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## EDITORIAL

**E**xhibitions are a tremendously imperative piece of the promoting exercises of most kinds of business, running from the biggest enterprises to multinationals and local people of various types of organizations. All proof of the examination affirms that chances to get vis-à-vis with clients and potential future customers remain a staggeringly significant tool for the improvement of any industry.

Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) have the prime objective of unifying its members with allied industries and the clients on one platform for collective good and streamlining their activities. Like previous year ABAD organized the second mega event ABAD International Expo 2018 which was held from 4th to 6th May 2018 at Pak China Friendship Center Islamabad. The event proved to be most dynamic exhibiting a large number of builders and developers, remodelers, building materials, sales and marketing professionals, architects and other building industry professionals. The ABAD Expo is the sole initiative of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD).

A large number of citizens, government officials and dignitaries turned out and visited the exhibition. The stall holders, particularly the builders and developers; were expecting that like previous experience the public turnout shall be good and then their expectations proved right and it became very fruitful for almost all the stall holders. More or less everyone get positive response from the visitors, booking and purchase of construction material received heavy response that gave them confidence and they could achieve maximum results out of it.

The event hosted two seminars to educate the delegates, guests, visitors and especially students from engineering universities regarding the need and importance of housing and construction in the country. Themes of the seminars were Job Fair Launching Ceremony of ABAD Job Portal and Building Management System (BMS). A number of professionals spoke at the seminar and discussed leading issues of the country's construction industry.

ABAD wants to highlights brighter image of Pakistan by organizing such international expo where we invite large number of international exhibitors and diplomats, who not just only visit the exhibition but also participate and take interest to buy property in Pakistan. Our exhibitions are also boosting economy of Pakistan because construction industry is the second largest employment provider in the country.

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## Co-Convener's Note

**S**ince its initiation, ABAD has been dynamic in featuring the issues of development industry. Next to each other it has been settling the issues looked by its individuals by keeping up close contact with all significant Government Departments and Authorities. Diverse groups of the individuals from ABAD are working and rendering their valuable time for the improvement of this industry.

We realize that construction industry viewed as a motivational power for monetary improvement in any country. There is nothing denying the way that building and development exercises have been instrumental in beating the discouraged conditions winning in any nation. The industry has additionally been discovered steady of monetary development and social change in any country.

Through this Magazine, we are trying best to create awareness among the masses regarding advancements and modernizations in the field of construction industry. We have been publishing the material that gives information and current facts and figures about the world construction industry. We also welcome the suggestions and queries from our members in this magazine. Members of ABAD, students and people from all walks of life could send their write up regarding construction industry .

**Engr. Kaleem Uz Zaman Khan**  
Co-Convener  
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# ABAD

## *SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS IN PAKISTAN*

ASSOCIATION OF BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS (ABAD) is a national level representative organization of Builders and Developers, registered under the Companies Ordinance, 1984 with Registration No. KAR No. 4967 of 1977-78 and licensed under Trade Organizations Ordinance, 2013 and it's affiliated with the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of commerce and Industry (FPCCI). It was formed in the year 1972 with the aim and objective of unifying and streamlining the construction activities of private sector.

Exploring the prospects of large-scale projects in the public sector and then acting as a consortium of ABAD members to secure and execute the projects.

Today, ABAD has in its fold more than 1000 leading construction companies of the country. Most of its members' offices are equipped with up-to-date

systems of designing, cost control, project management and latest civil engineering techniques to minimize the cost of construction.





**The principal aims and objectives of ABAD include:**

- ✓ Unifying builders and developers for their collective good.
- ✓ Promoting housing industry in the country.
- ✓ Providing assistance to the Government in formulating its housing policies and plans.
- ✓ Co-coordinating between ABAD members, the Government and other agencies.
- ✓ Dealing with problems faced by its members in the execution of their projects.
- ✓ Organized research.
- ✓ Awareness and training program to promote the science and art of building.
- ✓ Working actively for eradication of unethical business practices from the housing and development field.
- ✓ Exploring the prospects of large-scale projects in the public sector and then acting as a consortium of ABAD members to secure and execute the projects.

The association operates on democratic lines with election of One Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman and Managing Committees and One Chairman from each of its two regions i.e., Southern Region and Northern Region for a full term of year. The Chairman & Sr. Vice Chairman is elected among Full / Ordinary members and the Vice Chairman from Associate Members and One Chairman each from its two respective. The elected office bearers for the term 2017 -2018 are M. Arif Yousuf Jeewa, Chairman, Fayyaz Ilyas, Senior Vice Chairman, Muhammad Sohail Warind, Vice Chairman, Muhammad Altaf Tai, Chairman Southern Region, Dr. Sajid Saeed, Chairman Northern Region and Muhammad Saleem Memon, Vice Chairman Sub-Region Hyderabad.

As a representative organization of the country's builders and developers, ABAD has made a valuable contribution in the formulation of National Housing Policy and Sindh Building Control Ordinance. It has also played a leading role in securing and increase in the House Building Finance Corporation component of housing loans as well as the allocation to HBFC in the Federal Budget.

In Karachi ABAD has played a pivotal role in procurement of land for its members and also for the issuance of no objection to them by Karachi Development Authority. Other major achievements of ABAD include increasing the covered area of flats, fixation of the selling price of housing units, inclusion of a provision of escalation, simplification of the procedure for the permission to mortgage and registration of leases, increase in the period of completion and streamlining of documentation procedures regularly. Although there is a pressing requirement for houses in Karachi yet on account of non-availability of infrastructure and other amenities, some schemes cannot be developed due to scarcity, efforts to remove these bottlenecks are continuing on all possible levels.

As a socially responsible organization in addition to the above core functions ABAD also extends donations and other kinds of support to deserving institutions and welfare organizations. A safe shelter to live in is recognized the world over as a fundamental human right and that is the vision behind ABAD's efforts and ventures.

# Affordable housing Vision of Prime Minister & Vision of ABAD



## Announcement of housing policy at ABAD House

Housing industry is an important sector which can considerably boost the economy of any country. Examples of Malaysia and UAE can be given in this regard, where the sector of housing and construction has turned around the economies of these nations. The industry of housing always played a supportive role in the economic growth and development of a country as it is a “mother industry” to support and run more than 70 allied industries.

Pakistan is a country which has shortage of twelve million houses. Among this shortage major need that is identified, is of affordable housing. Affordable housing is a vision of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) and considered the only key which can solve major problems of our country such as;

### Security and Terrorism,

Providing home is providing a secured future and self-identity to an unsheltered and impoverished family. These families live involuntarily in slums having insecure future for their children's and without basic amenities. This deprivation ultimately turns into anger against society and anti-social



groups take advantage of that to use them in criminal activities, leading to terrorism and militancy. Housing facilities to unsheltered families and their kids not only can prevent them from being misused





by antisocial groups but also give them a sense of pride and identity in society where they live.

### **Industrial growth and Unemployment,**

Mass scale constructions create job opportunities in all sectors of construction industry from profes-

facturing units of building materials. That will create opportunities for foreign investment in terms of monetary means as well as sharing technology and joint ventures to develop projects and set up industrial units.

Affordable housing, therefore, can provide a platform where state and society can be benefitted in terms of economy and harmony respectively. The Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan during his visit at ABAD house on the 4th of July 2018 shared the same vision. On his visit for the announcement of National Housing Policy, Mr. Imran Khan was of the view that the construction of 5 million houses will not only boost housing sector but also bring boom to other seventy plus allied industries. The Chairman of ABAD Mr.



sional engineers to skillful and unskilled labors. As well as it generates demand in high volume for building materials from industries and manufacturing units to supply this demand. This mechanism of supply and demand generates industrial growth and employments and ultimately boost in the construction sector.

### **Economic, Activities, and Foreign Investment.**

Construction activities in high volume will create demand for building material on large scale and this demand will generate requirement of manu-

Muhammad Arif Jeewa, Vice Chairman Mr. Sohail Warind, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Altaf Tai, Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi, Mr. Arif Habib and other leading businessmen together with designated cabinet members were also present on this occasion.

The Prime Minister assured the ABAD members that the private sector would be encouraged and facilitated for construction of Affordable housing and government will provide them supportive and conducive environment where they can work



agencies, utility providing agencies, State Bank of Pakistan, World Bank, ABAD, Pakistan Engineering Council, cantonments, Security Exchange Commission Pakistan should be member of it. An individual from private sector having experience of construction industry should head this committee, which will deal with the Joint Venture (public private partner) projects on government land as well as affordable housing projects on private land. The committee will

smoothly on private owned projects and also on projects jointly-ventured with the government.

Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa the chairman ABAD also addressed on this event and said that Pakistan was facing shortage of 12 million housing units and ABAD is working to build affordable/ low cost housing in various cities of country for which we have received almost 100 thousand applications. ABAD has provided help and support for preparing National Housing Policy on the insistence of Federal Finance Minister Mr. Asad Umar, the Chairman revealed and hoped that that policy would not be just for the political mileage but be implemented in letter and in spirit.

### Recommendations

Regarding Affordable housing ABAD recommends few reforms which need immediate attention for the amelioration of housing industry;

1. An independent committee/board may be created at the Prime Minister House/Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister at the federal level, which will be responsible to look after the complete transaction of housing. A nominee (min 21 grade officer) from government departments such as regularity authorities /land owning

scrutinise and supports the projects completing it with in time frame without any hurdle from government departments, however developer will be bound to sell up to 50% of his project on already fixed affordable price range.

2. After the 18th amendments housing is a provincial subject, therefore recommendations are; an independent committee/board may create at Chief Minister House/Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister at the Provincial level on same pattern and procedure which mentioned above.

3. Fixed tax regime may be re-introduced for construction and development industry to discourage corruption and encourage corporatization. Affordable housing projects may be free from tax or minimum fee not more than 35%.

4. For reduction of cost, all building materials imports may be tax free and also taxes levied on local construction material (steel, cement, paint and sanitary wares) used in approved Low-Cost Housing Schemes, should be waived or exempted. That will reduce the per unit construction cost by 30-35%.



5. All federal and provincial government fees for approval may be waived. Availability of utilities connection and infrastructure may be the responsibility of government / through committee mentioned above and N.O.C from all departments may be given in 7 working days

6. All approval should be given on fast track through One-Window operation at land Regulator's authorities and Building Control authorities.

7. Availability of finance for affordable housing especially non- documented income group people (consumers) may be insured by the government through Islamic banks and DFI's.

8. Land bank of government all over Pakistan may be identified and handed over to committee in vacant and free of any charge positions.

9. To discourage misuse of the Policy all fiscal support will be available only to those projects/schemes vertical or horizontal which are approved.

10. To make corruption free regulatory authority departments, an individual from the private sector may appointed by government as observer for fixed tenure (minimum of three years) who should be a member of committee. That person may have experience of that industry and government should provide support and protection to that person.

11. An institution like CDC may be created for record keeping of title documents, lease deed, mortgage deed, etc.

12. As construction and housing is a service



providing industry so no services taxes may be imposed on the industry.

