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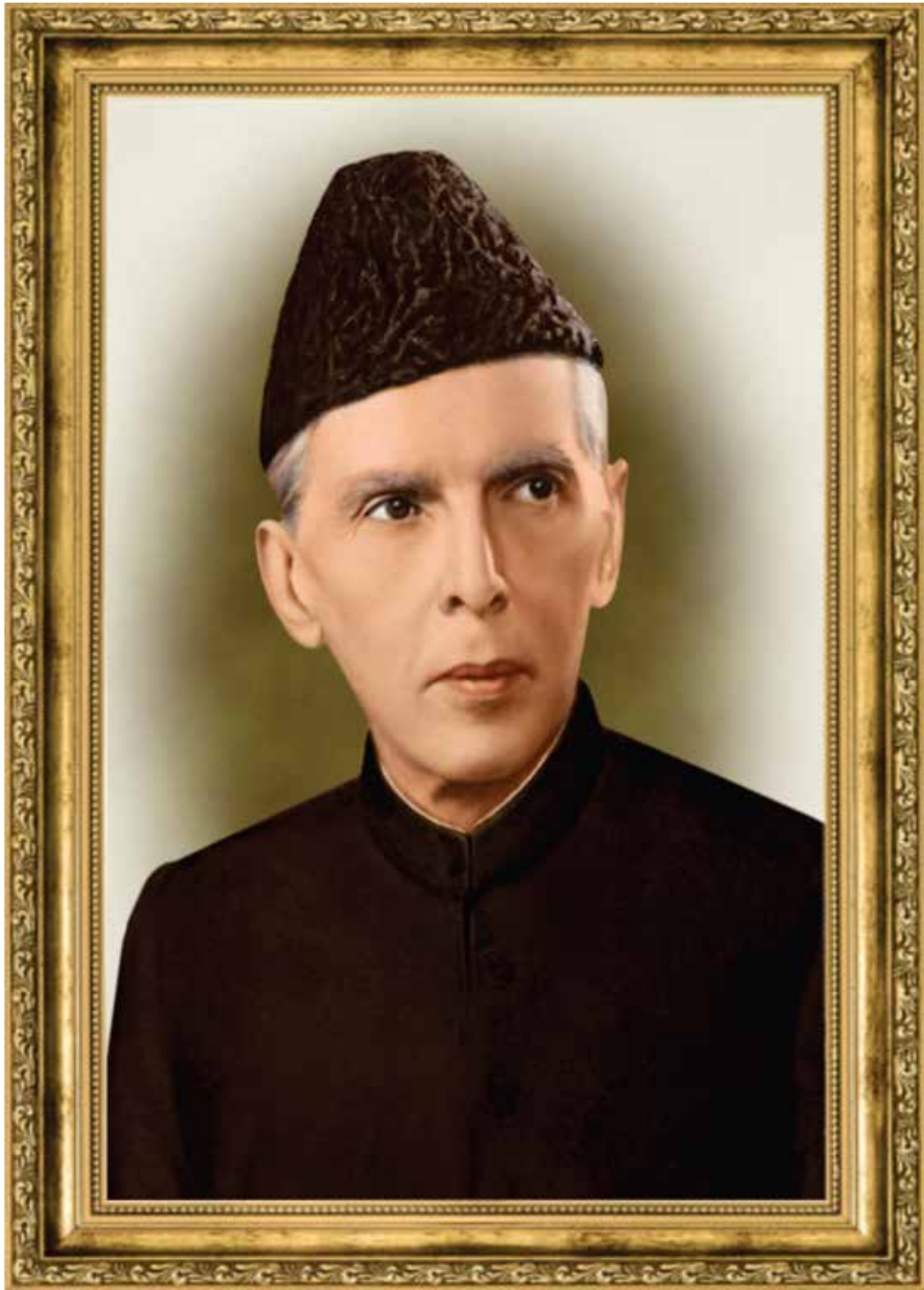
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“We are now all Pakistanis, not Balochis, Pathans, Sindhis, Bengalis, Punjabis and so on”

—— Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah



“We will never allow our freedom to be taken away, we shall fight aggression wherever it may be”

—— Liaquat Ali Khan

Message from the

PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif acknowledged ABAD's pivotal role in transforming the industry and commended its remarkable journey since its founding, during which it has expanded into a body of over 1,400 esteemed construction firms.

In a message previously shared with ABAD, the Prime Minister extended his sincere congratulations to the Association for its tireless efforts in promoting growth, innovation, and professionalism within the sector.

He noted that ABAD has continued to provide valuable guidance to its members, introduce progressive developments, and act as a vital link between the private sector and government institutions.

By addressing the challenges faced by builders and developers, the premier said, ABAD has ensured that constructive dialogue remains central to its engagement with all stakeholders.

The Prime Minister further highlighted ABAD's commendable role in addressing the housing needs of the less privileged segments of society.

He emphasized that the Association's focus on affordable housing aligns closely with the government's commitment to reduce the housing deficit and provide dignified living for citizens with limited financial resources.

According to him, this partnership between government vision and private sector initiative was further reinforced by the unprecedented measures taken in recent years, including the extension of a historic concessional package for the construction sector and its formal recognition as an 'industry' a milestone achievement in Pakistan's economic history.

The premier also acknowledged ABAD's initiatives in promoting ethical business practices through training programs aimed at eliminating malpractices in the sector.

He added that the Association's emphasis on integrating science, modern design, and international standards into construction has helped align Pakistan's industry with global benchmarks, ensuring sustainable growth and competitiveness in a rapidly changing world.

The Prime Minister concluded his message by appreciating ABAD's achievements as a testament to the vision, resilience, and hard work of its leadership and members.

He expressed confidence that ABAD would continue to play a leading role in national progress by strengthening one of the most important sectors of the economy, and wished the Association further growth and success in the years to come.



MESSAGE



Governor of Sindh KAMRAN KHAN TESSORI



I am honored to share my thoughts on the release of the Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) Annual Report for 2024-2025.

It gives me great satisfaction to witness ABAD's unwavering commitment to the advancement of the construction industry.

