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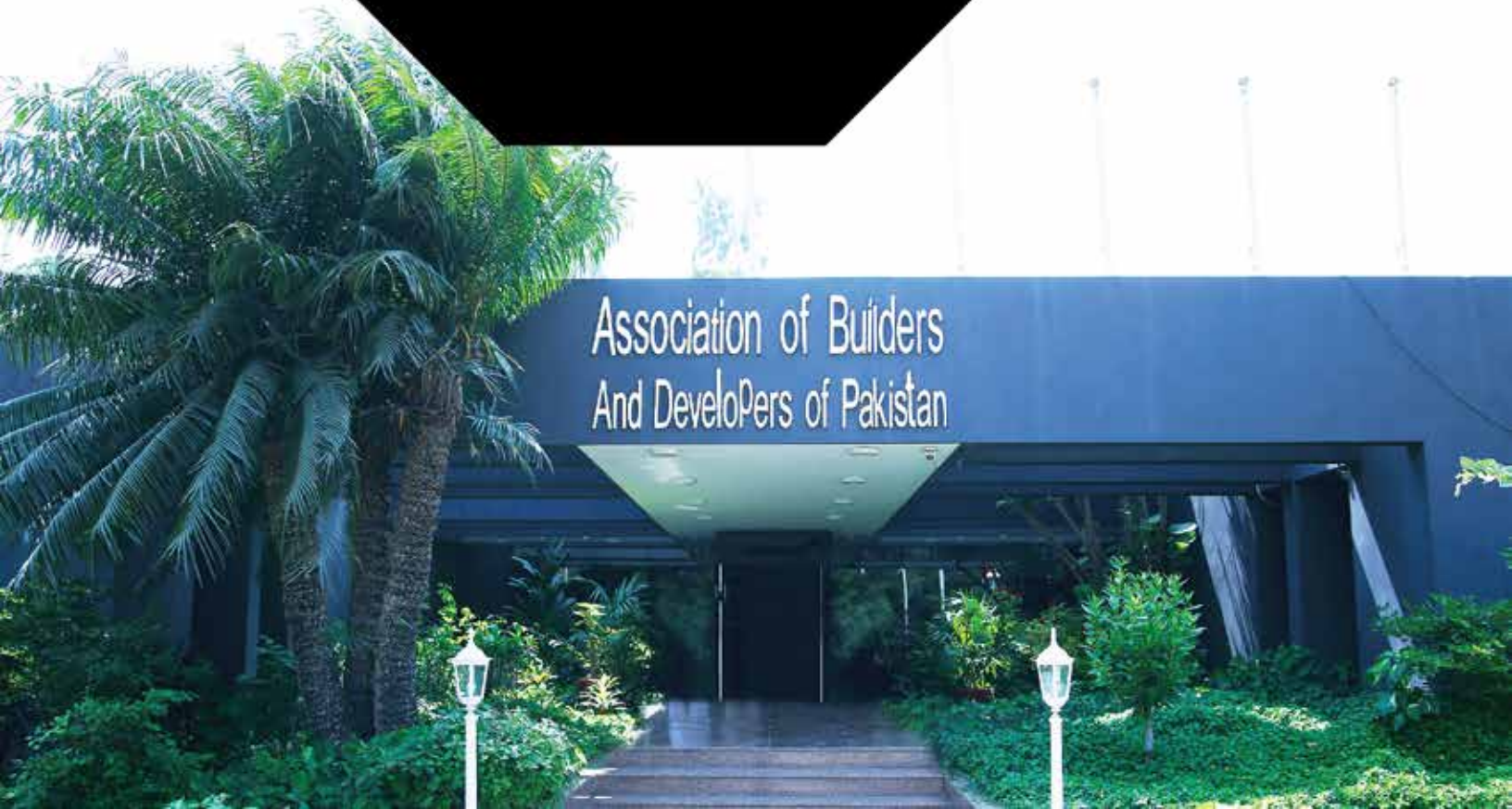
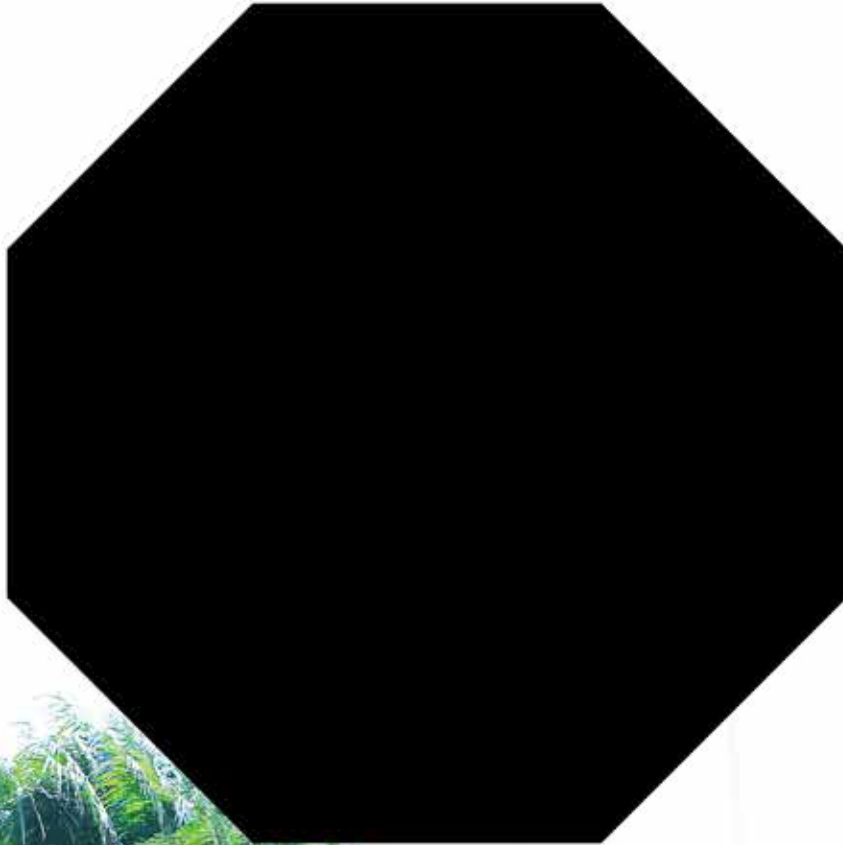
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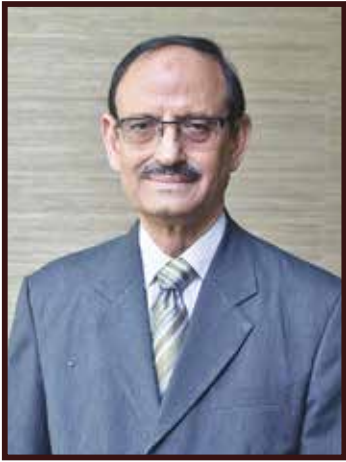
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# Editorial



The withdrawal of ban on high rise buildings by the Hounourable Supreme Court of Pakistan on December 11, 2018 is greatly hailed from all quarters. It is a historic verdict which pushes on the wheel of construction to move on again, that has been in a state of inertia since the last 19 months.

On March 16, 2017 the apex court had imposed a ban on construction of high-rise buildings in Karachi and restrained the SBCA and Cantonment Boards from issuing building approval plans for new high-rise and multi-storey commercial and residential projects. The imposition of ban came in a matter relating to non-availability of potable water and deteriorating sanitation conditions in Sindh. Although later on, the court on Jan 14, 2018 had granted provisional permission to builders for construction of six-storey in the city after ABAD and other bodies had moved the court for review of its March 16, 2018 order. However,

construction was not possible even then because the permission was stipulated with the provision of NOCs from all utility services departments and the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB) was reluctant to issue any NOC because of insufficient supply and unsatisfactory distribution of water.

The Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) had been actively pursuing the case as the ban directly impacted over two million people linked with the housing and construction industry. ABAD always pleads that building construction should not be misconstrued with the availability of water. First of all a multi-storey structure takes enough time to get developed and in the meantime the KW&SB have enough time to arrange services of water supplying and connections for which builders and developers applied and paid charges in advance. Second when construction activities are stopped, illegal activities in the shape of encroachments and Katchi Abadis burgeon, which lead to affect the law and order situation ultimately.

Moreover because of the ban on high-rises not only housing and construction sector is affected but also more than hundred other allied industries like tiles, cement, glass, pipes and others are halted too. That results into unemployment of millions of labours, workers, engineers, even contractors and etc.

Now with the removal of ban on high-rises and also issuance of water NOCs from the KW&SB one is sure not only construction activities will be resumed but journey to prosperity and development will also be arrived at right track. Ongoing saturation in real estate market will fade away and allied construction industries prosper.

Karachi, the revenue engine of Pakistan is ignited again and soon it will get the status back of being amongst the top developed and modern cities of the world. It shouldn't be ignored the charm of Karachi is it's high rises and beautiful skyline. In fact the lights that illuminated on and around innumerable high rises and multi-storey buildings in Karachi, makes it the City of Lights.

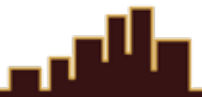
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## Co-converner's Note

Since its initiation, ABAD has been dynamic in featuring the issues of development industry. Therefore the efforts to bring all the stake holders of construction and housing industry on one platform and protest at the KW&SB for the issuance of NOCs for water connections was huge success.



Indeed it's an honour to be the part of Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD). The Association has the prime objective of unifying its members with allied industries and the clients on one platform for collective good and streamlining their activities.

Despite ban on construction industry the Shelter Sub Committee of ABAD have captured all the business, activities and developments related to construction. The team of publications through their efforts has always tried best to promote the image of ABAD in general public and ensure press coverage to boost the dignity of builders and developers with elegant write-ups and effective press materials. All of print publications including newspapers, magazines and other journals give wide coverage to the issues related to housing and construction industry, enhancing the point of view of ABAD.

I would like to congratulate and offer my sincere appreciation to all the Office Bearers of ABAD and respectable members of Central Executive Committee and Regional Executive Committees for their efforts and cooperation in the withdrawn of ban on high-rises this year.

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## Profile



Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (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 its affiliated with the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI). It was formed in the year 1972 with the aims and objectives 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 950 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 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 2018-19 are Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman, M. Anwar Dawood, Senior Vice Chairman, Abdul Kareem Adhia, Vice Chairman, Ibrahim S Habib, Chairman Southern Region, Khizer Ayub Izhar, Chairman Northern Region and Raheel Iqbal, Vice Chairman Sub-Region Hyderabad (South Region) ABAD.

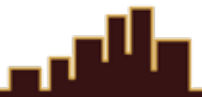
As a representative organization of the country's builders and developers, ABAD has made a valuable contribution in the formulation of National Housing Policy and Sindh Building Control Ordinance. It has also played a leading role in securing and increase in the House Building Finance Corporation component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

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 world over as a fundamental human right and that is the vision behind ABAD's efforts and ventures.

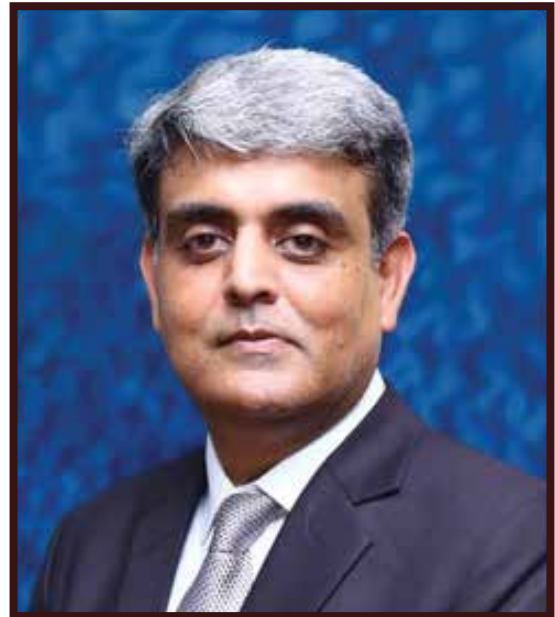
### The Principal Aims and Objectives of ABAD Include;

1. Unifying builders and developers for their collective good.
2. Promoting housing industry in the country.
3. Providing assistance to the Government in formulating its housing policies and plans.
4. Coordinating between ABAD members, the Government and other agencies.
5. Dealing with problems faced by its members in the execution of their projects.
6. Organized research.
7. Awareness and training program to promote the science and art of building.
8. Working actively for eradication of unethical business practices from the housing & development field.





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## Chairman's Message

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) is striving for strengthening of Pakistan's economy. Despite the fact that the construction sector is considered the backbone of the national economy, the government has never paid due attention towards this important sector.

However, all members of ABAD always remain on their toes to contribute to national economy. This sector is contributing more than 2% to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) every year, yet it is facing hard times now-a-days due to ban on construction of high-rise and multi-storey buildings in Karachi, the fifth megacity of the world.

We hope the government will support this important sector by providing patronage for the prosperity and progress of Pakistan.

Mohammad Hassan Bakshi  
Chairman - ABAD



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Senior Vice Chairman

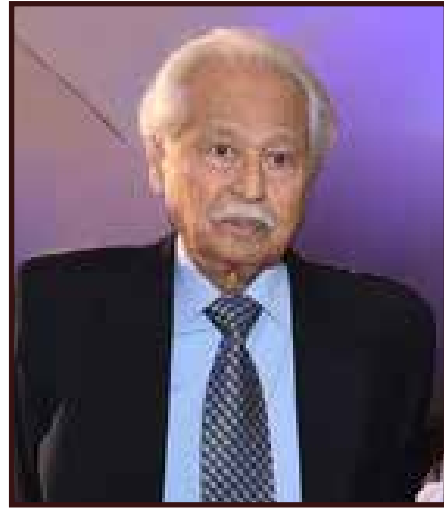


Ibrahim Habi b  
Southern Region Chairman

# Farooq Hasan

The Founder member of ABAD

Hasan Square is one of the well known locations and central points of Karachi, situated alongside Main University Road – the road or junction that leads many civil engineering students and young urban planners to their Alma Maters NED University, Sir Syed University and Dow Engineering University. However, many of these professionals of young generation might not be aware that this junction is named after some valued luxury apartments called Hasan Square, built by Hasan Associates (Pvt) Ltd and the developer was one of the most respectable and credible builders of Karachi Mr. Farooq Hasan.



Mr. Farooq Hasan was the owner of Hasan Associates that constructed a series of flat accommodations, more prominently in Gulshan Iqbal like Hasan Square, Hasan Apartments and etc. In a way, he was one of such persons who actually populated the locality of Gulshan e Iqbal. The name of Hasan was and is still today an established certification of durable and credible construction. The durability and worth of a Hasan Square apartment after passing nearly four decades witnesses still today the quality of Farooq Hasan's buildings.

Mr. Farooq Hasan's style of construction was modern and innovative, that offered a luxury lifestyle with spacious accommodations. Then in the words of Mr. Haji Islam the Convener of KDA Sub-Committee ABAD "timely possession to allottees and fixed cost without any price-hike despite inflation was his distinction."

Farooq Hasan is a qualified developer and initiator to bring the builders community on one platform. The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan is the brainchild of Mr. Farooq Hasan. He was not only one of the Founders of ABAD, but also a member of extreme prestige and incomparable repute.

Mr. Farooq Hasan was the second Chairman of ABAD after A. Sattar Khan and served as the Chairman of ABAD for seven years. His first tenure was from 1977 to 78, continued in 1978-79, then 1981-82 and 1982-83, again in 1987-88 and 1988-89 and finally from 1992 to 1993. He was the longest serving Chairman of ABAD, who consolidated the Association and established it as a reputable and worthy name.

Mr. Farooq Hasan is a senior dignitary and might not be as active as used to be in his hey days but every single member of ABAD respects and reckons him as a legend. Members of ABAD also pray for his good health, a happy life and thankful to him for providing such a highly-distinctive platform in Pakistan.



## Saleem Zaki (Late)

**Former Vice Chairman of ABAD**

**“The man behind the mega projects of Saima Builders”**

The name of Saima Builders is not unfamiliar to all Karachites. Since the last two decades it is known for their mega residential cum commercial projects. And, the man behind these mega projects was Mr. Saleem Zaki who died last month.