13. Properties may be transferred at market rate. Cost of transfer both inclusive of Provincial and Federal taxes may not be exceeded to one percent.

14. The size of an affordable housing scheme can be up to 5000 units. Focus of all government departments must be to provide active environment so the projects move at full throttle.

15. Availability of "Housing Finance Facility for affordable housing may be made available on basic documentation. Loan up to 80% of the Total Cost of the said property may be issued on simple documents such as National Identity cards of both borrower and borrowers. At the same time the house will remain on the name of the loan providing agency and once the loan will cleared it will be transferred in the purchasers' name.

16. Purchase price of a housing unit should not be a part of the qualification criteria. Loan amount be the defining parameter. Maximum monthly income of the borrower should be up to Rs.100,000/- For the purpose of calculating Debt Burden Ratio; monthly Household income should be considered, enabling family members to club income / co-guarantee and obtain requisite financing.





# ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2018

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at Pak China Friendship Centre

**Islamabad**





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## First Day:

# ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2018, ISLAMABAD

Held on 4th May 2018 at Pak China Friendship Center



## Event Brief:

ABAD being the only representative organization of Builders and Developers of Pakistan is always active in organizing different events – exhibitions, seminars and workshops on the subjects related to construction industry of Pakistan and the industries allied to it. ABAD organized its first ever expo in 2014 at Karachi Expo Center the second mega event ABAD Int'l EXPO 16 in August 2016 again in Karachi After that ABAD organized third mega event in Islamabad ABAD JANG EXPO 2017 in march 2017 and forth mega event ABAD Int'l EXPO 17 in Karachi. These exhibitions were big successes and many builders and developers and manufacturers of construction materials participated in it.

This year ABAD planned to organize similar expo once again in the capital city Islamabad. ABAD constituted a team under the headship of Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa Chairman ABAD to organize this expo. The team worked very hard for some months to organize this expo on such a big scale.



The 5th mega building and construction show ABAD Int'l EXPO 2018 in Islamabad was inaugurated by Governor Punjab Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana and all stakeholders of Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) with the members of allied industries participated in it on 4th May 2018 at Pak china Friendship Center Islamabad.

In the exhibition, a number of international building and construction companies from all over the world participated with a large number of local builders and developers and construction companies and set up their stalls. It was also recorded that more than 100 foreign delegations also visited the exhibition on different time slots.

The exhibition attracted exhibitors from tile industry, sanitary fittings, hardware, pipes, paints and other allied industries related to the construction sector. Many of the stalls were booked by builders to introduce upcoming and ongoing residential and commercial projects in different cities of Pakistan.

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**Inauguration Ceremony:**

Inaugurating the event, Governor Punjab Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana said that the entire world is acknowledging Pakistan as an emerging economy while international investors are keen to invest in various sectors of the country due to increased confidence.



**Appreciating the role of ABAD as the only National Level representative organization of builders and developers, he added that providing shelter to the shelterless is a noble cause and ABAD is doing this for quite a long time he further said that it was a good sign that not just national companies but foreign companies related to the construction sector were showcasing their products and services at the international expo.**

Furthermore, highlighting his vision he said that the Federal Govt. had promised in 2013 to make Pakistan a vibrant economy by overcoming the challenges of terrorism, energy shortage and weaker financial situation. He said that all these promises are being handled and by 2019 Pakistan

will emerge as a prosperous and developed country on the world map. He said let it be known that the government is fulfilling all the promises that it made.

Focusing on the opportunity provided by CPEC, he said that Pakistan's economy has achieved sound footings as reflected by various economic indicators. China Pakistan

Economic Corridor (CPEC) which has been dubbed as the game-changer by international community will enhance regional connectivity and promotion of trade, making the role of Pakistan pivotal in South Asia. He further said that infrastructure development is a major component of this project to change the landscape of the country.







Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana said major financial institutions have appreciated the economic milestones achieved by the present government. He said Pakistan's

economic rating has been improved; foreign exchange reserves increased to a substantial level and the stock market is one of the best in Asia due to economic policies pursued by the government. The government has also launched a number of energy projects, both from conventional and alternative sources, to overcome the shortage of power in the country.

The Governor said it is heartening to see that a large number of companies from Britain, China, Italy, Polish, UAE, Bahrain, Turkey and other countries are taking part in the exhibition and have also expressed interest to invest in real estate sector & Construction Industry of Pakistan. He urged private sector to act as veritable arm of the government in infrastructure development.



Speaking at the occasion Chairman ABAD Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa thanked all the guests, participants, visitors and friends from press and media. He said that the

construction industry of Pakistan was contributing a lot to the national economy and ABAD was striv-

ing for the development of country. He appealed to the government to also cooperate with the construction industry. He further said that it is a moment of happiness that ABAD International Expo-2018 Islamabad has participation of many foreign companies and hoped that it would be fetching many foreign companies' investment in Pakistan.

He said that such an Expo would be helpful in updat-



ing and improving the processes involved in doing building and construction work while also introducing the latest technology in the sector.

With the office bearers and members of ABAD some prominent figures were also present on the occasion, like Ambassador of UAE Mr. ESSA ABDULLA AL BASHA AL NOIMI, Mayor Municipal Corporation Islamabad Mr. Sh. Ansar Aziz, Deputy Mayor Municipal Corporation Islamabad Mr. Zeeshan Ali Naqvi and Former President FPCCI Mr. Abdul Rauf Alam and many more.

Second Day

# Seminar on JOB FAIR Launching of ABAD JOBS PORTAL



**ABAD Launched Pakistan's first ever Free Job Portal [www.abadjobs.com](http://www.abadjobs.com) which was launch on second day of the event. President of the Board of Investment and Minister of State for Investment Senator Saleem H. Mandviwalla was the Chief Guest of the event.**

Speaking at the Seminar the Senator appreciates the effort of ABAD and said that these types of events are highly popular in the eyes of both employers and potential employees. To aid the recruitment, application, and networking process, job fairs and training expos are held all over the world in various locations. This is an ingenious way to meet the needs of both employers and potential employees.

After the chief guest significance appreciation Chairman-ABAD Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa thanks the entire guests, Visitors, Exhibitor & Media friends. Chairman also appreciates the effort of

Convener, Co-conveners, and Members of JOB FAIR Sub-committee of ABAD & Seminar Sub-committee of ABAD who organized the great segment in the event.

Highlighting the vision of Parton-in-Chief Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan he said that ABAD strive to provide students' access to a large number of employers who have plenty of positions to fill. Hosting a Job fair gives the ability to invite as many employers. We can scale the fair based on our students' needs and fields. Students will get the opportunity to meet a wide variety of employers from multiple industries under one





roof. We also give employers access to high-quality job candidates. The main reason recruiters to connect with ABAD to meet highly qualified students that can fill the positions they have open. The more students who

connect with ABAD portal, the more potential employees the recruiters get to meet.

ABAD also Educate students on how to conduct their job search. Besides giving employers and students a chance to meet, a career fair offers a chance to host seminars and lectures on all aspects of hunting and securing a job. That's why many well reputed employers are the part of panel

In the exhibition, in addition to government and political dignitaries, many architects, engineers and professionals from building and construction industry also visited and appreciated the achievement of ABAD.

During the event, the stall holders appreciated the holding of the expo and said they got good response from the people. They said the event besides helping them market their products and services also highlighted the nationwide and foreign real estate investment opportunities, the issues and challenges facing stakeholders, and ways and means to effectively address them. Promising to provide the people with high-quality yet affordable houses, the developers called for the holding of such events in future, too.

Talking to media, a representative of the UAE-based exhibitor, said the people of Pakistan showed keen interest in his firm's projects, the only



discussions on topics related to particular industries or job types.

Beside that the affordable and low cost housing scheme of ABAD in the capital city was also instigated. A number of general public filled the booking forms for the scheme and it is estimated that around 50 thousand applications were received in the three-day event. According to the plans, a 5 marla house shall cost from 15 to 19 lacs rupees and these will be for those who are the residents of the capital city but don't have their permanent shelters.

luxury community development located on the Dubai Water Canal, and expressed the desire to visit the sites soon. He said the potential clients from Pakistan, including members of both upper middle class and upper class, didn't want to completely shift them to Dubai and instead, they wanted to either avail themselves of real estate investment opportunities in the UAE or have holiday homes.

The foreign participants, including Chinese Nationals, said they were happy to see the Pakistani government pursue investor-friendly policies and therefore, they were exploring the options of investing money in the country.

## Third Day **GALA DINNER** Event & Award Distribution Ceremony



After organizing the successful mega event ABAD International EXPO 2018, The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) also hosted a memorable GALA DINNER for the participants of Expo and its members.

The gala dinner was hosted on 6th May 2018. The Chairman ABAD Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa Parton in Chief Mohsin Sheikhan, were the main speakers with the Chief Guest. Many prominent figures were also present in this occasion along with the members and office bearers of ABAD. All the participants of exhibition, people from press and media and some foreign delegations were also specially invited in the program.

The event started with the recitation from Holy Quran. Then the welcome speech was delivered by Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa who greeted and thanked all the members, participants from press and media and the chief guests for their presence in that auspicious occasion. He highlighted the services of ABAD in the development of national economy as a national trade body. Thanking to the team of ABAD EXPO and all the participants of exhibition and giving the reference of ABAD INTERNATIONAL EXPO 2018 Islamabad he said that ABAD has done a tremendous work in joining the foreign



investors with national builders and developers through that event.

After chairman Speech Parton in Chief ABAD Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan addressed the participants of the event and said that construction industry is the backbone of national economy of every country, as it supports other allied industries and this in result provides jobs for the skilled and unskilled people. Focusing on the initiative of low cost and affordable housing scheme being started in the capital city Islamabad, he added that ABAD registered a large number of the poor and salaried people for the scheme under which 5 marla

Parton in Chief said that ABAD having more than 1000 countrywide companies as members had found the event to be advocating its mission of



unifying and streamlining the private sector construction activities in the country. He said ABAD's activities mainly took place in Sindh, mostly Karachi, but now many multi-storied housing units are being built in Islamabad, Lahore and other parts of the country, too, due to the growing public awareness. He added that ABAD acted as a bridge between the builders and developers and the relevant government agencies to make things happen smoothly. The Association is ensured friendlier government policies, simplification of

affordable houses would be given to them at the price ranging from Rs. 1.5 million to Rs. 1.9 million each. As it is our social responsibility, we will develop the best possible complete housing units, which don't look low-cost in any way, at a time when the country faces the shortage of 12 million houses.

The Parton in Chief said the people's response to the low-cost housing scheme was overwhelming and that the ABAD would strive to live up to their expectations while expecting relief from the government in taxes, documentation fee and cost of utility services for the allottees. He said the government should encourage and trust private builders and developers for national cause of providing the people with good and affordable shelters.



taxation for ending of housing shortage and management of the slum dwellings.

In the event, souvenirs and ABAD mementoes were also presented to all the team members for their untiring efforts in making the event a memorable one.