I applaud the association for encouraging its members to adopt cutting-edge technologies and strive towards aligning the industry with international standards.

I have seen ABAD build and maintain strong relationships with government departments and agencies, which have been crucial in resolving the issues faced by its members.

I would also like to specially congratulate Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, the current Chairman of ABAD, on his appointment to the Prime Minister's Task Force on Housing.

This recognition underscores the vital role ABAD plays in shaping Pakistan's housing policies and development initiatives.

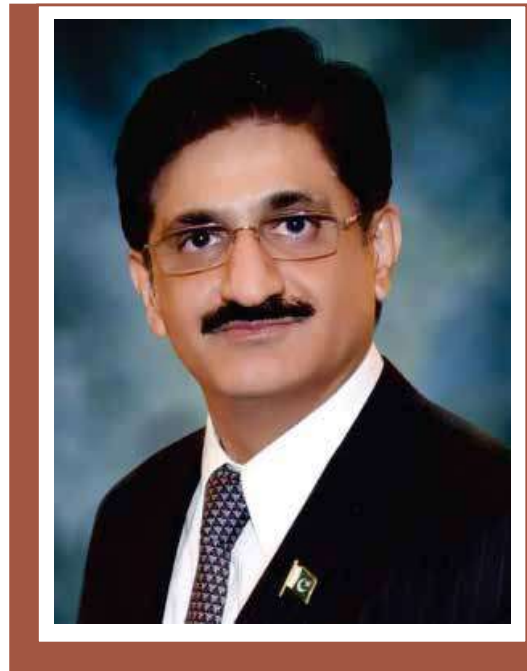
I commend Chairman Bakshi and his dedicated team for their relentless passion and efforts in driving transformative change within the construction sector, which ultimately contributes to the revitalization of Pakistan's economy.



MESSAGE



Chief Minister of Sindh SYED MURAD ALI SHAH



I am pleased to announce that the Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) will be publishing its Annual Report for the 2024-2025 later this year.

Over the years, ABAD has strengthened its partnership with the Sindh government and other key stakeholders, fostering a collaborative environment that addresses industry challenges promptly and effectively.

This ongoing dialogue has been crucial in removing barriers and accelerating growth within the construction sector.

As the leading representative body for builders and developers, ABAD continues to work hand-in-hand with government departments and agencies to resolve member issues swiftly. This robust public-private cooperation is vital to boosting the construction industry's performance and, in turn, supporting Pakistan's broader economic development.

Beyond its industry focus, ABAD remains deeply committed to social responsibility, contributing generously to charitable

causes through credible institutions and striving to provide affordable housing solutions to underserved communities across the country.

With the visionary leadership of its current Chairman, Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, and a dedicated team, ABAD is well-positioned to lead the construction industry towards new heights, aligning local practices with global standards and promoting sustainable growth in the years ahead.



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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 it's affiliated with the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of commerce and Industry (FPCCI).

Today, ABAD has in its fold more than 1,600 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 Executive Committee elected Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman and Managing Committees and also from each of its two regions i.e., Chairman Southern Region and Chairman 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 2024- 25 are Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Chairman; Syed Afzal Hameed, Senior Vice Chairman; Mr. Tariq Aziz Memon, Vice Chairman; Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi, Chairman Southern Region Committee; Mr. Shaikh Muhammad Nabeel, Chairman Northern Region Committee (Lahore) and Mr. Abdullah Jan Memon, Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub-Region Committee.

Association of Builders & Developers of Pakistan

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.

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.



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.

CONVENER Note

“ By fostering trust, strengthening transparency, and embracing innovation, ABAD will continue to play a vital role in shaping the future of housing and construction” ”



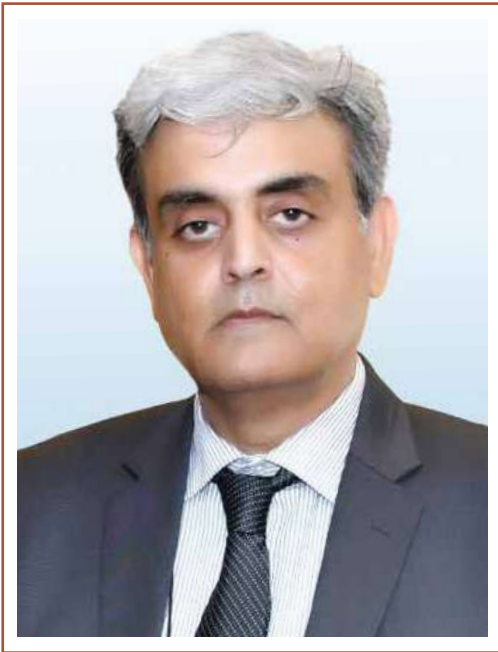
The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), established in 1972, has remained at the forefront of representing the country's construction and housing sector. Over the decades, it has built a legacy of advocacy, innovation and service, working not only to advance the interests of its members but also to contribute to Pakistan's broader economic and social development. ABAD's initiatives reflect a commitment to professionalism, transparency, and accountability - values that ensure both industry stakeholders and the public can place their trust in the association.

A central part of this mission is the dissemination of knowledge and communication of the association's work. Two key pillars in this regard are Shelter magazine and ABAD's Annual Report, both of which have established themselves as benchmarks of information, credibility and outreach. Shelter magazine, published bimonthly, serves as an authoritative voice for the industry. It provides timely updates on ABAD's initiatives, highlights market trends and carries insights that benefit members, policymakers, and allied sectors alike. To ensure its quality and relevance, regular editorial meetings are held with the magazine team, where we plan content, review progress and align its messaging with ABAD's broader objectives.

The magazine is circulated not only among members but also reaches government institutions, embassies, consulates, educational bodies and allied industries, serving as an effective channel to highlight the contributions of ABAD and its members, who remain the backbone of Pakistan's construction sector. Alongside the magazine, ABAD's Annual Report stands as a comprehensive record of the association's yearly performance. It compiles achievements, activities, and policy engagements in a single document, ensuring transparency and accessibility.