Late Saleem Zaki loved so much his daughter that he named his construction company after his daughter Saima. While his young dynamic and creative son Mr. Zeeshan Saleem Zaki has turned the firm into a Group of Construction companies of Pakistan.



According to Mr. Haji Islam the Convener of KDA Sub-Committee ABAD, “because of his quality and unique construction, Saleem Zaki should be named as the Crown of Karachi. His price of apartments and shops are a bit higher than other builders but are of share quality and beauty.”

Mr. Saleem Zaki was not only a good builder but also a very good friend. He respects friends, had big heart and didn't miss any occasion of gathering. A member of ABAD regards dinners and get-togethers of late Saleem Zaki “very memorable and awesome”. His death is a loss of ABAD and construction industry of Karachi.

However his son, Mr. Zeeshan Saleem Zaki a qualified business entrepreneur continues his father's legacy in real estate sector in Karachi and brings the Saima Group to a new level of achievements -- as one of the leading real estate builder & Developer company in Pakistan.

# ABAD Elections 2018-19

## Annual General Body Meeting



Elected Office Bearers are sitting on the podium in Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Meeting commonly known as "The AGM" is the most significant and prestigious event of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan. This year it was held on September 29, 2018 at ABAD House for the tenure of 2018-19. The meeting was convened to consider and approve various items on agendas which included confirmation of minutes of AGM for the year 2017, presentation and approval of Audited Accounts of the year 2017-18, presentation and approval of budget of ABAD for the year 2018-19 and announcement of the names of office bearers for the year 2018-19 after election.

After recitation of Holy Quran and Fateha for near and dear ones of members of ABAD who left

in 2017-18, a loud of applause was clapped for the previous office bearers.

Thereafter The names of members who were elected un-opposed in the Central Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committee (Southern Region), The Regional Executive Committee (Northern Region) and Sub-Region Committee Hyderabad for the terms 2018-2019 were announced. After the announcement of successful candidates for the CEC, REC and Sub Region Hyderabad, elected members were requested to attend the oath taking ceremony. Members elected in the Central Executive Committee took oath from Mr. Abdul Majeed Adhia, Senior Member of ABAD. Members elected in the Regional Executive Committee took oath



from Haji Islam Siddiqui, Senior Member of ABAD. Members elected in the Hyderabad Sub-Region took oath from Engineer Zaheer Qadri, Senior Member of ABAD.

After taking the oath Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Mr. Anwar Dawood, Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib were elected as Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman (SR) & Sheikh Muhammad Imran (NR) unanimously whereas, from Hyderabad Sub Region Mr. Raheel Iqbal elected as Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub Region.

Thereafter the outgoing ABAD Chairman Mr. Arif Jeewa arrived at the podium and the Minutes of the Meeting of Annual General Meeting held on September 27, 2017 duly presented for confirmation and the House approved unanimously the Minutes of Annual General Meeting for the year 2016-2017.

Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa, Chairman ABAD presented the accounts for the Year, 2017-2018. The Chairman ABAD also presented the ABAD Budget for the year 2018-2019 for the approval from the House. The House after scrutinizing the

ABAD Budget for the year 2018-2019 approved unanimously. The House also unanimously approved the appointment of M/s. Rizwani Imtiaz & Co. Chartered Accountant for the year 2018-2019.

Mr. Arif Jeewa threw a comprehensive light on his tenure as Chairman and said in his era ABAD largely spent specially on image building and ABAD has opened its office in Hyderabad. He further told that the EXPO Islamabad was a major achievement this year.

In the Budget Brief he said that the income of ABAD in 2017 was 4.11 crore which is in 2018 is Rs. 7.3 crore. He also revealed that ABAD reserve funds were 12 crore in 2017 which are now 17 crore without including the income from EXPO 2018. He also informed 140 new members have been inducted this year and an unprecedented amount of memberships were renewed. It is also unprecedented that we receive 60 nominations for 12 CEC posts this year.

Later he said CEC and now AGM has approved there should not be PLS account and the money should be invested somewhere in positive



Chairman ABAD & other Members of Central Executive Committee are taking oath

## AGM



Sizeable representation of members of ABAD participating in Annual General Body Meeting

and un-prohibited but constructive projects. He stressed on that a R&D department must establish in ABAD.

He appreciated Muhammad Hassan Bakshi good work for ABAD specially in FBR sector, thanked and appreciated the efforts of Mohsin Sheikhan, M. Anwar Dawood, Abdul Kareem Adhia and all members ABAD.

Former Chairman ABAD Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan in his speech praised the previous office bearers and congratulated the new team of ABAD for the term 2018-19. He told now the new elected Chairman (Mr. Hassan Bakshi) would have greater responsibility so team work is essential in your activities. He also said to the other members that "those who couldn't be elected as members of CEC or REC are still part of our team and could be elected in future."

Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan further briefed that on high rises we lodged a review application. It's a delicate and legal issue so take this issue and talk on it carefully. "We work for respect and new generation have great future in the construction industry and specially in ABAD." The former Chairman pledged to infuse corporate culture in ABAD, by making it online, tech-based documental.

After the election Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi as Chairman ABAD, he thanked the members for giving him opportunity to serve ABAD as a Chairman and prayed to Allah that He grants me courage to come up to the expectation and to fulfill my duties and obligation.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman ABAD said that we have to work together for the betterment of ABAD and its members.

The new elected Chairman ABAD congratulated the other team members and thanked all the members for voting him as the new head of Association. He said lifting of ban on high rises and desalination plant in Karachi as his top priorities. which gives a sizable share of revenue to Pakistan.

The new elected Chairman also said he would extend ABAD in his tenure and go for digitilisation of ABAD. "Fast track Window will be open while Research and Development is going to start in ABAD". He also hinted that from now all the sale deeds must be kept in CDC.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi also said that a complain box will be kept in ABAD for proper and timely addressing of complains.





## VISIT OF GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB

# Ch. muhammad sarwar

"ABAD has the potential to construct 5 million houses alone"

Due to the ban on high rises in Karachi because of unavailability of Water NOCs from KW&SB, the construction industry has been badly affected. While the business community is seeking options to move other cities

The Governor of Punjab Honourable Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar visited ABAD House on November 30, 2018 and Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hasan Bakshi welcomed him. Among the other dignitaries were Muhammad Anwar OK Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, Abdul Kareem Adhia Vice Chairman, Former Chairman ABAD Muhammad Junaid Ashraf Taloo, senior members of ABAD Mr. Anwar Gagai and Mr. Irshad Tipu.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hasan Bakshi in his welcome speech thanked Choudhry Muhammad Sarwar who took out time during his One-day visit to Karachi and visited ABAD House. He said construction industry is the backbone of Pakistan economy and Karachites has a very vital role in the construction industry of Pakistan. "Construction industry has same value in Karachi what the Textile Industry has in Faisalabad" he says.

Mr. Bakshi said construction isn't allowed in Karachi although the Supreme Court has allowed to build 6-floor construction but because of unavailability of NOCs development of any kind is not possible in Karachi. Not only construction activities but also other allied industries are also closing their manufacturing units, which are compelling business community altogether to migrate again from Karachi.

Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Muhammad Anwar Dawood also asked to give speech to the House, which was filled with media, political activists and members of ABAD. Mr. Anwar Dawood said



if the government wants to implement Naya Pakistan Housing Program in Karachi then it has option of only vertical construction here because there is no space for land available to construct a single house as a part of five million houses in Pakistan. He also asked the Governor Punjab to arrange auditing of betterment and infrastructure charges, the builders community paid for their development schemes in recent times.

Governor of Punjab Choudhry Muhammad Sarwar said Karachi is my city and a great metropolitan.



He recalled that last time he arrived in any ABAD forum was the EXPO event where he was very impressed with the potential and discipline of ABAD. "ABAD is a pride of Pakistan and ABAD has the potential to construct 5 million houses alone." He lamented the red-tapism in Pakistan and said while he was in Glasgow he introduced a system of 60-day Business proposal to Beaurucracy approval which brought drastic changes in the city and was also copied in UK' other cities.

Governor Choudhry said Construction industry is the backbone of Pakistan economy and the problems being faced by members of ABAD regarding ban on construction activities are unfortunate. He assured the members of ABAD to advocate these issues with the Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan, Chief Minister Sindh, Governor of Sindh and minister of local bodies of Sindh.

Governor Punjab said "It's easier for business community to migrate for their bread and butter and I appreciate business community of Karachi who haven't done so because of their love to the megacity." However, he invited the members of ABAD to come in Punjab and invest in the Prime Minister Housing Program of construction of 5 million houses. He said business community can bring revolution in Pakistan and he assured members of ABAD the facility of One-Window

Operation in Punjab when they invest their money and energy in Punjab .

The Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Kareem Adhia concluded the session and paid a vote of thanks to the Governor Punjab for his arrival in ABAD. "It is indeed an honour that you have come in ABAD and welcome us in Punjab ", he concludes.



Cheif Guest with Chairman & Sr.Vice Chairman

In the end Chairman ABAD Mr. Hassan Bakshi presented ABAD Momento to the Governor Punjab Choudhry Muhammad Sarwer, while Senior Vice Chairman and Vice Chairman presented bouquets to the guest.





## VISIT OF GOVERNOR OF SINDH Mr. Imran Ismail

"Buildings should be at least Ground plus 22 or above floors"

Even before he took oath as the Governor of Sindh Mr. Imran Ismail was already a well known bigwig in Karachi, the city famed for its lights and skyscrapers. How a skyline illustrates the urban architecture of a city and defines the socio-economic dynamics of the society he understands well, that's why in his opinion "buildings should be at least Ground plus 22 or above floors with the provisions of all utility services" in Karachi.



Group photo of delegates with Governor Sindh

Not only in a meeting with the delegation of Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) at Governor House Sindh on November 19, 2018 he spent some valuable time to listen their problems but also shared his opinion with an open mind and big heart. The delegation was comprised of Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi Chairman ABAD, Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood OK Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia Vice Chairman, Mr. Ibrahim Habib, Chairman SR, Mr. Fayaz Ilyas Former Senior Vice Chairman, Mr. Altaf Tai, Dr. Talha Thanvi, Mr. Asif Sumsum Former Chairmen SR and Senior Members Mr. Rizwan Adhia, Mr. Ali Ratadia and Riaz Razzaq. The Governor of Sindh Mr. Imran Ismail was agreed and assured ABAD that private sector should be essentially prioritized and assigned in the Prime Minister Initiative for construction of 5 million low cost houses program because it's



Governor Sindh Imran Ismail presides meeting

is a huge task as well as flagship project of the federal government.

Members of ABAD pointed at the problems faced by them regarding to a covert ban on construction of high rise buildings in Karachi due to unavailability of water NOCs and without any solution of that, builders are unable to contribute anything in the 5 million houses project. Mr. Imran Ismail opined according to him buildings should be at least 22 or above floors with the provisions of all utility services and said that ban was in the Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan' knowledge and he instructed the Governor Sindh to resolve that matter by taking it up at legal forum.

About the inclusion or nomination of Members of ABAD in Karachi Task Force for the construction of 5 million houses in Pakistan in five years, Mr. Imran Ismail assured that in the next meeting of the Task Force he would present that matter that a member from ABAD would be included in the Task force.

In the end the Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi extended an invitation to the Governor of Sindh Mr. Imran Ismail to visit ABAD House. Mr. Imran Ismail after asking his schedule from his PA confirmed the delegation that on any date of the December this year he would visit ABAD House.

## VISIT OF LOCAL GOVT MINISTER OF SINDH

## Mr. Saeed ghani

"Stressing on Private Collaboration in Housing Sector"

"Construction Industry is the back bone of national economy" and problems of ABAD should be resolved on priority basis, assures Mr. Saeed Ghani during his first visit at ABAD House on September 3, 2018 after taking the charge of Minister of Local Bodies Sindh. The Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa together with Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas the Sr. Vice Chairman ABAD, Mr. M. Sohail Warind the Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. M. Altaf Tai the Chairman (SR) welcomed Mr. Saeed Ghani who was accompanied with Mr. Iftikhar Qayemkhani the D.G. SBCA, Mr. Samiullah Siddiqui the D.G KDA, Mr. Asadullah Khan Acting MD KW&SB and Mr. Shahid Mohsin Project Director, MDA.

Former Chairman of ABAD Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa Hassan Bakshi highlighted the issues related delaying in housing schemes, approval plans and also of composition fees and said that 84 residential projects were completed in Karachi but builders and developers could not hand over possession to allottees as Government had failed to provide basic utilities like water, electricity and gas. Besides he said that whole country has been facing shortage of water but it was regretful that constructions of high rise building were banned only in Karachi in name of water shortage



Saeed Ghani with Office Bearers ABAD

Another former Chairman ABAD Mohsin Sheikhani thanked Mr. Ghani for arriving at ABAD House and reminded that ABAD had also given

proposals to past successive governments for affordable housing and offered its services but the Government had not responded positively to those proposals. Claiming that the Government departments had been creating hurdles in housing projects in Karachi he requested to Mr. Saeed Ghani, to bring in changes in Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), Karachi Development Authority (KDA) etc and demanded that utilities and infrastructural facilities be provided in the city.



Former Chairman Mohsin Shiekhani with Cheif Guest

The Minister of Local Government of Sindh said that with the ratio of population in Karachi, it needs good amount of residential schemes, which will be developed with joint collaboration of Government and Association of Builders and developers of Pakistan (ABAD) besides all the orders which come under the local government with reference to ABAD will be implemented as per law. He also added that ban on high rise buildings in Karachi is from Supreme Court of Pakistan but this issue would also be resolved in an amicable manner as to facilitate ABAD means to facilitate people.

As per practice of ABAD a Shield & bouquet was presented to Honorable Minister, DG SBCA, DG LDA and others official who were present in the meeting.

Later a delegation of ABAD visited the office of



M. Hassan Bakshi presents ABAD Memento to Saeed Ghani

Local Government Ministry of Sindh in November and invited Mr. Saeed Ghani again to have a brief session. On the invitation Mr. Saeed Ghani arrived ABAD House on December 9, 2018. He was greeted by office bearers Chairman ABAD Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Senior Vice Chairman M. Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Abdul Kareem Adhia, Chairman (SR) Ibarhim S Habib. Former Chairmen of ABAD Mr. Hanif Gohar and Junaid Ashraf Taloo and Mr. Kashif from Hyderabad Sub region specially came to attend the meeting.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the guests and members of ABAD and briefed the Minister of Local Government Sindh about the problems related to members of ABAD. He told that there are some 154 housing schemes of members ABAD who are getting notices from SBICA, as the subsequent authorities hadn't provided the infrastructure therefore members of ABAD there couldn't complete the internal works in those schemes. The Chairman ABAD therefore, requested Mr. Saeed Ghani to give extension of some time to the developers of ABAD to complete required works for the benefits of poor allottees. The Minister of Local Government gave the extension in the meeting.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi also conveyed concerns on the demolition drive in Karachi and asked the Minister to give the affected some space for bread and butter. Stressing on the need of Desalination plant in Karachi Mr. Bakshi suggested the Sindh government to develop these plants in Sindh as soon as possible to cater the shortage of water.

Chairman ABAD also shared his views about the structure of composition fees in Karachi and demanded the composition fee should be lessened in the under-developed areas of Karachi.

Sindh Minister of Local government Mr. Saeed Ghani after arriving at the dice with thundering applause said the NOCs from KW&SB should have been issued much earlier, but for some reasons they were delayed. Mr. Saeed Ghani discussed various loopholes in the governmental system but said he couldn't fix these loopholes alone and needed cooperation from ABAD to improve the system.

Mr. Ghani said desalination is the future of water source in Karachi to meet out the demand of ever expanding population in the city. He vowed to complete the K-IV in two years but said there were many unforeseen hurdles in the projects which were yet to rectify for smooth functioning.

On the issue of ongoing demolition drive Mr. Saeed Ghani said the government had to "implement court orders" but now it want to settle the issue permanently and is now trying to give the displaced people alternate space to them. He also asked ABAD to help Sindh government in resettling the displaced people by developing markets on alternate spaces.

Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood gave vote of thanks to the Honourable Minister of Local Government, praising his efforts in the restoration of construction activities.