# Ban on High-Rise Buildings Not a solution of water shortage



## Issuance of NOC from KW&SB a positive approach

Modern cities are reckoned and praised for their innovative towering solutions for housings and other accommodative facilities. That's why vertical construction is seen as an ideal model for development- especially in the context of growing population and urbanization trend. Cities like New York, Dubai, Shanghai and many others countries can be named in this regard.

However, in a developing country like Pakistan where priorities are different as resources are

In November 2016 a petition was lodged by Mr. Shahab Ushto who is lawyer from interior Sindh in the Supreme Court (SC) of Pakistan for shortage of water in Shikarpur Sindh. The SC started hearing in December 2016 and formed an inquiry commission under Chairmanship of Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro to look into the water and sanitation issue particularly in Sindh. The commission submitted its report on March 6, 2017 revealing poor water and sanitation conditions particularly in the rural Sindh.



limited, housings and developments are a daunting task in megacity Karachi, which is badly striving to accommodate more than 22 million inhabitants and continuously unchecked migrants. Still, the revenue engine of Pakistan is envied as the solution of every problem of the country.

On that report many significant orders were passed by the SC. An important one came on March 16, 2016 when the apex court restrained the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) and Cantonment Boards from issuing building approval plans for new high-rise and multi-storey commercial and residential projects without the availability of proper water supply and sewerage systems. Therefore in May 2017, the Sindh Building Control Authority slapped a complete ban on construction of skyscrapers beyond ground-plus-two storeys in the city in compliance with the SC order.



The ban, however, came when the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB) submitted in the petition before the court that it had deficient resources to supply for the increasing number of high-rise buildings, a prominent visible feature on the city's landscape.

But this prohibition on new buildings has severe and adverse effects on construction and overall business sector. Apart from builders and developers many other allied industries like cement, steel, iron, tiles, utilities, sanitary and etc. are also associated with the construction business. But most importantly it was the colossal amount of unemployment in the shape of labours, technical staff and contractual work force which was going to lose their bread and butter. The Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) Arif Jeewa was rightly comprehends "More than two million people will lose their jobs if the ban on high-rise construction prevails".

Therefore a panel of the ABAD lawyers that includes Barrister Muhammad Farogh Naseem, Munir A. Malik and Barrister Abid Zuberi, lodged an appeal in the Supreme Court and requested the bench to review the court's May, 2017 order. In the first hearing the panel of lawyers conveyed their apprehensions before the court about the growing unemployment and other negative impacts on the construction industry. In the second hearing the SC three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Mian Saqib Nisar, Justices Faisal Arab and Justice Sajjad Ali Shah permitted Ground plus six storied construction



subject to the availability of proper water supply and sewerage system in new projects in the province and formed a Water Commission under Justice (retd.) Amir Muslim Hani to investigate the failure of the authorities concerned to provide clean drinking water and improve sanitation conditions in Sindh.

The Commission analyzed every pros and cons of the situation, visited multiple sites of both rural and urban Sindh from water providing lakes to effluent treatment plants. It also noticed complains of waste disposal in canals and inadequate supply of water. Justice (retd) Amir Muslim Hani instructed the concerned authorities to overcome the shortcomings within a set deadline and also restrained the SBCA not to issue approvals for any new skyscraper in Karachi without guarantee of all utility provisions.

Although these directives were issued in a case relating to non-availability of potable water and deteriorating sanitation conditions in Karachi and the rest of the province. But the SBCA remained still undecided and via a notification it stopped to grant permission for any new construction until and unless the Non Objection

Certificates (NOCs) from Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB), Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) and K-Electric are not sought.

#### **Positivity & Coordination bore fruits**

The Construction Industry remained still in doldrums. One of the representative lawyer of the Association of Builders and Developers, revealed to the Court last year that 308 projects

stan couldn't close their eyes on this crisis-like situation. Therefore their energetic Chairman Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa called an emergency meeting to chalk out a comprehensive plan in order to cater the situation.

A delegation of the ABAD under the Chairmanship of Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa first met the Managing Director of the KWSB Khalid

### **A) ISSUES REGARDING WATER NOC & NEW CONNECTION**

### **B) DELAING IN HANDING OVER THE POSSESSION OF OPEN PLOTS SCHME DURING 15 YEARS DUE TO NON AVAILABILITY OF INFRA STRUCUTE AND LACK OF COORDINAITON OF UTILITY AGENCIES**



had been stalled due to a ban imposed by the SBCA on the court's order, which was causing huge losses to the developers. The construction sector, which is one of the largest job providers of the country serves also as a fulcrum in supporting 72 allied industries. But the biggest apprehension was if the ban was not lifted, capital would start flying out of Karachi. Pakistan is already facing a shortfall of about 12 million housing units and if new houses were not built, prices of existing units would increase, which would further create problems for the industry.

Like always, the ABAD was monitoring issues related to building and construction very seriously and the only developers' forum of Paki-

Mahmood Shaikh and shared his views about the ongoing unemployment and recent halt on construction activities. ABAD contends that there is no shortage of water in the city, but a bit mismanagement of water distribution, and rusty main water supply line, due to which the residents were forced to get water through tankers and illegal water hydrants. The meeting was a progressive & fruitful one as the MD Khalid Mahmood Shaikh also shared a positive approach towards development of the country and assured that once the city's water requirements are met his institution would have no harm to issue NOCs for provision of new water connections.



Thereafter in the Chief Minister House an enormous meeting was held on July 5, 2018 with the Sindh Caretaker Chief Minister Fazal ur Rehman in chair. In the meeting apart from delegation of ABAD led by Arif Jeewa, Chairman ABAD the KW&SB Managing Director Mr. Khalid Mahmood Shaikh, Local Government Secretary Sindh Mr. Khalid Haider Shah, Director Generals of Layari Development Authority, Malir Development Authority and DG of SBCA Iftikhar Qaimkhani were also presented.



That was a significant development when all the stakeholders related to land and construction in Karachi participated and sought out ways to resolve the problems pertain the issues of NOC and New Connection from KW&SB and delaying in handing over possession of open plots schemes during 15 years due to non-availability of infrastructure and lack of coordination of Utility Agencies.

The delegation of ABAD informed the CM that more than 400 applications of water connections are in pending in the KW&SB. Over it the MD of the KW&SB assured the members in the high profile meeting that the KW&SB would start issuing NOCs when the K-IV a bulk water supply project to Karachi would be completed. It is pertinent to mention here that once the NOC is granted it still takes around 4 years for a building to materialize these connections.

The Honorable CM constituted a four-member "Special Committee", comprising two from the ABAD and one each from KW&SB and SBCA and

asked them to sit together to settle the issue and report back him. From ABAD the conveyor Legal Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib and conveyor Water Board Syed Altaf Hussain were the focal persons of the committee. From KW&SB the MD Khalid Mahmood Sheikh and from SBCA their DG Iftikhar Qaimkhani were the other members.

The committee held a meeting with Local Government secretary Khalid Haider Shah where a consensus was evolved among the stakeholders and the KW&SB assured that conditional NOC would be issued to start new construction. After this assurance from the KW&SB the SBCA also guaranteed that the metropolitan' building control body would have no problem to issue NOCs for new constructions in the megacity.

It is important to mention that the Caretaker CM Fazal ur Rehman took special effort in this entire process and asked to report him back in person over the findings of the meetings. And, so are the local government secretary and SBCA' DG who prioritized a problem-solving approach rather letting the matter under the carpet. In this period the members and conveyors of ABAD under the auspicious Chairmanship of

M. Arif Yousuf Jeewa worked tirelessly hard and left no stone unturned to resume construction activities in the Mega polis.

The caretaker CM is of the vision that coordination among institutions is the key to success and he desires that all the institutions will work



together within limit and within law in future. Caretaker Minister for Environment, Jameel Yusuf also seconds the view "There is a dire need that all stakeholders should keep close contact on important matters in order to further promote understanding for amicable resolution of problems."

### High-rises are solution, not problem

It has been a collective consensus during all meetings that high rises are not the problem; in fact the problem lies in the absence of delivery of basic services like water, sanitation, transport, electricity & etc. which are hurdles in the way of the city to get developed and prospered. Ultimately that also directly affects the construction sector for logically significant reasons. Ban on high rises never be a solution in megacity like Karachi. High prices of land especially in urban areas, limited space left for housings in downtown, escalation in material prices and growing

population have been the reasons that vertical construction seems the only viable option before constructors here and also worldwide to overcome the scarcity of residential space in the over-populated metropolitan.

The ABAD uphold their stance that with more than 2 million work force and association with 71 other allied industries, anything that discourages construction would lead to unemployment and breakdown in national development activities amid growing trend of urbanization.

High-rise structures, in fact, provide a practical way of decongesting urban sprawl. In smaller towns where land is cheaper, it's more logical to have horizontal construction. However, in large cities where properties are expensive, the buildings logically grow upwards and offer to house maximum residents in limited space. The lacks of horizontal space leading to a potential breaking point, therefore, has led builders here to the brilliant solution of building vertically and provide cost-effective solution of accommodations.

The ban on construction of high-rises in Karachi is not a wise option as the city needs vertical construction for being a megacity. Also, many countries including the UAE and Saudi Arabia also faced water shortages, but they never imposed ban on high-rises. Therefore vertical construction is not only a solution of the 21st century housing needs but also allow the city's skyline to be more noticeable. In fact, a series of high-rise projects worldwide are termed as the identity or jewel in the crown of various megacities.



# Meeting of **ABAD** Delegation with **DG** Sindh Environment Protection Agency

## Mr. Saleem Raza Khoro, DG EPA vows to resolve ABAD Members Issues on Priority Basis.

A Delegation headed by Engr. Danish Bin Rauf Convener Environmental Protection Sub Committee of ABAD along with Mr. Hassan Bakshi and Mr. Mehmood Tabba met with Mr. Saleem Raza Khoro Director General of Sindh Environment Protection Agency on 23rd June 2018 at SEPA Head Office, Karachi.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi Former Senior Vice Chairman of ABAD introduced members to the Director General SEPA. Issues of ABAD Members regarding delay in getting NOC from SEPA was discussed in the meeting.

During the meeting Mr. Hassan Bakshi said that thousands of labour attached with construction industry, an estimated 72 industries are linked with construction industry, according to State Bank of Pakistan there is a need of 12 Million Residential Units in Karachi. If Government will promote construction Industry it will generate huge revenue which will be proving beneficial to boost economy of our country.

After hearing the issues of ABAD regarding delay in getting NOC from EPA Mr. Saleem Raza Khoro said that, millions of people income attached with the



construction industry, it should have to run continuously and NOC issuance work would start from next Monday.

Convener Environmental Protection Sub-Committee ABAD suggested to organize a meeting with ABAD on monthly basis, DG EPA agreed to hold a meeting with ABAD on monthly basis for the solution of ABAD Members issues. Later ABAD Delegation invited Mr. Saleem Raza Khoro for ABAD House visit, DG EPA accepted ABAD House visit invitation and agreed to visit on the last week of July, date of visit would be finalized with mutual consent ABAD Delegation presented Shelter Magazine to DG EPA and thanked for his corporation.