Under my supervision, the team works diligently to make this publication both informative and reflective of ABAD's progress. It is designed to serve members as well as stakeholders across government and industry who seek to understand the association's role and impact. Looking ahead, ABAD is committed to building on this tradition of communication and accountability. By expanding the reach of Shelter, strengthening the quality of the Annual Report, and ensuring members remain connected and informed, the association continues to uphold its responsibility not just to the industry, but to the wider national interest.

Managing Editor and Convener,
Shelter and Publications Sub-Committee,
Engr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman Khan



CHAIRMAN Review

“ Together, we will continue to prove that building homes is not just about bricks and mortar; it is about building trust, opportunity and a brighter future for Pakistan. ”

M. HASSAN BAKSHI Chairman ABAD

It is with immense honor and gratitude that I share this message as Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD). This tenure has been more than a position of leadership; it has been a journey of collective commitment, resilience, and purpose.

Together with my colleagues, we sought not only to represent the interests of builders and developers but also to champion a vision where Pakistan's construction sector takes its rightful place as a pillar of national prosperity.

The construction and housing sector is far more than an industry; it is a foundation for economic stability, social progress and opportunity. Each project fuels dozens of allied industries, generates employment for thousands, and contributes to the dream of affordable and safe housing for millions of Pakistanis.

ABAD's role in this ecosystem has never been more vital, and I take pride in the fact that during this period, our association has moved from being a strong representative body to becoming a credible policy partner for the government and an advocate for reform at the national level.

This year, ABAD earned recognition at the highest level of policymaking when the association's chairman was appointed by the Prime Minister to the Task Force for Housing Development.

This trust reaffirmed ABAD's role as a stakeholder whose expertise shapes decisions impacting the entire construction value chain. Our active engagement with federal and provincial leadership also helped address long-standing challenges, from taxation and regulatory hurdles to land encroachments and unauthorized actions that threatened the confidence of our members.

Through dialogue, persistence, and constructive solutions, we made measurable progress in removing these obstacles to some extent. Our association's growing presence in Gwadar has been a source of particular pride.

In a city that carries enormous strategic and economic significance for Pakistan, ABAD's voice is now firmly embedded in discussions around housing, zoning, and urban development.

At the heart of ABAD's mission has been the resolve to push for a fairer, more efficient, and future-ready regulatory environment.

From engaging with FBR and the Federal Tax Ombudsman to seeking systemic reforms in provincial agencies, we worked tirelessly to advocate for policies that reflect market realities and support growth.

The assurance of a one-window approval system for developers is one such step that promises to ease business processes for our members and encourage investment in the sector.

Equally important has been our commitment to modernization. We initiated the digitization of ABAD's own systems and championed the broader cause of digital transformation in land and planning departments.

These efforts are not just about efficiency; they are about creating transparency, curbing corruption, and unlocking new opportunities for innovation across the sector.

ABAD has always believed that its responsibility goes beyond projects and profits.

Our humanitarian contributions, whether supporting relief efforts abroad or partnering with local authorities to uplift underprivileged communities, reflect our belief that building homes must go hand in hand with building lives.

The initiative to regenerate informal settlements through public-private partnership, along with our commitment to supporting deserving students for CSS preparation, illustrates ABAD's determination to align economic growth with social impact.

We also took some other steps to link construction with technology, exploring the idea of an IT Park that will open new avenues for innovation and jobs.

Our engagement with energy providers, including K-Electric, highlighted the importance of reliable infrastructure as the backbone of urban expansion.

And when tragedy struck with the collapse of unsafe housing in Karachi, ABAD raised its voice firmly for safer cities, offering collaboration to rehabilitate high-risk building because sustainability and safety must remain the cornerstone of development.

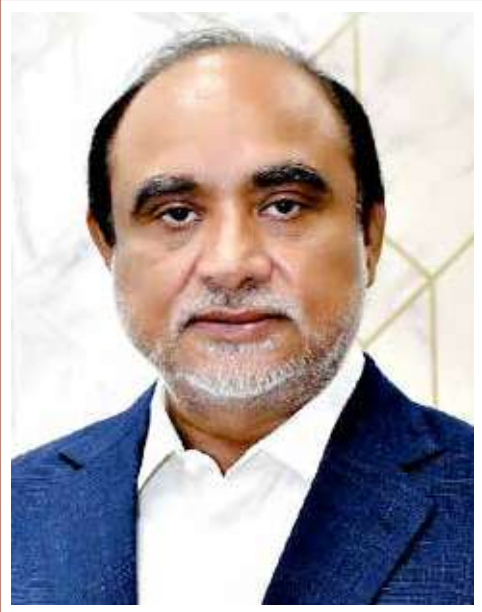
As I reflect on these achievements, I am deeply aware that they are not the result of one individual, but the outcome of a collective spirit of office bearers, members, and partners who shared the same vision for progress.

The past year has laid a strong foundation, but much remains to be done. ABAD must continue to be bold in its vision, innovative in its approach, and uncompromising in its commitment to integrity and service.

I remain confident that the road ahead will see ABAD emerge even stronger as a driver of economic growth, a guardian of industry standards, and a champion for housing that is safe, affordable and sustainable.

Together, we will continue to prove that building homes is not just about bricks and mortar; it is about building trust, opportunity and a brighter future for Pakistan.





REVIEW

SYED AFZAL HAMEED

Senior Vice Chairman ABAD

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Together, we have laid a strong foundation for a more progressive and resilient future for ABAD, for our industry, and for Pakistan.

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It has been an honor to serve as Senior Vice Chairman of ABAD during the 2024-2025 term. This position has been more than an administrative role, it has been a journey of service, shared responsibility and collective progress dedicated to strengthening our industry and the city we proudly call home. Over the past year, ABAD actively engaged in initiatives of national importance. A key focus was the submission of comprehensive budget proposals for FY 2025-26, through which ABAD advocated for a consistent 15-year tax policy to encourage investor confidence and support sustainable growth.

ABAD also hosted numerous high-level meetings and delegations at ABAD House. These included productive engagements with the chief commissioner of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and senior officials from the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) to address taxation and regulatory challenges.