## LUNCHEON MEETING WITH DIG EAST - SINDH POLICE



DIG East Amir Farooqi in a meeting at ABAD House

On the invitation of ABAD, the DIG East Zone Mr. Amir Farooqi paid a visit at ABAD to discuss the problems of builders and constructors. He was accompanied with SSP East Capt(R) Azfer Mehsar, SP Gulshan e Iqbal Division M. Tariq Nawaz, DSP Sharha e Faisal Zahid Hussain, SHO Shah Faisal Safder Mashwani and SHO Gulistan e Jauhar Rana Haseeb.

Chairman ABAD Muhammad Hassan Bakshi in his welcome address said that the focus of the meeting is just to thank the police of Karachi for bravery and valor for making our life safe. He said life wasn't as safe in Karachi before 2014 as today and it is but because of the great services of police, rangers and other law enforcement agencies. He said the police force provided safety and arrangements for ABAD historic rally on November 22, 2018 with 10,000 people. "We are not professional protesters but police guided us how to follow the line" he says.

Convener of the Law and Order and Anti Encroachment Sub Committee Mr. Asif Sumsum said in his speech that East was the most affected zone. The first beneficiary of the improved law

and order situation is the real estate sector. "As convener of the Law and Order Sub Committee I have no complain on behalf of ABAD today, that's the awesome progress of police in recent times" he says. He asked DIG East to assign two police guards at ABAD House.

DIG East Mr. Amir Farooqi thanked for the invitation and said the protest of ABAD was indeed for a good cause. He appealed government to look into the issue of a halt in construction activities because they create employments which ultimately help to lessen the ratio of crime. He said today the ranking of Karachi as a safe city of world has improved, however regarding land disputes he said it is because of double filing of lands in the public offices and ABAD could play a key role to resolve this issue.

On the request of Mr. Asif Sumsum he ordered to assign two police guards at ABAD House for safety reasons.

Later Vice Chairman of ABAD Mr. Kareem Adhia paid vote of thanks to the DIG East Zone and lunch was served for his honour.



## LUNCHEON MEETING WITH DIG SOUTH - SINDH POLICE



M. Hassan Bakshi presides meeting, with DIG South Javed Alam Odho

On December 19, 2018 the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan invited DIG South Javed Alam Odho with his team for a Luncheon Meeting, who arrived at ABAD House with SSP South A.M. Shah, SSP Investigation South Tariq Rana Dharejo and other personnel. Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed Mr. Javed Alm Odho and appreciating the services of Police in South Zone and other law and order departments he said today if we don't have any complain for police it is because peace has returned to the city. In the luncheon meeting other office bearers like Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Muhammad Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Mr. Karaim Adhia, Chairman SR Mr. Ibrahim Habib, Convener Law & Order and Anti encroachment sub-committee Mr. Asif Sumsum and many other members of ABAD were also present.

Chairman ABAD said that ABAD are inviting DIGs of each zone of Karachi Police to pay respect to their services and their sacrifices which they have given to make Karachi peaceful and safe. Mr. Bakshi said that a housing schemes for the families of police martyrs should be given and ABAD is willing to take part in it, besides a general

bank account for police martyrs' families was also suggested where people can easily donate in honour of police services independently.

Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood suggested a plantation drive jointly collaborated by ABAD and Karachi police to enhance the image of both departments, while Mr. Asif Sumsum the Convener of Law and order and anti encroachment sub-committee of ABAD said that in urban cities the first beneficiary of good law and order situation is real estate sector.

DIG South Mr. Javed Alam Odho said policing is an environment where sense of security prevails. He said that the Sindh government has announced plots for the families of the police martyrs, once we get them then ABAD could be approached to construct houses on the lands. Mr. Odho also suggested ABAD to go for local manufacturing of construction materials rather imports of goods, because local manufacturing units raise opportunities of employments which in turn helps to reduce crime ratio.

The meeting thereafter ended and lunched was served to the guests and audience.



## VISIT OF Chinese Trade Delegation

Appraising the market as well as exports of Pakistan

To enhance bilateral trade and business activities in housing and construction sector a delegation from China comprising Mr. Wang Dang the Deputy Director General of Linyi Trade City Administrative Committee, Mr. Li Xanchang Chairman Overseas of Linyi Trade City Investment Co. Ltd, Ms. Li Yi qin from Linyi Trade City Global Trade Co Ltd. and other members arrived at ABAD House on December 15, 2018. The delegation wanted to introduce and trade in building materials manufactured in Linyi – a city situated in the North-eastern region of China. The materials included fire fighting equipments, ceramics and furniture, pipes and PVC products, Paints, recycling products and etc. The delegation while introducing the members expressed their willingness to develop partnerships with reliable local partners to do business in Pakistan and to do trade including exports from Pakistan to China.

Chairman ABAD thanked the delegation for visiting Pakistan and terming CEPEC as the catalyst he said with the passage of time corporation between two countries are increasing. He also said he had great respect for all Chinese who are friends too. Other office bearers like Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Kareem ADHIA, Convener Diplomatic Committee Mr. Mahmood Tabba and many other prominent members were also present in the meeting.

Giving a brief description of ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi told that ABAD has around one thousands members and presently there is need of 12 million houses in Pakistan which is also an opportunity for builders and investors alike. He said we are looking for technology, JVs, partners in technology and as we have very narrow industrial base so ABAD would welcome their proposals. Praising the traditional Chinese city of Linyi Mr. Bakshi said the city would be going to become the next industrial hub of China.

Mr. Wang Dang appreciated opportunities and said the marketing demands in Pakistan are worthy



Chinese delegations with Members of ABAD

and members of this Chinese delegations would like to preferably work as partners. He stressed on the cultural assimilation between two nations and said the delegation was here to extend accessibility to the host's exports towards market and manufacturing in China. He also invited ABAD to visit Linyi EXPO.

Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood appreciated the Pak-China friendship and said Pakistan also trade in valuable exporting goods besides it's itself is a big market which provide access to the Central Asia. He also said labour is much cheaper in Pakistan compared to China so China should develop labour-incentive factories in Pakistan.

Mr. Kareem Adhia paid a vote of thanks to the delegation and invited them in the ABAD EXPO 2019. Delegation was also invited to display their products in a special showcase built in ABAD House. In the end momentos and buquets were presented to the delegation.





## VISIT OF Iranian Trade Delegation

Stressing on bilateral trade in local currencies



Flower bouquet is being presented to Commercial Attache of Iran

A delegation of Iranian Trade delegation visited ABAD House on December 17, 2018 to discuss mutual business interest between Pakistan and Iran. The delegation was comprised of Mr. Mahmoud Haji Yousefipour, Commercial Attache of Consulate of Iran, Mr. Ali Asghar Nasrollahzadeh Head of the Trade Delegation visiting Pakistan and many other businessmen and traders related to construction materials. Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi the Chairman of ABAD welcomed the delegation

Mr. Muhammad Haji Yousefipour said Pakistan is a brother country of Iran and bilateral trade between both existed since a long time, which has been increasing gradually. Today annual export of Iran to Pakistan is \$400 million. He opined now this trade should be made more effective and far-reaching in terms of mutual benefits, therefore asked ABAD to push federal government to stop smuggling and do bilateral trade in local currencies. He also invited members of ABAD to visit Iran to see the factories in various cities and extended invitation to participate in exhibition in Iran, held in August.

Mr. Ali Asghar Nasruallahzadeh said Irani products has much better quality than Chinese products, but stressed on documented trading between both countries.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi accepted the invitation to visit Iran and said instead of relying on one country, we want to diversify our trades so we should discuss further the modalities to have Joint Ventures in commerce and trade.

Chairman ABAD showed his willingness to materialize some joint ventures between Iranian and Pakistani companies, citing trade between two regions is as old as the history of Central Asia.

Mr. Muhammad Haji Yousefipour further told that as Iranian products are of good quality and have higher demand in Pakistan therefore if Pakistan is willing then Iran is ready to transfer technology to Pakistan.

Vice Chairman ABAD Mr Kareem Adhia invited the delegation of Iran to participate in the ABD EXPO 2019.

In the end souvenirs were given to the guests.

# ABAD Protests to save Construction Industry

BY HABIB KHOKHAR



Housing and Construction in Karachi is one of the most contributing sectors of national economy of Pakistan but making the metropolitan unable to do business activities, is a gross injustice to the city. Construction has a leading role in the economic activities of Karachi, but the builders' community is unable to do construction activities, because of unavailability of Water NOCs from Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB).

Not only ABAD, the real estate developers of Karachi along with allied construction industries of Pakistan were of the opinion that they were being punished unfairly because of incompetence of various governmental institutions. Therefore they were not only dependant on ABAD but also wanted to collaborate their efforts in a strategy, devised to overcome the turmoil in construction industry.



At first ABAD held several internal meetings to take all the members in confidence on dated Nov 17 and 20, 2018 where it was decided that the Association should now adopt a hard stance against the KW&SB. Although, the Honorable Supreme Court Order via Const P. 38/2016, have lifted the ban on construction, but builders and developers were not permitted to resume construction in Karachi. That's why all the members were collectively agreed that the Managing Director of Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB) has, as a matter of fact, committed Contempt of Court by not issuing NOCs to members of ABAD, as there are 123 cases of new connections of members of ABAD pending in KW&SB since more than one and half years.

ABAD also had a series of meetings with all stakeholders related to construction and housing industry like Architects, Engineering Consultants, Cement manufacturers, Tiles and Sanitary merchants, Ready-Mix Concrete manufacturers, Re-rolling Steel Mills Owners,

real estate developers and other forums of allied industries. All of them viewed that they were sailing on same boat with ABAD as due to unavailability of NOCs, construction activities have stopped in city, unemployment is rising and many allied manufacturing industries related to constructions have shut their units down.

These were the reasons and background that for the first time in its history, the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) staged a protest on 22nd November, 2018 against Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB) for not issuing NOCs of water to builders despite orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The members of ABAD rightly thought that they were facing loss of billion of rupees due to unavailability of NOCs from KW&SB. So were other stakeholders as Raja Mazhar Abbas the President of DCAREA opined that his association of real estate has common interest with ABAD and together we now have to adopt a "hard stance". From DCAREA around half thousand







people participated in the protest and 80 cars were also part of the rally, all came in support of ABAD.

The rally started from ABAD House and reached office of KW&SB at Sharah e Faisal, where a sit-in was staged in favour of ABAD's demand. A comprehensive security plan was issued & SSP Traffic was also updated for traffic arrangements.

Various teams of members of ABAD were specifically developed and assigned for special duties during the protest like Internal security & coordination, Traffic Awareness, Media Talk, Negotiating Team, Comparing Team, Emergency situation, Social Media Unit.

All significant trade bodies like Karachi chambers of commerce KCCI, federations, FPCCI, all industrial associations also joined and showed solidarity with ABAD because they regard industry of construction and housing important

for Karachi's as well as national economy. The KCCI former President Siraj Kassim Teli, Deputy Mayor Arshad Vohra, political dignitaries Farooq Sattar, MNAs Aftab Siddiqui and Alamgir Khan also participated in the protest, which turned into a sit-in when the chants of demands were unheard.

Addressing the protest rally, Chairman ABAD Muhammad Hassan Bakshi said in his speech that more than Rs600 billion investment had been stopped due to ban on construction of high-rise buildings in Karachi.

He lamented that thousands of people including engineers and architects were losing their jobs due to ban on construction of high-rise buildings. Although, the Apex court had allowed construction of ground plus six buildings during last January but Sindh Building Control Authority had not granted a single approval in this regard because Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB) was not giving NOC for water connection.



Most importantly as legal construction activities are halted, illegal construction is thriving throughout city with rampant crime ratio. While the problem of shortage of housing is as it is, in fact widening.

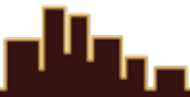
Pakistan Tiles and Sanitary Association of Pakistan Sohail Yousuf lamented the Tiles and Sanitary merchants were also affected badly and appreciating ABAD said the builders' community "is doing a great job by organizing all allied industries at one platform".

The protest was peaceful and efficiently organized. Camps were properly tented while water and food were distributed among the protesters specially to daily wagers who participated in the rally in

thousands of numbers. Members of ABAD kept the control of rally and protest in their hands and it was made sure that no untoward incident took place. The Team ABAD managed the rally tidily, held protest in a discipline manner and staged sit-in sleekly, throughout the day in the metropolitan. That's the reason no unwanted incident was reported during the day.

Members of ABAD ended the day-long sit-in only when the KWSB gave them assurance that it would start issuing conditional permits for new water connections. KWSB MD Khalid Mahmood Sheikh met the Abad chairman and assured the builders that the water board would issue no objection certificates (NOCs) for water connections on a case-by-case basis.





## Justice Amir Hani Muslim as the Head of Water Commission

On January 201, 2018 the Supreme Court (SC)-appointed judicial commission investigating the failure of the authorities concerned to provide clean drinking water and improve sanitation conditions in Sindh resumed proceedings under its new head, Justice (ret'd) Amir Hani Muslim, a former judge of the apex court.

Earlier Justice Hani was appointed as the Sindh High Court judge in August 2002 and was elevated as the Supreme Court judge in February 2011. He has an acute intellect of justice and grip over the law.

A straight-forward and courageous judge by repute, Justice Hani before heading the Water Commission had already left behind his legacy by authoring landmark judgments for streamlining the civil service structure of the country.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan when granted the permission to build Ground plus six floor construction on January 15, 2018, in the same hearing the Chief Justice of Pakistan Saqib Nisar announced Justice Amir Hani Muslim as the head of the Water Commission in Sindh. Ever since, Justice Hani has tirelessly performed his task. He held brief visits from the canals of rural Sindh to the effluent treatment plants in Karachi to understand the situation and realize the circumstances.

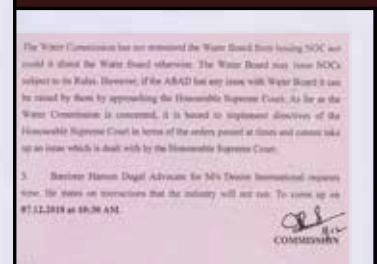
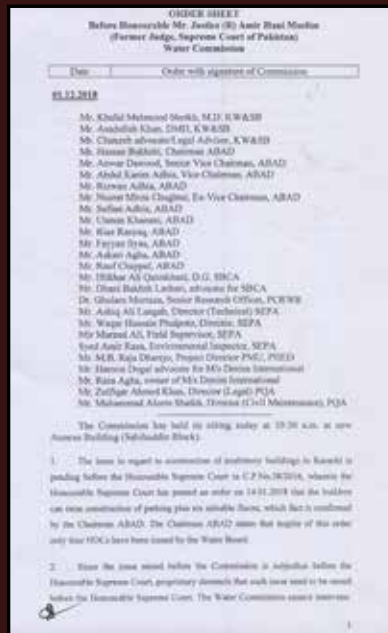
During his tenure as the head of Water Commission he often -- but rightly -- came down hard specially on Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) and Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB), for violations of rules in land records and poor distribution of water in the city respectively.

**He has clarity of mind and can sense the gravity of situation timely. That's why when he realized that in the absence of NOCs from the KW&SB, the construction activities couldn't be resumed and unemployment growing, he passed an order on December 1, 2018 which in which he clearly states "The Water Commission has not restrained the Water Board from issuing NOCs nor could it direct the Water Board otherwise."**

That order brought a sigh of relief in the construction industry and cleared doubts for KW&SB which was reluctant to issue NOCs in prevailing conditions. Later on the Supreme Court of Pakistan withdrew ban on high rises in Karachi on December 12, 2018, and it is sure the December 1, 2018' Oder of Justice Hani wasn't been ignored while withdrawing ban on high rises.

While praising the services of Justice Amir Muslim Hani regarding his historic judgments on Civil Service structure of Pakistan, Attorney General for Pakistan Ashtar Ausaf Ali says "Justice Amir Hani Muslim did a 'Jihad' because the judgments authored by him will go a long way in bringing about stability and structural strength".

At heart, the housing and construction industry share the same admiration.







## Supreme Court of Pakistan withdraws Ban on Highrises

On the petition of ABAD the Supreme Court of Pakistan has withdrawn ban on highrises which allows builders & developers community to resume construction activities. The verdict has been hailed widely.



### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

**PRESENT:** MR. JUSTICE MIAN SAQIB NISAR, HCJ  
MR. JUSTICE FAISAL ARAB  
MR. JUSTICE IJAZ UL AHSAN

**CONSTITUTION PETITION NO.38/2016 AND CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITIONS NO.12-K AND 19-K/2018 AND CRIMINAL MISC. APPLICATIONS NO.118-K TO 124-K/2018 AND CIVIL MISC. APPLICATIONS NO.8894, 8895, 599-K, 602-K, 689-K AND 520-K/2018 AND CIVIL MISC. APPLICATION NO.1428/2011 AND CIVIL MISC. APPLICATION NO.661-K/2015 AND 1213-K/2018 AND HUMAN RIGHTS CASE NO.23452-S/2013**

Const.P.38/2016: Shahab Usto Vs. Government of Sindh through Chief Secretary, Sindh etc.  
Crl.O.P.12-K/2018: Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) Vs. Malik Riaz Hussain, Chairman Bahria Town (Pvt.) Ltd.  
Crl.O.P.19-K/2018: Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) Vs. Khalid Mahmood Shaikh  
H.R.C.23452-S/2013: Complaint by Abdul Ghaffar Syal

In attendance: Mr. Shahab Usto, petitioner in person  
Mr. Anwar Mansoor Khan, AGP  
Mr. Zahid P. Ibrahim, Addl. AGP  
Mr. Salman Talibuddin, A.G. Sindh  
Mr. Sarwar Khan, Addl. A.G. Sindh  
Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Channa, Registrar, Water Commission  
Mr. Faisal Pareed, ASC for ABAD  
Mr. Shahid Jameel Khan, ASC/Principal Law Officer, SBCA  
Mr. Amir Rasheed, CEO Malir Cantonment Board  
Mr. Khalid Mahmood Sheikh, M.D. Water Board  
Mr. Sameer Ghazanfar, ASC for KMC & Karachi Water Board  
Dr. Nusrat Jalbani, Sr. Scientific Officer, PCSIR  
Dr. Zulfiqar Mirani, Sr. Scientific Officer, PCSIR  
Prof. Dr. M. Akram Siddiqui, Water Technologist  
Mr. M. Sharif in CMA-661/15  
Mr. Venue G. Advani, in person.  
Mr. Alamgir Awan, XEN, WAPDA

Ms. Saadia Ambreen  
Ms. Shagufta Zulfiqar  
Naila Awaiz  
Muhammad Awaiz  
(interveners)

Constitution Petition No.38 of 2016 etc.

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Date of hearing: 11.12.2018

#### ORDER

**Mian Saqib Nisar CJ:-** The 5<sup>th</sup> interim report has been submitted by the Water Commission which has been placed on the record. Let the Water Commission continue to perform its functions assigned to it by this Court by virtue of various orders.

2. Through an application (Crl.M.A.1589-K/18) Mr. Justice (Retd.) Amir Hani Muslim, Chairman Water Commission has for personal reasons requested to be relieved of his duties as Chairman of the said Commission after 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. Since he does not wish to continue as Chairman of the Commission after 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, his request is granted. The CMA is accordingly allowed. Thereafter, the Court may consider appointment of new Chairman, if need be.

3. **C.M.A. No.1590/2018:** By virtue of orders of this Court dated 16.3.2017 and 14.1.2018 the construction of multi-storied buildings was restrained. The learned Attorney General for Pakistan apprised the Court that as a result of the order all construction activity has come to a standstill. He states that construction of multi storey buildings falls within the domain of Karachi Building Control Authority which has regulations governing multi storey buildings. He undertakes that in future such buildings shall be constructed strictly as per the Regulations of the Karachi Building Control Authority. In this view of the matter, the orders of this Court mentioned above relating to a ban on construction of multi storey buildings beyond six stories are withdrawn.

Sd/- Mian Saqib Nisar, C  
Sd/- Faisal Arab, J.  
Sd/- Ijaz ul Ahsan, J.

# Impacts & Pitfalls of Ban on High-rises



**Impacts of ban were horribly disastrous not on civil dynamics but also on national economy too.**

Construction Industry is a part of solution rather any problem hovering over socio-economic development of Pakistan. Notwithstanding, high rises in Karachi has been seen through the prism of infrastructural shortcomings more specifically water shortage, which is incorrect. The Supreme Court banned high rises and then limited their construction till Ground plus Six floors, in the view of inability of civic bodies to meet out city' water demands. However, it was in fact their inefficiency rather inability not to provide water, which brought untoward consequences.

Construction industry has been growing by 9% since last decade which indicates success and strength of it. Pakistan spends \$5.2 billion on construction yearly, which account for 2% of GDP. Moreover, many more billions are spent on buying residential and commercial plots each year. Real Estate sector, which is an essential organ of construction industry with an estimated size of 7 trillion dollars, has been operating more or less like an informal Stock Exchange. There was a need to regularize and refine this market to bring stability in the construction industry but instead ban on high rises was imposed

which in fact brought the practices of land grabbing, china cutting, smuggling of construction goods and illegal sheltering.

The impacts of ban were horribly disastrous not on civil dynamics but also on national economy too. The real estate and construction industry with more than trillion dollar investment and assets is arguably the biggest capital market of the country – even bigger than the Pakistan Stock Exchange. That's why impacts of ban on construction were enforcing continual plummeting index of market during the last one and half year. Leading shares of cement, steel and other industrial sector showed no signs of growth too.

With the closure of local industries the balance of payments were affected. Productions of cement and steels declined which further led to decline in cement exports, while steel bars, tiles and building chemical began to enter in Pakistan through smuggling.

Housing and construction is the second biggest venue of employment after agriculture which provides bread and butter to more than five million. Because



of ban on high-rises the unemployment increased rapidly. At first the daily wagers affected seriously because they are totally dependent on construction. When the construction activities are on, not only daily labours but workers, technicians, surveyors, engineers and contractors all are benefitted but when these activities are compelled to put off they all are deprived from their source of earning. Also, now major industries like re-rolling steel, melting steel, brick kilns and ship breaking closed down their units which has affected nearly 5 million people who got unemployed in Pakistan.

Ban on high rises also dropped the sale and production of major allied industries like cement, steel, glass, tiles sanitary and etc. Iqbal Jafferani of Re-rolling steel mills Association told in a meeting at ABAD House that the last two years figures of imports of tiles and sanitary can be seen which showed massive declination of custom duties and other taxes to government exchequer.

More than 100 hundred diverse allied industries are dependent on the wheel of construction to run and thereafter they create further business opportunities. But with each passing day they are losing their strength and mettle in Pakistan. More than 100 steel melting furnaces and re-rolling steel mills shut their units down in Gujranwala and Baluchistan. Nearly 70 re-rolling steel mills in the southern region shut their operations down for an indefinite period resulting in 25,000 bread earners jobless directly. While more than 50 steel melting furnaces had already been closed in Lahore for a long time.

The housing and construction industry has also a

CSR value. It makes housing available as well as helps government to provide shelters to 20 million homeless people and onwards. According to UNDP there are 20 million people homeless in all over Pakistan. That's why it will be unwise to ban and illogical to limit construction activities – an essential segment of human as well as national development of Pakistan.

Therefore the withdrawn of ban on high rises by the Supreme Court of Pakistan via an order dated December 11, 2018, has been welcomed from all quarters. Not only housing and construction industry but also real estate sector and more than 100 allied industries related to construction have hailed the historic verdict. It is also very noteworthy and heartening that high rises and multi-storey buildings have begun to be seen as solutions-- rather problems-- to provide shelters to maximum people on minimum land-size. With that now the shortage of housing facilities would be addressed at a better level.



The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FPCCI) hailed the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The FPCCI President Ghazanfar Bilour and other senior members of the federation in a joint statement hoped that lifting of ban will help the construction and housing industry in not only generating revenue but also recreate phenomenal opportunities for the people associated with the construction industry.

Congratulating the (ABAD) on the lifting of the ban, they said this decision would enhance employment opportunities for the people associated with construction and allied industries.



# Meetings in ABAD House to resolve ~~Ban~~ on Highrise



Former Chairman ABAD Mohsin Shiekhani speaks in a meeting on Ban on Highrises

Because of ban on high-rises and multi-storey buildings, as all business activities related to construction were stagnant, therefore ABAD held a series of internal meetings on the core issue in order to unite members on a platform and seek their opinions for evaluating various options.

A special meeting regarding Ban on Construction of High Rises and Multi Story Buildings was therefore, held on October 17, 2018 at ABAD House, chaired by Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi and attended By Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood the Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia the Vice Chairman ABAD, Syed Ibrahim Habib the Chairman REC (Southern) and other members of ABAD.

The House in the agenda briefed the consequences and sought opinions from members on Ban on Construction of High Rises and Multi Storey Buildings and on basis of that Plans of Actions were to be devised.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi told the audience that the KW&SB is not giving NOCs for new water connections despite repeated assurances, which is the reason the housing sector is confronted with a Ban on Construction of High Rises and Multi Story Buildings and all the construction industry has come to death bed. He told that banning construction is not written anywhere in the order of Supreme Court appointed Water Commission headed by Justice Amir Muslim Hani but due to unavailability of water connections it is impossible for us to resume construction activities.

Mr. Hasan Bakshi later said that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has launched the Naya Pakistan Housing Program but how could it see the day of light in Karachi where the builders and developers are facing a ban on construction.

Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood OK told that some members of ABAD met the Chief Minister of Sindh Mr. Murad Ali Shah and the Chief Minister is willing



to give an undertaking on the assurance of water availability when the Desalination Plant and K-IV would be built. However, Mr. Farigh Nadeem said we couldn't trust on Sindh Government and Mr. Altaf Hussain said Sindh government was afraid therefore we should approach directly to water commission.

In the end the Chairman ABAD sought the vote of all members of ABAD sitting in the meeting who voted in majority and in favor of office bearers of ABAD that now the Association should take up this matter legally in court and pitch it more aggressively on electronic media.

sewerage" he says.

Mr. Jameel Yousuf said we are the highest tax payers in country and paid billions of rupees in advance in terms of betterment and infrastructural development charges and now they excuse that they can't provide NOCs. Sindh government should give undertaking of occupation certificate.

Former Chairman ABAD Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan opined ABAD just wanted equal playing field like other developers of housing schemes. He was of the view until a proposal come from Sindh government in Supreme Court the judiciary can't



M. Hassan Bakshi gives recommendations of ABAD to Sindh Government

A follow up meeting regarding Ban on Construction of High Rises and Multi Storey Buildings was held on October 20, 2018 at ABAD House. The meeting this time was also attended by Former Chairmen Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan, Mr. Jameel Yousuf, Mr. Ashraf Saeed alongside all the office bearers and members of ABAD. The agenda of the meeting was to further evaluate the options and extend recommendations from ABAD for the benefit of construction industry.

Mr. Ashraf Saeed said the accused is Sindh government in court, we are affected in that situation. "Our petition was dismissed because Bahria returned its appeal. Justice Hani is seeing everything through the prism of water and

come in a position to decide anything because in the court right we have now lodged a review application which is usually a delicate stage as once it is rejected than we would lose all other options, so "it's better to liaise with the Sindh government first, however for that we have to first complete our homework" he says.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi then told the House that the office bearers officially wrote letter to Justice Ameer Muslim Hani on behalf of ABAD and Print Advertisements would also be published in the media throughout a week explaining the point of view of ABAD.

Thereafter a presentation was shown in the meeting highlighting the demands of ABAD.





In the meeting members of ABAD are voting to go for protest

1. Increase share of Karachi water. Announce and deliver desalination plants for Karachi as promised. Karachi is contributing major share in revenue since decades but still bleeding.
2. Lift the restriction on construction of high rise buildings in Karachi to provide jobs to five hundred thousand people.
3. Restore Fixed Tax Regime (FTR) for builders and developers
4. Remove unjust Regulatory duties imposed earlier to protect few blue eyed industrialists.
5. Establish One Window System for Fast Track approval of Buildings Plans
6. Nominate Private sector representative as Chairman SBCA and DG SBCA for fixed tenure of three years to increase efficiency with Transparency.
7. Ensure identical Bye Laws for DHA, Fazaia, ASF, Bahria , ABAD Members for level playing to field to all players.
8. Infrastructure be developed by Sindh Government. Billions of rupees deposited as Outer Development, commercialization & betterment charges may be used.
9. .Nominees of private sector be appointed in all development authority and utility agencies
10. Legislation be enacted to remove construction and housing from service industry.
11. Legislation be enacted for digitalization of property documents registration via CDC.
12. Master plan 2050 of all big cities having a population of 5 million be prepared.
13. Land transfer charges provided to REITS be provided to individual buyers.
14. An Autonomous Authority for title verification of Land be established to save projects from unnecessary litigation.
15. Senior member of land utilization be appointed from private sector with a fixed tenure of three years.
16. Government Land shall be disposed off through public auction. Land Banks may be established.
17. Special Development Board be established for Katchi Abadis as per Act approved by Sindh Assembly in 2014. Necessary amendments be made.
18. Improve ease of doing business by removing unnecessary NOCs.
19. Take action against cartelization of cement, steel and tile manufacturers.

Another follow-up on Ban on High Rise was held on November 16, 2018 to analyze the strategies for further Plans of Actions and vote from members of ABAD in this regard. The members voted in majority opted to go on protest in front of KW&SB Office and stage a sit-in until the issuance of NOCs of water. Therefore the date of Nov 22, 2018 was set to hold protest at the KW&SB Head Office and reach in the shape of grand rally was finalized.





# Formation of Naya Pakistan Housing Authority & Task Force



## Chairman ABAD M. Hassan Bakshi is included in the 17-member Task Force

When Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan visited ABAD House on July 7, 2018 he pledged to build five million low cost houses all over Pakistan. More or less that pledge is the reflection of Affordable Housing Scheme devised by ABAD nearly a half decade ago. However, after the formation of his government Prime Minister Imran Khan publicly unveiled his government's "flagship" project – Naya Pakistan Housing Programme – aimed at constructing five million houses for the low income segments of society during the next five years.

policies and road map and then made it for public. The authority will facilitate the process and a 17-member task force has also been set up with Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi and other dignitaries of ABAD as the members to help run it.

The Program was launched on October 10, 2018 under which in the first phase affordable houses will be constructed in Islamabad, Lahore, Quetta, Sialkot, Multan, Gujranwala, Multan, Bahawalpur,



"The housing scheme is our real scheme. At least 40 industries are directly related with the housing scheme. When we launch the project, all these industries will benefit from it," Prime Minister Imran Khan said and announced the formation of Naya Pakistan Housing Authority. He also hoped that the successful implementation of the programme would not only boost the country's economy but also create immense job opportunities.

The Naya Pakistan Housing Authority has been specially set up to provide one-window operation to investors. It has been mandated to develop

Gilgit, Bahawalnagar, Rahim Yar Khan, Jehlum, Muzaffarabad, Swat, Vehari, Kasur, Laiyah, Sukkur, Chinot, Jaranwala and Samundari.

The government would facilitate the project with regard to the provision of land. While on existing slums, vertical buildings will be constructed and residents of slums would also be given ownership rights there according to the Program.

Chairing a meeting of Economic Advisory Council Prime Minister Imran Khan also agreed to provide Rs. 5 billion for Naya Pakistan Housing program as seed money. The PM directed to ensure

the availability of state' land and letters has been dispatched in this regards by concerned authorities.

However, there are still some important matters in the Naya Pakistan Program which have been ignored or left for discussion. The sheer size of the financing involved is \$ 180 billion, as reported. It is yet to be seen whether the commercial banks are capable enough to extend such huge mortgage credit in the current economic reality of high interest rate.

With the formation of Naya Pakistan Authority the status of important federal departments are unclear, like Pakistan Public Works Department, The Estate Office, National Housing Authority Pakistan Housing Authority Foundation, Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation, National Construction Limited who are administratively responsible for the above task. On the other hand after the 18th Amendment housing is a provincial subject, while the government is so far running the

National Pakistan Authority from Prime Minister Secretariat.