# Meeting of ABAD Delegation with Senior General Manager SSGC



Issues of ABAD Members regarding SSGC were discussed Coordinate and resolve every issue of ABAD Members, Dr, Ejaz Senior GM SSGC gave instructions to the officers

A delegation of ABAD led by Mr. Mustafa Sheikhan Convener SSGC Committee ABAD along with Mr. Aziz Jamal, Ameer Uddin Sherwani and Syed Mashkoo Alam with Dr. Ejaz Senior General Manager SSGC on 7th June 2018 at SSGC Head Office.

Mr. Mustafa Sheikhan introduced ABAD members to the Senior General Manager SSGC.

Issues of ABAD members regarding SSGC were discussed in the meeting with Dr. Ejaz and other senior officers of SSGC who were present with Senior GM SSGC.

On behalf of M/s. L.E.J Real Estate Developers Mr. Aziz Jamal shared the issue with SSGC regarding inordinate delay in approval of Gas Connection of Gulf Way Tower, Metro Towers & Cliff Tower projects, After hearing the issue Dr. Ejaz informed that Letter of Intent (LOI) has been issued by SSGC, ABAD Member should further contact concerned department to start road cutting work and take



follow up with SSGC for further execution of work plan for Gulf way Tower, Clifton.

Further Mr. Aziz Jamal requested SSGC officials to issue job cards for Metro Tower and Cliff Towers, Clifton so that process may start for further execution of work in both projects.

Dr. Ejaz told that "SSGC would check the status of other two projects and will arrange for the issuance of job cards within next week".





## ABAD Delegation Meeting with Dr. Ejaz Senior General Manager SSGC.

During the discussion Mr. Ameer-Ud-Din Sherwani presented the issue of M/s. Sherwani Builders & Developers New Gas connection approval is pending since September 2018, the matter was discussed in last few meetings with SSGC but the matter is still unresolved. Senior GM SSGC told that SSGC work execution plan based on the requirements fulfilled by the applicant through contractors, in some cases contractors delayed the process due to which SSGC has to wait for the completion of certain requirements to be completed by the Applicant & Contractor and he gave instructions to concerned department to follow-up the pending issue in coordination with Mr. Ameer Uddin Sherwani and ABAD.

Syed Mashkoo Alam, Authorized Representative of M/s. Noble Project Management briefed about the pending issue of their project "Sohni Hamlet".

Moreover Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani informed that SSGC Sales department is asking for latest verified documents related to the project "Sohni Hamlet" from Board of Revenue, this process takes lots of time as well as unnecessary delays from Board of

Revenue, He suggested that SSGC should accept the copies of documents which was verified in 2010 to speed up the process. After hearing the matter Dr. Ejaz gave instructions to the concerned department to look into the matter to accept old verified documents of "Sohni Hamlet".

On the matter of M/s. Bara Builders and Developers Project "Rabia Pearl" SSGC Officials informed that Job Card has been issued by SSGC for the project and concerned department can be contacted for follow-up purpose.

Later Dr. Ejaz gave instructions to the concerned officer to "Coordinate and resolve every issue of ABAD Members on immediate basis", he also appreciated the efforts of ABAD for the betterment of city.

Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani, Convener of KE & SSGC Sub-Committee thanked Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Senior Manager Customer Services on behalf of ABAD delegation and he also invited Dr. Ejaz Ahmed to visit ABAD House.

# Meeting of **ABAD** Delegation with Deputy Managing Director Taxes of Karachi Water & Sewerage Board

**Matter related to non issuance of water NOC by KW & SB discussed  
ABAD to support KW & SB tree plantation campaign**

A delegation led by Mr. Altaf Hussain Convener KW&SB Sub Committee of ABAD along with Mr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman, Mr. Shaikh Atique, Mr. Junaid Taloo, Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai met with Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan Deputy Managing Director Taxes of KW & SB on 21st June 2018 at Karachi Water and Sewerage Board Head Office.

Deputy Managing Director Taxes of KW&SB welcomed the delegates, Later on Mr. Hussain introduced Members and briefed the agenda of meeting to KW & SB officials and informed that meeting was called to discuss some important issues of members of ABAD which are in pending since long and need to be resolved on priority basis to provide relief to members of ABAD.

The issue of M/s. Shaikh Builders, M/s. Soneri builders and developers & M/s. Bismillah Housing Services discussed by the ABAD members regarding over billing on their projects, They urged to resolve the said matter which was pending since a long, Further Convener KW&SB Sub Committee ABAD requested the officials of KW&SB for the resolution of ABAD members issue regarding over billing on priority basis.

After hearing the issue, Mr. Aslam gave instructions to Director bulk billing for the issuance of current bill and said that the matter should be referred to the rectification committee and the committee will decide how much amount have to be waived.

Mr. Kaleem uz Zaman briefed the matter of M/s. Gray Builders and Developers and informed that despite of paying bills KW&SB is not providing water to his project, In this Regards Mr. Aslam assured that the matter would be referred to water distribution department and suggested to report the said matter through written complain.

Mr. Syed Altaf Hussain pointed out that members of ABAD are facing problem due to non issuance of



**Picture of ABAD Delegation Meeting with Deputy MD Taxes KW & SB.**

NOC by KW&SB which is causing delay in construction of project and also causing financial loss to the builder. He suggested that KW&SB should review the existing policy to make it better, friendly to the consumer and should avoid delays in process.

Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai informed that a MoU has been signed between ABAD & KW&SB during the tenure of Mustafa Kamal and Mr. Naimat ullah Khan in which it was agreed that all new water connection cases should be referred to KW&SB through ABAD after completion of all requirements of KW&SB. He informed that this practice was



KW&SB. He informed that this practice was successfully adopted by ABAD & KW&SB for few years and hundreds of NOC was issued by KW&SB in coordination with ABAD and concerned Builder. Mr. Aslam Khan suggested to discussing the said issue with MD Karachi Water & Sewerage Board in upcoming meeting.

Further convener KW&SB Sub-Committee of ABAD informed that ABAD is planning to organize seminar on "Water Crisis" in ABAD House which is scheduled to be held in 1st week of July 2018. Mr. Aslam

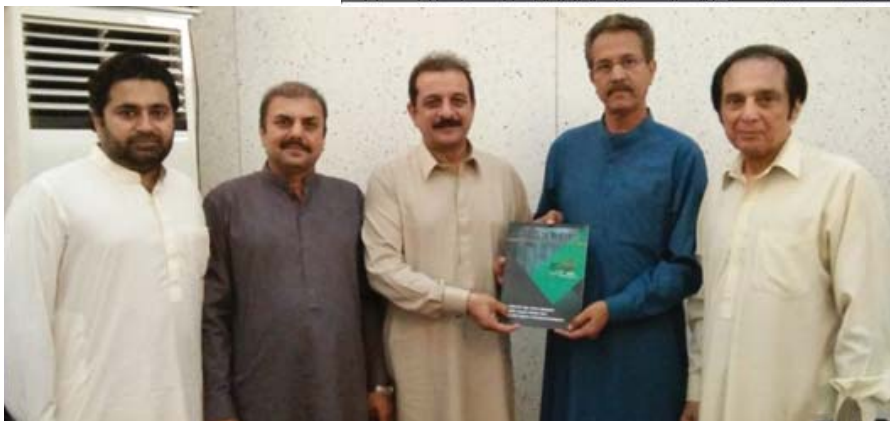
Khan appreciated the effort of ABAD to organize seminar and assured his full cooperation to make the seminar successful.

Mr. Aslam Khan informed that KW&SB is planning to start "Tree Plantation Campaign" in Karachi in which support of ABAD shall be required to create healthy environment in the city. ABAD delegation gave him assurance for cooperation in tree plantation campaign and further KW&SB Official said to initiate the campaign from ABAD office surrounding area.

## Meeting of ABAD Delegation with Mayor Karachi



Mayor vowed to work in collaboration with ABAD for the advancement of Karachi



A Delegation of ABAD lead by Mr. Muhammad Sohail Warind Vice Chairman ABAD along with Mr. Raheel Rinch Convener of KMC Sub-Committee and Mr. Shahid Nabi Malik Senior Member met with Mr. Waseem Akhtar Mayor Karachi on 25th May 2018 at Mayor Karachi Office.

ABAD Delegation discussed M/s. City Developers issue of road cutting, also discussed other issues related to KMC and shared proposals for the beautification of city.

Mayor appreciated the efforts of ABAD for the betterment of city and gave assurance to resolve every issue of ABAD Members.

Further Mr. Waseem Akhtar vowed to work in collaboration with ABAD for the advancement of city.

Later ABAD Delegation presented Shelter Magazine to Mayor Karachi and invited him to visit ABAD House.

# ABAD

## DELEGATION MEETING WITH

# K-ELECTRIC

## OFFICIALS



### KE WOULD CONSIDER CASES OF ABAD MEMBERS AND WILL OBLIGE SUCH CASES IN CONSULTATION WITH CONCERNED BUILDER AND ABAD, K-ELECTRIC OFFICIAL

A Delegation led by Mr. Hassan Bakshi Former Senior vice Chairman of ABAD along with Mr. Mustafa Sheikhan Convener KE & SSGC Sub-Committee, Engr. Danish Bin Rauf Co-Convener, Mr. Amin Lakhani (Member) met with officials of K-Electric Mr. Mansoor Masood General Manager Bulk Business, Mr. Abdul Khaliq Shaikh and Mr. Faruq Mangi Manager Key Accounts /Bulk Business on 23rd May 2018 at KE office Bahria Complex IV, Gizri, Karachi.

#### Delegation of ABAD discussed following agenda points in the meeting.

- Complaint of M/s. A.L. Builders
- Load Assessment Criteria for 2018
- Suspension of Self Finance Scheme due to which members are facing problem. In case if policy is not resumed by KE, then KE should provide alternative.
- NOC for new connection
- KE should provide copy of Bye-Laws / Rules & Regulations / SOP's as approved by NEPRA and details of all kind of charges required for new connection.
- Monthly Meetings between ABAD & K-Electric.
- Invitation to visit ABAD

Any other point with the permission of the chair On behalf of M/s. A. L. Builders, Mr. Amin Lakhani briefed the matter related to the charging of access amount against New Connection, other members also discussed the same issue with KE officials, after hearing this issue KE officials gave assurance to review the matter of providing detail of charges charged by KE and gave assurance to resolve the matter with coordination of ABAD and AL Builders. Moreover ABAD delegation gave suggestion to review charges detail and to implement the rules and regulations as provided by NEPRA- National Electric Power and Regulatory Authority.

During the discussion Mr. Amin Lakhani suggested that the access amount charged by KE should be adjusted in billing amount and details of charges should be shared with ABAD.

ABAD delegation shared that "In several meetings we have discussed the issue of Load Assessment criteria with KE officials but we have not get any outcome since one year and so far KE has not provided load assessment criteria to ABAD to help assessing load for our projects".



While replying on Load Assessment Criteria issue KE officials said that "KE has developed online system for Load assessment criteria which is under testing phase and soon it will be available on KE website, whereas KE would provide Manual process of L.A.C to ABAD to process their load assessment requirements in consultation with K-Electric.