Delegations from DHA Bahawalpur, DHA City, Punjab Central Business District Development Authority (PCBDDA), and an international delegation from Belarus provided opportunities for members and reflected ABAD's growing stature as a hub for both local and global collaboration. The tragic building collapse in Lyari underscored the urgent need for stronger urban safety measures. In response, ABAD called on the Sindh government to take decisive action against illegal construction and offered to build 100,000 new homes to address the province's pressing housing deficit. Parallel to this, the government began introducing measures against land grabbing, such as digitizing land records and enhancing monitoring, initiatives in which ABAD actively contributed expertise and feedback.

Collaboration with law enforcement remained a priority. ABAD engaged closely with the DIG East Karachi and municipal authorities to address public encroachments, waste dumping, and safety hazards. Alongside these efforts, ABAD's constitutional reforms - the most extensive since 1972 - modernized governance structures and strengthened the association's advocacy capacity. As I reflect on this term, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to colleagues, subcommittees, and the wider ABAD family for their tireless commitment. I am particularly thankful to Patron-in-Chief Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan and Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi for their confidence and guidance. Together, we have laid a strong foundation for a more progressive and resilient future for ABAD, for our industry, and for Pakistan.



REVIEW

TARIQ AZIZ MEMON

Vice Chairman ABAD

“ At ABAD, leadership is defined by service, not titles. With this spirit, our path forward shines brighter as we remain a pillar of strength for the industry and for Pakistan. ”

Serving as Vice Chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) during the 2024-2025 term has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career. This role was not only a responsibility but also a journey of collaboration, trust, and shared vision with colleagues committed to advancing our industry.

The year was marked by economic challenges and regulatory pressures, yet we worked collectively to navigate them. As part of these efforts, ABAD submitted comprehensive budget proposals for FY 2025-26 to the government, focusing on a stable 15-year tax framework, fair capital gains adjustments, and relief from excessive burdens on property buyers.

These recommendations reflected more than numbers, they embodied the collective aspirations of our members for a predictable and progressive business environment. Equally significant was ABAD's advocacy for the revival of the housing sector, including proposals for affordable, long-term mortgage solutions and a tax-free regime for first-time homeowners. If implemented, such measures could transform the lives of countless families while unlocking more than \$100 billion in potential investment for Pakistan's economy.

Another milestone of this term was the historic constitutional reform of ABAD, the most important since the association's founding in 1972. This reform modernized our governance framework and strengthened our ability to represent members with credibility and transparency. I also take pride in our constructive engagement with the Sindh Anti-Corruption Establishment, which resulted in assurances that builders would be protected from unnecessary disruption and harassment.

These accomplishments were only possible through the dedication of my fellow office bearers, the guidance of senior leadership, and the hard work of our subcommittees. In particular, the New Membership Sub-Committee and the Complaints Sub-Committee deserve recognition for their valuable contributions in strengthening ABAD's foundation. As I reflect on this term, I remain humbled by the trust our members placed in me. Leadership in ABAD is not defined by titles but by service. With this spirit, I am confident that the journey ahead will be even brighter as ABAD continues to stand as a pillar of strength for the industry and for Pakistan.



REVIEW

AHMED OWAIS THANVI

Chairman Southern Region

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ABAD Southern Region stands firm in its commitment to growth and trust. The future holds great promise for our industry.

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As Chairman of the Southern Region of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), it is an honor to reflect on a tenure marked by focused advocacy, collaboration and steady progress for our members and the wider construction industry. With the support of fellow office-bearers and members, we worked with clarity and purpose to address key challenges and advance initiatives that create value for both our stakeholders and society.

During this term, ABAD engaged actively with the Provincial Home Minister, securing commitments to curb the influence of land mafias, improve security for developers, and appoint focal officers to address land-grabbing and law-and-order concerns on priority. These steps have provided much-needed relief to members and strengthened confidence in government industry coordination. In parallel, our dialogue with the Federal Board of Revenue created an opportunity to highlight taxation and regulatory issues affecting the sector. This constructive engagement has set the stage for potential reforms and a more enabling policy framework. At the local level, I presided over meetings with authorities to resolve operational challenges such as illegal dumping, unregulated road-cutting, and related disruptions.

Alongside this, I had the privilege of leading ABAD's Skills Development Committee, where we launched vocational training programs to equip workers for a dynamic and competitive construction sector. At the same time, we advanced ABAD's digital transformation through the scanning and digitization of key records, a complete website upgrade, and the launch of a new member portal. These efforts are a strategic investment in both human capital and digital infrastructure, driving long-term efficiency and sustainable growth for the industry.

Representing ABAD at the “Explore and Uplift Gwadar” conference was another important moment, as it allowed us to emphasize Gwadar's development potential and reaffirm ABAD's role in supporting national progress. We also recognized excellence within the sector by honoring outstanding developers, further encouraging innovation and high standards across the industry. Looking ahead, I am confident that ABAD's Southern Region will continue to build on this foundation. Our commitment to safeguarding industry interests, strengthening trust among stakeholders, and contributing to Pakistan's economic development remains firm. The path forward holds even greater promise for ABAD and for the construction sector we represent.



REVIEW

SHAIKH M. NABEEL

Chairman Northern Region

“ Together, we can ensure that the Northern Region continues to play a leading role in shaping the future of Pakistan’s real estate and construction industries. ”

It is an honor to present this review as Chairman of the Northern Region of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD).

Over the past year, we have worked to address the challenges facing our sector and to advocate for policies that can unlock the true potential of Pakistan's construction and real estate industry.

A key focus of our efforts has been to emphasize the critical importance of the real estate sector at a time when Pakistan faces an estimated housing shortfall of 12 million homes.

At the same time, high property purchase taxes - uncommon in many countries - have contributed to capital outflows and slowed growth within the sector.

To address these issues, we have consistently called for the removal of property purchase taxes and the abolition of the 15% Federal Excise Duty. These reforms are vital to restoring confidence in the market and keeping homeownership within reach for ordinary citizens.

We have also proposed measures to ease the impact of fluctuating interest rates and expand access to affordable home financing.