With the announcement of Program cartelization of construction materials kicked off. And prices of construction materials steel bar, tiles, sanitary and specially of cement skyrocketed.

More importantly private sector should be encouraged to come forward and improve the fate of impoverished. Although, the prime minister has blatantly clarified that the government would only provide land while the rest would be done by private sector, nothing has been done in this regard publicly.

Land Bank is the most expensive and essential commodity of this program, which should have been identified before launching of Program. Last housing is basic right of every citizen, so this Program is a huge task and should be seen and implemented on broader canvas, therefore it will be incorrect if it envisages only on social housing and upgradation of Katchi Abadis.

## Affordable Housing; A Pioneering Vision of ABAD

ABAD has vision that every Pakistani has his/her own house, therefore at the International ABAD Expo held in 2017 the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) announced an affordable housing scheme, comprising 5,000 units at four different places in Karachi, namely Northern Bypass, Hawksbay, National Highway and Super Highway. ABAD was the pioneer to envision the concept of affordable housing through which single unit houses are to be provided from Rs1.5 million to Rs2.1 million to enable poor to afford and get their own house.







## ABAD' Press Conference Naya Pakistan Housing Program



Chairman ABAD M. Hassan Bakshi is speaking in the press conference

"Every Pakistani deserves shelter and when the industry of housing and construction runs the economy of Pakistan moves on automatically", says Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi. During a Press Conference arranged by Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) regarding opportunities and challenges of Prime Minister's Initiative for Affordable Housing. Mr. Bakshi lauded the newly-formed Naya Pakistan Housing Program and termed it positive initiative which ABAD supported and owned too.

The Press Conference held on October 15, 2018 at ABAD House and was also attended by office bearers of ABAD Mr. Muhammad Anwar OK the Senior Vice Chairman, Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia the Vice Chairman, Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib the Chairman Southern Region and former Chairman ABAD Junaid Ashraf Taloo. A large number of members ABAD and media personals were also present.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed journalist and thanked for their arrival. He briefed about the background of Prime Minister' initiative of building 5 million low cost houses program and said the Prime Minister Mr. Imran Khan announced very first that project at the platform of ABAD. Therefore ABAD not only supported the Prime Minister's initiative of Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme but also owned it with heart and soul. He, however, said Government should only facilitate this scheme while it is the private sector which has to execute and complete it. Therefore the Chairman of the Task Force of the Program should be from a private sector, like ABAD, for better results.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi emphasized that free land needed for this Program, otherwise the cost of housing units would no longer be affordable and suggested a mechanism where the Government can easily go for e-tendering of the works, prequalification from private sector and bid-



Members of ABAD and Media persons are attending the press conference

price of only construction cost, excluding the land cost.

On the other hand Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman ABAD conveyed ABAD' reservations on the recent price hike of the cement, steel bars, tiles and pointed out that prices of steel bar and cement had risen after announcement of Naya Pakistan Housing Program which could sabotage the Government low-cost housing project. Therefore he demanded to reduce the prices immediately of cement, steel bars, tiles and the other construction materials to ensure the success of Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme a project where 5 million houses would be constructed. "Allied Industries needs to be regulated and their prices must be parallel with international pricing. But they are selling material at highest cost. ABAD will prefer indigenous material but only if it comes in budget, if not then the PM must see the other options", Mr. Bakshi said.

He welcomed foreign investors in the Housing Program and suggested Joint Ventures with foreign investors in the project of affordable

housing, which would create four to five million job and other allied business venues in construction sector.

***"Free land is needed for this program otherwise the cost of housing would no longer be affordable" M. Hassan Bakshi***

The Chairman ABAD demanded from the Government to restore the Fixed Tax Regime (FTR) for the construction Sector which was duly approved in the year 2016. Calling for the removal of ban on high rises he asked the Prime Minister to see why NOCs were not being given to Members ABAD to resume construction activities.

He also said cooperation and mutual understanding is needed among all stakeholders and gave example of ongoing government campaign for construction of dams, initiated by the Chief Justice of Pakistan Mr. Saqib Nisar and said like the dam campaign national focus and one direction is also needed in the construction of five million houses in five years.





# Digitalization of Properties

## ABAD holds meeting with CDC to set-up Property Registry

There are multiple things that are rapidly changing real estate in Pakistan. However, due to huge potential in terms of both monetary and infrastructural capacity, it is prone to major insufficiencies and transparency issues. There is really a need of digitalization of estate and land record on the lines of Central Depository Company (CDC) which could provide a secure environment for ordinary buyers and sellers of properties.

A depository company is primarily responsible for operating and maintaining the depository system, which handles the electronic (paperless) settlement of assets, prominently shares on the stock exchanges. Electronic book entry means that the properties, securities, or share certificates do not physically change hands and the transfer from one client account to another takes place electronically.

In Pakistan Central Depository Company is the sole entity handling the electronic (paperless) settlement of transactions, carried out at the Pakistan Stock Exchange. Established as a securities depository it has evolved now as the infrastructure backbone and the Ultimate Custodian of the Pakistan Capital Market.



ABAD Delegates in CDC office

ABAD thinks that to provide a secure environment for ordinary buyers and sellers of property a complete overhaul of the system of property registration is an essential prerequisite for the development of the Housing Finance Market. Therefore the CDC has been approached to consider undertake Property Registry system in Pakistan.

On October 11, 2018 a delegation of ABAD headed by Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Senior Vice Chairman Muhammad Anwar

Dawood, Mr. Noman Tabani, Mr. Muhammad Ejaz, Mr. Mahmood Tabba Mrs. Umme Salma and others visited the CDC Office. The Central Depository Company was represented by Mr. Aftab Dewan the CEO, CDC and Mr. Shariq Naseem the Head of Product Development and Marketing.

The ABAD delegation told the CDC members that Real Estate in Pakistan has great potential and CDC should explore these opportunities. Representatives of CDC expressed their interest in working with ABAD on the concept of establishing a "Property Registry" in Pakistan, which will bring efficiency and transparency in the process of property registration and will benefit all the stakeholders.

It was proposed in the meeting that a joint committee/working group of ABAD and CDC should be established and work should be initiated to prepare an initial working paper for the project. Mr. Muhammad Ejaz from ABAD and Mr. Shariq Naseem from CDC were appointed focal persons from each side.

No one can deny that existing structure of property acquisition and transfer is a major constraint in the development of real estate and housing finance markets Pakistan.

Digitalization of Properties, though never existed before in Pakistan but has many benefits.



M. Anwar Dawood presents Shelter to Aftab Dewan

1. It would put public sales data out for all to see and will change the obsolete and vulnerable system as investors and consumers could get good data that became reliable.
2. It would bring stability in the ever-mercurial market and shut down all the rumor mills.
3. In the developed countries the Google earth is able to help easily view location and size, enabling buyer to confidently view homes without visiting them.
4. Home security will get easier and cheaper. Clients can show themselves the homes and they won't need to have agents walk through them.
5. It will institutionalize the Construction and Housing sector, bring investment in the market and enable developers to throw quality in a polished market.

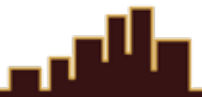
## Meeting with JCR-VIS Credit Rating Co.

A delegation from JCR-VIS Credit Rating Co. visited ABAD Houses to brief about their program on Assessment of Real Estate Developers. Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the delegation together with other office bearers and members. JCRVIZ is a 3rd Party Credit Rating agency which assesses Credit Rating and Grading of various members, enabling environment of regulation and power credit.

They held a positive meeting, as there is no regulatory system for real estate developers and builders in the country. Credit Rating and Grading may bring positivity in the market, confidence among the investors and make builders and developers more credible to their allottees.







## Architects see high-rises as solution of urban housing woes



M. Hassan Bakshi & M. Arif Jeewa present bouquets to the guests

The present role of architects in Pakistan can be judged from the fact that their involvement, direct or indirect, in creating sustainable and eco-friendly urban planning is negligible.

These plans pave way for construction and development opportunities, necessary to run the wheel of the industry. However, architects have found that wheel jammed in recent times.

That's one of the reasons when a delegation of IAP (Institute of Architects, Pakistan) led by their Chairman Architect Mr. Ramiz Baig visited ABAD House on November 7, 2018. He was accompanied with senior members of IAP Mr. Shahid Abdullah, Mr. Yawer Jilani, Architect Hussain Lotia, Architect Ali Naqvi and other members. The Team ABAD

was led by Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, while Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood OK, Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, Chairman SR Mr. Ibrahim Habib, former Chairman ABAD Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa, Convener SBICA Sub Committee Mr. Rizwan Adhia and other respected members participated in the meeting.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the IAP delegation and briefed them about the background of ban on high-rises and unavailability of Water NOCs as the main reason of the ban. He said that we want to find the solution of problems as illegal activities has started on the name of construction as well as rise in Katchi Abadis too.

The IAP' Chairman Architect Mr. Ramiz Baig was of the view that stopping construction activities has no mean and advantage. He blamed the Sindh government and said infrastructure is the government responsibility not of people who belonged to housing and construction activities, therefore we should adopt a collective approach because our problems are same. Architect Yawer Jilani a senior member of IAP said building industry of Karachi is the growth engine of Pakistan but because of ban the situation in Karachi has become precarious and Sindh government is culprit of that. He further says Judiciary is only seeing the problem not solution, so we should convey the judiciary how to revive development in Karachi. He added "to earn bread and butter is our basic right how can anyone deny that."

Former Chairman ABAD Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa told vertical construction is essential in Karachi so we people collectively make an idea about master plan of Karachi city which covers every aspect revenue, traffic and municipal system.

Architect Yawer Jilani said Karachi and Sindh are different in nature. SBCA by it's name looks more

like a monitoring body while Karachi needs a proper planning and development authority where all civic bodies like cantonments, DHA, Railway, CAA and others come under one roof. This authority would be "supra planning and development authority" which also covers policing, transport and etc. He added we can use the ongoing Supreme Court platform for this concept for the betterment and larger interest of Karachi.

Mr. Shahid Abdullah was of the view that health is major issue in Karachi so we should construct health-friendly buildings. He gave a concept of septic tanks in building which can recycle water and suggest to build a pilot project with ABAD mutually.

Architect Ali Naqvi said we should convey some solutions to judges and suggested that ABAD and Architects should go separately to courts and try to have one on one meeting with Justice Amir Muslim Hani. So it was decided that from IAP their representative would go to hearing individually and try to convey these concerns to Supreme Court.

## Real Estate Dealers find themselves on same page with ABAD



The impacts of ban on High-rises in Karachi in the backdrop of unavailability of NOCs from KW&SB hasn't been limited only to construction and housing sector, the real estate community is also equally affected. That's why when a delegation of Defence Clifton Association of Real Estate Agents (DCAREA) visited ABAD House on October 24, 2018 to have meeting with Association of Builders and Developers, both the teams found themselves on the same page.

The delegation was comprised of Raja Mazhar

Hussain the President DCAREA, Mr. Younus Rizwi the Joint Secretary and senior members of DCAREA Mr. Mumtaz Hassan, Mr. Zafar Iqbal and Mr. Zafar.

The Team ABAD was led by their Chairman Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi and also included Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad. Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, Chairman (SR) Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib, Former Chairman ABAD Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani and senior members of ABAD Mr. Farigh Nadeem, Mr. Askari Agha, Mr. Ali Ratadia and other members of ABAD.





Delegation of DCAREA holds meeting with members of ABAD

The Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the delegation while the President DCAREA Mr. Raja Mazhar congratulated all the office bearers of ABAD for being elected for the 2018-19 term.

Mr. Raja Mazhar also introduced the members and told about the Defence Clifton Association of Real Estate Agents (DCAREA) which is active since 21 years with 1600 members and among them 95% are tax payers.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi revealed that ABAD is associated with DCAREA since years and both have a common point of view regarding housing and construction in Karachi. The Chairman ABAD then told about the backdrop of Ban on High-rises which is due to the unavailability of NOCs from KW&SB. He also said that Sindh government want to help us by giving an undertaking in the court about NOCs, but only when the situation of water availability would be improved or when the government have any other viable solution such as Desalination plant.

The Chairman ABAD further said that Sindh government want to construct a desalination plant but want the surety of consumers who could pay the price of water. ABAD had a meeting with Korangi Industrial Area Trade Association (KATI) in this regard and now we want all other stake holders to come on board to draft a mutual policy to present it before the honourable Supreme Court or Water Commission. Second if we opt for protest

or taking any hard stance we should be together on one platform.

President DCAREA Mr. Raja Mazhar said in the meeting that we have to be on one page if we want to resolve this turmoil. He said that everyone knows that the low-cost housing is the brain child of ABAD which is very helpful because there is a shortage of more than 12 million houses in Pakistan.

Mr. Raja Mazhar, however opined that emphasis on behalf of federal government for constructing 5 million houses should be given to Karachi' developers first, then DHA, then Bahria Town. In this line we have to adopt a strong stance, and his Association has common interest with ABAD.

Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood said that the DCAREA is also an affectee like ABAD because of ban on high-rises so we should have a mutual voice. He also told that provision of water is the responsibility of government not construction sector. Mr. M. Anwar Dawood also told that right now Bahria Town Karachi is Sindh government priority that's why K-IV is not likely to start in time as the route of the K-IV has been diverted and cost has gone way beyond.

The meeting thereafter ended with the delegation extended full support to ABAD in whatever approach they adopt to save the construction industry.

## Decline in imports compels Tiles & Sanitary Association to join hands with ABAD



Office Bearers of ABAD talking to members of Tiles & Sanitary Association

The ceramics industry of Pakistan mostly caters to the domestic demand of numerous ceramic products including sanitary ware, floor tiles and insulators etc. The growth in ceramics sector is heavily dependent upon the growth of the construction sector, which in Pakistan's case has passed through an erratic growth phase since the last couple of years. That's why a delegation of All Pakistan Tiles and Sanitary Merchants Association of Pakistan visited ABAD House on November 10, 2018. The delegation was comprised of Mr. Furqan Iqbal, Mr. Sohail Yousuf, Mr. Ahmed Faisal and other members of the Association.

From ABAD, their Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Senior Vice Chairman Mr.

Muhammad Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, former Chairman ABAD Mr. Hanif Gohar, Mr. Mustafa Thanvi, Mr. Askari Agha and many members of ABAD participated in the meeting.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the delegation, briefed himself about them the agenda which was primarily about Ban on High-rises due to unavailability of NOCs from KW&SB and sought their opinion in this regard.

Mr. Sohail Yousuf told that due to stoppage of construction activities not only ABAD but the All Pakistan Tiles and Sanitary Association of Pakistan has also affected badly. He said that imports of tiles and sanitary items have been sizably decreased in the last 10 month and we want government to





just have a look at the figures of sanitary imports. He appreciated ABAD and said the Association of Builders and Developers is doing a great job by organizing all allied industries at one platform.

Another delegate Mr. Furqan Iqbal disclosed in the meeting that Iranian tiles are smuggling in Pakistan these days and this is because legal works or construction have been banned in the country.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi said that commercialization has been stopped in Lahore, the CDA has done the same while the SBCA has ordered to stop construction works in Hyderabad today. "We have taken up things seriously and will devise collective policy to cater the situation and for that we can even come on streets."

Thereafter following points were drafted on

which both ABAD and All Pakistan Tiles and Sanitary Merchant Association were agreed upon.

1. It was mutually agreed that Pakistan Tiles and Sanitary Merchant Association would hold a Press Conference about the present crisis, if said.
2. Letter would be drafted by ABAD and hand over to Pakistan Tiles and Sanitary Merchant Association to send to Justice Amir Muslim Hani, the head of Water Commission.
3. A joint meeting of all of the Allied Industries of Construction was suggested.
4. Stickers for cars were suggested to display as silent protest
5. Display of Banners with similar designs but different associations name was suggested and agreed upon.

The meeting then ended with a group photograph.



## Re-rolling Steel Mills Seek ABAD' support



Pakistan's construction and housing industry is the second largest employment industry after agriculture and re-rolling steel mills are vital component of it. However, with the decline of sales and production because of ban on high rises and other construction activities many re-rolling steel mill owners have shut their units down. When ABAD invited them to have a meeting, a delegation of the mill owners of re-rolling steel association visited ABAD House on November 16, 2018 with their Chairman Mr. Kashif , Iqbal jafferani, Jawed Jewani Asad Asgha.

