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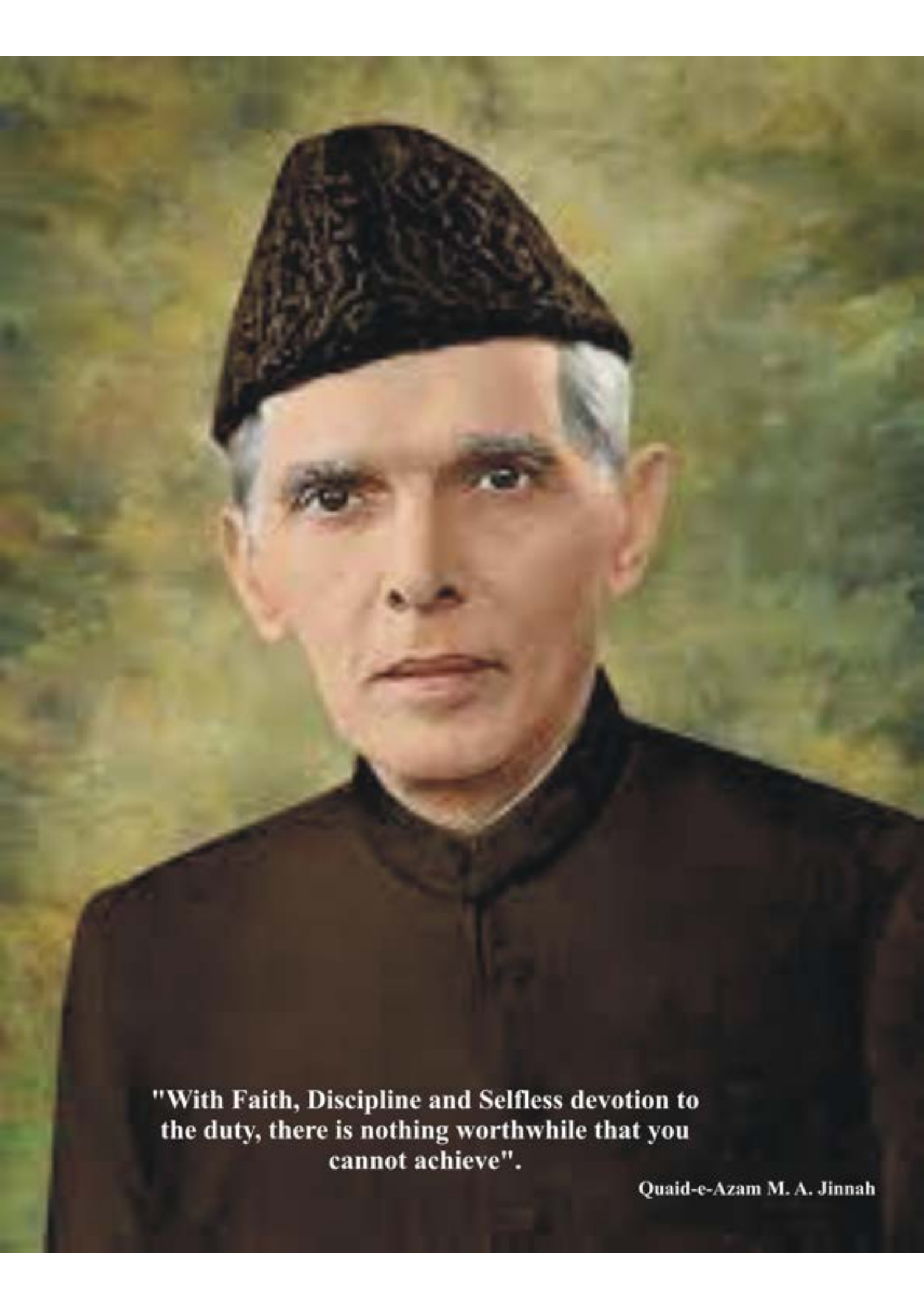
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"With Faith, Discipline and Selfless devotion to the duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve".

Quaid-e-Azam M. A. Jinnah



“One of the greatest contributions of Islam has been the equality of all men. Islam recognizes no distinctions based upon race, color or birth”.

Liaquat Ali Khan



MESSAGE



KAMRAN KHAN TESSORI

Governor of Sindh

I would like to congratulate Association of Builder & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) on publication of its Annual Report for the year 2022-23, which will certainly showcase the efforts and initiatives of the organization well.

The role of construction industry in the national economy is established.

Its efficiency ensures prudent working of dozens of connecting industries as well.

I have no hesitation in saying that ABAD in its decades' long history has rendered remarkable Services for the progress and wellbeing of the people relevant with this industry.

Its role is also highly appreciable in coming up with valued proposals in framing policies by the governmental institutions for the uplift of construction industry.

In the modern world, like every field, patterns in the construction and housing industry are consistently changing, there is a need to stay in line and at par with set international practices, which are not only cost effective but also ensures safety, sustainability and comfort as well.

Certainly, our developers are fully cognizant of emerging trends in the field, yet I would urge ABAD for more focus on opting and incorporating contemporary means of engineering and architecture in their projects.

I once again congratulate Chairman and all office bearers of ABAD and assure my all support for resolving issues in attaining their set objectives.

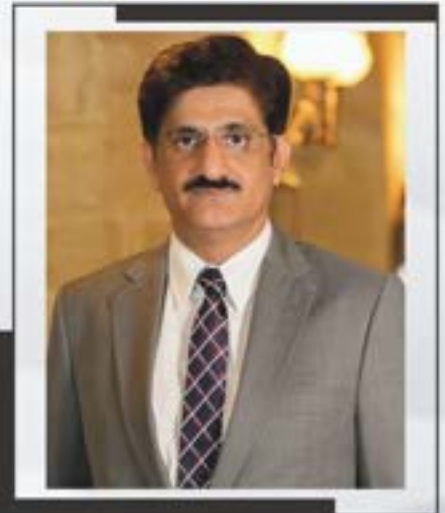




MESSAGE

SYED MURAD ALI SHAH

Chief Minister of Sindh



I am pleased to learn that the Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) will be releasing its Annual Report for the period 2022-2023 in the third quarter of this year.

It is important to highlight the commendable collaboration between ABAD and the Sindh government in uplifting the sector. Regular meetings are held to address issues and overcome obstacles that may arise.

ABAD has been actively working in close coordination with Government Departments and relevant agencies, serving as the primary body for resolving issues faced by its members.

This strong partnership between the public and private sectors fosters mutual understanding and enhances the efficiency of both sectors, leading to the rapid development of the construction industry and the overall revitalization of the economy.

The Association has also embraced its social responsibility by making charitable donations and providing support to those in need through deserving institutions. Furthermore, ABAD members are dedicated to offering affordable housing solutions to those without shelter in Pakistan.

ABAD, alongside its members, remains committed to improving the construction industry and raising the standards of construction to meet international benchmarks.

I have full confidence in the leadership of the current Chairman of ABAD, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Tai, and the rest of his team, as they continue their efforts to promote the advancement of the construction industry.





MESSAGE

M. BALIGHUR RAHMAN

Governor of Punjab



I am honored to convey the following message on the occasion of the publication of the "Annual Report" by the Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) for the year 2022-2023.

It fills me with great delight to discover that ABAD is dedicated to the advancement of the Construction Industry by encouraging its members to embrace the latest technological advancements and bring them in line with international standards.

ABAD has also demonstrated its commitment to maintaining strong relationships with Government Departments and other relevant agencies, thereby facilitating the resolution of issues related to its members.

I am glad that the Association is in the process of fulfilling its social responsibility by generously donating and providing support to deserving institutions.

It is equally heartening to know that ABAD and its members are equally determined to offer affordable housing options to those in need.

The unwavering commitment of ABAD and its members to promote and develop the construction industry to international standards exemplifies their dedication to driving transformative change in the construction sector.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the current Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Tai, and his team for their unwavering efforts in ensuring a bright future for the building and construction industry, thereby contributing to the revival of Pakistan's economy.





MESSAGE



MOHSIN NAQVI

Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab

I am pleased to know that the Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) is releasing its Annual Report for the period 2022-2023.

It is indeed gratifying that ABAD is actively working towards the development of the Construction Industry by introducing the latest technology to its members.

The association has also provided valuable assistance to its members in resolving their issues and maintains a close relationship with Government Departments and relevant agencies in this regard.

I am particularly impressed by the contribution of ABAD's Northern Region in the overall improvement of the sector.

Furthermore, it is encouraging to know that ABAD has implemented training programs aimed at eliminating unethical practices from the industry.

The association has also introduced the principles of science and the art of building to its members, further enhancing their knowledge and skills.

With the capable and efficient leadership of its current Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Tai, and his team, I am confident that ABAD will continue to thrive, develop, progress, and fulfill its obligations successfully.





MESSAGE



HAJI GHULAM ALI Governor of KPK

I am delighted to learn that the Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) is preparing to release its highly anticipated Annual Report for the year 2022-2023.

ABAD has consistently maintained close communication with Government Departments and various agencies to ensure the swift resolution of its members' issues.

Moreover, ABAD has played a crucial role in the formulation of housing policies, actively participating in the drafting of the National Housing Policy in 2001 and currently engaging in finalizing the National Housing Policy of 2013.



It is truly gratifying to witness ABAD's commitment to promoting technological advancements within the construction industry.

In its pursuit of enhancing the outlook of the construction sector, ABAD has admirably introduced scientific principles and artistic elements of building to its members, thereby elevating the overall quality of construction and aligning it with global standards.

Additionally, ABAD has exemplified its social responsibility by generously donating and providing support through recognized institutions to those in need.

The dedication of ABAD's members to provide affordable shelter to the underprivileged population of Pakistan is truly admirable.

With the effective and capable leadership of its current Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Tai, I am confident that the Association will continue to progress and fulfill its commitments successfully.

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A BRIEF VIEW OF

ABAD



The Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) is a national level representative organization of builders and developers, formed in the year 1972 with the aim and objective of unifying and streamlining the construction activities of private sector.

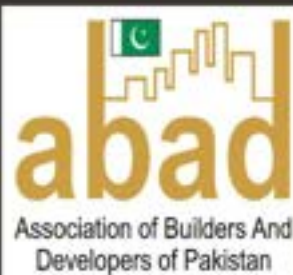
ABAD is registered under the Companies Ordinance, 1984 with Registration No. KAR No. 4967 of 1977-78 and licensed under Trade Organizations Ordinance, 2007 and its affiliated with the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of commerce and Industry (FPCCI).

Today, ABAD has in its fold more than 1,400 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 2022-23 are Mr. Altaf Tai, Chairman; Mr. Khawer Munir, Senior Vice Chairman; Mr. Nadeem Yousuf Jeewa, Vice Chairman; Mr. Raheel Rinch, Chairman Southern Region; Mr. Sultan Gohar, Chairman Northern Region (Lahore) and Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon, Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub-Region.

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 Federal Budget.

The principal aims and objectives of ABAD include



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

In the provincial capital of Sindh, ABAD has played a pivotal role in procurement of land for its members and also for the issuance of no objection to them by Karachi Development Authority.

Other major achievements of ABAD include increasing the covered area of flats, fixation of the selling price of housing units, inclusion of a provision of escalation, simplification of the procedure for the permission to mortgage and registration of leases, increase in the period of completion and streamlining of documentation procedures regularly.

Although there is a pressing requirement for houses in the city yet on account of non-availability of infrastructure and other amenities, some schemes cannot be developed due to scarcity, efforts to remove these bottlenecks are continuing on all possible levels.