Our priority remains to create a stable, investor-friendly environment that attracts both domestic and foreign investment in real estate. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Chairman of ABAD, our respected members, and the dedicated staff whose support has been central to these efforts.

Together, we can ensure that the Northern Region continues to play a leading role in shaping the future of Pakistan's real estate and construction industries, contributing to sustainable growth and prosperity nationwide.



REVIEW

ABDULLAH JAN MEMON

Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub-Region

“ **ABAD is committed to driving progress by championing better access to utilities, streamlined support for developers, and policy reforms that eliminate barriers to growth.** ”

Hyderabad, Sindh's second-largest city, has long been a destination for people migrating from across Interior Sindh. Its strong education system, renowned public universities and expanding job market continue to drive this trend, creating sustained demand for housing.

Unfortunately, public sector initiatives have not kept pace. The Hyderabad Development Authority (HDA) has yet to launch any major new projects, leaving a gap in housing and infrastructure development.

The private sector, however, has responded proactively. Builders and developers - particularly along the Hyderabad Bypass - have transformed the area into a vibrant corridor of urban growth. Still, challenges remain. High-rise construction, essential to optimizing land use in key areas, continues to face delays due to regulatory hurdles and a lack of commercial plots.

These obstacles have slowed progress despite clear demand. ABAD has been working closely with regulatory authorities to update policies, streamline approvals, and promote safe, efficient construction practices that protect both investors and the public.

Aligned with the vision of Patron-in-Chief Mohsin Shaikhani and Chairman Hassan Bakshi, ABAD is also pursuing joint initiatives with government bodies to advance affordable housing projects. These efforts aim to provide low-cost yet sustainable housing solutions for Hyderabad's growing population, addressing both quality and accessibility.

While the pace of public sector development has been limited, the private sector continues to play a pivotal role in shaping Hyderabad's urban future. ABAD remains committed to supporting this momentum by advocating for improved access to utilities, greater facilitation for developers, and policy reforms to remove barriers to growth.

As my tenure concludes, I remain confident that sustained private sector engagement, combined with constructive collaboration with government authorities, will help transform Hyderabad into a modern, dynamic city with expanded housing options and stronger infrastructure.

AGM Annual General Meeting



Outgoing and incoming ABAD office-bearers photographed during the Annual General Meeting, held on September 28, 2024, at ABAD House.

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) remains a driving force behind the growth of the country's construction sector. This year, continuing its tradition of democratic practices, ABAD successfully held its annual elections, with newly elected office bearers taking charge through a fair and transparent process.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2024 was held on September 28, with a large turnout of ABAD members attending to witness the transparent electoral process and the smooth transition of leadership to the newly elected team.

For the 2024-26 term, Muhammad Mr. Hassan Bakhshi was unanimously elected as Chairman, with Syed Afzal Hamid taking the position of Senior Vice Chairman, and Mr. Tariq Aziz as Vice Chairman. Two days later, Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi was named Chairman of the Regional Committee.

The AGM was held at ABAD House, where members unanimously endorsed the new leadership for the 2024-26 term. During the event, ABAD's Patron-in-Chief, Mr. Mohsin Sheikhan, addressed attendees via video link from London.

He praised the outgoing office bearers for their efforts in resolving members' issues, promoting the construction sector, and contributing to

the national economy during challenging times.

Chairman's recommendations are now given significant weight at the government level in matters related to the construction sector and the national economy.

Mr. Sheikhan expressed hope that ABAD members would continue to work together for the country's development.

The newly elected Chairman, Muhammad Hassan Bakhshi, thanked all the members for their trust and vowed to meet the expectations of builders, developers, and members of ABAD by utilizing all his abilities for their welfare and the growth of the construction industry.



He emphasized that ABAD's strength lies in the unity of its members and expressed hope that the solidarity shown during the elections would be maintained.

Mr. Bakshi also hailed outgoing Chairman Mr. Asif Sumsum and his team for their services to the members and the construction industry, expressing confidence that they would continue to contribute to the sector's growth in the future.

In his remarks, outgoing Chairman Mr. Asif Sumsum congratulated the newly elected office bearers and praised Patron-in-Chief Mohsin Sheikhan for his invaluable contributions to ABAD, acknowledging his leadership in solving even the most difficult problems.

He noted that the past year had been extremely challenging economically, with ABAD facing significant obstacles.

However, he expressed gratitude to Mr. Sheikhan and Mr. Arif Jeewa for their unwavering guidance, which led to many successes. Mr. Sumsum expressed confidence that the newly elected team would achieve even greater accomplishments.

The outgoing chairman also highlighted ABAD's 50-year contribution to the country's development, particularly by providing housing for millions of people.





Earlier, elections were held for the Central Executive Committee, where Abdul Karim Aadhya, Ahmed Owais Thanvi, Ashfaq M. Younus, Faisal Arif, Kaleem uz Zaman Khan, Anwar Daud O.K.

He mentioned that the implementation of Section 7-E of the Income Tax Ordinance and the Federal Excise Duty had severely harmed the construction industry, and that ABAD had raised its voice against these measures on every platform.

Outgoing Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Ibrahim Habib also congratulated the newly elected office bearers and pledged full support in their efforts to promote the welfare of ABAD members, the construction industry, and the national economy.

Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa, Muhammad Hanif Memon, Muhammad Ijaz, Muhammad Hassan Bakhshi, Muhammad Sohail Niaziwala, Syed Afzal Hamid, Sufiyan Aadhya, Tariq Aziz, Usman Javed Khanani, Zeeshanullah Khan Asif, and Muhammad Patel were elected unopposed.



ABAD in 2024-25

— Building Pakistan's future, beyond bricks & mortar —



Pakistan's construction and housing sector is more than just bricks and mortar - it is the backbone of the national economy. And at the heart of this vital engine lies the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD).

If fully empowered, ABAD has the potential to become one of the most significant drivers of Pakistan's GDP, fueling growth not only in real estate but across more than 70 allied industries - from cement and steel to banking and technology. Already a major force in Pakistan's construction landscape, ABAD has expanded its reach even further in 2024-25. No longer just a powerful representative body, it has become a catalyst for economic transformation, driving policy shifts, shaping urban development, and championing reforms that could redefine the way Pakistan builds its future.