Muhammad Hassan Bakshi the chairman of ABAD welcomed them and shared his views about the impacts of ban on multi storey buildings. He said in the absence of water NOCs construction is not possible even on Ground+1 floor while on the other hand as the legal construction are at halt illegal construction in the shape of Katchi Abadis and China Cutting were thriving. He further informed that when ABAD found no hope of any relief they opted to come on streets and also asked the re-rolling steel mill owners to join in protest by ABAD going to be held in coming days and demonstrate their resentment.

Mr. Kashif the Chairman of re-rolling steel mill association told that the re-rolling industry had already closed their units down however opined

that as the business of re-rolling steel mills didn't have any association or reliance with KW&SB so they couldn't join protest. While Vice Chairman of re-rolling steel mills association Mr. Ghulam Ali said as it's a sub judice matter they would take decision in this regard after consultation within.

Former Chairman ABAD Mr. Arif Jeewa told the delegation that the situation is more drastic as the Minister of Local Government Sindh Mr. Saeed Ghani when arrived in ABAD in September he assured that NOCs for water would be granted but now he said he is unable to do so because the matter is sub judice.

Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Muhammad Anwar Dawood said whenever legal development is banned illegal activity starts. That's the reason illegal activities are not limited only to construction sector the steel industry was also suffering as re-rolling steel was being smuggled these days in large quantity through western borders of Pakistan.

On that the delegation requested for some time to think about it and asked other things and options in this regard. On that ABAD handed over banners and stickers of the protest campaign to demonstrate their resentment and crisis situation.



## Cementing the stance of ABAD

Members of Cement Association arrived at ABAD House to hold talks with members of ABAD

A delegation from Cement Industry comprising Mr. S.M. Jaffery Director Power Cement, Dr. Aslam Director Thatta Cement, Irfan Amanullah GM Attock Cement and Ashfaq Advani visited ABAD House on November 15, 2018.

The Team ABAD was led by Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the delegation. Other participants were Senior Vice Chairman Muhammad Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia and other members of ABAD.

Mr. Muhammad Hasan Bakshi briefed about the background of current turmoil in construction industry, which has been affected by ban on high-rises amid unavailability of water NOCs from KW&SB. He also told that since March 2018 no approval has been granted by SBCA and all legal construction activities even Ground plus one are at halt. Moreover the Hyderabad sub region is also facing similar situations where via a order the SBCA has also stopped construction on commercial projects.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi said therefore ABAD is holding meetings with all allied industries related to construction and other stakeholders like architects, contractors and etc in the current turmoil and want to devise strategy to cater the ongoing situation. He further revealed ABAD has so far adopted a soften stance but it want to go for protests with all allied stakeholders if situation wouldn't be changed. Every allied industries association more or less have same stance and they are willing to protest collectively or from their own platform. He then asked he delegation of cement industries what they could do in these circumstances.



Mr. S.M. Jaffery said construction is one of the biggest industries and we were also affected these days however, the cement industries would like to evaluate our options after mutual consultation. Dr. Aslam was of the opinion that members of cement industries association are limited in numbers so it should not involve in conflict which could leave negative impacts before courts. Besides the southern region is more affected than the northern one in terms of decline of sales.

Mr. Rizwan Adhia countered the argument and said court is not ready to take action, and the problem no longer limited to Karachi it is now expanding to Lahore and Islamabad as other allied industries had either closed their units or were at the brink of collapse.

S.M. Jaffery opined that cement industry would like to cater situation it's own way and suggested we should mobilize civil society first and consider an option to lodged petition on civil society' behalf. He further concluded the cement industries association is on board with ABAD but it would go for a passive movement rather active participation.

Thereafter following points were drafted to be agreed upon;

1. Activate northern region of cement industries association and Mr. Arif Jeewa would meet their members
2. After consultation with other members, the cement industries association would hold a press conference to brief their graveness.
3. ABAD suggested an appeal in newspaper from cement sector, as a secondary stage option
4. A joint committee of two members each from ABAD and Southern region committee of cement industries association.



## Ready-Mix Concrete makers join hands with ABAD



Delegation of Ready-Mix Concrete makers in a meeting to support ABAD' cause



In order to bring all the stakeholders of construction to organize and participate in grand protest at the office of KW&SB, ABAD held a series of meetings with almost all related allied industries. On November 12, 2018 specially a delegation of Ready Mix Cement Companies was specially invited in ABAD House. The Special invitees of that meeting were Mr. Usman Khalid Representative of Lucky Paragon Ready Mix and Mr. Danish Nazeer the GM. Sales & Marketing H2 Ready Mix.

From ABAD, the meeting was attended by Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakhshi, Senior Vice Chairman Mr. M. Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, Chairman SR Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib and honourable members like Mr. Muhammad Ayoob, Mr. Askari Agha, Mr. Farigh Nadeem, Mr. Syed Ashraf Hameed and other members.

Mr. Danish Nazeer of H2 Concrete appreciated and supported the efforts of ABAD in mobilizing all construction industries, however was of the view that protest should be the last option. Mr. Usman Khalid from Lucky Paragon opined that the business of Ready-Mix Concrete is in shamble these days. He also offered 10 to 20 Ready-Mix Trucks to display protesting banners while moving on roads to create awareness among the

public and to capture attention of the print and electronic media.

Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman ABAD suggested that cement companies should be united to become on one page to further protest with one point agenda. ABAD shall provide guideline and material for print, electronic and social media campaign. Abdul Kareem Adhia the Vice Chairman ABAD suggested that Ready Mix Cement companies should play their role to highlight the impacts on their respective ready mix companies so that message should be conveyed to the government to consider the appeal to uplift the ban on high rise buildings.

Both Mr. Usman Khalid and Mr. Danish Nazeer assured ABAD that they will discuss the matter to participate in protest campaign against ban on high rise buildings, the matter shall be discussed in their respective Board of Director Meetings. They also assured ABAD that in case of protest the Ready-Mix Concrete plant owners will join the protest with their labours, work force and Ready Mix Trucks to provide muscle strength to the rally.



## Consulting Engineers wants to develop joint strategy with ABAD



M. Anwar Dawood presents ABAD Memento to Engr. Sadiq Essa

On November 9, 2018 a delegation from Association of Consulting Engineer of Pakistan (ACEP) visited ABAD House. The delegation was led by Engr. Sadiq Essa the President of ACEP, Engr. Khalid Mirza Vice President, Engr. Farooq Fazal the Honorary Secretary and other members of ACEP. Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the delegation together with Team ABAD that included Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood the Senior Vice Chairman, Mr. Rizwan Adhia, Mr. Mahmood Tabba, Mr. Askari Agha, Mr. Nadeem Jeeva and other members.

The meeting was called specially to find out solution of problems faced by the construction industry due to ban on high-rises and multi-story buildings. Through a projector presentation Mr. Hassan Bakshi informed the consultants that since April not a single building plan got approval from the SBCA and despite having already 500 maps and 1000 plots in disposal but members of ABAD can't start construction because of unavailability of NOCs from KW&SB. The Chairman ABAD further conveyed the consultants 'body that ABAD already held

meeting with KATI and architects association' IAP and we sailed on same boat because problems are same.

Engr. Sadiq Essa appreciated the role of ABAD to find the solution of construction turmoil, though argued what ABAD was doing in that regard should had been done earlier. The President of ACEP opined when population increases the demands also increase naturally but banning at supply side has no means so it's useless to ban on building construction activities. He also informed that in 1985 similar situation was surfaced which resulted in mushrooming of illegal construction activities and now the same is happening these days.

The Vice President of ACEP Engr. Khalid Mirza was of the opinion that the judiciary wants to listen what values we could offer to the country and stressed on that ABAD and ACEP develop common strategy and present to the courts. It was mutually agreed in the end that quarterly meeting should be held between two associations from now.

## ABAD meets KATI for Desalination Plant



Delegation of ABAD are receiving bouquet in the KATI office

Scarcity of water in Karachi is major crisis, which is the reason of unavailability of NOCs from KW&SB and ultimately an untold ban on construction activities. Because of it all the business activities are stopped in the metropolitan which is the revenue engine of Pakistan.

Amid water crisis in Karachi, a desalination plant could be an impetus to run the wheel of industries in the city. There are six industrial estates in Karachi, among them four namely Korangi Industrial Estate, SITE Industrial Estate, Landhi Industrial Estate and Port Qasim Industrial Estate are situated near to 7 km coastline of Karachi.

Not only they can construct their own desalination plants to become self sufficient in water but can also support and sell it to other sectors like construction, commercial offices etc.

With this proposal a delegation of ABAD under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi met officials of Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI).

The two trade associations in the meeting focused on finding ways to resolve the water distribution issue in the city. Meanwhile, issues of supply and billing were also discussed.

KATI President Danish Khan briefed the participants on the problems faced by the industry due to unavailability of water. On the other hand, ABAD Chairman Muhammad Hassan Bakshi talked about hurdles faced by the construction industry due to water mismanagement and scarcity.

Both sides agreed to voice concern over issues faced by the industry at every level and decided to establish a joint committee, which would be formed after taking all industry representative bodies on board.

During the meeting, participants had a consensus regarding desalination being the most effective solution to water scarcity in Karachi and they urged the provincial and federal governments to take effective measures to launch projects for which the business community is ready to give any possible support to them.





## Central Executive Committee & Regional Executive Committee Meeting



Former Chairmen of ABAD share a moment in the CEC & REC meeting

The meeting OF Central Executive Committee (CEC) and Regional Executive Committee (REC) of ABAD held on September 27, 2018 and chaired by Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa. It was also attended by Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani former Chairman ABAD , Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, Mr. Altaf Tai, Chairman REC (Southern), Mr. Hassan Bakshi Convener FBR Sub Committee, Mr. Hanif Gohar Former Chairman ABAD and other members.

Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa welcomed the audience and in his speech the outgoing Chairman thanked all the members of CEC and REC for laudable attendance in all the meetings throughout year. Mr. Arif Jeewa said during his tenure as Chairman ABAD "we tried our best to solve problems related to housing and construction although to get out work from governmental institutions is a bit different task." He lauded all the conveners and co conveners of sub committees for doing their jobs tirelessly and efficiently.

Mr. Arif Jeewa extended his special appreciations to ABAD former Chairman Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani and Convener ABAD Coordination & Management Committee Mr. Syed Shahid Khairi and said all the office bearers including Sr. Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman, CEC and REC members are thankful to all of you. He wished his good luck to the office bearers for the next term and hoped they would also perform similarly.

Briefing on the new membership the Convener of New Membership and Renewal Sub Committee Mr. Zeeshan informed the house that 13 new cases are in line for approval and named them.

The House thereafter sought approval of accounts for the month of August.

Another point on the agenda of the meeting was the discussion on the progress and update on the issue of NOC and new water connections.

Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas gave a background of the issue. Mr. Altaf Hussian the Convener of KW&SB said that as everyone know that was not an easy task but we went through a detail correspondence in black and white and the result is the MD KW&SB finally formed a 6-member committee to grant NOCs. Mr. Altaf further said at present there is no case in pending in the office of KW&SB and the committee is about to issue NOCs for water connection that would revive construction activities. The Convener KW&SB specially lauded the efforts of MD Water Board Mr. Khalid Mahmood Sheikh and Chairman ABAD praised the contributions of Chief Minister Sindh, Local Bodies Minister Mr. Saeed Ghani, Mr. Altaf Tai, Mr. Hassan Bakshi and Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas.



Senior members of ABAD in CEC & REC

Discussing on the Notices issued by FBR to Members ABAD under Section 176(4) of the Income Tax Ordinance-2001, Chairman ABAD Mr. Arif Jeewa said that it is not necessary that all your opinions are accepted in public offices. He further said we have to follow the rules now, though it's a success of ABAD that now FBR has nominated a member from ABAD in every city while another one is that FBR has extended the balloting-tenure of ABAD members for Audit from 2 to 3 years. While Mr. Hassan Bakshi the Convener FBR said tax issues are important and the Section 176 is applied on all businessmen so we would have to follow it and submit monthly e-filing after deduction of withholding tax, otherwise the FBR could impose penalty on the subsequent member.

The last point of agenda was the discussion on the role of ABAD for construction of 5 million houses in Pakistan duly announced by PTI from



Members examining agenda of CEC & REC meeting

the platform of ABAD. Mr. Arif Jeewa said it is the motto of the PTI not the project of ABAD we should wait for the government's policy in this regard and we are monitoring the situation. Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas argued that we must submit our reservation as the policy was announced at ABAD platform. Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani opined that ABAD is a reputable association so let the things clear first and we need policy not contract from government. Former ABAD Chairman Mr. Hanif Gohar said making of 5 million houses is a developers' job, contractors can't do it themselves. He thanked Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani and Mr. Arif Jeewa for giving his name as the Advisor in federal cabinet.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi said Affordable Housing is a Mohsin Sheikhani's vision initiated way back 5 to 6 years ago. While Mohsin Sheikhani said government policy should be linked with construction activities rather investment in plots.

Danish bin Rauf said we should do back door diplomacy to separate Master Plan department from the SBCA and bring it back to KDA. Fayyaz Ilyas said it is a valid opinion but we must do our consultation first analyzing all pros and cons of it because the ACT is passed but implementation is in pending.

Ali bin Ratadia asked for making a presentation for Prime Minister Imran Khan and Mr. Arif Jeewa approved the concept and left it for new CEC.

In the end Mr. Arif Jeewa thanked all the members, staff of ABAD on behalf of office bearers and CEC and REC members.



## Central Executive Committee & Regional Executive Committee Meeting



M. Hassan Bakshi with office bearers begins his tenure as Chairman ABAD

The first Central Executive Committee (CEC) and Regional Executive Committee (REC) meeting of the 2018-19 tenure held on November 10, 2018. The Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi presided the meeting and welcomed all the members. Along with the other office bearers Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia and Chairman SR Mr. Ibrahim Habib, Mr Hanif Gohar former Chairman ABAD and Mr. Altaf Tai former Chairman SR was also present on the podium.

That was the first time when projector was used for presentation and discussion of agenda of meeting in ABAD.

After the recitation of Holy Quran Surat Fateh was offered for late ABAD member Mr. Saleem Zaki. Haji Abdul Islam paid tribute to late Saleem Zaki

and named him the "Crown of Karachi".

The House at first approved the minutes of the last CEC/REC Meeting held on Sep 27, 2018 and then confirmation of joint meeting of CEC/ REC was followed.

Approval of new members cases was then presented by Convener New Members and Renewals Sub Committee Mr. Zeshan Siddiqui. During that session provisional approval of memberships was suggested to be stopped by some members, however the House suggested that in some special cases the option of provisional membership should be retained.

Approval of Accounts of for 2018-19 was then sought and it was approved unanimously.

Thereafter, the Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad



Hassan Bakshi invited the House for discussion on PM' initiative of 5 million housing scheme. He told to House that he is trying to incorporate 10 marks for ABAD members in the prequalification process of developers who would build houses. He also said we are trying to bound government that foreign companies would only be allowed in the program through Joint Venture.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi said to overcome water problems the funding for K-IV would be more required. Desalination plant is an important option to meet out the water requirement and Sindh government is willing to give undertaking before court, so we are hopeful that would click. "That's important otherwise the 5-million houses wouldn't see the day light" he says.

Mr. Nusrat Chughtai asked where is the land to build the huge quantity of five million house, on that Dr. Ijaz Ahmed who is the member of Prime Minister Task Force for construction of 5 million houses, replied that we are working on that, however he clarified that he is present in this CEC/ REC meeting in his individual capacity.

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Mr. Hanif Gohar congratulated Chairman ABAD for being induced in the Task Force and thanked the God that finally ABAD has been recognized in the Naya Pakistan Housing Program.



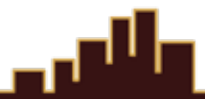
Chairman ABAD M. Hassan Bakshi presides the 1st CEC & REC Meeting of 2018-19

Mr. Altaf Tai suggested to file case against Water Commission, however Chairman ABAD opined to wait and see.

