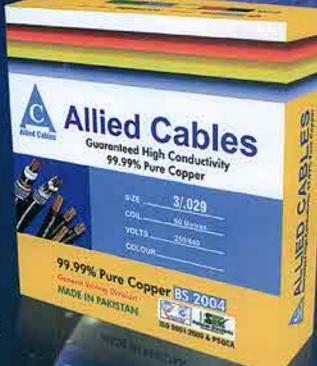
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