With the construction industry contributing significantly to job creation and investment, ABAD's vision extends far beyond the immediate needs of developers. It is about ensuring affordable housing for millions, boosting foreign investment through ease-of-business reforms, and aligning Pakistan's urban expansion with global sustainability goals.

Strategic partnerships with government

ABAD's year was defined by unprecedented collaboration with key government stakeholders to resolve long-standing bottlenecks in housing and infrastructure. A milestone moment came when Prime Minister of Pakistan appointed Chairman Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi to the newly formed Task Force for Housing Development, a recognition of ABAD's expertise and credibility in driving policy-level solutions.



Simultaneously, ABAD intensified its fight against land encroachments and unauthorized land grabbing by engaging directly with the Sindh Home Minister and the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Sindh. These efforts produced tangible results, including the withdrawal of unjust notices against developers and the implementation of new guidelines and staff training to ensure fair practices.

These successes underscored ABAD's evolution from a sectoral advocate to a policy influencer, ensuring that the voices of legitimate builders and developers are heard at the highest levels of government.





ABAD's strong footprint in Gwadar

ABAD's Gwadar Chapter has established itself as an influential voice in one of Pakistan's most strategically vital port cities. Its active presence and growing network of partnerships have strengthened its standing among policymakers and stakeholders shaping Gwadar's future. Through regular engagement with government circles on zoning, housing, and urban development priorities, ABAD has reinforced investor confidence and positioned itself as a key contributor to shaping policy discourse in the city.

Its invitation to the inauguration of Gwadar International Airport was a notable acknowledgment of ABAD's relevance and credibility in the region, signaling that its advocacy and connections are helping keep Gwadar central to Pakistan's economic and developmental vision.

Shaping policy and reforms

Throughout the year, ABAD worked tirelessly to shape a policy environment conducive to sustainable growth. Its comprehensive review of the FBR's revised property valuation tables and dialogue with the Federal Tax Ombudsman pushed for tax policies that reflect market realities.



Equally, its engagement with the Sindh Local Government Department brought long-overdue attention to systemic inefficiencies in agencies such as HDA, WASA, and SBICA, resulting in assurances for the creation of a one-window approval system for developers. These actions reinforced ABAD's role as a critical stakeholder in reforming the regulatory landscape.

Driving digital transformation

Recognizing that modernization is key to long-term success, ABAD embraced technology like never before in 2025. Partnering with Midlink360 Pvt. Ltd., the association began digitizing its internal records and launched a cloud-based service portal for members, drastically improving transparency and efficiency. Chairman Mr. Bakshi also advocated for the digitization of land records and urban planning departments in meetings with Sindh's Planning Minister - a forward-looking initiative expected to reduce corruption, improve service delivery and create jobs across the construction value chain.

Driving progress through vision and policy

ABAD's vision for progress extended far beyond construction sites. In a display of humanitarian solidarity, it donated to the MTJ Foundation for relief efforts in Gaza, a gesture personally acknowledged by Maulana Yousuf Jameel.



Locally, ABAD took bold steps toward social transformation by signing an MoU with Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) to regenerate Katchi Abadis through a public-private partnership. The project aims to provide free housing and education to marginalized communities - a first-of-its-kind initiative for the association.

Moreover, ABAD began sponsoring five deserving students annually for CSS exam preparation, contributing to the creation of Pakistan's future policymakers and civil servants.

Powering growth and innovation

2025 also saw ABAD tackling energy constraints head-on. A high-level meeting with K-Electric's CEO paved the way for infrastructure upgrades, including new PMTs and substations to ensure uninterrupted power supply to member projects.

In a forward-thinking move, ABAD expressed interest in acquiring the Nasla Tower plot to develop "ABAD NASLA I.T. PARK," envisioning a technology hub that integrates construction with innovation.



Institutional strengthening and sectoral representation

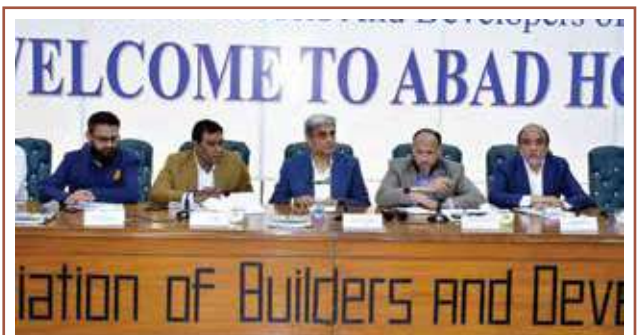
ABAD's credibility as an institutional partner grew stronger with its inclusion in the Sindh Chief Minister's Business Facilitation Committee and representation on the Standing Committee on Finance.

These platforms enabled ABAD to advocate for fair taxation and pro-business reforms. The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on June 28, 2025, approved crucial amendments to ABAD's Memorandum and Articles of Association, aligning the organization with updated DGTO regulations and reinforcing its commitment to transparency and good governance.

A call for safer cities

The collapse of a residential building in Karachi's Lyari area, which claimed 27 lives, was a somber reminder of the urgent need for safe housing. ABAD not only voiced strong concerns over neglected structures but also offered to collaborate with authorities to renovate high-risk buildings.

This initiative reflects ABAD's broader vision for urban resilience, ensuring safety as a cornerstone of development.





Looking ahead

The achievements of 2024-25 are not an endpoint but a foundation. ABAD has demonstrated that when builders, policymakers, and communities come together, transformative change is possible.

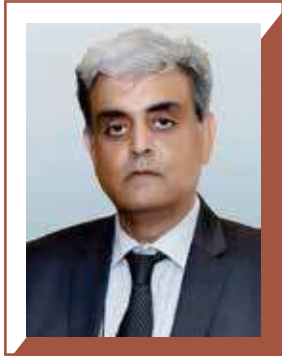
As Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi aptly summarized, ABAD's journey is about “building trust as much as building homes.”

