

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Board of Revenue and Administrator of KDA Officers Society have joined hands to take over the disputed lands of Kulsoom Builders and others which are worth crores of rupees. Revenue Officer Jamil Baloch, defying the orders of the Court promised these plots to high officials in return of his personal matters. Administrator Intezar Jafri, in connivance with the Revenue Officer has deprived over 650 members who were entitled to these plots whereas the disputed land is mainly claimed by Water Board. According to sources, the Administrator of KDA Officers Housing Society and Deputy Secretary of Sindh Government Intezar Jafri had transferred through Board of Revenue the 4 acres of land worth 40 crores rupees, situated behind National Stadium near COD Filter Plant in the society's name. This land in the past was allotted to Water Board. The Revenue Officer Jamil Baloch had fully supported the Society Administrator despite knowing the fact that 1 acre and 20 ghuntha plot of land from the said 4 acres were the property of Kulsoom Builders. The Honourable Courts have also given their judgments in favour of Kulsoom Builders and the balance land is being claimed by Water Board. Sources also said that KDA Society was taken over by the Government and Deputy Secretary Intezar Jafri was appointed official administrator who sent the planning summary of the said 4 acres plot for approval. Later on the Board of Revenue started allotments after cutting out plots. Efforts were carried out to encroach upon the plots of Kulsoom Builders, whereas the said builder has obtained the right of ownership from the Water Board through the Court. This had also been verified by the Board of Revenue. Despite this fact the Revenue Officer and the Society Administrator, defying the court order are busy in cutting out plots. They have made 20 plots measuring 400 square yards each and have priced the each plot at 2 crores which amounts to a total of 40 crores rupees. It is known that as per registered rules and regulations and record of the society, 650 new members are waiting for allotment. Contrary to this the Government officials are being benefited. These officials are buying the said plots in name of their relatives. It is also said that the subject land is the property of Water Board. In 1952 191 acres of land was allotted. On 110 acres the KDA Officers Cooperative Housing Society was illegally formed at the time when Water Board was the wing of KDA. A pipe factory was also set up on 32 acres which later on was also grabbed by the society. Now the remaining 4 acres is also being grabbed by the society. Sources also said that the land which was allotted to Water Board was taken back by the Board

of Revenue saying that the Water Board has not paid the cost of this land over several years and cases are in courts in this regard. Sources have disclosed that the KDA Society has been made on the land which was allotted to Water Board. In this case if the Board of Revenue re-allots the land to the KDA Society, this means it accepts the ownership rights of the said land in favour of Water Board. When Administrator of KDA Society was contacted to clarify this news, he said as for now we have not yet made any allotments. He refused to answer any further questions. MD Water Board Misbahuddin Fareed said the society has no knowledge of the allotment of Water Board's land. If any steps are taken in this regard, we will strongly resist any such actions but will also take the land of the pipe factory. We are in desperate need of land to carry on our new projects. We will not spare even one inch of our land. He appealed Governor and Chief Minister of Sindh to take notice of the situation in the interest of the people. The spokesperson of Kulsoom Builders said the land allotted to the Society by Board of Revenue also includes the land which is their property and this fact has been verified by BOR in the court.

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