Dr. Ijaz Ahmed then explained the criteria of selection of developers for 5 million houses and said Experience, Management Strength, Financial Strength and Networking strength are factors to get prequalified. A member of ABAD then suggested that on seniority basis 5 and then 10 points be awarded to member ABAD to get prequalified in NPHP.

Mustafa Thanvi said every day construction industry is having one billion rupees loss and suggested a hard stance to take up the matter.

Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Anwer Dawood then said construction activities have also stopped in Hyderabad and Lahore and we are evaluating our options that is either go for protest or wait for the new developments.



## SBCA Sub Committee debates on options of Water resources

Seeking suggestions from members of ABAD over Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), ban on construction activities, pertaining to Chapter 75 of SBCA By- Laws and to discuss matter of Composition Fee Convener of SBCA Sub Committee Mr. Rizwan Adhia called all the members in a meeting on October 11, 2018 and sought their suggestions on the meeting' agenda. Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood presided the meeting, also attended by Chairman ABAD, Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Ibrahim S. Habib the Chairman Southern Region ABAD, Mr. Sohail Naviwala the Co Convener SBCA Sub Committee, Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas, Mr. Sadiq Baloch and other members.

Mr. Rizwan Adhia told that a delegation of ABAD just held at meeting with the Sindh Minister of Local Government Mr. Saeed Ghani and asked suggestions from the members of ABAD on the issue of ban on high rises pertaining to the Chapter 75 of SBCA By-Laws.

Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Anwar OK was of the opinion ABAD gives approximately 10 projects per year to SBCA so the rates of Composition fee should be discussed with ABAD. However, the SBCA are yet to notify the rates on categories wise related to composition fees, w.e.f. the date of notification. On



A view of SBCA Sub Committee ABAD

delaying in housing schemes Mr. Anwar OK told that Sindh Minister of Local Government asked a list of such schemes where Projects of ABAD are stand-still because absence of infrastructure by land authorities specially MDA. Now members of ABAD can send the list of their projects where works can't be done.

The scarcity of water in the city was also the part of agenda on that Mr. Rizwan Adhia told the House that the Judicial Commission has asked a comprehensive report on K-IV which is getting delay day by day. However, ABAD and Sindh government are considering and working on a MoU on a desalination plant of 300 MGD, available only for members ABAD. Mr. Sadiq Baloch suggested that the water quota of Karachi should be increased therefore we must ask at the federal level.



## KW&SB Sub Committee sees Desalination Plant as the future

Scarcity of water and unavailability of NOCs from KW&SB to resume construction activities remained the prime issue in 2018, however evaluating the options of water resources in Karachi the KW&SB Sub Committee of ABAD arranged an urgent meeting in ABAD House on October 23, 2018. Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi chaired the meeting while Senior Vice Chairman

Mr. Muhammad Anwar Dawood also present with the Convener of the KWSB Sub Committee ABAD Syed Altaf Hussain on the podium.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi informed his meeting with Mr. Murtaza Wahab the Advisor to Chief Minister of Sindh who had asked the support of ABAD to develop a Desalination plant in Karachi. However, Mr. Murtaza Wahab wanted

assurance from the construction industry about the proper utilization of consumption of water. Mr. Bakshi also revealed that the Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah had already said that the Sindh government was drafting a letter with the consent of Farooq H Naik in this regard. Senior Vice Chairman Muhammad Anwar Dawood said the CM actually wanted an agreement with ABAD in the model of IPPs, but the question is are ABAD capable enough to consume that water in their projects?

Opinions were sought from the House over the situation of ban on high rises because of unavailability of water connection NOCs. Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai seconded the thought and informed that the HUBCO and other international firms all were interested in Desalination plant which could give 60 paisa per litre water, but they want assurance of consumption and timely recovery. He later suggested ABAD should have back door talk with Sindh government and try to get undertaking for water availability. After that

the Chief Minister, Minister of local bodies, AG Sindh, Governor Sindh all should go to the court and try to convince Justice Amir Muslim Hani the head of the Water Commission.



Water options are discussed in KW&SB Sub-Committee

Altaf Hussain the Convener of the KW&SB however suggested the members to send legal notices to the Managing Director KW&SB in individual capacities which Muhammad Ayub seconded and the Chairman ABAD Muhammad Hassan Bakshi appreciated to proceed with.



## FBR Sub Committee debates on reforms in Taxation Policy



M. Hassan Bakshi leads a delegation at FBR Office

ABAD has always asked from government to provide business-friendly environment in terms of taxation for economic growth. Yet, various other but important reforms were introduced by the FBR in the last quarter of year 2018.

A high profile delegation of ABAD also held meeting

with Mr. Sajid Ullah Siddiqui, Chief Commissioner Income Tax on Nov 14, 2018. Meeting attended by Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman ABAD with Mr. M. Anwar Dawood, Senior Vice Chairman, Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, Vice Chairman, Mr. Noman Tabani, Convener FBR Sub-Committee and Dr. Tariq Mehmood Memon, Co-Convener.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi forwarded the recommendations of ABAD on FTR and reforms of BTB.

Earlier the FBR Sub Committee of ABAD held an in-house meeting chaired by Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas Senior Vice Chairman ABAD on September 22 at ABAD House, Karachi. Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi the Convener of the FBR Sub Committee, Rizwan Adhia, Asif Sumsum and many others were present in the meeting.





Then Senior Vice Chairman ABAD Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas welcomed all the members who arrived to attend the meeting. He lauded the size of audience and sought their suggestions on the meeting's agenda. Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi who was the Convener of the FBR Sub Committee briefed the agenda of the meeting told the meeting was specifically conducted to discuss the Notices issued by BTB Department of FBR to members ABAD and their role as withholding agents under Finance ACT 2018.

He further clarified in order to broaden tax base (BTB), Commissioners BTB are fully empowered

for the issuance of notices under section 176 calling for 3rd party information/ data. Each member gave his own view during the question answer session however, the Sub Committee briefed about the withholding tax under Finance Act 2018 and made it clear to members of ABAD in that meeting that according to the new law - w.e.f. July 1, 2018 -- all the developers are required to act as a withholding agent and file properly monthly returns, Mr. Hassan Bakshi also told the members that the BTB Zones might like to co-opt designated representatives (focal person in each city) of ABAD before initiating any proceeding of prosecution in the cases of no-compliance or default.



## Meetings of Law and Order & Anti Encroachment Sub Committee

The Law & Order and Anti Encroachment Sub Committee of ABAD has been very active ever since it was formed for the 2018-19 tenure. In the month of October the Sub Committee held a series of meetings with DIG West, East and South Zones of Karachi city to nominate focal persons for ABAD in each of the subsequent zones.

Through this development Mr. Abid Ali Baloch has been made Focal Person by DIG West, while ASP Tariq Nawaz has been made Focal Person by DIG East and Manzoor Ali Khatian has been made Focal Person by DIG South for ABAD members specially. This is for the first time for the members of ABAD.

On the 30th October a delegation from ABAD under the headship of Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib, the Convener of Sub Committee Mr. Asif Sumsum, Mr. Noman Tabani, Mr. Ahmed Bubmiya, Mr. Nasir Lakhani, Mr. Raheel Rinch and others met Mr. Faisal Bashir Memon the Director Anti-Encroachment Govt. of Sindh. Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib, Chairman SR briefed about the vital role of ABAD in the field of construction and housing industry.

Mr. Asif Sumsum, Convener of the sub committee further short briefed about role of the Anti-Encroachment Cell of ABAD to resolve issues



Convener Asif Sumsum briefs Commissioner Karachi

related to encroachment of on the land of members ABAD, He also briefed about the formation of ABAD Police Liaison Committee (APLC) initiated few years back in coordination with Sindh Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies. Mr. Faisal Bashir Memon appreciated the role of ABAD and assured his cooperation with members ABAD and it's coordination with concerned Government Departments and Law Enforcement Agencies. The Sub Committee then briefed few cases of encroachment on the land of member of ABAD on which Mr. Faisal Bashir Memon suggested the matters could be reported to concerned Deputy Commissioner's office.

On November 1, 2018, a meeting held at

Commissioner Office between a ABAD delegation and Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed Shalwani, Commissioner Karachi. From ABAD the meeting was attended by Mr. Asif Sumsum, Convener Anti-Encroachment Cell and Law & Order ABAD, Mr. Noman Tabani, Co-Convener, Mr. Ahmed Bumbiya, Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Mr. Mumtaz Ghazi, Mr. Raheel Rinch and Mr. Tabish.

Commissioner Karachi discussed matters related to members of ABAD and assured ABAD delegation to resolve issues in coordination with ABAD. Later he also nominated Assistant Commissioner-1 as a "Focal Person" for ABAD and would send official notification in the coming days.



## ABAD wants K-Electric to review policies related to construction

A Meeting of the K-Electric and SSGC Sub Committee was held on Tuesday September 25, 2018 at ABAD House to discuss the pertaining issues of K- Electric of the members of ABAD and Load Assessment Criteria Policy of K-Electric. Senior Vice Chairman of ABAD Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas chaired the meeting and Electrical Consultant Mr. Asghar Siddiqui of (ELEKEN Associates) was specially accompanied in the meeting.

Mr. Mustafa Sheikhan the Convener of the K-Electric and SSGC Sub Committee welcomed the members and said the K-Electric policy of load-assessment is dictatorial and detrimental to housing and construction industry.

Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas was of view that the K-Electric doesn't have uniformity in building connection charges, it has different standards in different areas of Karachi. No break up is given to us of these charges and we remain unaware about sharing of a single Feeder 3.7 KW. He also said that we are compelled to take on matter legally but first we need to understand it technically and develop strategy on technical grounds.



A. Kareem Adhia leads ABAD Delegation at K-Electric office

Mr. Asghar Siddiqui, Electrical Consultant from ELEKAN Associates briefly discussed matters related to K-Electric Load Assessment Criteria policy and pointed out that if all Electric meters, feeders, cables and PMTs are K-Electric property then why maintenance cost is bore by us. He opined that ABAD members have to adopt a collective approach to convince the K-Electric.

The Con Convener of the K-Electric and SSGC Sub Committee Danish bin Rauf showed his concerns on the abolishment of Self-financing policy from K-Electric, however said the Sub Committee was in negotiations with the institution to restore it for ABAD.



## Signing of MoU between ABAD and IIL



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A delegation from International Industries Ltd. (IIL) arrived ABAD House on November 9, 2018 to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD). The IIL delegation was comprised of their CEO Mr. Riaz T. Chinoy, Director Marketing & Sales Khawar Bari and Director Technical Mr. Pervez Ibrahim which visited ABD House. The Team ABAD was represented by Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi, Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Anwar OK, Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Karaim Adhia, Chairman SR Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib, Convener Allied Industries Sub Committee Mr. Abdul Majeed Adhia and other members.

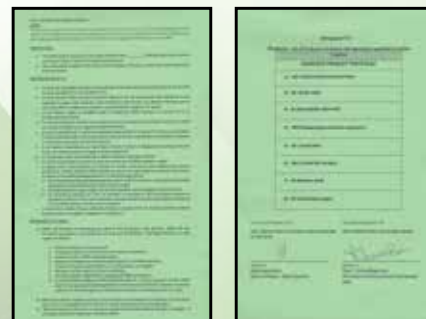
From IIL, the CEO Mr. Riaz T. Chinoy briefed about the company, their products, exports and certification of standardization. The Memorandum of Understanding was related to various products of IIL, their concessional offers to ABAD and mutual benefits between both parties.

The convener Allied Industries Sub Committee of ABAD Mr. Abdul Majeed Adhia and IIL Director Sales and Marketing Mr. Khawar Bari signed the Memorandum of Understanding.



A. Majeed Adhia signs MoU with IIL from ABAD

Mr. Hassan Bakshi welcomed the guests and briefed about the ABAD' efforts to cater the problems faced by the Housing and Construction industry. He also said that cartelization should be discouraged to lessen the cost of construction and make housing affordable for everyone.





## Visit of LESSO Company at ABAD House

A delegation from international firm LESSO deals in Pipes and fittings arrived ABAD House to hold meeting on October 9, 2018. Chairman ABAD Mr. Hassan Bakshi welcomed the delegation. The delegation showed their product display through a presentation in the meeting.

ABAD asked from them specific price for all the members of ABAD and intended their will to have an agreement for one year. LESSO is an industrial group of home building materials based in China deals in plumbing products, sanitary ware PVC profile doors and windows, hardware and building material



Delegation of LESSO at ABAD House

## Delegation of ICI Paints visits ABAD House

Led by their CEO Mr. Saad Mahmood Rashid, a delegation of ICI Paints arrived ABAD House on November 5, 2018. The delegation included Mr. Mohsin Shad Territory Manager Dulux, Mr. Mussadiq Sultan Project Sales Manager Dulux and Engr Adil Askari Managing Director of CEM Group.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed the delegation. He was also accompanied with Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Anwar Dawood, Vice Chairman Kareem Adhia, Chairman SR Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib, Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas, Mr. Rizwan Adhia, Mr. Mahmood Tabba, Mr. Askari Agha and others. Mr. Kareem Adhia said in the meeting that ICI is a market leader in the paint industry, however with the arrival of many

other companies the share of the ICI in terms of total paint industry output in the market has been reduced.

The CEO of the ICI said the reason behind this meeting is to let the construction industry know that now ICI wants to get feedback from the market to increase sales and other products of the company. However, he admitted that the market has become more competitive with the arrival of many other players. Chairman ABAD Muhammad Hassan Bakshi suggested the delegation to make their prices more competitive and do project to project marketing to enhance their sales. While Mr. Rizwan Adhia suggested to bring quality in their products.



# ADB Offers Loan to ABAD for Construction of Homes



Delegation of ADB in ABAD House to hold meeting with members of ABAD

The Prime Minister Imran Khan's flagship Program to construct 5 million houses in five years is gaining support and attraction in and outside Pakistan as well. Therefore a delegation of Asian Development Bank (ADB) comprising Peter Morro the Principal Financial Sector Specialist CWF, Syed Ali Mumtaz Shah the Principal Financial Sector Specialist CWF, Sana Masood the Project Director and Consultant Fahad Hasan, visited ABAD House on November 16, 2018.

Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi welcomed them and briefed about the significance of ABAD in the national construction industry. He also told them that he is a part of the Task Force and informed about the some important salient features of the Naya Pakistan Housing Program. However, he opined in the presence of ban on high-rises and multi-storey buildings it is difficult to construct anything at present. Secondly as the legal construction is at stagnant therefore illegal construction activities in the shape of encroachments of lands and smuggling of building materials is thriving in the country, which could jeopardize the very concept of the Housing Program.

Peter Morro told the members of ABAD that the ADB is interested in the financial side of construction of 5 million houses all over in Pakistan which is a huge task and the international institution wanted to assist in terms of technology and financial capacity of the project. Citing low per capita income of common man in Pakistan he also questioned the affordability as well as the capacity of government to complete this task.

The Principal Financial Sector Specialist CWF later told that the ADB wanted to work with government of Pakistan by extending a \$100 million loan and want ABAD to forward this proposal to the central government. It would be a policy-based loan of which draft legislation would be provided by the ADB.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi thanked for the proposal and said the ABAD was already appealing the Federal government to lift ban on construction and provide some relaxations in terms of free land, FTR etc to bring the cost of the project in accessible range and affordable capacity of the poor segment of society. However, he assured the ADB to convey the Federal government about the subsequent proposal from the ADB.

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# ABAD Welcomes New Members

## M/s. Plazzo Development



Mr. Ali Mehboob



Mr. Abdul Ghaffar  
Memon



Mr. Abdul Mugeer

Its a partnership firm and Mr. Abdul Mugeer, Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Memon, and Mr. Ali Mehboob are partners of it. It has been a registered in ABAD this year.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

## H.H The Aga Khan Ismailia Charitable Trust



Mr. Tutfail Suteria



Mr. Fazal Mehmood  
Rehmatullah



Mr. Moiz Mazhar Ali  
Ratani

H.H The Aga Khan Ismailia Charitable Trust is a non profit organization and wishes to carry out construction. Their principal representatives are Mr. Aryn Akbar Ali Dossa, Mr. Moiz Mazhar Ali Ratani, Mr. Saleem Sadruddin Mehdi, Mr. Fazal Mehmood Rehmatullah Mr. Ameen Sadruddin, Mr. Aslam Sadruddin and Mr. Tutfail Suteria.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead

## M/s. Asmar Corporation (Pvt) LTD.



Mr. Irshad  
Mehmood



Mr. Asmar Irshad  
Sheikh



Mrs. Maha Irshad

M/s. Asmar Corporation (Pvt) LTD. is a Private Limited firm. Their principal representatives are Mr. Irshad Mehmood, Mr Asmar Irshad and Mrs. Maha Irshad.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Rawat Builders & Developers



Mr. M. Faizan Saeed Rawat



Mrs. Nargis Sultana

M/s. Rawat Builders & Developers is a new member of ABAD. It is a proprietorship firm with Mr. Muhammad Faizan Saeed Rawat as its Chief Executive Officer and Mrs. Nargis Sultana as Chairperson.