With strategic alliances, innovative projects and a renewed social mission, ABAD stands poised to shape a future where Pakistan's construction industry is not just an engine of growth, but a force for national progress.



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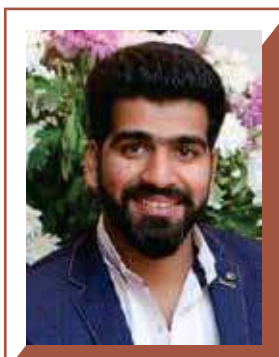
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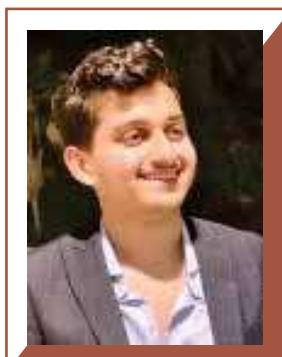
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FOR THE TERM 2024 - 2025

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Co-Convener Mr. Zuhair Aslam

Research & Special Initiative Development Cell

Convener Mr. Obaid Saleem Patel
Co-Convener Major Haroon Rasheed
Co-Convener Mr. Zuhair Naqvi

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Convener Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo
Co-Convener Mr. Ata Ul Khabeer

ABAD Guarantee for SBICA Sub-Committee

Convener Mr. M. Anwar Gagai
Co-Convener Syed Shahid Khairi, Mr. Haroon Karim
Mr. Anwer Dawood OK, Mr. Rameez Qasim Ghaziani

ABAD International Expo Sub-Committee

Convener Abdul Karim Adhia
Co-Convener Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani
Co-Convener Mr. Muhammad Ali Taufique

Abandoned Projects

Convener Syed Ashraf Hameed
Co-Convener Mr. Mohsin Naqvi
Co-Convener Mr. Zeeshan Siddique

Allied Industries Sub-Committee

Convener Mr. Ahmed Mustafa Thanvi
Co-Convener Mr. Uzair Shahid
Co-Convener Mr. Adnan

Anti Encroachment Cell / Law & Order Sub-Committee

Convener Mr. Asif Younus Sumsum
Co-Convener Syed Moiz Zaidi (DIG South), Mr. Ashfaq Shaikhani (DIG East),
Engr. Danish Bin Rauf (DIG Central / West)

Complaint Sub-Committee

Convener Mr. Anwar Gagai
Co-Convener Mr. Muhammad Ayoob
Co-Convener Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Jeewa

Federal & Provincial Budget SRBFBR & Provincial Taxes

Convener Mr. Muhammad Ejaz
Co-Convener Mr. Muhammad Altaf tai
Co-Convener Mr. Sohail Naviwala

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Convener Mr. Muhammad Arif Yousuf Jeewa
Co-Convener Mr. Mahmood Tabba
Co-Convener Dr. Muhammad Hani

Cantonment Boards Sub-Committee / Updating By-Laws

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| Co-Convener | Mr. Suffiyan Adhia |
| Co-Convener | Mr. Hanif Memon |

CPEC (China Pakistan Economic Corridor) - Planning & Development Committee

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| Co-Convener | Mr. Mahmood Yakoob |
| Co-Convener | Dr. Muhammad Hani |

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| Co-Convener | Engr. Farooq-uz-Zaman Khan |
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HBFCL, Housing Finance from DFI's Commercial Banks Sub-Committee

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| Co-Convener | Mr. M. Nasir Lakhani |
| Co-Convener | Mr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman Khan |

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| Co-Convener | Mr. Junaid Shaikhani |

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| Co-Convener | Mr. Ilyas Pariyani |

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| Co-Convener | Mr. Muhammad Patel |

Malir Development Authority (MDA) Sub-Committee

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| Co-Convener | Mr. Adnan Memon |

New Membership & Renewal Sub-Committee

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| Convener | Mr. Muhammad Ayoob |
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| Co-Convener | Mr. Khawar Munir |

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Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) Sub-Committee

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| Convener | Mr. Suffiyan Adhia |
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Seninar & Workshop Sub-Committee

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| Convener | Mr. Mahmood Tabba |
| Co-Convener | Mr. Hamza Abdullah |

Sports, Culture & Entertainment Sub-Committee

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| Convener | Mr. Afaq Shaikhani |
| Co-Convener | Mr. Ahmed Yousuf Bombia |
| Co-Convener | Mr. Rameez Qasim Ghaziani |

Social Media Sub-Committee

All Office Bearers

Media Cell Sub-Committee

All Office Bearers

Gwadar Chapter Sub-Committee

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| Convener | Mr. Affan Qureshi |
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| Co-Convener | Mr. Shammaz Usman Bukhari |

Welfare & Social Activities

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| Convener | Mr. Afzal Chamdia |
| Co-Convener | Mr. M. Tahir Memon |

Diplomatic Affairs Sub-Committee

All Office Bearers

FPCCI / Liaison Committee

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SSGC Sub-Committee

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| Convener | Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani |
| Co-Convener | Mr. Faisal Arif |
| Co-Convener | Mr. Mansoor Aziz |

DC Liaison Committee

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| DC South | Mr. Anwar Dawood OK |
| DC South | Mr. Suffiyan Adhia |
| DC West | Mr. Amir Thara |
| DC Kemari | Syed Moiz Ahmed Zaidi |
| DC Malir | Mr. Zeeshan Ullah Khan |
| DC Central | Engr. Danish Bin Rauf |
| DC Korangi | Mr. Khizar Tahneel |

Vocational Training Program / Skills Development Sub-Committee

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| Co-Convener | Mr. Mahmood Tabba |