Further ABAD delegation said that "ABAD Members are facing lot of problems due to the suspension of Self Finance Scheme because now they are bound to purchase material from approved vendors /suppliers by KE , due to which members are purchasing material on high rates as compare to the rates of local market, KE should allow members of ABAD to purchase material form Open Market".

ABAD delegation also added that "The same matter discussed in the meeting held in March 2018 in which it was suggested that KE should provide alternate to the suspended self finance scheme to provide relief to the members of ABAD".

Countering the question of Self Finance scheme suspension KE officials told that "KE would consider cases of ABAD members and will oblige such cases in consultation with concerned builder and with ABAD".

On the matter of NOC for new connections KE delegation suggested that the mater should be

referred to next meeting with concerned Officials & Head of Karachi region.

ABAD delegation urged to the KE Officials KE should provide copy of Bye-Laws / Rules & Regulations /SOP's as approved by NEPRA and details of all kind of charges required for new connection".

"KE should provide ease of getting required information on website and KE should compile Service Manual and the same should be published on KE website" ABAD Delegation added.

Furthermore ABAD delegation reminded that the agenda point also discussed in the last meeting



but still no action has been taken to provide information to ABAD.

KE officials informed ABAD delegation that the Bye-Laws and Rules are available on KE & Nepra Website. Later ABAD delegation suggested that the next meeting should be held in the last week of June 2018 with proper agenda/ pending issues and follow up of agenda points, whereas date and venue of the meeting will be finalized in mutual coordination.

ABAD delegation invited KE officials to visit ABAD House and the meeting ends with vote of thanks to and from the chair.



## ABAD

## Delegation Met Chaudhry Aamir Rasheed Wadaya CEO Cantonment Board Malir

### CEO Cantonment board directed to the concerned officer to check pending cases and to put them in next board meeting for approval

A delegation of ABAD led by Mr. Muhammad Younus Lakhani Convener ABAD along with Mr. Muhammad Tariq Hanif Memon, Mr. Tariq Aziz, Mr. Mashkoo Alam, Mr. Zuhair Naqvi met with Mr. Chaudhry Aamir Rasheed CEO Cantonment Board on 17th May 2018 at CEO Malir Office, Karachi.

Meeting started by the recitation of Holy Quran, Mr. Muhammad Younus Lakhani introduced members of ABAD delegation to the chair, whereas Mr. Muhammad Hanif Memon briefed the chair about agenda of the meeting.

Following agenda items were discussed in the meeting.

- Implementation for time frame for approval of building plans
- Time frame of extension date for project
- Induction of ABAD Representatives in Building Committee
- Regular Coordination Meeting with ABAD for friendly environment between ABAD & Cantonment Board Malir.
- Invitation to visit ABAD House

It is suggested that point wise agenda shall be discussed in this meeting to summarize the meeting and detailed agenda of the meeting shall be discussed in the meeting to be held in the last week of June 2018

On the matter of implementation on time frame for approval of building plans CEO Cantonment board directed to the concerned officer to check pending cases and to put them in next board meeting for approval.

Further on the agenda point of Time frame of extension date for project CEO Cantonment board

suggested that member will be given two extensions for their projects, however if there are any pending cases for 3rd Extension CEO Malir office will check those cases for consideration. In addition



ABAD delegation proposed that provision of 3rd Extension could be considered after getting "Undertaking" from the concerned member of ABAD.

Moreover on the agenda point of ABAD representative's induction in Building Committee, CEO cantonment board informed that "There are no such bindings in Cantonment Board Bye-Laws to induct representative in building committee from outside of cantonment board, but Cantonment board shall discuss the matter in close coordination with ABAD sub-committee of Cantonment Board.

ABAD delegation suggested to hold monthly meetings between Cantonment Board Malir & ABAD Delegation to create good working liason between ABAD and Cantonment Board Malir, CEO Cantonment board Malir agreed on this suggestion of ABAD.

Later ABAD Delegation invited CEO Malir to visit ABAD House, whereas date of visit would be finalized as per mutual understanding.



# Meeting of ABAD



A delegation of ABAD led by Mr. Muhammad Sohail Warind Vice Chairman ABAD along with Mr. Asif Sumsum Convener Anti-Encroachment Cell Law & Order Sub-Committee, Mr. Haroon Karim (Member), Mr. Zubair Essani (Member), Mr. Mumtaz Ghazi (Member) met with Mr. Rizwan Memon, Chief Secretary Sindh on 16th May 2018 at Chief secretary Sindh office, Karachi.

Meeting started by the recitation of Holy Quran, Mr. Sohail Warind introduced the ABAD Delegation to the chief secretary.

Later on Mr. Asif Sumsum Convener of Anti-Encroachment cell and Law & Order Sub-Committee briefed agenda of the meeting.

Mr. Asif briefed about the proposal of beautification of Mehmood-ul-Hasan road in Gulshan-e-Maymar and requested to remove encroachments and illegal constructions on road side. Further he offered that members of ABAD can make arrangements for the beautification of road after the construction of one track of the said road.

Mr. Rizwan Memon, Chief Secretary Sindh appreciated ABAD's role in this regard and vows to resolve the issue of encroachment on Mehmood-ul-Hasan road.

## Delegation with RIZWAN MEMON Chief Secretary Sindh

### Chief Secretary Sindh appreciates the role of ABAD for the betterment of city

On behalf of Al-Ghazi Builders Mr. Mumtaz Ghazi briefed about the incident of encroachment on the land and handed over relevant documents to the Chief Secretary, he also informed about the orders of the honorable High Court of Sindh which need to be implemented through concerned departments and law enforcement agencies.

Chief Secretary informed that at present Government is completing its tenure, hold the matter till the process of caretaker Government shall finalized so that proper action should be taken.

Mr. Haroon Karim and Mr. Zubair Essani briefed about the case of record of rights entries. Another party is also claiming the ownership of land which is actually owned and under possession of M/s. Karim Associates.

Further Mr. Haroon Karim handed over property documents to the Chief Secretary for review and for further action.

After hearing the issue Mr. Rizwan Memon suggested to consult the said matter with DC East & Master plan department, he gave assurance to take proper action in coordination with ABAD and concerned departments.

Later Mr. Muhammad Sohail Warind invited Mr. Rizwan Memon to visit ABAD House; He accepted the invitation and gave assurance for ABAD House visit in last week of June 2018.

# Meeting of Cantonment Boards Sub-Committee at ABAD House



A Meeting of Abad Sub-Committee of Cantonment Board held on 17th May 2018 At Abad House.

The meeting started with the recitation from Holy Quran and then Mr. Muhammad Sohail Warind Vice Chairman ABAD welcomed members of ABAD.

Mr. Muhammad Younus Lakhani, Convener Cantonment Boards Sub-Committee of ABAD briefed agenda of the meeting. He informed the House that the purpose to call this meeting is "To know the pending issues of members related to Cantonment Boards and to guide them in consultation with Legal Consultant for Cantonment Boards related issues".

On behalf of M/s. Harmain Builders Mr. Ghulam Nabi Shaikh briefed about the pending matter of approval with Cantonment Board Malir, after hearing the issue Mr. Younus suggested him to submit detailed report of the matter in ABAD Secretariat to take up the matter with Cantonment Board.

Further Mr. Ashraf Ali Rajput Legal Consultant

ABAD for Cantonment Board matters suggested that Mr. Ghulam Nabi Shaikh should discuss the matter in detail to prepare appropriate letter to be sent to CEO Malir regarding the matter.

Whereas, Mr. Mashkoo Alam briefed the matter of M/s. Noble project "Sohni Hamlet" in district Malir and said that the issue is still pending despite of discussing the matter with CEO Malir.

In this regard Mr. Muhammad Younus Lakhani informed that the matter is taken up in the Cantonment Board Sub Committee and also discussed in the recent meeting with CEO Malir and it was agreed by CEO Malir that he will look into the matter and would follow-up in next meeting with ABAD Delegation. Moreover Mr. Lakhani also suggested to discussing the matter with Mr. Ashraf Ali for his legal advice.

Later Mr. Younus briefed Member about the recent meeting of ABAD Delegation with Cantonment Board Malir CEO at CEO Malir Office on 17th May 2018.





**World Environment Day 2018 urges Governments, industry, communities and individuals to come together and explore sustainable alternatives and to reduce the production and excessive use of single-use plastic.**

World Environment Day celebrated every year on 5th of June to resolve environmental issues by implementing new and effective plans in order to make environment safe, secure and healthy for better future. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 during the opening of a special conference for environment named as "Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment". It is a most important day commemorated annually to spread awareness about environment among people all over the world as well as to encourage and motivate them to take positive actions regarding clean and healthy environment on the earth.

The first WED was held with the theme "Only One Earth". Even though WED celebration has been held annually since 1974, in 1987 the idea for rotating the center of these activities through selecting different host countries began. It has been a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues from marine pollution, human overpopulation, and global warming, to sustainable consumption and wildlife

crime. WED has grown to become a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually. Each year, WED has a new theme that major corporations, NGOs, communities, governments and celebrities world-wide adopt to advocate environmental causes.

Protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world. The celebration of this day provides us an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment.

It aims to engage and draw attention of millions of people including political and health organizations from different countries across the world to make new plans to protect environment and implement them accordingly. It is very necessary to address the issues like wastage and losses of food, increasing global warming, deforestation, pollution, industrialization, etc in order to control the

negative environmental changes. Its celebration focuses on carbon neutrality, forest management, managing greenhouse effect, promoting bio-fuels production, use of hydro-power to produce electricity, encouraging people to use solar water heaters, use of solar system, mangroves restoration and other effectiveness of environmental preservation.

### Beat Plastic Pollution:

Each World Environment Day organized around a theme that focuses attention on a particularly pressing environmental concern. The theme for 2018 is "Beat Plastic Pollution," is a call to action for all of us to come together to combat one of the great environmental challenges of our time. The theme invites us all to consider how we can make changes in our everyday lives to reduce the heavy burden of plastic pollution on our natural places, our wildlife – and our own health. While plastic has many valuable uses, we have become over-reliant on single-use or disposable plastic – with severe environmental consequences.

The theme for World Environment Day 2018 urges Governments, industry, communities and individuals to come together and explore sustainable alternatives and to reduce the production and excessive use of single-use plastic, because it is polluting our oceans, damaging marine life and threatening human health"

The World Bank report in 2013 stated that Pakistan's top environmental issues include air pollution, inadequate supply of uncontaminated drinking water, noise pollution and the health deterioration of urban and rural populations due to pollution. These environmental concerns not only harm Pakistani citizens but also pose

Protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world.

a serious threat to the country's economy. The report also stated that the increase in industrialization, urbanization and motorization will inevitably worsen this problem.

It focuses to bring people from all countries at one track to deal and combat with the climate changes and improve the management of forests. It is celebrated with many creative activities such as tree plantation, cultural activities by students, drawing, painting, quiz competitions, debate, lectures, essay writing, banner display, speech recitation, etc on topics related to the environment protection. Workshops (regarding sustainable project management) are also organized to encourage youths about the environment and climate change issues for safe future on the earth.