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### M/s. Bin Sohail Builders & Developers



Mr. Sohail Siddiqui



Mr. Rafiq-Ur-Rehman



Mrs. Rabia Tazeen Sohail

M/s. Bin Sohail Builders & Developers is a partnership firm. Mr. Sohail Siddiqui, Mrs. Rabia Tazeen Sohail and Mr. Rafiq-Ur-Rehman are partners of this firm.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Shimlawala Builders & Developers



Mrs. Farhat Jamil

M/s. Shimlawala Builders & Developers is registered in ABAD in this year. It's a proprietorship firm in the name of Mrs. Farhat Jamil.

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### M/s. Y & Y Enterprises



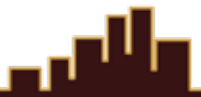
Mr. Muhammad Yousuf



Mr. Muhammad Imran

M/s. Y & Y Enterprises has been inducted in ABAD as an Ordinary Member from Southern Region this year. Mr. Muhammad Yousuf and Mr. Muhammad Imran are partners of it.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.



### M/s. R.C. Kohistan Builders & Developers



Mr. Essar Das



Mr. Dharmoon Mal

M/s. R.C. Kohistan Builders & Developers becomes the member of ABAD in year 2018. It's proprietorship firm with Mr. Essar Das as proprietor and Mr. Dharmoon Mal as a Manager Director.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Mehria Town (Pvt) Ltd



Mr. Malik Javed Akhter



Mrs. Naila Bibi

Mehria Town (Pvt) Ltd is a Private Limited firm. Mr. Malik Javed Akhter is the CEO and Mrs. Naila Bibi is Director of the firm.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. B & D Properties



Mr. Qasim Wakeel



Mr. Faizan Ahmed



Mr. Asghar Ali Agha

M/s. B & D Properties is a partnership firm. The names of the partners are Mr. Asghar Ali Agha, Mr. Qasim Wakeel, Mr. Faizan Ahmed, Mr. Muhammad Shoaib and Mr. Muhammad Sharif Paracha.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Kisa Builders & Developers



Mr. Syed Jawed Raza Naqvi



Mr. Syed Moosa Raza Naqvi

M/s. Kisa Builders & Developers is a new member in ABAD registered in 2018. Its a proprietorship firm in the name of Mr. Syed Jawed Raza Naqvi. Mr. Syed Moosa Raza Naqvi is the Manager.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.



### M/s. Maqbool Builders & Developers



Mr. Rana Sohail Ahmed



Mr. Muhammad Ahmed

M/s. Maqbool Builders & Developers is partnership firm. Mr Rana Jawed Ahmed, Mr Muhammad Ahmed, Mr. Rana Raees Ahmed, Mr. Rana Sohail Ahmed, Mr. Shahzad Ahmed and Mr. Rana Ali Ahmed are partners.

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### M/s. HB Associates



Mr. Muhammad Jahangir Qureshi



Mr. Abdul Sattar Qureshi

M/s. HB Associates becomes the member of ABAD in year 2018. it is a proprietorship firm in the name of Mr. Muhammad Jahangir Qureshi.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Al-Muhaymin Builders & Developers



Mr. Jaffar Abdul Majeed



Mr. Junaid Abdul Majeed



Mr. Abdul Majeed

M/s. Al-Muhaymin Builders & Developers is a partnership firm. The names of the partners are Mr. Jaffar Abdul Majeed, Mr. Junaid Abdul Majeed, Mr. Abdul Majeed. The firm gets registration in ABAD in 2018.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Al-Marwah Builders & Developers



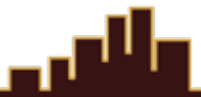
Mr. Abdul Sattar



Mr. Kashif Zuberi

M/s. Al-Marwah Builders & Developers becomes the ABAD in year 2018. The name of partners are Mr. Abdul Sattar and Mr. Kashif Zuberi.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.



### M/s. Samma Builders



Mr. Muhammad Imran



Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed

M/s. Samma Builders is a newly registered firm in ABAD got membership in 2018. Mr. Muhammad Imran is proprietor of it and Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed as alternate representative in ABAD.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Al-Ghaffar Builders & Developers



Ms. Tamseela Naeem



Mr. Muhammad Anas

M/s. Al-Ghaffar Builders & Developers got registration of ABAD in 2018. It is a partnership company with Ms. Tamseela Naeem and Mr. Muhammad Anas as partners.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Jung Properties



Ms. Muhammadi Aliya Jung



Mr. Sami Ullah Jung



Mr. Iqbal Rehmatullah

M/s. Jung Properties has been registered in ABAD in 2018. Its partnership company and the partners are Ms. Muhammadi Aliya Jung, Mr. Sami Ullah Jung, Mrs. Naima Jung, Mrs. Tayaba Ali, Mr. Asadullah Jung, Mr. Iqbal Rehmatullah, Mr. Anwar Ali, Mr. Arif Rehmatullah, Mr. Danish Zia, Mr. Omer Hayat and Mr. Abdul Rauf Rehmatullah.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

### M/s. Mayar Builders & Developers



Mr. Shadab Ahmed



Mr. Maaz Kamal

M/s. Mayar Builders & Developers got registration in 2018. It is a partnership firm. Mr. Shadab Ahmed is proprietor of it and Mr. Maaz Kamal as alternate representative in ABAD.

ABAD wishes them a great future ahead.

## Briefs

### International News

#### New CAT® 740 GC Expands Articulated Truck Lineup

The Cat® 740 GC articulated dump truck (ADT) re-introduces the 40-ton (36.3 mt) size class to the Cat ADT range. The new model is designed to incorporate the proven features and performance of models currently in the ADT lineup, including new controls, transmission-protection features, hoist-assist system, advanced traction-control system, stability-assist system, and a fuel-saving ECO mode.

In addition, the 740 GC also incorporates the latest automatic retarder-control system, which requires no input from the operator, resulting in greater operating efficiency. For added control and convenience, the new model also features a "wait-brake," which



temporarily applies the service brakes during pauses in the work cycle, reducing operator effort and fatigue. Also, a hill-start system automatically holds the machine on grades, allowing the operator to move from the service brake to the throttle with no roll-back on slopes.

#### DEWALT® Introduces 60V MAX\* In-Line Stud & Joist Drill

DEWALT introduces the 60V MAX\* In-Line Stud & Joist Drill with E-Clutch® System (DCD470) at the 2018 Specialty Tools and Fasteners Distributors Association (STAFDA) Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.



The 60V MAX\* In-Line Stud & Joist Drill with E-Clutch® System is a high torque right angle drill with fast application speeds. Part of the DEWALT PERFORM & PROTECT™ line of tools, the drill features E-Clutch® System and a mechanical clutch for control in high or low speed. In high and low speed, the DEWALT E-Clutch® System senses tool motion and eliminates the torque when binding is detected by stopping the motor.

#### Middle East BIM Summit 2018

Making a comeback for the third year, Big Project ME had its biggest ever Middle East BIM Summit on October 28th, at the Habtoor Grand Hotel in Dubai.

This year, the event focused on how new technology is being utilised in conjunction with BIM, and how it can be applied for sustainable construction.

With more than 300 delegates, panellists, and speakers encompassed of consultants, contractors, and government personalities, the event was a resounding success. Mediated by Farah Kurdi, AECOM, the event included three panel discussions and four presentations followed by a networking lunch.

Kurdi kicked off the first panel discussion on how the construction industry is utilising new technologies and how these advancements are making way for an integrated approach towards.

#### Foundation laid for Oman's \$130mn Barka Marina Project

Oman recently announced the commencement of its 11.5ha Barka Marina project worth \$130 million in the Wilayat of Barka, Oman. The project will consist of multiple stages and is said to open by 2022.

The ceremony was attended by the Shaikh Hilal bin Said al Hajri, Governor of South Al Batinah and Dr Hamad bin Said al Oufi, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The project will have a total area of 11.5 ha, of which 4 ha will be leasable space for 450 planned commercial units. Phase one and two of the project is scheduled to open by 2021, and third phase is due for 2022. The project will provide basic services for the fisheries sector and other commercial, tourism, and entertainment and recreational facilities.

#### Bobcat opens new EMEA parts centre in Germany

Bobcat has opened a new distribution and spare parts centre for Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region in Halle, Germany, at a multi-million-euro investment.

Ensuring the speedy delivery of spare parts and other components to dealers and customers throughout the region, the centre, close to Leipzig airport, is also responsible for supplying aftermarket products to the Parts Distribution Centre (PDC) in Dubai, which supplies dealers in the Middle East and East Africa for both Bobcat compact equipment and Doosan Portable power products.



## National News

### New Cement Plants sought to develop 5 million Houses

Nearly a dozen of investors have applied for installation of the cement plants, when the Industries, Commerce and Investment (ICI) Department finally formulated rules for the installation of new cement plants and forwarded for approval to the competent authority. After approval of the Chief Executive, the



rules will be notified. New cement plants are needed as the PTI governments had claimed to construct five million houses.

### Brick Kilns not a Cause of Smog in Punjab

A recent study by Food and Agriculture Organisation has revealed that not brick kilns, but burning of rice residue and other weather patterns are reasons of smog in Punjab. During each winter brick kilns units are closed down by Environment Protection Department to avert smog and air pollution in Punjab. However, the provincial department lifted the ban from kilns manufacturing, located in the rural areas due to dropping level of smog this year. In the next phase ban will likely be lifted from upper Punjab. However, the Lahore city and other central Punjab districts are remain under the ban until the department decides otherwise.

### Sindh increases Minimum Wages of labourers



The cabinet of Sindh approved the proposal of the Sindh Minimum Wages Board which had recommended minimum rates of wages for skilled, semi-skilled and highly skilled employees in 41 different categories of industries in the province. As per its recommendation, the wage of highly skilled worker would be from Rs21,083 to Rs22,569. The salaries of skilled workers would be from Rs18,589 to Rs19,836 and the wage of semi-skilled worker would be from Rs16,596 to Rs17,345. The minimum wage of unskilled labour had already been approved at Rs16,200.

### Gawader will have a New Ship Breaking Yard

The Federal Government has approved establishing ship-breaking yard in Gwadar. It was announced during a high-level review meeting on the subject, chaired by Chief Minister Balochistan and attended by Federal Finance Minister Asad Umar. The project is expected to fulfil the country's shipping & steel needs, as 70% demand in iron & steel industries for construction is met out by ship-breaking industry.

### Growing Steel Production Capacity of Pakistan

Pakistan's additional steel capacity of 1.7 million tons is expected to come online by mid 2019, as major players in the domestic industry are pursuing aggressive expansion plans at a cost of around PKR 15 billion to cash in on the rising domestic demand, specially in development sector.



This would augment the local steel production capacity to 4.5 million tons from the current 2.8 million tons capacity.

### Revision of Master Plan of Islamabad

Designed by Greek firm, Doxiadis in 1960 for just 0.6 million people the capital city has crossed 2 million mark. The federal government is set to form a commission which would revise the master plan of Islamabad after 58 years to make it suitable for the current needs.

### Sino-Pak Collaboration for Housing Projects

The China Pakistan Investment Corporation (CPIC) inked a construction agreement with China's state-owned construction conglomerate, BIDR, to initiate working on two mega residential and commercial projects in Gwadar city. The agreement comprises CPIC's mega projects in Gwadar which spread across 10 million square feet of prime residential and commercial real estate outfits, the International Port City and China Pak Golf Estates, both already approved by the Gwadar Development Authority.

### New Glass Manufacturing Complex in Pakistan

The Deli China and JW SEZ Group signed a Joint Venture for establishing a \$200 million modern glass manufacturing complex in Pakistan for the production of premium, export-quality glass. The main glass manufacturing complex will comprise glassware manufacturing units, float glass units and other value-added glass products and will start production by the end of 2019.

# Press Clipping

**The Nation**  
The Nation, Karachi, Wednesday, December 12, 2018

## Apex court lifts ban on high-rises

Annuls ECP's notification to delist Aam Log Ittehad Party

**OUR STAFF REPORTER**  
Karachi

The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday lifted the ban on construction of more than six-storey buildings in metropolitan areas by revoking its earlier order to stop this.

A larger bench of SC, headed by the Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nisar of Karachi Registry, issued the orders for lifting of ban and directed that high-rise buildings can be constructed by following the rules and regulations. The SC lifted the ban on the plea of Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD), who challenged the earlier decision of SC to stop a ban on construction of more than six-storey buildings in the city.

In March 2017, SC while hearing the hearing of the cases regarding the expediency of pending and pending applications in Karachi imposed a ban on construction of more than six-storey buildings in Karachi and restricted the Building Control Authority (BCA) and Environment Section to approve the building plan for high-rise commercial and residential buildings in the city. The court ordered that high-rise buildings can be constructed in accordance with the laws of Sindh in the city.

Meanwhile, SC directed and void the jurisdiction of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to delist Aam Log Ittehad Party - led by Justice (retired) Wahiduddin Khan.

The larger bench of SC headed by CJF Justice Mian Saqib Nisar ordered ECP to register the party after ECP failed to satisfy the apex court on the delisting of the party.

The CJF asked the representative of ECP to explain the reason for delisting of Aam Log Ittehad party which he replied that he didn't know the reason and only have the notification of delisting of the party. Including the notification of ECP for registration of the party and said that court would have shown reason before if he knew he was not implemented in letter and spirit.

**ABAD welcomes decision**

**OUR STAFF REPORTER**  
Karachi

Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) has welcomed the decision of Supreme Court of Pakistan that allowed construction of high-rise buildings in Karachi by reversing the earlier order.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan, on Tuesday reversed the decision of ban on high-rise and multi-story buildings in Karachi on the plea of Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD).

The apex court had banned construction of high-rise buildings in Karachi before 18 months on the ground of water shortage in the city. Around 5.5 million residents of construction industry were concerned, whereas thousands of workers from all over the country.

ABAD Chairman Muhammad Nizam Karachi thanked Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Mian Saqib Nisar and other members of the bench.

After the verdict, talking to the media Chairman ABAD said that historic verdict will not benefit ABAD but also bring positive impacts on the economic recovery. He also said ABAD will also play a key role to the Prime Minister Government for the reconstruction of the multi-story buildings in Pakistan. He vowed to make the construction and housing sector the largest taxpayer of Pakistan.

Mian Saqib Nisar said that the decision of the SC, construction may lead to an increase in five hundred projects in Karachi, leading the investment of nearly Rs 5 billion and creating employment of thousands of thousands of people. Because of the SC on construction industry would affect industries were not suffering and on the verge of shut down.

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KARACHI: Chief Justice of Pakistan Saqib Nisar administering a preliminary during a ceremony held for the construction of new Supreme Court Registry at the Pakistan Secretariat here on Tuesday.

## Karachi high-rises

### SC allows construction beyond six floors

Withdraws its earlier order, directs construction as per law; CJF says Bahria Town will also benefit; warns country might face severe water scarcity by 2025 if immediate pre-emptive steps not taken; court wants to make Karachi better but vested interests are creating hurdles; asks if court should leave illegal encroachers

**Monitoring report**  
Karachi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday withdrew its order banning high-rise construction beyond six floors and simultaneously directed construction of commercial and residential buildings as per law in the city. The court also directed the Building Control Authority (BCA) to register the party after ECP failed to satisfy the apex court on the delisting of the party.

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## Construction beyond six floors

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### Has no majority buildings

## ABAD chief thanks CJF for reverting decision

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