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



SENIOR CONVENER'S

Message

In my dual role as the magazine's managing editor and Senior Convener, I am resolute in my commitment to not only enhance the magazine's impact as well as the annual reports.

Shelter & Publication Sub-Committee

The Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) consistently dedicated itself to the betterment of the association during the 2022-23 tenure and remains committed to doing so in the future. The Association's track record of actively supporting its members and advocating for their rights in the real estate and construction industry has been unwavering.

One of ABAD's notable achievements during this tenure is the organization of numerous meetings and events. These gatherings have served as platforms for fostering relationships between ABAD and prominent figures in the government, including officials, ministers, and police high-ups. Such interactions have been vital in building bridges and enhancing collaboration between ABAD and various government entities.

The association has persistently worked towards a shared goal of sustainable development in the construction and real estate sectors, and these meetings have played a pivotal role in furthering that objective.

Moreover, the endeavors of ABAD members have not only led to economic growth but have also contributed substantially to providing employment opportunities for countless individuals.

The association's role in boosting economic activities in the country is a testament to its dedication to the welfare of both its members and the nation at large. Furthermore, the Shelter magazine, a cornerstone of ABAD's information dissemination efforts, has consistently excelled in keeping our members abreast of the latest developments and trends in the construction industry.

In my dual role as the magazine's managing editor and Senior Convener, I am resolute in my commitment to not only enhance the magazine's impact as well as the annual reports. It is my pledge to ensure that our members receive invaluable insights and updates crucial to their professional growth. The magazine and the annual report will continue to serve as an indispensable resource for staying well-informed about industry best practices, innovations, and emerging market trends.

I express my confidence that the new leadership will carry forward ABAD's mission of serving its members with the same zeal and dedication. The association's relentless efforts in supporting for the rights of builders and developers will continue to be a driving force behind the progress and growth of the real estate and construction sectors in the country.

Engr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman Khan

CONVENER'S

Message

Engr. Danish Bin Rauf

Despite the challenges, there is optimism within ABAD and the broader construction industry. As the country continues to grow and evolve, the role of ABAD is poised to become even more pivotal.

As another tenure ends at the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), it's evident that the office bearers have remained steadfast in their commitment to the construction industry's progress. Their dedication and unwavering efforts have been instrumental in driving positive change within this vital sector of the economy.

In a country like Pakistan, where challenges are an enduring facet of daily life, the construction industry occupies a unique position. Not only does it generate substantial revenue, but it also plays a pivotal role in shaping the country's urban landscape.

Given its economic significance, it is imperative that the government's attention to this sector remains paramount. The hurdles faced by the industry are myriad, ranging from regulatory obstacles to infrastructure development, and addressing these issues requires a concerted effort from both public and private sectors.

ABAD, an organization with a legacy spanning over 50 years, has consistently served with dedication and commitment. Our members have contributed significantly to Pakistan's urban development by constructing thousands of residential and commercial buildings, thereby transforming the skyline of major cities, particularly Karachi.

The industry's substantial contributions to the nation's GDP make it deserving of enhanced government support. It is crucial that the construction sector receives the attention it requires at the governmental level to thrive and reach its full potential.

This includes streamlining the permit approval process, addressing bureaucratic hurdles, and fostering an environment conducive to investment and growth.

Despite the challenges, there is optimism within ABAD and the broader construction industry. As the country continues to grow and evolve, the role of ABAD is poised to become even more pivotal.

The association possesses the essential ingredients to drive economic progress, foster innovation, and contribute to Pakistan's overall development.

As we look toward the future, there is hope for increased government support, a streamlined regulatory environment, and the sector's sustained growth.

ABAD's enduring dedication and the industry's vast potential serve as promising indicators of a brighter future for construction and development in Pakistan.

REVIEW

MR. M. ALTAF TAI

Chairman



Our journey doesn't conclude here; it merely serves as a stepping stone towards greater heights of progress and prosperity for our industry and our nation, Pakistan.

It is with profound gratitude and a deep sense of purpose that I reflect on my journey as the Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD).

This opportunity to serve our association and contribute towards the betterment of our fellow members and the advancement of our sector for the prosperity of Pakistan has been a privilege and a responsibility I have embraced wholeheartedly.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the ABAD and our team of members for entrusting me with this pivotal role. I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the esteemed office-bearers who stood by my side throughout this term. Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawar Munir, Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch, Chairman Northern Region Engr. Sultan Gohar, and Vice Chairman Hyderabad sub-region Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon have been pillars of unwavering dedication and commitment.

It has been a remarkable experience working alongside individuals who share a common vision for progress and development.

Together, we have relentlessly strived to uplift the construction industry and promote its pivotal role in the growth of our beloved nation.

The relentless efforts of my team in executing tasks assigned to them and playing their due roles have been instrumental in the strides we've made as an association.

During our tenure, we recognized the significance of collaborative engagement with government officials to further our goals.

We established meaningful dialogues with key figures, including the then Finance Minister Mr. Ishaq Dar and Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal, to discuss strategies aimed at propelling the construction industry forward. In these meetings, the ABAD delegation presented comprehensive budgetary proposals that resonated well with the finance minister.

Our efforts aimed at unearthing avenues for industry growth left no stone unturned as we addressed the pressing concerns faced by our sector.

In our pursuit of progress, ABAD played an instrumental role in resolving various issues faced by our members and made significant headways in addressing problems related to Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE), law and order as well as FBR related matters.

Regular meetings were also conducted to tackle challenges related to the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) and taxation matters.

These interactions enabled us to streamline processes, mitigate obstacles, and create a conducive environment for construction professionals.

During our term, we also confronted issues that impacted our members' well-being and the industry's trajectory.

We were disheartened to learn about extortion calls targeting some of our members, which we promptly reported to the police.

Our unwavering commitment to our members' security ensured that this issue would be addressed and rectified.

Additionally, the untimely notices from the ACE raised uncertainties and concerns among our members, casting a shadow on ongoing projects.

Responding proactively, we initiated constructive dialogue with the ACE department, leveraging effective communication channels to rectify the situation.

This proactive approach underscored our commitment to fostering an environment of trust and accountability within our industry.

We were prepared to employ legal measures if required to safeguard our members' interests.

ABAD's commitment transcends the realm of business, extending to social responsibility. As part of our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, we organized Iftar and Sehri events at the ABAD House throughout the holy month of Ramadan. This gesture aimed to alleviate the impact of inflation on those less fortunate, allowing them to observe their religious duties without hindrance.

Our dedication to making a positive impact also manifested through the donation of ten wheelchairs to the Sindh Persons with Disabilities Protection Authority (SPDPA) during a meeting with the Secretary in June.

As my tenure comes to an end, I look forward with optimism to the future endeavors of the next elected team of office bearers. I trust that they will continue to uphold the principles of the association, driving forward our collective vision to uplift the industry, strengthen the economy, and contribute to the betterment of every individual associated with our cause.

Our journey doesn't conclude here; it merely serves as a stepping stone towards greater heights of progress and prosperity for our industry and our nation, Pakistan.



REVIEW

MR. KHAWAR MUNIR

Senior Vice Chairman



Our resolute mission to champion the industry's welfare, the well-being of our populace, and the overall economy remains unshakable

As I prepare to depart from my role as the Senior Vice Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD), I find myself filled with a profound sense of gratitude and accomplishment. Serving in this capacity has been an incredible journey, one that has been defined by collaboration, challenges, and the pursuit of progress. As I bid farewell, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some key points that have defined my tenure. It has been an honor to lead ABAD and work alongside a team of dedicated professionals who have shown commitment to our industry's growth. Together, we have overseen the association's affairs, striving to create an environment that fosters development and innovation.

I am deeply thankful to ABAD's Patron in Chief, Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan, for his trust and confidence in my abilities to lead. His support has been a pillar of strength, allowing us to navigate challenges and embrace opportunities with determination. This trust has empowered me to execute my responsibilities with conviction and purpose. Running an association like ABAD entails navigating through bureaucratic hurdles that often hinder the progress of our industry. During our tenure, we actively engaged with government officials to address these bottlenecks and create a conducive environment for growth. Our persistent efforts in fostering positive relationships with government authorities have resulted in smoother operations and improved conditions for ABAD members. During our tenure, one of our focal points was combatting cartelisation that led to artificial price hikes in construction materials, particularly steel. We understood the implications this had on consumers aspiring to own homes and strived to bring about change.

Our persistent advocacy for fair pricing and healthy market competition bore fruit, resulting in a more stabilized pricing environment for steel and other essential construction materials. In our commitment to industry integrity, we prioritized addressing complaints filed against builders. Upholding justice and accountability is essential for fostering trust among stakeholders. By ensuring the fair resolution of these complaints, we aimed to create an environment where builders are held to the highest standards, ultimately benefiting the industry and consumers alike. As I prepare to hand over the reins to the incoming leadership team, I am brimming with optimism and eagerness for the sustained expansion and prosperity of our industry. I hold steadfast belief in their capacity to not only uphold our accomplishments but also to navigate ABAD towards uncharted horizons. Our resolute mission to champion the industry's welfare, the well-being of our populace, and the overall economy remains unshakable. I am firmly convinced that the days ahead hold immense promise.



REVIEW

MR. NADEEM JEEWA

Vice Chairman

**Over these five decades,
ABAD has played a pivotal
role in shaping the
industry's landscape
and fostering
positive growth**

My association with ABAD has been a longstanding journey. Serving as Vice Chairman was both an honor and a source of pride that I wholeheartedly dedicated myself to fulfilling.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to ABAD's Patron in Chief, Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan, for his trust and confidence in my abilities. I also appreciate the support of our Chairman, Mr. Altaf Tai, throughout my tenure.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawar Munir, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch, Chairman Northern Region Engr. Sultan Gohar, and Vice Chairman Hyderabad sub-region Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon. Their unwavering support has strengthened our team.

My role as Vice Chairman demanded relentless effort. In collaboration with my team, I led meetings with dignitaries, including the Commissioner of Karachi. Our primary goal was to elevate the Association's success and enhance its functioning. We focused on fostering better relations with government departments and regularly updated our members on measures taken for their benefit.

Our pride lies in the steady growth of our membership during our tenure. Credit for this accomplishment goes to the dedicated New Membership Sub-Committee for their tireless work.

Likewise, I deeply appreciate the Complaints Sub-Committee for diligently addressing grievances, going beyond personal contacts to ensure justice is served.

This aligns with ABAD's commitment to serving people and advancing the construction industry. I would like to seize this moment to emphasize that ABAD has reached a significant milestone of completing 50 years since its establishment. This remarkable journey has been characterized by a continuous stream of accomplishments and meaningful contributions to the construction sector. Over these five decades, ABAD has played a pivotal role in shaping the industry's landscape and fostering positive growth.

I am optimistic that the next team of office bearers will excel and continue to implement measures that benefit both the industry and its stakeholders. Our ultimate assets are the people we strive to support, and in their service, we find our purpose.

REVIEW

MR. RAHEEL RINCH

Chairman Southern Region



Together, we rallied our energies towards a common mission: to effectively address the challenges faced by our members and to establish an unparalleled benchmark of service excellence

Assuming the mantle of Chairman for the Southern Region in the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) was a profound honor, and I am sincerely grateful to the esteemed members for bestowing upon me this significant role. My gratitude extends wholeheartedly to Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, and former chairman Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani.