A study conducted by Ellen McArthur Foundation in 2015 says that about 6.3 billion tones of plastic waste has been generated in the world so far, and around 90% of this will not decompose for at least 500 years. Micro-plastic or tiny fragments have been found in soil, tap water, bottled water, beer and even in the air we breathe, according to scientists. If nothing is done to control the present situation of rampant generation of plastic waste, the pollution would double within the next 30







years and there would be more plastic in the ocean than fishes. Plastic stood in the top five items which pollute oceans. This was discovered in the world's largest ever ocean clean-up exercise conducted in 2017.

According to a research conducted by Trucost, plastic causes nearly \$75 billion of environmental damages. It is hazardous to both animals and humans. Sea animals choke on plastic. Plastics dumped into oceans move up the food chain causing several health hazards like Cancer, Endocrine problems, etc. in humans.

We use plastic for almost everything. According to a study replacing plastic completely would quadruple the environmental costs by increasing the carbon footprint. So using paper bags instead of polythene sounds like a great idea, except it means cutting more trees. Recycling is possibly a better option.

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Pakistan is facing many challenges, whether from a complex regional security environment, or from larger-than-projected effects of climate change, means that Pakistan still has immense work to do in adapting to these changes. Adaptation will require significant investment in alternatives both alternative energy sources and extensive water conservation and management as well as in protecting people and infrastructure. As the frequency and duration of major climate change patterns accelerates, this could affect economic growth, particularly in Pakistan's vitally important agricultural sector, on which tens of millions of people depend.

This year Pakistan has taken crucial strides in battling these global challenges. The landmark legislation, the Climate Change Act 2017, brings Pakistan into the small group of countries with specific legislation building on the commitments made in Paris in 2015. The scope of the legislation is impressive and reflects the scale of the challenges: establishment of the high-level Climate Change Council, the full-fledged Climate Change Authority and the Climate Change Fund. Such institutional arrangements are instrumental in the uphill struggle against climate change in Pakistan, in fulfilling Pakistan's international environmental commitments, but most importantly in building resilience and the national capacity to adapt to climate change.





# HOW TO CONTROL HOUSE development COST?

Consider the installation time, labor costs and all other factors when choosing materials  
Construction should be avoided in Rainy Season

Majority of Pakistanis like to build their own homes, as this helps them to make homes as per their needs. However, not every individual could manufacture home to a financial plan, as development cost surpasses. House development cost ordinarily surpasses because of ignorance of development process and approaches to save cash. This article is a way forward for those individuals, who need to possess home in Pakistan according to their financial plan.

## Budget & Cost Plan:

The purpose of the cost plan is to allocate the budget to the main elements of the project to provide a basis for cost control. The terms budget and cost plan are often regarded as synonymous. However, the difference is that the budget is the limit of expenditure defined for the project, whereas the cost plan is the definition of what the money will be spent on and when.

The cost plan should, therefore, include the best possible estimate of the cash flow for the project and should also set targets for future running costs. The cost plan should cover all stages of the project and will be the essential reference against which the project costs are managed.

The method used to determine the budget will vary at different stages of the project, although the degree of certainty should increase as project elements become better defined. The budget should be based on the client's business case and should change only if the business case changes. The aim of cost control is to produce the best possible building within the budget.

## Design of the House:

You do not have to give up on swimming pools and other luxurious features of your dream house. You can cut down on construction costs by making slight changes in the design of the house. For example you can go for medium pitched roofs and straight walls rather than asking your architecture to design a house with twisty curves for walls and a steep roof. These complex modifications need comparatively more efforts than that of simple square or rectangular designs, and in this way it adds to the costs of construction as well.

## Keep Minimum Hallways:

People can also think of utilizing maximum floor space for building living rooms and bedrooms. This makes the construction of a house quite cost effective. This is very simple to understand because the more hallways are incorporated in the architecture,



the design becomes more complex and the overall costs of building the house also rise accordingly.

### **Develop Cost Effective Interiors:**

You can minimize the cost of building a house by coming up with interior designs that do not call for more expenses. For example you can have two bathrooms in a house and build them adjacent to each other. You can also try to put the kitchen near to the bathrooms in your home's design. This helps in reducing plumbing expense and eventually overall costs of constructions goes way down.

### **Make Durable Flooring:**

The trend of carpeting a floor is fading away while that of hard floors is filling in. Today, people like to have hard surface flooring in their homes instead of spending extra money on carpets and rugs. People are fixing tiles, marbles, decorated concrete and wooden flooring to the architecture these days. In all these flooring materials, using vinyl could be very cost effective. It is similar to ceramic tiles in appearance and build, but it is cheaper than other materials.

### **Acquire Cost Effective Materials:**

Don't let the big outlets for home improvements fool you over material quality and prices. The materials available at local dealers and that at big chain are almost of the same quality. The difference lies only in the prices. At local shops you can purchase in bulk and get attractive discounts, which is not possible at big chains. Therefore, if you are thinking of building a cost effective house then it is best for you to avoid shopping at those big outlets and consider the local dealers.

There's more to the cost of a material than how much you spend to purchase it. Certain materials may have a lower cost, but may cost more in terms of labor to install it or may result in higher maintenance costs. Consider the installation time, labor costs and all other factors when choosing materials.

### **Use Energy Efficient Materials:**

Design your house in a way that it does not require additional expenditure on insulation and other necessities for energy. Use solar roofing material



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which generates electricity from solar energy. Include wide windows in the design to keep proper ventilation inside the house, and craft shades to avoid smoldering heat in the summers.

### **Control the damage cost:**

Normally lot of building & finishing material squandered by the labor during construction of a home. This wastage is normally due to the careless handling of construction material on the site. It increases the overall construction cost of home. Normally 15% material is wasted on site which is known as damage cost. This damage cost can be controlled by encouraging the labor to carefully handle the materials.

### **Never start construction work in rainy season:**

July and August are the rainy months in Pakistan. Construction should be avoided in these months. Many hazards have been recorded during the rainy seasons like collapse of walls as foundations never gain full strength. Pace of construction work is also affected as we cannot plaster outer walls due to rain. Construction materials become expensive in rainy season due to transportation issues. Therefore, home construction should not be started in the rainy season as it increases the construction cost.



## VISIT OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION - ILO DELEGATION

### AT ABAD HOUSE

While workplace violence can differ depending on a country's development level, the most common forms occur everywhere. In the poorest countries, unacceptable practices are often exacerbated by poverty.



A delegation lead by MS. Miranda Fajerman, ILO Technical Specialist on Labour Standards along with Ms. Sadia Hameed, Senior Project Coordinator Ms. Zeenat Hasham, Consultant and Mr. Naeem Khalid, Project Officer visited ABAD House to meet with representatives of ABAD on 2nd May 2018 on mutual interest.

Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas, Senior Vice Chairman ABAD welcomed the delegation of ILO at ABAD House and briefed them about the aims and objectives of Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD).

Ms. Miranda Fajerman briefed about the role of ILO,

### "ILO AIMS TO ACHIEVE DECENT WORK FOR ALL BY PROMOTING SOCIAL DIALOGUE"

and said that "ILO aims to achieve decent work for all by promoting social dialogue, social protection and employment creation, as well as respect for international labour standards". She also said that ILO is providing technical support to more than 100 countries to help achieve its aims, with the support of development partners and for sustainability of work ILO conduct research and we intend to know the function of the Construction Industries and to confirm their challenges"





Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas Senior Vice Chairman ABAD has informed “Because of the lack of policy making we have still shortage of 12 million houses in Pakistan and no major projects were announced by Federal or Provincial Government, only the Private Sector is interested to work on affordable housing, whereas it is the sole responsibility of the Government of Pakistan”. He also informed that

ABAD is working for the affordable housing/low cost housing in Pakistan and it is our demand from the Government of Pakistan to provide us infra structure. On the question of compliance on Labour Laws Senior Vice Chairman informed the delegation that “We follow the Rules & Regulations of the government and it is our duty to ensure/ implementation of these laws”.

Ms. Miranda Fajerman ILO Delegation appreciated the role of ABAD for the betterment of Construction Industries and for the betterment of Pakistan and also thanked for hospitality.



Later Mr. Fayyaz presented shield and Bouquet to Ms. Miranda Fajerman, ILO Technical Specialist on Labor Standards and thanked to the ILO Delegation for their visit to ABAD House.

In the end Mr. Ibrahim Habib, Convener Legal & Mr. Tahir Memon presented bouquet to distinguished guests.

# CANADIAN COUNSELOR

## Visit to ABAD House



Ms. Elizabeth Jones Counselor Political and Commercial affairs along with Mr. Athar Moeen Khan, Trade Commissioner at Canadian Commercial Office Karachi visited ABAD House.

The meeting was arranged on the request of Mr. Athar Moeen Khan, who informed ABAD about the visit of Ms. Elizabeth in Karachi and her keen interest of Canadian housing technology and construction industry. The agenda of the meeting was to understand the scope of emerging opportunities in country's Housing and Construction sector and how it could attract the interest and collaboration. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa, Chairman ABAD and it was conducted by Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Former Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, he welcomed the distinguished guest at ABAD House, and introduced the Office Bearers of ABAD and requested to Chairman ABAD to deliver speech in honor of the Canadian delegation. It was started with the recitation of Holy Quran.

The Chairman ABAD expressed his gratitude for the visit of the Canadian dignitaries at ABAD House and informed the Profile of ABAD and said that "Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) is the sole representative body of builders and developers in Pakistan and has in its fold more than 1000 leading construction companies from all

over Pakistan". The role of ABAD is of extreme importance in the national economy and after agriculture, it is the second largest sector to provide employment to a large number of skilled and unskilled workforces in the country, He added.

Further Mr. Jeewa informed that "Pakistan and Canada have good friendly relations and it is an honor for us that our three respected members of ABAD are working in Canada especially in Real Sector, Engineer Farooq-uz-Zaman, Mr. Zahid Iqbal and Mr. Idris Kodvavi".

Moreover Chairman vowed that "we intend to introduce the new technologies from the Canada especially in the Construction Field for Construction of Affordable/Low cost Housing in Pakistan as ABAD is striving to construct Low Cost /Affordable Housing in Pakistan through Public/Private Sector





Partnership". In addition he told that "Pakistan is facing shortage of 12 million housing units worth of US\$.180 billion and some 0.25 million housing units are added to this shortage every year and there is a great potential in the Housing sector in Pakistan". Chairman ABAD requested to the Canadian Delegation for looking into the matter of visa grant.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Former Senior Vice Chairman ABAD thanked to Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa, Chairman ABAD for his nice gesture and further invited to Ms. Elizabeth Baldwin Jones Trade Commissioner, Canadian Commercial Office.

Ms. Elizabeth Baldwin Jones Councilor Commercial and Political Affairs thanked to the Chairman and reputable members of ABAD for their hospitality and said that "The Construction Sector have a great potential especially in the Housing in Pakistan, we intend to see you in Canada".