As we took on our responsibilities, we confronted a landscape of existing challenges, a stark reminder that progress is a continuous journey. These challenges encompassed issues such as land encroachment, extortion threats, and the unchecked influence of cartels that manipulated material prices without restraint and in response we arrange a strike for cartelization. Through regular meetings with law enforcement agencies, we conveyed our concerns about extortion and land encroachment, which were subsequently tackled.

We also engaged in discussions with Gwadar officials to enhance the city and are actively progressing towards obtaining federal-level recognition as a Special Economic District, aligning with its provincial status. During the sacred month of Ramazan in 2023, we orchestrated Iftar and Sehr events, we also pledge and extend help to the Indus Hospital to support their renovation and expansion project. Additionally, we organized a blood donation drive at ABAD House. Furthermore, it's worth highlighting that ABAD and CPLC have formalized their collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding as well as ABAD and the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) inked an MoU.

We vigorously opposed illegal constructions, consistently raising the matter in meetings with government officials. We are also moving forward with a collaboration with Community Policing Karachi (CPK), aiming to create a mutually beneficial partnership. As I pass the torch to the upcoming leadership team, I am filled with hope and anticipation for the industry's continued growth and prosperity. I believe in their ability to build upon our accomplishments and steer ABAD towards new horizons.

As Chairman of the Southern Region, my time has brought transformative collaboration, overcome challenges, and achieved significant milestones. I'm grateful for my team's support, ABAD's trust, and the opportunity to contribute to industry development.

REVIEW

MR. FARAZ HUSSAIN MEMON

Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub-Region



Our dedication to the region remains steadfast, and I anticipate that incoming office-bearers will carry on this commitment with equal fervor

Leading as Vice Chairman of ABAD's Hyderabad sub-region was a notable achievement and privilege.

I extend my appreciation to Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, ABAD's Patron-in-Chief Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani, and fellow office-bearers for their resolute dedication in addressing the city's challenges.

In Hyderabad, our team convened several pivotal meetings at the provincial level, effectively voicing concerns of builders and developers. ABAD's role in these resolutions was truly impactful.

A recent milestone was our engagement with the Chief Secretary of Sindh, during which we presented ABAD's concerns. We offered a comprehensive overview of critical issues, encompassing matters related to SECP, HDA, SDA, and revenue matters.

We emphasized to the Chief Secretary the importance of including Hyderabad representatives in pivotal organizations like SECP, HDA, and SDA.

Highlighting the need for capable and ethical officials in roles like Regional Director and Additional Director at HDA, we aimed to curtail unauthorized construction and bolster city progress. Our discussion also covered ongoing development projects across various areas of the city.

Responding swiftly, the Chief Secretary directed his Designated Secretary (DS) to address the matters promptly. Instructions were given to correspond with higher authorities at SECP, HDA, and SDA.

Additionally, the DS was tasked with drafting a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Hyderabad to expedite resolution of builder concerns.

Our dedication to the region remains steadfast, and I anticipate that incoming office-bearers will carry on this commitment with equal fervor.

REVIEW

MR. SULTAN GOHAR

Chairman Northern Region



**A significant decision
was made to reevaluate
building-related laws
based on input from
construction
industry experts**

Serving as the Northern Region Chairman for the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) was a distinct honor. I extend my gratitude to Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, former Chairman Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan, and fellow office bearers for their unwavering support and acknowledgment.

The Northern Region holds a pivotal role within ABAD, overseeing affairs in Punjab and contributing to diverse membership representation within the association.

Throughout my tenure, we convened crucial meetings to chart ABAD's expansion strategy in this region. We maintained regular engagement with government officials, fostering productive interactions that gained recognition.

Notably, we recently engaged with Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi to discuss challenges confronting the construction industry. During this meeting, our delegation presented proposals to promote the industry's growth, which were met with a commitment from the Caretaker CM to implement actionable recommendations.

A significant decision was made to reevaluate building-related laws based on input from construction industry experts. We also reviewed the proposal to establish Residential Management Committees in private housing societies. The Chief Minister emphasized the urgency of revitalizing the construction sector to restore millions of jobs.

I would like to highlight the Caretaker CM's directive to make building laws more user-friendly, involving Lahore Development Authority (LDA) and other institutions. A committee, led by the Commissioner Lahore/DG LDA, was formed to finalize recommendations in consultation with ABAD's office bearers and other stakeholders.

I am confident that the efforts of ABAD's Northern Region will persistently enhance and contribute further to the advancement of the association's objectives.



ABAD In

2022-23



Navigating Challenges, Sustaining Efforts, and Embracing Achievements

Pakistan's construction industry presents a multitude of challenges for its stakeholders and investors, which significantly affect the economy.

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) serves as a unifying platform for legitimate builders and developers, dedicated to serving the people and all those involved in propelling the national economy forward.

By providing employment opportunities to thousands of individuals across the country, ABAD plays a crucial role in sustaining the economic cycle.

Established in 1972, the ABAD was founded with a range of key objectives. These include fostering unity among builders and developers for their collective benefit, promoting the growth of the housing industry nationwide, addressing the challenges faced by ABAD members during project execution, facilitating coordination between ABAD, and actively working towards eliminating unethical business practices from the housing and development sector.

The tenure of ABAD office-bearers in 2022-23 witnessed a range of significant developments. Among them, persistent challenges arose from land encroachment by unscrupulous elements, while soaring prices posed obstacles for project completion, ultimately impacting the client-builder ties.

Despite the myriad challenges, the members of the Association worked relentlessly, demonstrating unwavering dedication to overcome obstacles and deliver their best possible outcomes.

Huddle with ministers and government high-ups



An ABAD delegation recently held separate meetings with **Finance Minister Ishaq Dar** and **Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal** in Islamabad to discuss strategies aimed at boosting the construction industry. During the meetings, ABAD delegation presented budgetary proposals that were well-received by the finance minister. The delegation emphasized the importance of providing support and creating an enabling environment for the construction sector to thrive. In response, both ministers expressed their commitment to supporting the industry and sought further input from builders and developers to enhance and strengthen the construction sector. The meetings marked a significant step towards collaboration between ABAD and the government in shaping policies and initiatives to revitalize the construction industry.



The ministers' assurance of support and their eagerness to seek input from industry experts demonstrate a shared vision for progress and development in the construction sector.

ABAD's active involvement in providing budgetary proposals reflects their dedication to promoting the growth and prosperity of the industry, ultimately contributing to the overall economic development of the country.



Headway in land encroachment complaints



Alike other complaints, the office-bearers and the Law and Order Sub Committee worked to address complaints and concerns regarding encroachment on land and extortion threats to some members.

The committee actively engaged in multiple meetings with high-ranking police officials to effectively address various issues. Significant progress was made in resolving a number of cases concerning land encroachment. Mr. Asif Sumsum highlighted this achievement during one of the committee meetings held at the ABAD House.

The office-bearers also brought up concerns regarding extortion calls received by some members, which they have reported to the police, and were assured that the issue would be addressed and resolved.

Cantonment bye-laws upgradation

ABAD's pivotal role in updating cantonment bye-laws has been indispensable.

The Association Cantonment Sub-Committee, under the leadership of Engineer Younus Lakhani, along with other dedicated members, played a crucial role in the process. They meticulously drafted amendments, facilitated internal discussions, and presented these proposed changes to the cantonment authorities for subsequent approvals.

As a result of these amendments, significant modifications have been made, including an increase in building ratios, among other substantial changes.

Following the implementation of these amendments, the cantonment boards have already issued updated bye-laws, with the exception of Clifton Cantonment, which is anticipated to complete the process in the near future.

Liaison with Sindh high-ups for resolution of issues



The office bearers of ABAD also engaged in talks with the caretakers ministers in Sindh, specifically the Home Minister *Brig retired Haris Nawaz*, and Local Government Minister *Muhammad Mubeen Jumani*.

ABAD delegations in both meetings emphasized their desire to foster the growth of the construction sector in Karachi and the province, all while adhering to the legal framework.

"We are poised to present our recommendations within the upcoming 2 to 3 days, with optimism that these suggestions will gradually pave the way for the relaxation of these restrictions," the chairman added.



**Meetings with Consul
Generals of China and Turkey**



In August, ABAD delegations, led by its office-bearers, engaged in meetings with the Consul General of China at his office, while the Consul General of Turkey paid a visit to ABAD House.

The core purpose of both meetings was to strengthen diplomatic relations with these two countries, with a special focus on fostering cooperation in the construction sector and harnessing the untapped potential present in Pakistan for foreign investors.

During the meeting with the Chinese Consul General, Mr. Altaf Tai led the visiting delegation in discussing various topics, including the participation of private builders and allied industries in CPEC projects, streamlining the visa application process, and expediting the development of Gwadar.

The Chinese dignitary responded positively, expressing a keen interest in addressing these matters. Similarly, during the meeting with the Turkish Consul General, the ABAD delegation aimed to identify collaboration opportunities within Pakistan's private sector, with a specific emphasis on construction projects.



DHA Multan visit



At the invitation extended on several occasions, a delegation from ABAD comprising office bearers and a group of members visited DHA Multan on September 6th to conduct a site tour and assess potential investment opportunities.

During the visit, ABAD members were provided with a comprehensive tour of the DHA Multan project. They examined various aspects of this expansive endeavor, seeking valuable insights into potential investment prospects.

Following the tour, both parties mutually agreed to sustain their collaborative efforts in exploring these opportunities further.

Shielding members from harassment



Furthermore, certain members of the association received notices from the *Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE)* without any clear justification, creating a sense of uncertainty among other members and impacting project work.

ABAD took immediate action by raising the issue with the ACE department. Subsequently, both parties agreed to establish effective communication channels to address such grievances.

ABAD appointed its former Chairman of the Southern Region, Mr. Ibrahim Habib, as the focal person to pursue the matter, while the ACE named a senior official to lead the discussions.

This collaborative effort resulted in improved communication and prompt information sharing, leading to the resolution of the complaints.

CSR initiatives to help those in need

ABAD has actively engaged in social welfare and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives throughout the country, demonstrating its commitment to giving back to society. This dedication was evident during various occasions, including Ramazan.



As part of their CSR efforts, ABAD hosted Iftar and Sehri events for the public at the ABAD House throughout the holy month. This gesture aimed to provide food to those affected by extreme inflation during Ramazan, enabling them to fulfill their religious obligations.



In addition, ABAD demonstrated its commitment to corporate social responsibility by donating 10 wheelchairs to the Sindh Persons with Disabilities Protection Authority (SPDPA) during a meeting with the Secretary in June.



The Association also pledged its support to the Indus Hospital, particularly in the construction of its new building, to facilitate people in need. This commitment was solidified during a visit to ABAD House by Dr. Abdul Bari Khan, the Founding President of Indus Hospital and Health Network, in May.



Furthermore, a delegation from ABAD met with the Inspector General of Sindh Police, Ghulam Nabi Memon, and announced their sponsorship of professional boxer and Sindh police officer, Shahir Afridi, to represent Pakistan in international boxing competitions.

ABAD fulfilled its promise by providing assistance to the boxer, who emerged victorious in his bout, bringing glory to the country.

Endeavours for Gwadar



ABAD embarked on the Special Economic Zone (SED) project in the fiscal year 2019-2020, aiming to secure approval from the Provincial and Federal Government.

In a significant development, ABAD wrote a letter to the Prime Minister in January 2023, urging the declaration of Gwadar as a Special Economic Zone. The Prime Minister took notice of the matter, leading to its discussion in a meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) in Islamabad.