The Senior Vice Chairman ABAD thanked Canadian Delegation visit at ABAD House especially to understand the scope of emerging opportunities in Country's housing and construction sector.

Engineer Farooq uz Zaman, who is Engineer and running the business of Construction Industry in Canada informed that "Pakistan and Canada doing business worth of 1.2 billion US Dollar and in Pakistan, they have a lot of potential especially in the low cost/ affordable housing in Pakistan and we are eager for a Joint Venture with Canada, whereas we are also working on Joint Venture with UAE, the business have no boundaries"

In reply to the questions Ms. Elizabeth said that 'For investment in Canada we have allocated some specific area and we intend to check the interest, the Trade Commissioner of Canada shall help and facilitate and you can discuss with him, our economy is stronger and we intend to welcome you in Canada".



**Canadian Councilor visit to ABAD House Pictures**

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Former Senior Vice Chairman ABAD suggested that issue of visa procedure should be easy and need relaxation, to obtain visa for Canada is now became quite difficult.

In reply to the question Ms. Elizabeth said "Visa Procedure is lengthy whereas, normally 23 days is required for processing of visa for Canada"

Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia Co Convener of Diplomatic Affair ABAD said that "It is our desire to visit Canada for B2B Meeting and to explore the business in Canada".

Answering the question Ms. Elizabeth said "We intend to welcome you in Canada, Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry can help you to get visa easily".

Mr. Athar Moeen Khan, Trade Commissioner reminded that our main basic point is housing & construction industries.

Later Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa, Chairman ABAD presented Shield to Ms. Elizabeth Baldwin Jones – Counselor Commercial and Political affairs & Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas, Senior Vice Chairman ABAD presented Shield to Mr. Athar Moeen Khan, Trade Commissioner of Canadian Embassy. Whereas, Mr. M. Sohail Warind, Vice Chairman ABAD and Mr. M. Altaf Tai, Chairman Southern Region ABAD presented bouquet of flowers to both dignitaries.

## Session with MR. ABDUL QADIR MEMON President Pakistan Tax Bar Association to discuss the Tax Amnesty Scheme at ABAD House

It is one of the best scheme but unfortunately not presented comprehensively, President Pakistan Tax Bar Association

ABAD arranged a session with Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon President Pakistan Tax Bar Association to discuss the "Tax amnesty Scheme introduced by Government of Pakistan" on 25th June 2018 at ABAD House.

The Session commenced by the recitation from the Holy Quran, by Mr. Mahmood Tabba.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi Former Vice

and further informed that this meeting is called to discuss the issues and the queries of ABAD members regarding tax amnesty scheme-2018. Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, former Senior Vice Chairman and Convener FBR then invited Guest Speaker Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon President of Pakistan Tax Bar Association to explain tax amnesty scheme-2018 in detail and to answer of the questions of ABAD Members.



Chairman of ABAD conducted the meeting and introduced the office bearers of ABAD to distinguished guest and said that session would prove useful to understand how can we avail the "Amnesty scheme -2018" as introduced by the Government of Pakistan and invited Mr. Fayaz Ilyas Senior Vice Chairman of ABAD for welcome speech in honor of the distinguished guests & speakers.

Mr. Fayaz Ilyas welcomed the distinguished guests and thanked Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon for sparing time especially on Sunday & for his presence as a guest speaker, He also thanked Members of ABAD for their presence at ABAD House

Speaking with Participants Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon said that Construction industry is plays a vital role in prosperity of every country, This industry is a pillar of every country's economy and above 80 industries are linked with construction industry. While explaining the tax Amnesty scheme he said that there are two types of Amnesty Schemes 1st is for the person who lives and work outside the country while 2nd is for the person who are doing business or generating money in Pakistan they can declare their assets, By availing this scheme you have to declare and pay tax the assets which you have not declared in past.





which value should be shown for this scheme.

While answering the question Mr. Memon shared that land value of FBR should be declared in case of collective value you have to pay the difference of 3 %.

Mr. Hassan Baskshi asked about the limit of paying taxes and informed that

Further he said that If any person declare assets in amnesty scheme FBR would not ask any question about assets from him unless his transaction is used in any criminal activity and if any person submit mistakenly wrong statement his form would be declared null and void by FBR. It is one of the best scheme but unfortunately it is represented wrongly.

Moreover Mr. Memon appreciated the role of ABAD and pointed out that Mr. Arif Jeewa Chairman ABAD and Mr. Hassan Bakshi presented very well the case of Construction Industry to Prime Minister of Pakistan.

In a Question & Answer Session Mr. Sadiq Baloch from Baloch Builders raise the point that the amnesty scheme will end on 30th June 2018 it is a very short time period, while in Malaysia same type of Scheme announced by the Government for one year.

In Reply to the Question Mr. Memon told that ABAD Should raise this issue from its platform and ask the government to extend this date. As present Government is not interested to extend the date beyond 30th June 2018.

Sufiyan Adia from Country Builders asked about FBR and DC land value difference and asked

ABAD members are receiving notices from FBR, will FBR serve notices after amnesty scheme.

In reply Mr. Memon said that everyone have to avail the tax amnesty scheme to avoid from FBR Notices and now the Limit to declare assets are 10 MN which was previously 50 MN.

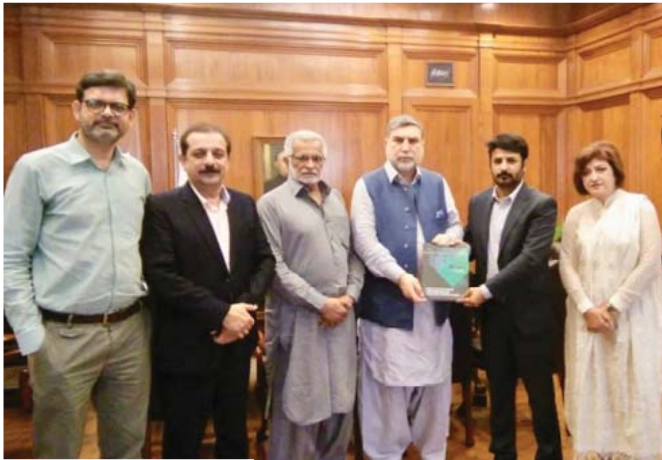
Mr. Hasan Bakshi suggested members to Contact Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon for further information and assistance regarding Tax Amnesty Scheme.

Later Mr. Altaf Tai Chairman Southern Region thanked Mr. Qadir Memon for his presence and said that ABAD Members are satisfied and thankful by his presence, in the end of session ABAD Officials presented shield to the guest speaker.



# ABAD DELEGATION MET Commissioner Karachi

## Commissioner vows to resolve ABAD member's issues



A Delegation led by Mr. Muhammad Sohail Warind Vice Chairman ABAD along with Mr. Asif Sumsum Convener- Law & Order Sub Committee, Mrs. Mansoor Coordinator Law & Order Sub Committee, Mr. Nadeem Jeewa Co-Convener Law & Order sub-committee, Mr. Zubair Essani (Member), Mr. Mumtaz Ghazi (Member), Mr. Tabish Ghazi (Member) met Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Khan Commissioner Karachi on 15th May 2018 at Commissioner's House Karachi.

The meeting started with the introduction of ABAD, Encroachment cases of M/s. Al-Ghazi Builders, M/s Karim Builders and M/s. Saiban Builders were briefly described by the ABAD delegation to Commissioner Karachi.

After hearing the encroachment issue of M/s. Al-Ghazi builders by Mumtaz Ghazi, Commissioner Karachi suggested the ABAD delegation to discuss the matter with Deputy Commissioner West and get his opinion and also told that the matter is in the court of law so therefore the Honorable Court shall

refer the matter to concerned department for the implementation of court orders through "Nazir".

On behalf of M/s. Karim Associates, Mr. Zubair Essani briefed the matter related to the change of record through Mukhtiarkar and dispute of land, Commissioner Karachi contacted DC East on phone and instructed him to check the matter and to coordinate with member of ABAD to resolve the matter.

Moreover Mr. Sohail Warind Vice Chairman ABAD briefed the matter of M/s Saiban Builders and Developers regarding encroachment, In this case Commissioner Karachi gave instructions to Deputy Commissioner East to take immediate lawful action for the removal of encroachments from the said place.

During the meeting Mr. Asif Sumsum Convener of the Anti Encroachment /Law & Order subcommittee discussed a proposal with Commissioner Karachi for the beautification of the Mehmood-UI-Hassan Road, Gulshan-e-Maymar Karachi after the removal of encroachments .

Commissioner Karachi agreed to resolve the issue of encroachment Mehmood-UI-Hasan road and appreciated the efforts of ABAD for the betterment of City .

Later Vice Chairman ABAD invited Commissioner Karachi to visit ABAD House, Mr. Ejaz Khan accepted the invitation of ABAD House visit and the date of visit would be finalized in mutual understanding.



# PRESS CONFERENCE

# ABAD

## DEMANDS ACTION AGAINST EXTORTIONISTS AND LAND GRABBERS



**Intense wave of criminal activities gripped the city after two years of normalcy, Chairman ABAD.**

An Emergency Meeting Regarding the issue of Land Grabbing /Extortion/Changing in the record of rights called on by Chairman ABAD on 17th May 2018 and it was decided in the meeting to hold a press conference to raise the issue in media.

ABAD arranged a Press Conference on 22nd May 2018 at ABAD House to raise the issue in media regarding extortion, land grabbing and harassment of Members of ABAD in Karachi.

"ABAD have received several complaints from the respected members regarding encroachments, land grabbing, extortion, kidnapping and forwarded them to the concerned departments but unfortunately the matter is not resolved till yet", Mr. Muhammad Arif Jeewa Chairman ABAD share these views while speaking in the press conference.

Chairman shared that "We have likewise sent our complaints to Corps Commander Karachi Lt. General Shahid Baig Mirza and DG Rangers Major General Muhammad Saeed to make a move against the PPP supported notorious land grabber Ali Hassan Brohi and his supporters Mr. Rizwan Khan DIG West".

While speaking about the law and order situation

of Karachi he said "Intense wave of criminal activities gripped the city after two years of normalcy, it is happening due to Sindh government and Police interest of to maintain law and order in the city".

Mr. Jeewa said that "Right now ABAD has realized that extortionists and land grabbers are more



powerful than the system, because in spite of receiving several complaints from ABAD concerned divisions of government officials are not making a move against any of them"

"ABAD members are facing similar situation of receiving demands of extortion and death threats in case of refusal, As they were facing before 2013". The Chairman pointed out the issue of manipulation in the land records of Sindh Revenue Board "Despite having court orders Aftab Ahmed Member Sindh Revenue department cancelled the ownership of land overnight without intimating the developer".



Mr. Jeewa lauded the efforts of Commissioner Karachi for his keenly efforts of taking action on the complaint of ABAD.

In addition Chairman highlighted another issue regarding the decision of Water Commission "The restriction by water commission for not to place raw material on roads opened another door of corruption for police, because after this decision SHOs are demanding bribe from our members and threatening them to lodge FIR.