Subsequently, a high-level meeting was held in May 2023, where ABAD had representation, and it was unanimously agreed that there were no objections from the Province and relevant stakeholders to declare Gwadar as a Special Economic Zone. Later on May 30th, 2023, the Chief Minister of Balochistan officially declared Gwadar as a Special Economic Zone.

Voice against cartelization



ABAD on March 1, 2023 held a press conference at the ABAD House to shed light on the monopolistic practices of iron, steel, and cement cartels, resulting in escalated prices of these crucial construction materials. The members emphasized the need for ongoing efforts to dismantle these monopolies and establish fair pricing for raw materials within the construction industry.

They cautioned that the government must take proactive measures to address this issue; otherwise, builders may be compelled to divert their investments to other countries, posing a significant risk to Pakistan's economy. In a positive turn of events, a few days later, the prices of steel witnessed a reduction, indicating the fruitful outcomes of the endeavors undertaken by ABAD members on behalf of the construction fraternity.



In remembrance of ABAD's Former Senior Vice Chairman,

Muhammad Sohail Warind

The senior member of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), Muhammad Sohail Warind, left this world for his heavenly abode on Dec 9, 2022, leaving the entire builders' fraternity in sorrow and grief.

Mr. Warind, who served as Senior Vice Chairman of ABAD in 2019-20 and Vice Chairman in 2017-18, passed away on the night of Dec 9 due to illness. With his tragic demise, ABAD expressed deep grief, noting that the void left by Mr. Warind can never be filled. His services for the Association and its members have been matchless and will always be remembered.

Mr Sohail Warind was the CEO of Warind Builder and Developers and Orchid Properties. He began his journey at ABAD as a member in April 2009. He was selected as Vice Chairman of ABAD in 2017-2018. He was again selected as a Senior Vice Chairman of ABAD in 2019-2020.

A condolence reference was also arranged by ABAD on 16th Dec, 2022 in remembrance of Mr. Warind wherein all the members of ABAD participated in huge numbers. At the gathering, Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani expressed his grief to Warind family members.



He said, "At times, we human being feel loss of words and this is one such occasion, losing Mr. Warind is a huge loss for ABAD fraternity. The IGP Sindh, who also attended the gathering, said Sohail Warind always came to him seeking solution of ABAD members' problems and for allottees as well.

The IGP said: "We kept him in construction committee in our Etimaad project and he was helping us for it, which I am a part too. I saw he was sincere with whatever he did. May Allah grant him the highest rank in Jannah."

Chief of Saylani Welfare Trust, Maulana Bashir Farooqui, while paying tribute to Mr. Sohail Warind said, "the late member used to listen to issues of allottees which in our religion is considered a good deed. He was always eager and ready to struggle for the solution to problems faced by the members and the allottees for which he will be rewarded in his afterlife." Later, a prayer of forgiveness was offered for the departed soul.



Annual General Meeting

for the year 2022-23

The office-bearers for the term 2022-23 were elected at the meeting; newly-elected chairman Mr. Altaf Tai vowed that he will take everyone onboard in his journey for the betterment of ABAD



Outgoing office-bearers for the year 2021-2022 with incoming office-bearers for the term 2022-2023 along with newly-elected Chairman, Mr. Altaf Tai, at the AGM

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) is a democratic institution that elects six-member top tier from all regions of the country annually through a transparent election process.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is called in September to elect office-bearers comprising Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman, Southern Region Chairman, Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub Region and Northern Region Chairman for the period of one year. The AGM for the year 2022-23 was held on Saturday (Sep 24) at the ABAD House.

For the term 2022-23, Mr. Altaf Tai was unanimously elected as Chairman, while Mr. Khawar Munir as Senior Vice Chairman, Mr. Nadeem Jeewa as Vice Chairman, Mr. Raheel Rinch as Chairman Southern Region, Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon as Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub Region and Mr. Sultan Gohar as Chairman Northern Region.

The election results were announced at the AGM by Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Afzal Hameed. Senior member Mr. Abdul Majeed Adhia administered oath to the newly-elected office-bearers.

Outgoing team underlining challenges, accomplishments

In his farewell address to the august gathering, outgoing Chairman Mr. Hanif Memon said his team faced numerous challenges, however, in a candid confession he added that "none of our clamours were listened to". Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani himself tried to resolve various issues and braved obstacles, he said.

Narrating the accomplishments of his team, Mr. Memon said "we managed to get overseas committee of SBCA dissolved after ardent efforts".



He also said the maps of converted commercial plots have now started being approved. He further underlined that cantonment by-laws were under process for approval. He said all members concerned have put in their efforts.

Mr. Memon also highlighted that ABAD has turned 50 year old this year, adding “we are thankful to members who laid foundation of a small plant which has grown immensely into a tree and we are all part of it.”

He said a magazine/booklet has also been prepared for the recognition and in tribute to this landmark moment. The outgoing chairman said ABAD members also rigourously contributed to relief fund. He said a group of 34 members paid Rs 0.5 million each for flood assistance.

“We have imposed a Rs 0.1 million levy on each of 1,400 members for the same noble purpose.” He said ABAD members have so far contributed nearly Rs 20 million in donations for ration and other relief goods.

He sought the approval of the House for the proposed Rs 0.1 million collection from each company/member registered with ABAD in order to help victims and also build the image of ABAD on the social welfare front.



ABAD members congratulating newly elected Chairman SR, Mr. Raheel Rinch

He also informed that ABAD has proposed to build and moveable and immovable homes in flood-hit areas, saying the son of Mr. Arif Jeewa shared the proposal with a brigadier of late.

He told the House that an NGO has recently built similar 300 homes. He invited members to share their feedback on the proposal.

Mr. Memon said it was a proud moment for ABAD that Mr. Arif Jeewa is now representing FPCCI after Mr. Hanif Gohar, which is a commendable achievement.

The chairman then handed certificate to Mr. Suffian Adhia, Mr. Altaf Sattar Kantawala, Mr. Sohail Warind, Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Mr. Raheel Rinch, Mr. Nasir Lakhani and a few others for being on the forefront on behalf of the Association in flood relief works.

Moreover, the chairman hailed ABAD staff led by Secretary General for assisting in managing relief goods.

He said his team had also taken on board Mr. Shahid Khairi for all such works.

Mr. Memon said ABAD will continue taking part in the relief works to the best of its capacity.

Addressing the meeting, outgoing Chairman SR Mr. Suffiyan Adhia said he would appreciate Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani for his trust and support to bringing him to the position.



New Chairman vows to serve members

In his remarks, newly-elected Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai said he is grateful on being elected to this coveted position. He expressed gratitude to Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan and other members for their confidence in him.

He vowed to take everyone along in his journey for serving the Association. He took pride in saying that every member of ABAD is a taxpayer. Mr. Tai, however, said the situation of the economy is challenging and bleak. He added that his team will undertake all efforts in resolving "genuine issues" faced by the members.

He said it was a learning experience on various fronts including dealing the Nasla Tower issue. Mr. Adhia also thanked ABAD Secretary General Mr. Ehteshamullah Mallick and other staff for their assistance and hardwork throughout the year.

Detailing the feats made by the outgoing team, he said ABAD entered an agreement with MoU with PEC and German based-firm GIZ for training of engineers. He said ABAD also obtained relief in Sessi case where builders and developers were being harassed by the authority.

Mr. Adhia said ABAD also collaborated with law enforcement agencies, adding the office bearers also tackled the issue related to DNFBPs of FBR. He said the Association also suffered setback in Nasla Tower case. He informed that Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan did everything in his capacity in Nasla case.

"We also met DG ISI and Mr. Mohsin also conveyed the messages directly to the army chief and likewise, a meeting was also held with corp commander." He said ABAD left no stone unturned in attempting to earn relief for its members.

He said ABAD raised issues of cartelization and soaring prices of construction material with relevant authorities. He wished the incoming team a very best of luck in their endeavours.

Mr. Tai said ABAD would hold Builders Trophy Awards for "10 best builders and 10 best developers" at the end of the tenure with an objective to identify builders undertaking quality work and recognise them for good work.

Later, Mr. Noman Tabani sought the approval of audited accounts, budget and confirmation of minutes of the last AGM. In closing remarks, outgoing Vice Chairman Mr. Altaf Sattar Kantawala said he is thankful to all members for their support and collaboration with the office bearers for resolving all matters requiring collective support.



Newly elected office bearers taking oath for their tenure



CEC

Central Executive Committee

Members

for the term
2022 - 2023



Mr. Muhammad Altaf Tai



Mr. Khawar Munir



Mr. Nadeem Yousuf Jeewa



Mr. Raheel Rinch



Mr. Sultan Gohar



Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon



Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib



Mr. Adnan Memon



Mr. Anwer Ahmed



Mr. Danish Bin Rauf



Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas



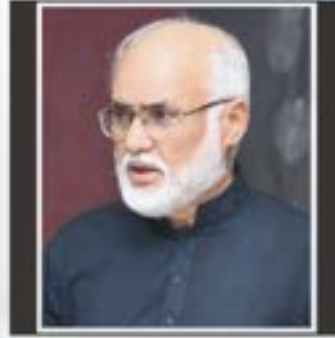
Mr. Abual Barkaat



Mr. M. Irfan Qureshi



Mr. Anwer Dawood (OK)



Mr. Mehmood Ahmed Khan



Mr. M. Hanif Gohar



Mr. Ilyas Pariyani



Mr. Sohail Warind (Late)



Engr. M. Younus Lakhani



Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai

REC

(Southern Region)
Regional Executive Committee

Members

for the term
2022 - 2023



Mr. Fahad Shaikhani



Mr. M. Zeeshan Siddiqui



Mr. Malik Arshad Ali



Mr. M. Ali Taufique



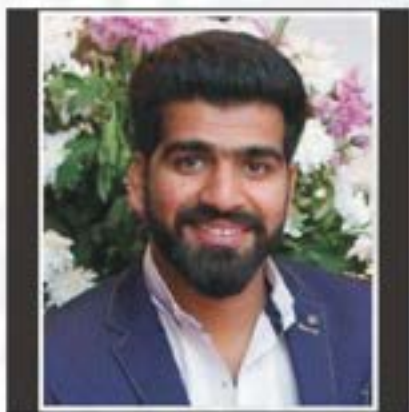
Mr. M. Amin Sumsum



Mr. M. Ashfaq Advani



Mr. Rameez Qasim Gaziani



Mr. Usman Khanani



Syed Altaf Hussain

REC

(Northern Region)
Regional Executive Committee

Members

for the term
2022 - 2023



Mr. S. M. Imran



Mr. Sahir Rasheed



Dr. Sajid Saeed



Mr. Sheraz J. Mannoo



Mr. Sheikh Shahid Anwar



Mr. Sultan Gohar



Mr. Zeeshan Ali Khan

Sub-Regional Executive Committee

for the term
2022 - 2023

Hyderabad Members

(Southern Region)



Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon



Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Qazi



Mr. Ubaid

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Senior Convener	Syed Shahid Khairi
Convener	Mr. Ali Taufique
Co-Convener	Mr. Rameez Qasim Ghaziani

Research & Special Initiative Development Cell

Convener	Dr. Muhammad Hani
Co-Convener	Mr. Danish Bin Rauf, Mr. Tariq Aziz

Revenue Land Matters & De-Freezing of Board of Revenue

Convener	Mr. Hanif Memon
Co-Convener	Dr. Talha Thanvi, Mr. Khurram Munir, Mr. Hanif Yousuf, Syed Ashraf Hameed

Press & Media Cell

Senior Convener	Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani
Convener	Mr. Muhammad Mehboob (ARY)

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Senior Convener	Mr. M. Anwar Gagai
Convener	Mr. Haroon Karim
Co-Convener	Mr. Sohail Naviwala, Mr. Suffian Adhia, Mr. Anwer Dawood OK, Syed Syed Shahid Khairi

ABAD International Expo Sub-Committee

Senior Convener	Mr. Haris Ali Mithani
Convener	Mr. Asif Majeed
Joint Convener	Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia
Co-Convener	Mr. Javaid Karim, Mr. Amin Sumsum

Abandoned Projects

Convener	Mr. Asif Sumsum
Co-Convener	Mr. Danish Bin Rauf, Mr. Tariq Aziz, Mr. Suffian Tai, Dr. Muhammad Hani, Mr. Shayan Arif

Allied Industries Sub-Committee

Convener	Mr. Mustafa Thanvi
Co-Convener	Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, Mr. Tariq Aziz, Syed Moiz Ahmed Zaidi, Mr. Muhammad Ashfaq Advani

Anti Encroachment / Law & Order Cell Sub-Committee

Senior Convener	Mr. Asif Sumsum
Convener	Mr. Owais Thanvi
Co-Convener	Mr. Usman Khanani, Mr. Mustafa Sheikhani, Mr. Muhammad Ayoob, Mr. Faisal Iqbal, Syed Moiz Ahmed Zaidi

Arbitration And Complaint Sub-Committee

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Co-Convener	Mr. Mehmood Tabba, Dr. Muhammad Hani

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Co-Convener	Mr. Farigh Nadeem, Mr. Omer Bin Islam

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Convener Mr. Major Haroon (R)
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Co-Convener Mr. Amin Lakhani, Mr. Mehmood Tabba

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Co-Convener Mr. Jan Muhammad Jeewa, Syed Afzal Hameed

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Mr. Sheikh Moiz Saqib, Ms. Maha Irshad Shaikh

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Co-Convener Mr. Amin Lakhani, Mr. Arif Sheikhani, Mr. Anwar Italo

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Co-Convener Mr. Farigh Nadeem, Mr. Ghias-ur-Rehman, Mr. Ahmed Bombiya

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K-Electric & SSGC Sub-Committee

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Convener Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani
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Convener Mr. Ibrahim Habib
Co-Convener Mr. Suffian Adhia, Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas,
Mr. Ilyas Paryani

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Mr. Junaid Shaikhani

Malir Development Authority (MDA) Sub-Committee

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MPGO Liaison Committee

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Convener	Mr. Zeeshan Siddique
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Special Liaison Committee

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Convener	Mr. Mustafa Hanif Sheikhani
Co-Convener	Mr. Suffian Adhia

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Convener	Mr. Mehmood Tabba
Co-Convener	Mr. Abual Barkaat, Mr. Obaid Saleem Patel, Mr. Danish Bin Rauf

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Senior Convener	Mr. Tahir Memon
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Convener	Mr. Hanif Gohar
Co-Convener	Mr. Muhammad Ashfaq Advani

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Convener	Dr. Muhammad Hani
Co-Convener	Mr. Talha Aqeel, Mr. Minhaj, Mr. Junaid Tai

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Joint Convener	Mr. Mehmood Ahmed Khan
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All Office Bearers

Training Programme

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ABAD delegation meets Finance Minister Ishaq Dar in Islamabad

Finance Minister appreciates ABAD's budgetary proposals and suggestions to bolster construction sector



A delegation from the ABAD met Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator, Ishaq Dar at the (FBR) office,

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) met Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Ishaq Dar at the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) office, Islamabad, on May 29 (Monday) to share proposals for the budget 2023-24 and discuss measures for the uplift of the construction industry. Led by ABAD Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, the delegation included Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawar Munir, Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch, former chairman Mr. Arif Yousuf Jeewa, former chairman SR Mr. Sufiyan Adhia, prominent member Askari Agha, and others.

The meeting was attended by Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Revenue, Mr. Tariq Mehmood Pasha, Chairman RRMC, Mr. Ashfaq Yousif Tola, FBR chairman Asim Ahmed, and senior officers from FBR. During the meeting, the ABAD delegation urged the government to remove the regulatory duty on iron and tiles in the upcoming budget, emphasizing that this action would lead to a significant decrease in steel prices, estimated to be around Rs 25,000 per ton, and a corresponding reduction in tile prices. As the proceedings went on, the ABAD delegation raised concerns regarding the issue of cartelization, particularly within the cement, iron, and tiles industries.

The minister provided reassurances to the delegation, emphasizing that prompt action would be taken to address these complaints and other related matters by promptly filling the vacant positions within the Competition Commission of Pakistan. Furthermore, the ABAD delegation urged the announcement of an attractive incentive aimed at encouraging overseas Pakistanis to invest their dollar funds in the sector through official banking channels.

In response, the finance minister expressed willingness to consider the proposal in the upcoming budget, with a specific focus on allocating 25% of the real estate sector for investments from overseas Pakistanis.

The ABAD delegation also presented an overview of the ongoing challenges faced by the construction industry to the Finance Minister, while presenting their well-thought-out proposals for inclusion in the upcoming Federal Budget. Likewise, the delegation also expressed its commitment to supporting the government in its endeavors to overcome economic challenges and stimulate economic and business activities within the country.

The Finance Minister acknowledged and praised the proposals put forth by ABAD members, assuring them that the government is actively implementing tangible measures to address economic challenges and bolster the nation's economy. Furthermore, he emphasized the government's dedication to crafting a business-friendly budget that prioritizes the well-being of the general public and promotes economic progress and development across the country.

ABAD delegation expressed gratitude to the Finance Minister for considering their budget proposals and other recommendations aimed at uplifting the sector.

ABAD delegation calls on Planning Minister

Ahsan Iqbal in Islamabad



The delegation of ABAD during a meeting with the Planning Minister Mr. Ahsan Iqbal

ABAD's persistent efforts in declaration of Gwadar as Special Economic District

It is pertinent to mention here that ABAD began working on the Special Economic Zone (SED) project in 2019-2020 with the aim of obtaining approval from the Provincial and Federal Government. In May, Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo had approved a summary of the planning and development department giving a special economic district status to Gwadar.

A delegation of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) led by Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch called on Federal Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, at his office in Islamabad on June 12 to put forth a demand for declaration of Gwadar as Special Economic District by the federal government.

During the meeting, the visiting delegation urged the minister to declare the developing port city as the "Special Economic District" immediately.

The demand was placed in the light of recent decision of the Balochistan Provincial Government to declare Gwadar as a tax-free zone. It also urged federal authorities to grant the region a similar economic status. The delegation from ABAD brought to the attention of the minister the untapped tourism potential of Gwadar. The Association members underscored the importance of launching a dedicated project along the picturesque Makran coastal belt.

After the fruitful discussion, the ABAD assured the delegation that he would prioritize raising this matter with the prime minister, expressing confidence in the prospects of substantial progress being made on the proposed project.

A major reason behind giving a special economic district status to Gwadar is to attract national and international investors and open new vistas of development and prosperity in the area. The objective of the initiative is the fast track development of Gwadar and promotion of port related activities. The establishment of the Special Economic District (SED) in Gwadar is expected to greatly enhance the trade, tourism, real estate, and hotel industries, according to officials. The proposal for Gwadar as an SED seeks to implement policies that promote vocational opportunities. By creating an investor-friendly environment, the SED aims to attract foreign investments to the port city.

ABAD North Region delegation meets Punjab caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi



Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi, presides a meeting with the ABAD North Region delegation to review laws and to support the construction industry.

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) held a meeting with Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab, Mohsin Naqvi, at the CM office on May 29. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the challenges faced by the construction industry.

The delegation, consisting of Mr. Gohar Ijaz, Engineer Akbar Sheikh, Hafiz Muhammad Nauman, Mr. Sheraz J Monoo, Mr. Ayub Sabir Izhar, Mr. Waheed Ahmad Butt, Mr. Khalid Mehmood Sheikh, and the Secretary of ABAD (North chapter), Kamran Shujjah, presented various proposals to promote the construction industry.

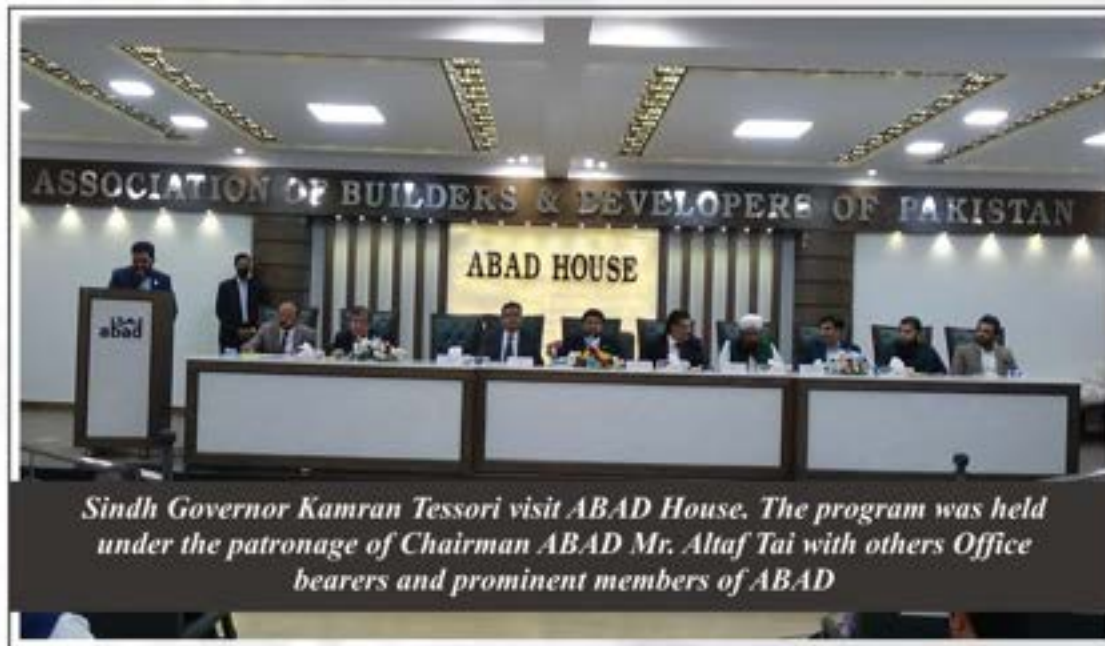
The CM assured the delegation that implementable proposals would be enforced to support the industry's growth. A key decision was made to review existing laws concerning building construction based on recommendations from industry experts. The proposal for establishing Residential Management Committees in private housing societies was also discussed.

The chief minister emphasized the need to revive the construction industry to generate employment opportunities and instructed the Lahore Development Authority (LDA) and other institutions to prioritize public-friendly building laws.

To facilitate this process, a committee led by the Commissioner of Lahore/DG LDA was formed.

The committee will collaborate with ABAD officials and other stakeholders to finalize recommendations.

Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori Visits ABAD House



Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori visit ABAD House. The program was held under the patronage of Chairman ABAD Mr. Altaf Tai with others Office bearers and prominent members of ABAD

Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori visited the ABAD House on Dec 7, 2022 on the invitation of the members of the Association as part of a “meet and greet” weeks after taking the charge of the coveted position in October. The programme was held under the patronage of Chairman ABAD Mr. Altaf Tai along with other office-bearers and prominent members of ABAD attended the event. In his speech, Chairman ABAD thanked all the members of ABAD present in the event. He also appreciated the fact that Mr. Tessori has been a member of ABAD. He added that the Association hopes that the Governor would resolve the issues and would provide assistance and maximum support “in tackling our issues effectively”. Chairman ABAD mentioned that ABAD members are legal builders and ABAD does not support illegal construction so its builders and developers can't be equated with them.

He requested Governor Sindh to take notice on illegal construction and land encroachment as these are the huge issue of Karachi. He also highlighted that high rise construction is done worldwide “but here we find it difficult because there are numerous legal issues”. In his remarks, Governor Sindh Mr. Kamran Tessori expressed his gratitude to ABAD and said that there are so many issues that it's hard to resolve them all at once and all of us should get together to find solutions. He added, “I have come here as a representative of ABAD and not just as a Sindh Governor.

And I can say with complete assurity that I have enough authority and I can resolve several issues.” About legal and illegal builders, “I would say that only those that are attached with ABAD are the actual builders in real sense.”

He remarked that law enforcement and reformation is the only solution for resolving issues of this province. He added that “so many buildings were just taken down because some officer in power wasn't happy with the builder, which is a sad state of affairs.” Governor Sindh said, “We will work and resolve all matters legally and collectively we will resist illegal works. I need acceptance and not fame.” The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

ABAD's Hyderabad Region delegation meets Chief Secretary Sindh



A delegation from the ABAD's Hyderabad Region visited Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput, the Chief Secretary of Sindh

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) Hyderabad Region visited Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput, the Chief Secretary of Sindh, at his office on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to address the critical challenges confronted by builders within the region.

The delegation, under the leadership of Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon, Vice Chairman of ABAD Hyderabad Region, comprised members Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Qazi, Mr. Ubaid Rajput, Mr. Saeed Ahmed Chohan, and Mr. Alamgir.

Commencing the meeting, Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Qazi introduced the members of the delegation. Following the introduction, the head of the visiting delegation provided an in-depth overview of the significant issues plaguing builders.

The discussions encompassed various matters related to the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), the Hyderabad Development Authority (HDA), Sehwan Development Authority (SDA), and other concerns tied to revenue.

During the meeting, Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Qazi communicated to Chief Secretary Sindh the importance of including representatives from Hyderabad in key organizations such as SECP, HDA, and SDA. He emphasized the criticality of appointing competent and honest officials as Regional Director and Additional Director in HDA.

This, he believed, would prevent the proliferation of illegal constructions and facilitate substantial progress in the city.

He also shed light on ongoing development projects in Latifabad, Baig Palace, and Gulistan-e-Sarmast.

Mr. Saeed Ahmed Chohan brought forward various concerns relevant to the city and the Cantonment area.

In response, the Chief Secretary promptly instructed his Designated Secretary (DS) to initiate the resolution of these issues. He issued directives to draft correspondences to higher authorities within SECP, HDA, and SDA. Additionally, he advice his DS to also write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of Hyderabad to expeditiously address the concerns raised by builders.

After the productive deliberation, the visiting delegation presented the chief secretary with a shield as a gesture of appreciation. He expressed gratitude to the Hyderabad delegation for the gesture.

As the meeting headed towards culmination, Mr. Ajaz Ahmad Qazi extended an invitation to Chief Secretary Sindh to visit ABAD's Hyderabad Region, an invitation which the dignitary graciously accepted.

ABAD delegation highlights Construction Industry challenges in meeting with

Sindh Home Minister



*ABAD delegation meets caretaker Sindh Home Minister,
Brig. (R) Haris Nawaz*

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) met the caretaker Sindh Home Minister, Brigadier (ret'd) Haris Nawaz, in Karachi, with the primary agenda revolving around the discussion on revitalizing business activities to generate additional employment opportunities, while also addressing the intricacies associated with land ownership challenges. The delegation of ABAD was led by Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, which also had the representation of Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch, senior members Mr. Asif Sumsum, Mr. Suffiyan Adhia, Mr. Haroon Karim and others.

During the meeting, the ABAD delegation highlighted the significant challenges confronting its members regarding land possession in various areas of Karachi, attributing these issues to disputed land ownership disputes allegedly involving local law enforcement. They emphasized that this predicament is causing considerable distress within the business community and, more broadly, adversely affecting the overall business climate and investment environment.

Mr. Altaf Tai said "safety of life and property is the major concern for our community. We receive a lot of threats," noted the chairman. He conveyed to the minister that "we hope your efforts will yield positive results as action speaks louder than words." Brig. (Retired) Haris Nawaz expressed gratitude to the ABAD delegation and expressed his determination for curbing street crimes and the mafia of Narcotics.

He hinted at a major crackdown in the next two weeks and declared zero tolerance for these crimes hoping a safe and secure environment in Karachi in the next one month free of any kind of Ransom mafia.

He also pledged a comprehensive investigation into the land ownership issues and vowed to take legal action. He stressed the urgent need to rectify these matters to restore a secure, crime-free atmosphere vital for trade and commerce growth. The Special Branch of the police was designated to scrutinize police officers' purported roles in these land disputes, with plans to formulate a comprehensive strategy for resolution.

The ABAD delegation applauded the minister's commitment to tackling land ownership challenges and anticipating swift resolution, fostering a safer and more conducive environment for business activities. Minister committed for exemplary action for the culprits and agreed to meet again within a few days.

The minister reaffirmed his dedication to ensuring a peaceful and secure business environment, underlining the importance of government-business collaboration to achieve this objective.

ABAD delegation calls on Caretaker Sindh Local Government Minister



ABAD delegation visited caretaker Sindh Minister for Local Government, Muhammad Mubeen Jumani, at his office.

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) visited caretaker Sindh Minister for Local Government, Muhammad Mubeen Jumani, at his office on Monday, August 28th, 2023, to discuss range of topics, covering new constructions, map issuance, as well as recent constraints surrounding construction activities.

The visiting delegation was led by ABAD Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai and former Chairman Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan, while Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawar Munir, Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch and former SR Chairman Mr. Suffiyan Adhia.

Additional Chief Secretary Najam Ahmed Shah, Special Secretary Local Bodies Usman Baloch, Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) Director General Muhammad Yasin Shar Baloch, DG MDA, CEO Karachi Water & Sewerage Board (KWSB) and others were also present.

The minister told the ABAD delegation that the new restrictions and limitations on new constructions and maps have been imposed for a few days to curb the proliferation of unplanned buildings.

"The purpose of today's meeting is also to formulate a policy that promotes legal constructions and prevents unauthorized developments."

According to Mr. Jumani: "We aim to establish a mechanism that fosters the growth of the construction sector in this city and province, and stop it from becoming the jungle of buildings," added Mr. Jumani.

He said orders have been issued to conduct a comprehensive survey of all illegal constructions that have been established in the city and the province within 48 hours.

"These surveys will be carried out by third-party engineers."

"The current agenda of our government is to ensure maximum relief to the public," emphasised the minister.

He said a committee is being formed comprising members of ABAD, SBCA, MDA, LDA, and all relevant authorities.

"They will provide detailed recommendations on running their respective departments in accordance with the law."

The minister highlighted, "As soon as all stakeholders provide their recommendations within a few days, these restrictions will be lifted".

The Chairman of ABAD, expressed that while the Association initially had concerns about these restrictions, a thorough assessment of the situation led them to support the government's move.

"We are fully committed to collaborating with all stakeholders, aiming to formulate a policy that bolsters the lawful construction industry in this city and province," Najam Ahmed Shah concluded in his response.

ABAD delegation meets SBP Governor, discusses strategies to boost Construction Industry



A glimpse of meeting of SBP governor with ABAD office-bearers at the SBP headquarters in Karachi on March 6, 2023.

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) met with Mr. Jameel Ahmed, the Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), at the SBP headquarters located in Karachi on March 6, 2023. The primary focus of the meeting was to address the challenges faced by the construction industry and explore potential solutions to overcome them. Led by Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, the delegation included former chairman Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani and other ABAD office-bearers. Additionally, the ABAD delegation highlighted various issues that have led to a growing housing crisis in the country, making it increasingly difficult for developers to meet the demand for housing. Through this discussion, the delegation aimed to identify potential solutions and address these pressing concerns.

Mr. Tai highlighted the challenges posed by the shortage of steel imports in the construction industry. He stressed the importance of including steel in the list of essential items for import, emphasizing that such a step would enable the smooth functioning of various industries and contribute to the overall economic growth of the country. Furthermore, the chairman requested approval to import 100,000 metric tons of steel bars to address the critical shortage of this vital raw material. He expressed concerns that the ongoing scarcity of steel is not only causing uncertainties but also driving up the cost of construction projects, making them less affordable for end-users. He also shared the statistical data which was targeting the immense remuneration the Government of Pakistan is projected to earn, which is around Rs. 8 billion only by importing 100,000 metric tons of steel bars, with an expected revenue of Rs. 80,000 per ton. This revenue will secure the supply of essential basics for many industries.

Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani brought attention to the potential benefits of cash on delivery transactions for expediting import operations while reducing the risk of corruption or default. He emphasized that such transactions could significantly contribute to creating a more efficient and transparent trading environment, ultimately supporting economic growth in the country.

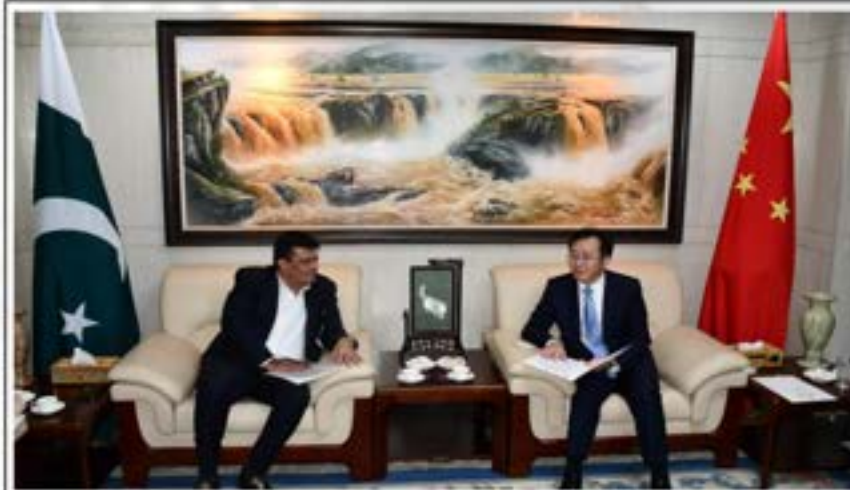
Additionally, Mr. Sheikhani proposed that the government should introduce an additional reporting column to document remittance amounts received for transactions in the housing and construction sector. He believed that such a move would be an essential step towards promoting accountability and transparency in the construction and real estate industries.

This would establish an efficient and effective environment for investing in the country and ensure that funds allocated for these industries are used for their intended purpose. By promoting transparency and accountability, Mr. Sheikhani aimed to encourage further investment in the construction industry, ultimately driving growth and development in the country.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the SBP governor acknowledged the challenges faced by the real estate sector and expressed the bank's commitment to supporting this crucial industry.



ABAD urges inclusion of Private Builders & Developers in CPEC projects during meeting with Consul General of China



A delegation of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) meets Consul General of China at the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China.