He emphasized that "IG Sindh attitude is discriminatory with business community, because despite of sending several letter of meeting from ABAD, he referred our letters to CCPO Karachi, this attitude of the IG Sindh would raise insecurity among the citizens".

Later Chairman expressed gratitude towards the Members of ABAD and Media personnel who were present in the Press conference.

## Meeting of **ABAD** Delegation with Deputy Commissioner of District West

A delegation of ABAD led by Mr. Asif Sumsum Convener of Law n Order and Anti Encroachment Sub Committee ABAD along with Mr. Mumtaz Ghazi, Mr. Tabish Ghazi & Mr. Zahid Iqbal met with Mr. Raja Tariq Chandio Deputy Commissioner District West on 25th May 2018 at DC West Office.

Cases of M/s. Afshan Builders & Developers and M/s Al Ghazi Builders & Developers discussed in the meeting.

On behalf of M/s Afshan Builders & Developers Mr. Zahid Iqbal briefed the matter of Encroachment on his project, Further Mr. Asif Sumsum Convener of Anti Encroachment & Law n Order committee of ABAD requested DC West to verify the property documents of the land of M/s. Afshan Builders & Developers and take necessary action in coordination with ABAD.

DC West gave assurance to ABAD delegation that "to review the case and take necessary action as requested".



**ABAD Delegation presenting Shelter Magazine to Raja Tariq Chandio Deputy Commissioner West.**

Mr. Mumtaz Ghazi briefed the matter of Ms. Al Ghazi Builders & Developers regarding attempt of encroachment and he requested to DC West to take proper action and implement as per the orders of the Honorable Court.

DC told that he would coordinate this matter with concerned officers to resolve said issue.



# Joint Meeting of ABAD Central & Regional Executive Committees

**Matters regarding imposition of Federal Income Tax on transfer of property, implementation on SBCA rules and to prepare a line of action for the reprisal of issues discussed**

A joint meeting of ABAD Central Executive Committee and Regional Executive Committee held on 22nd May 2018 at ABAD House.

Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa said that Our 57 Members received notices from Federal Board of Revenue for call information under section 176 of Income Tax Ordinance 2001 and after receiving of these complaints we the executive committee of ABAD along with President of Islamabad and Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry hold a meeting with Mr. Haroon Akhtar Khan Special Advisor for Revenue to the Prime Minister and bring into his knowledge about our complaints, after hearing our complaints he gave us assurance for the resolution of issues.

Further Chairman told that He also informed the Senior Officials of FBR Committee In the 70th Meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs regarding harassment with ABAD Members by FBR through serving notices and during conversation with FBR officials they gave assurance for not serving of any notice in future to the Members of Abad. We have also shared these complaints with Mr. Miftah Ismail, Adviser to Prime Minister on Revenue & Economics, he added.

Matters regarding imposition of Federal Income Tax on transfer of property, implementation on SBCA rules and to prepare a line of action for the reprisal of issues discussed by Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman and Members of ABAD.

Chairman urged to the participants of meeting to

attend upcoming ABAD International Expo 2018 which would held in Islamabad at Pak China Friendship Center.

Mr. Fayyaz Senior Vice Chairman ABAD vows for the higher participation of Southern Region (Particularly from Karachi) Members in upcoming ABAD International Expo 2018.

While discussing Role of Media Chairman emphasized that Role of Media is very important to highlight the issues of ABAD Members, Members should have to engage media.

M. Hassan Bakshi Former Senior vice chairman ABAD informed the participants that he have attended the consultative meeting on Policy for Promotion of Low cost housing finance which was organized by State Bank of Pakistan in Karachi where The State Bank of Pakistan agreed for financing of Rs. 1.4 Million to subsidize builders and developers who will work in affordable housing.

Further Memberships of 8 different builders approved by the Executive Committee, which was presented by Zeeshan Siddiqui Convener New Membership and Renewal Cases.

Later Mr. Anwar Dawood Convener SBCA Sub Committee informed participants about his meeting with Sindh Building Control Authority Officials and Major amendments in SBCA bye laws.

Large number of members from Executive committees, Sub-committee and Central Executive Committee of ABAD were also present in the meeting.

## Meeting of Shelter & Publication Sub-Committee

A Meeting of Shelter & Publication Sub Committee of ABAD held on 21st June 2018 at ABAD House, it was presided by Engr. Zaheer Qadri Convener Shelter & Publication Sub-Committee and attended by Engr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman Co-Convener Shelter & Publication Sub-Committee, Bilal Zafar Coordinator Shelter Magazine and Maqsood khan Graphic designer for Shelter Magazine.

It was discussed in the meeting that which material to be included in the Shelter Magazine and how to make this Magazine content more attractive.

Mr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman said Shelter main purpose is to highlight the burning issues of construction industry and soft image of ABAD in Pakistan should be highlighted.

Mr. Zaheer Qadri, Convener of the Shelter & Publication Sub-Committee advised that report of all active Sub-Committees of ABAD should be included in each issue of Shelter Magazine along

with details and photographs.

It was suggested in the meeting that every issue of ABAD shelter magazine should be uploaded on website of ABAD, Mr. Zaheer told to make a proposal and detailed report for betterment of website and other ideas, which could be presented to the Chairman for approval.

It was decided that photographs of events should be minimized and contents to be further enhanced so that shelter magazine will be worth reading to all.

It was also decided that views and response of ABAD members regarding contents of Shelter Magazine should also be included in every issue .It was also decided that work of ABAD members in the city and throughout Pakistan should be highlighted and picture of their projects should be included in coming issues instead of foreign countries buildings.

## Meeting of ABAD KW & SB Sub-Committee

A Meeting of ABAD Karachi Water and Sewerage Board Sub-Committee was held on 24th June at ABAD House to discuss agenda for upcoming meeting of ABAD delegation with Managing Director KW&SB, It was headed by the Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas Senior Vice Chairman.

Mr. Altaf Hussain Convener of KWSB Sub Committee ABAD asked members to finalize the list of delegation and as well as agenda of the with MD KWSB.

Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai Member of ABAD said that KWSB Charges are unjustified and it should be discussed with MD KWSB.

Mr. Fayaz Ilyas stated that after Water Commission order to get NOC from all departments before initi-

ating work on the project , ABAD Members are facing problem in getting NOC of KW & SB .

It was suggested by members that NOC should be given by one window operation.

During the discussion Senior Vice Chairman suggested to invite Mr. Jameel Yousuf to ABAD who is working as a Care Taker Minister in Sindh Government to discuss pertaining issues.

Later meeting ended after the finalization of names for the Delegation to meet MD KW & SB.

Mr. Rizwan Adia, Mr. Hassan Bakshi, Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai, Engr. Kaleem Uz Zaman and other members of ABAD were also present in the meeting.



# ABAD

## NEW MEMBERS



**Muhammad Faisal**  
Proprietor



**Muhammad Bashir**  
Manager

**Title:** Al Imdad Builders & Developers  
Member of ABAD from Southern Region

**Status:** The firm is Proprietorship  
The name of the proprietor is  
Muhammad Faisal



**Basharat Mirza**  
Director

**Title:** Basra Construction Company  
Member of ABAD from Southern Region

**Status:** The firm is Partnership  
The names of the partners are  
Basharat Mirza & Arshad Mirza



**Vijay Kumar**  
Partner



**Sajnay Kumar**  
Partner

**Title:** Citadel Constructions  
Member of ABAD from Southern Region

**Status:** The firm is Partnership  
The names of the partners are  
Vijay Kumar  
Sanjay Kumar



**Usman Dawood**  
Proprietor (Partner)



**Nauman Ahmed Qureshi**  
Partner

**Title:** Isra Builders & Developers  
Member of ABAD from Southern Region

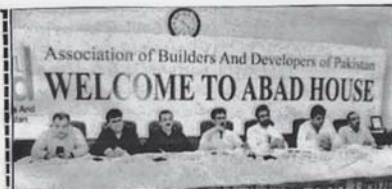
**Status:** The firm is Partnership  
The names of the partners are  
Usman Dawood  
Nauman Qureshi  
Akbar Ahmed Sunka



**Mushtaq Ahmed**  
Proprietor

**Title:** R & A Builders & Developers  
Member of ABAD from Southern Region

**Status:** The firm is Proprietorship  
The name of the proprietor is  
Mushtaq Ahmed



Engro Polymer attends ABAD expo

By our correspondent

KARACHI Engro Polymers and Chemicals Limited (EPCL) recently sponsored and took part in Abad International Expo 2018, which is going on at the Pak-China Friendship Centre in Islamabad, a statement said on Friday.

had a dedicated area the "Engro Polymer Pavilion" at the expo in which they displayed diverse line of innovative PVC converters products such as pipes and fittings, foam boards, wall panels, garden hoses, doors and windows, ducts, PVC tapes, PVC floorings and PVC roofing tiles, it added.

"We at Engro Polymers feel proud to be a part of the ABAD International Expo again and will continue to collaborate on platforms like these to project a forward moving and positive image of Pakistan in domestic and international markets."



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Tehreek-e-Insaf Pakistan chairman Inran Khan will be unveiling his National Housing Scheme (NHS), announced to build 12 million low cost affordable houses across the country if PTI comes into power in the upcoming general election.

Speaking at a ceremony organized by the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan at ABAD House here, he said NHP will create thousands of jobs for unemployed youth of the country and appeared optimistic to overcome economic crisis through this venture. Khan said the construction sector could bring economic revival in the country.

"By announcing to build five million low cost affordable houses across the country, PTI is poised to take on a big challenge instead of election agenda because PTI taking steps for nation's PTI take steps for nation's elections but for next generation," PTI chief said as the housing demand rose to 12 million, the construction of 5

million houses would not only boost construction sector but also support other allied industries, adding that growth rate of the country had increased through NHS.

Talking about 'one billion housing project', he said during initial serious hardships they overcame it and made the project a success story and hoped that NHP, which was drafted in assistance with Zaigham Rizvi and ABAD members, would make breakthrough the country's economic situation.

Yousaf Iqbal, ABAD chairman Arif Iqbal, Iqbal said that NHS policy was not just for the political mileage as the former governments had also fostered to build five low cost houses each but the low cost announcements remained only political slogans.

He also requested to introduce English Mother tongue system in Pakistan and allow construction of residential buildings up to 12 floors in English Mother tongue system, the property was transferred to

banks and then to the allocated areas.

Iqbal further said the government could achieve high revenue target if the ratio of tax was brought down to 10 percent from 35 percent and businessmen were allowed to pay taxes online. He revealed also a member of ABAD and PTI membership was acquired in 2008.

Saidi, PTI president of Shantin Chapter Firdous and Zigham Rizvi said ABAD and Zigham Rizvi actively supporting for drafting this bill would create 20 million jobs. Moreover, he said houses would be built under Public Private Partnership and for the purpose, fixed tax regime would be introduced after five years and added that one window system would be implemented for the whole project.

Approval, Aqeel Arif, Arif Habib and PTI businessmen and PTI leaders were present on this occasion.



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