A delegation of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) led by Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai visited the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Karachi on Aug 9, 2023, to hold discussions with Consul General of China, focusing on the strengthening of trade relations between the two closely aligned nations particularly in the construction of projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The visiting delegation of ABAD was led by Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawer Munir, among other office bearers. The meeting was chaired by the Chinese Consul General.

Mr. Raheel Rinch emphasized the existing bilateral relations, trade connections, and collaborative efforts in the construction sector between the two countries. Former Vice Chairman, Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, advocated for private sector participation in CPEC, expressing commitment to contribute to mega projects within its framework. He also stressed the pivotal role of allied industries in supplying raw materials, expressing contentment that these materials are sourced from Pakistan. Former Chairman Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas introduced ABAD, mentioning its 1,400+ nationwide members involved in vertical construction and housing projects. Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia recommended a synergy between Chinese and Pakistani labor forces, capitalizing on China's government-supported skilled labor initiatives.

He suggested this collaboration would mutually enhance labor skills, particularly in the context of CPEC projects. Mr. Adhia urged China to establish collaborative PhD courses with Pakistan's government and initiate specialized short courses related to CPEC for ABAD members to enhance their understanding of this initiative. The consul general discussed the growing collaboration between Chinese expert teams and Pakistan, spanning private sectors and agriculture. He proposed reciprocal expertise collaboration, with Pakistan contributing in areas like seafood and rice. Mr. Adhia recalled ABAD's 2016 visit to China, during which members procured raw materials and equipment from Chinese sources.

Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas recounted successful past collaborations between Chinese companies and ABAD, encouraging the Consul General to convey a visit invitation to ABAD on their behalf. The Consul General assured considering the proposal and aiming to involve several companies on a visit to ABAD House. The meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude.



Consul General of Turkey visits ABAD House



Consul General of Turkey, Mr. Cemal Sangu along with his team visits ABAD House on Aug 23 (Wednesday). The meeting was led by Chairman ABAD Mr. Altaf Tai, accompanied by other office bearers

The Consul General of Turkey, Mr. Cemal Sangu, on Aug 23 (Wednesday) visited the ABAD House along with his team to explore opportunities for collaboration within the private sector of Pakistan, particularly in the construction of projects. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Altaf Tai.

The visiting delegation from Turkey included prominent officials such as Consul General Cemal Sangu, Commercial Attaché Mr. Eyyup Yildirim, and Commercial Secretary Ms. Kausar Ahmed.

As the meeting commenced, former Vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia mentioned an ongoing collaboration with a Chinese company. He sought input from the Turkish delegation, inquiring whether they had access to commercial contractors who could not only provide financial support but also supply skilled labor. He elaborated, "We've observed that a significant percentage of highly skilled labor left Pakistan; we are keen to encourage an influx of labor from Turkey."

Mr. Adhia also highlighted that Turkey, along with China, Europe, and Malaysia, was a major source of high-end products. He expressed ABAD's comfort with Turkish products and expressed interest in organizing a delegation's visit to Turkey.

Mr. Raheel Rinch chimed in, expressing his support for P2P interactions. He emphasized the enduring fraternal relationship between Pakistan and Turkey and recognized the current challenges faced by Pakistan.

He specifically mentioned the high demand for glass, ceramics, and tiles in Pakistan and urged Turkish suppliers to consider establishing a presence in Pakistan, citing ample opportunities and government support.

Mr. Adhia highlighted the opportunity for manufacturers to establish a presence in Pakistan and potentially export to India and Afghanistan. He underscored the strategic significance of Turkey's geographical proximity to Afghanistan and neighboring countries.

He stressed the need for collaboration to build a strong economic relationship that benefits both nations. The Consul General welcomed Turkish companies to invest in Pakistan, highlighting Turkey's readiness to share expertise and resources. Regarding energy, he mentioned Turkey's leading solar energy company and their plans to initiate solar projects in Karachi and Islamabad due to Pakistan's ample sunlight.

He discussed bilateral trade's potential to generate job opportunities and encouraged ABAD's participation in Turkish exhibitions, assuring support for visa applications to strengthen the brotherly connection. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the end of the productive discussions.

ABAD puts land-related issues in focus in meeting with IG Sindh



A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) holds meeting with Sindh's Inspector General of Police, Mr. Raffat Mukhtar, at his office on Monday, September 12th, 2023.

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) convened with Sindh's Inspector General of Police, Mr. Raffat Mukhtar, at his office on Monday, September 12th to address the hurdles faced by builders and developers in the province and to seek potential solutions.

Chaired by Mr. Altaf Tai, the ABAD delegation consisted of distinguished members including Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawar Munir, Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman of the Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch, Mr. Mustafa Sheikhani, and another esteemed member. During this pivotal meeting, Mr. Altaf Tai extended his congratulations to IG Sindh for his recent appointment.

Chairman Altaf Tai articulated critical concerns, particularly focusing on land-related issues and other challenges impeding the progress of builders and developers. He stressed the necessity of a robust relationship with the police to address these obstacles. Mr. Tai emphasized the mandatory requirement of construction licenses.

Mr. Tai expressed apprehensions regarding the deteriorating law and order situation in Karachi and Sindh. In response, IG Sindh conveyed the police's dedication and their collaborative efforts with the Sindh government to establish a mechanism for issue resolution. This proposed mechanism would entail the formation of a committee comprising representatives from diverse departments, including DC offices, the Revenue Department, the Police, Rangers, and other law enforcement agencies.

Once established, this committee would serve as a one-stop solution for addressing ABAD's issues.

The IG assured prompt action once the committee secures approval from the Sindh government.

Additionally, Mr. Tai discussed security concerns and initiatives to combat societal issues, particularly drug abuse, and advocated for the involvement of the Rangers in addressing these challenges.

IG emphasized the importance of addressing the root causes of these issues and praised the dedication and integrity of the IG.

Mr. Rinch underscored improvements in law and order, along with a decline in drug-related cases, while acknowledging areas for improvement in Karachi, such as bribery demands and traffic congestion.

Chairman ABAD, Mr. Altaf Tai, expressed his gratitude for IG Sindh's cooperation and pledged the full support of the Association in these endeavors.

The meeting concluded positively with a vote of thanks, underscoring the significance of collaborative efforts to address the challenges confronting the builders and developers of Pakistan.

ABAD delegation calls on Additional IG Karachi Mr. Khadim Hussain Rind



A delegation of ABAD held multiple meetings with Additional IG Karachi Mr. Khadim Hussain Rind, in order to discuss concerns regarding land encroachment and the city's law and order situation, with the objective of finding resolutions to facilitate the uninterrupted business operations across the city.

The delegation of ABAD was led by Chairman ABAD Mr. Altaf Tai, accompanying other office-bearers.

The meeting was chaired by Additional IG, commenced with Mr. Altaf Tai expressing gratitude and extending congratulations to Mr. Khadim Hussain, Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi, for assuming his new role.

During the meeting, the ABAD delegation underscored the significant challenges faced by its members concerning land encroachments.

Mr. Asif Sumsum requested the DIG to designate a focal person from his team, enabling ABAD members to reach out directly in case of difficulties.

Additional IG assured that authentic complaints would be addressed, proposing the development of a strategy to designate a focal person for case study and document attachment. He said "If the DC does not verify the documents, we will take legal actions."

DIG West suggested that ABAD should verify the documents. He raised two key objections, first that ABAD should ensure the authenticity of documents and complaints. Second, complaints should originate from the property owner or member, not a manager or third party.

Also, he explained that upon receiving a complaint, it would be forwarded to the DC office for verification. Finally, once an authentic complaint is confirmed by the DC office, they would take action, and in the case of land grabbers, no relief would be granted, he added.

The DIG West stressed the importance of ABAD's application relevance and verification by the organization, with the focal group determining which officer should handle each case.

The Additional IGP recommended sending a letter to DC West from the DIG level to emphasize the message's significance. He stressed that if, within seven days, the title of land grabbing is not established after DC verification, ABAD should abide by the outcome of the verification. He assured that any complaints received by the revenue minister from ABAD or the police would receive a response within 24 hours.

ABAD delegation visits DHA Multan



A delegation of ABAD visited DHA Multan to attend DHA Multan Housing and Construction EXPO 2023

A delegation from ABAD, led by Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, visited DHA Multan on September 6, 2023 in response to an invitation from the project administration, aiming to tour the site and explore investment prospects.

The visiting delegation included Vice Chairman of ABAD Mr. M. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman Southern Region (SR) Mr. Raheel Rinch, former chairmen Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi and Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas; former chairman SR Engr. Danish Bin Rauf, Mr. Usman Khanani, Mr. Mehmood Ahmed Khan, Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi, and Mr. Mustafa Sheikhani, among others.

The Project Director of DHA Multan extended a warm and high-protocol welcome to the ABAD delegation. Members of ABAD were given an in-depth tour of DHA Multan, during which they thoroughly examined various facets of this expansive project and sought insights into potential investment opportunities.

The two sides agreed to continue collaboration in this regard. Earlier on Aug 22, a delegation from DHA Multan had visited ABAD House to invite the Association members to assess DHA Multan's construction progress and share insights.

The meeting was led by ABAD Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai with other office-bearers and members of ABAD.

The visiting group comprised Vice Chairman Unity Group Mr. Raja Mazhar, DHA Multan's Director Transfer & Record Col. Saad Zafar, and CEO of M/s. Al Kareem Capital Estate & Vice President of DHA Multan Realtor Association Mr. M. Asif Abdul Kareem.

The DHA Multan delegation began by reiterating their prior visit to ABAD House and extending an invitation to ABAD members to assess DHA Multan's progress and development. They emphasized the increased efforts in these areas and expressed a desire for ABAD's participation and investment.

Mr. Khawar Munir inquired about key project highlights to share with ABAD members, encouraging their visit and investment. A delegate from the visiting group highlighted their infrastructure and roadwork progress.

ABAD's Chairman sought details about the approval status of the society, which the DHA Multan delegate confirmed had been approved.

Mr. Khawar Munir asked about the booking process and challenges due to inflation. The delegation explained lower labor costs and encouraged investment and visits, highlighting the availability of substantial remaining land.

The DHA delegation presented their suggested itinerary to ABAD, and the meeting concluded with a preliminary agreement for both parties to collaborate further, fostering mutual interests and cooperation.

ABAD delegation visits

Big 5 International Building & Construction Exhibition in Dubai



ABAD delegation paid a visit to UAE, to take part in the Big 5 International Building and Construction Exhibition

A delegation of ABAD paid a visit to the UAE to take part in the Big 5 International building and Construction Exhibition. The ABAD delegation was led by Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawer Munir under the leadership of Patron in Chief & former Chairman ABAD Mr. Mohsin Sheikhani.

The delegation met Mr Rehan Shahid, Senior Trade Policy Advisor of UK international Trade & investment, Mr. Ammar Bisharat of British Embassy, Mr. Charlie Hsueh representing Kitsen.

The delegation also comprised Mr. Ali Ratadia, Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani, Syed Moiz Zaidi, Mr. Murtaza Shaikhani, Mr. Usman Khanani and former vice chairman of the Association Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia. The Big5 is the largest construction event in the Middle East with the mission to support and advance the construction industry in this region.

The Big 5 has been at the forefront of construction innovation and showcases 360-degree building solutions clustered in five dedicated product sectors.

Building Interiors & finishes, Building Envelope & special construction, construction tools & Building Materials, construct technology & innovation, and MEP Services. The most promising technologies, building solutions and materials were on display at the exhibition, which defined key industry trends, opportunities and best practices in the region and beyond.

The Big 5 marked a turning point in the construction industry, setting the way to build better, more efficiently, and develop smart, sustainable cities.

The Big 5 is a good platform to showcase competence of exhibitors to buyers, distributors, wholesalers, government officials as well as project based visitors including architects, building contractors, project managers and planners, service providers, design studios, energy suppliers, procurement authorities, property developers, and system integrators.

The premium construction expo gathered some of the most brilliant and forward-thinking minds from around the globe to discuss the present and even more the future of construction.



ABAD delegation attends BUILD ASIA EXHIBITION

At Karachi's Expo Centre



A delegation of ABAD attended the Build Asia exhibition on Dec 24, 2022, at the Expo Centre Karachi to explore avenues in contributing to the infrastructural development in the country and sharing expertise with other players in the market for the economic progress of Pakistan.

ABAD delegation was led by its Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rich and other members of ABAD.

The delegation met Atif Arafin, CEO Land track, Mr. Zaigham Rizvi, ambassador Global Housing Foundation USA; Mr. Omer Ghani, CEO Veritas REIT; Mr. Ali Asgher, CEO TPL REIT; and Mr. M. Ejaz, CEO Arif Habib Dolmen REIT.

In his conversation, Mr. Altaf Tai appreciated the effort made by M/s land track and M/s Magna Engineering Pvt Ltd for organizing such an informative event. He said the core purpose of this convention is to provide a platform to all stakeholders for their brainstorming and unleashing the potential of PropTech exports from Pakistan.

ABAD's Chairman SR, Mr. Raheel Rinch, informed that the Association is supporting this initiative and is fully engaged with not only the conference organizers but also to provide ABAD members with this conference to better understand emerging technologies for the development of real estate.

Engr. Naeem Khanani, CEO Magna Engineering Pvt Ltd, introduced and explained that PropTech or Property technology is a set of technologies accelerating the processes of renting, buying, selling, and management of buildings.

He highlighted that Pakistan has a great potential of estimated earning \$ 200 million through exports of PropTech-based services like virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), Building Information Modelling (BIM), metaverse and IT-enabled engineering BPO. Engineering graduates, IT professionals and the gaming industry can change the landscape of PropTech exports from Pakistan. "At present there are about 18 to 20 buildings in Pakistan which are LEED Certified and registered with the US Green Building Council."

Noted architect Prof. Dr. Noman Ahmed highlighted the housing sector needs sustainability in Pakistan because of its vast potential. Engr. Fahim Siddiqui, CEO FND, expressed his expert opinion on MEP challenges for smart, safe and sustainable buildings which ultimately equivalent to high performance buildings.

A leading expert in housing Mr. Zaigham Rizvi also discussed the need for affordable housing models in detail.

Delegation of New York Police Department visits ABAD House



Delegation of New York Police Department visit ABAD House. The meeting was presided over by Chairman ABAD Mr. Altaf Tai with others Office-bearers and prominent members of ABAD

A delegation of the New York Police Department on Nov 14, 2022 visited ABAD House to discuss flood relief assistance that the NYPD could render for people displaced by the natural calamity in Pakistan. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai with other office-bearers in attendance.

The visiting delegation comprised Deputy Inspector & President Muslim Officer Society USA Adeel Rana (Highest Ranking Pakistani American in NYPD), Lieutenant Zaigham Abbas, Sergeant Mohammad Qureshi, Police Officer Saghir Ahmad (PA of Adeel Rana), Police Officer Muhammad Malik, Faheem Mian (VOSA TV) USA, Zeshan Altaf Lohya Co-Founder Chairman AMPAK BDF and others were present in the meeting.

Mr. Saghir Ahmad said that he is visiting here because he wants to help in building low-cost housing [for the flood victims]. Chairman ABAD Mr. Altaf Tai welcomed the delegation and said that Karachi is indeed the land of opportunities.

He added that when the wheel of construction industry moves it also runs more than 70 allied industries of building materials and services. He also informed that ABAD has remained at the forefront in helping the country in difficult times.

Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas emphasized the point that phase two of rehabilitation centre establishment is a huge task and providing them proper homes is an important task.

There is already a shortage of 12 million houses and each year it's increasing.

Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa said that if work is done collectively then as Mr. Fayyaz pointed out that low-cost housing could be materialized as well.

Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch said ABAD has already given donations to flood victims and ABAD will further provide support that is needed.

Mr. Altaf Tai said that God has given us all an opportunity to undertake such a noble cause and it will be done with utter dedication.

The meeting then ended with a note of thanks.

United Business Group (UBG)

delegation led by Mr. S.M Tanveer visits ABAD House



A glimpse of a meeting between the UBG delegation and ABAD members at the ABAD House.

A delegation of the United Business Group (UBG) visited the ABAD House on June 2, 2023, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between the two entities and advocating for Mr. Arif Jeewa, the former Chairman of ABAD, who is now a candidate in an upcoming UBG election.

The meeting, presided over by Chairman of ABAD Mr. Altaf Tai. The UBG delegation comprised notable individuals such as Mr. S.M Tanveer, Patron-in-Chief and Chairman of UBG, Mr. Shehzad Ali Malik, President of UBG, Mr. Zubair Tufail, Chairman of UBG (SR), and Mr. Sh. Khalid Tawaab.

Mr. Altaf Tai highlighted the unwavering dedication of Mr. Tanveer's father and expressed his heartfelt condolences. Mr. S.M Tanveer, the Patron-in-chief, stated that the purpose of their visit was to engage in lobbying activities as the elections were approaching.

He emphasized the importance of establishing a strong and enduring relationship with ABAD, acknowledging the association's diligent efforts.

He further mentioned that their group had maintained a longstanding and cordial relationship with ABAD.

Mr. Tai mentioned a fruitful meeting they had with the finance minister, during which they discussed several pressing matters. He emphasized the importance of treating taxpayers with fairness and urged strong action against non-taxpayers.

Additionally, he proposed a 1% relief for taxpayers, as opposed to the current rate of 2%.

Mr. Tanveer raised an important issue regarding the sealing of factories in Punjab, expressing his concerns about the lack of practical differentiation between NTN and non-NTN entities.

He emphasized the need for a clear distinction between the two categories to ensure that those with NTN can access the benefits they deserve, while preventing any unwarranted advantages for non-NTN entities.

Mr. Raheel Rinch urged the attendees to raise the discussed issues in the assembly since Punjab does not have membership with ABAD.

He explained the straightforward process for becoming a member, which involves providing complete files, property documents, and NTN numbers.

Mr. Affan recounted the initial hurdles they faced when working on Gwadar.

However, after 2020, they actively engaged with ABAD and sought the intervention of the Prime Minister.

After the discussion, the meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude.

Sri Lankan Trade

delegation visits ABAD House to discuss

EXPANSION OF BUSINESS IN KARACHI



Sri Lankan delegation led by Consul General, CEO Swissteck Aluminum Ltd. Tharindu Atapattu and others at ABAD House

A delegation from Sri Lanka paid a visit to the ABAD House on October 7, 2022 to discuss the growth and expansion of their country's business with respect to construction sector in the country.

The meeting was chaired by ABAD Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai and attended by Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawer Munir, Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa and Chairman (SR) Mr. Raheel Rinch.

Chairman ABAD, Mr. Altaf Tai in his introductory speech, said that Swissteck Aluminium and Hayleys Aventura Innovative Solutions are world-class companies and have a global reach therefore arrival of such foreign companies is a positive sign for businesses in Pakistan.

Mr. Aslam Pakhali said, "Our primary objective is to enhance trade between Sri Lanka and Pakistan and we are looking for identifying products from Sri Lanka to be imported more." He added that unfortunately Sri Lanka trade with Pakistan is very low.

Consul General, Mr. Jagath Abeywana said that construction material of Sri Lanka has a great potential in Pakistan. Chairman ABAD said, "We are looking for the cheaper rate but better quality."

He added that builders use different categories of material ranging from highest to lowest depending on their construction scheme, so overall we have potential.

Mr. Tharindu Atapattu, CEO of Swissteck Aluminium Limited, said that our Swissteck is a group of companies began in 2008, it provides top-of-the-line aluminum extrusion profiles for commercial, industrial, residential, and architectural requirements.

Country Manager of Hayley's Aventura Innovative Solutions Mr. Chamith Perera said that Hayley's Aventura is involved in business of solar, plantation, textile manufacturing etc.

Mr. Aslam Pakhali said that trade between Pakistan and Sri Lanka should be enhanced and barriers should be removed. Mr. Hassan Bakshi questioned about the interest rate that would be charged to which Consul General, Mr. Jagath Abeywana said that its 6%.

Former Chairman ABAD, Mr. Hassan Bakshi asked from Mr. Parera about the solar solution system. To this, Mr. Parera replied: "Our Company gives complete solution from installation to fitting but we don't build solar panels."

The meeting ended with a note of thanks to all.

Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan visits ABAD House, discusses avenues of cooperation in construction sector



His Excellency Totuiaev Ulanbek Asankulovich Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan visits ABAD House

The Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Totuiaev Ulanbek along with his team paid a visit to ABAD House on Jan 25, 2023 (Wednesday) to meet members of the Association and discuss the matters of mutual interest with particular reference to enhancing trade in the construction sector of the two countries. The hosts were led by Chairman Mr. Altaf Tai, alongside Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Khawer Munir, Vice Chairman Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Raheel Rinch.

Prominent members including former chairmen Mr. Hassan Bakshi, Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas, former vice Chairman Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia, Mr. Ali Taufiq and Engr. Danish bin Rauf and also a part of it. The visiting delegation comprised other officials including Prof. Dr. Bashir Javed Paracha. As the meeting commenced, the Ambassador emphasized that Pakistan highly values its friendly and cordial relations with Kyrgyzstan. He addressed the members of the meeting and said that bilateral cooperation and trade between the two brotherly countries would improve immensely especially in the real estate & construction sector if investors from both countries work in each other's countries.

He added that Kyrgyzstan offers lots of opportunities for developing business and selling construction material and also the locally available construction material is being sold at relatively cheaper rates. Mr. Ulanbek mentioned that Pakistani businessmen are actively investing in Kyrgyzstan. He highlighted that Kyrgyzstan also opened a trade route to Europe without any tariff and free customs zones are available in the country too. He added that Pakistani businessmen could get a huge advantage from it. Additionally, he said, that Pakistan is a short route to central Asia hence investors from Kyrgyzstan would also be interested in working in Pakistan.

In his remarks, Chairman Altaf Tai thanked the dignitary for his arrival and said such visits help businesses grow and improve cultural ties between the countries.

Mr. Tai said that visit of the Kyrgyzstan delegation to ABAD House is a ray of hope and could potentially be a start of a new era for the real estate sector of Pakistan.

Mr. Hassan Bakshi, former chairman ABAD, said that ABAD has more than 1,400 members. He said businessmen associated with ABAD have high net worth and they are into banking, manufacturing and land development businesses as well.

He highlighted that the potential of ABAD is too much. He said in Karachi alone, "we have a shortage of 12 million homes, so much work is still left to be done within our country, so business community from Kyrgyzstan will get huge opportunities here too."

He said it is generally expected that lands are available at lesser prices in Kyrgyzstan. He said that "if your government offers better laws to foreign investors then definitely, the Pakistani business community would work in Kyrgyzstan."

Mr. Raheel Rinch, Chairman SR, concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks to all members of the meeting.