Co-Operative Housing Society Sub-Committee

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| | Mr. Zeeshan Siddiqui |

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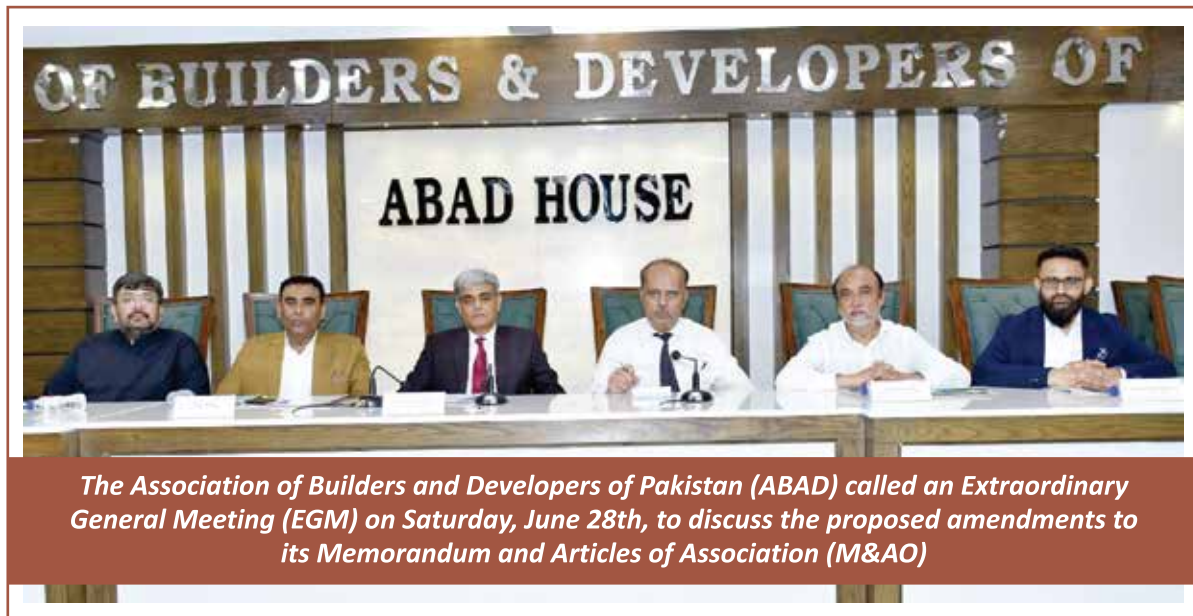
All Office Bearers

Engineering Management & Construction Committee (EMCC)

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| Convener | Mr. Sajid Ali Abbasi |
| Co-Convener | Engr. Danish Bin Rauf |

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held at ABAD House

The meeting focused on approving key amendments to ABAD's Memorandum and Articles of Association in line with updated DGTO regulations – a step aimed at aligning the Association's structure with current legal requirements.



The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) called an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Saturday, June 28, to discuss the proposed amendments to its Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&AO) in line with the requirements of the Directorate General of Trade Organizations (DGTO), and to formally seek approval from its members.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi and attended by Senior Vice Chairman Syed Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz Memon, Chairman Southern Region (SR) Mr. Owais Thanvi, Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub-region Abdullah Jan Memon and other members of the Association.

Several senior members were also present, including former chairmen Mr. Anwar Gagai, S. Mr. Junaid Ashraf Talo, S. Shahid Khairi, Engr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman Khan, Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, among many others.

The meeting began with a welcome note delivered by senior member Mr. Mahmood Tabba.

Formally opening the proceedings, Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi welcomed all attendees and explained the objective of the meeting. He noted that ABAD was founded in 1972, and its current Articles of Association were drafted by its founding members.

These articles have now remained unchanged for 53 years, during which the country's legal landscape has evolved considerably, yet ABAD's framework has not been updated.



He explained that ABAD's regulatory authority, the Directorate General of Trade Organizations (DGTO), had issued a notification to all associations and federations across Pakistan -- many of which were registered in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s -- mandating them to revise and align their articles in accordance with updated DGTO laws.

"The DGTO has formally inserted this requirement into its legal framework, and we also have to comply with it," Mr. Bakshi said. He added that the meeting has been called to formally seek approval for the necessary amendments to ABAD's governing documents in line with the government and DGTO's requirements.

He also emphasized the importance of achieving the necessary quorum, pointing out that ABAD is a nationally regulated body, and that new chapters would soon be launched in Islamabad and Gwadar. Mr. Bakshi expressed hope that the House would approve the amendments by majority vote, so that no one could later challenge or raise objections to the changes. He cautioned that failure to make these changes could result complications in future. "For ABAD, DGTO plays a role similar to that of SBCA for many of us," Mr. Bakshi added.

He reiterated his hope that the House would endorse the amendments to ensure smooth and lawful operations of ABAD going forward. Taking the podium next, senior ABAD member Mr. Noman Tabani read out the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association.

Responding to a question by Mr. Junaid Talo, Mr. Tabani clarified that under the proposed changes, regional committees would no longer be elected. Instead, the Executive Committee would have the authority to form sub-committees, which would then elect their Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman and Vice Chairman.

He further clarified that family memberships would now be considered for inclusion. "Previously, our memberships were of the proprietorship category. When a member passed away, their membership ended. Now, we've inserted a clause that allows a family member to inherit the same membership -- provided they meet the transfer criteria. This change has been made to ensure continuity and succession of membership," Mr. Tabani explained. He added that new partnerships in membership could also be obtained upon formal request.

Responding to another question, Mr. Tabani confirmed that the DGTO's updated laws stipulate that the Executive Committee will elect only three officials: the Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman, and Vice Chairman. No other posts will be subject to election. "Yes, that is exactly the change," he affirmed in response to a query.

In response to another question, Mr. Hassan Bakshi said that an office bearer may resign before completing the two-year term, and the Executive Committee has the authority to elect a successor. He clarified that resignation is not restricted under DGTO laws.

Following a round of questions and response from the office-bearers, the House unanimously approved the proposed amendments and appreciated ABAD's efforts to keep members informed and committed to the growth of the Association and the construction industry.

Closing the meeting, Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed delivered a vote of thanks.

He stressed the importance of strengthening ABAD, noting that it is through this platform that builders and developers can effectively raise their legitimate demands and have them addressed by the government.

"If we want this industry to thrive, we must preserve and expand our strength -- because this is the platform that empowers us," Mr. Hameed concluded, extending his gratitude to all members who attended the meeting.



CHAIRMAN ABAD

MR. M. HASSAN BAKSHI

NOMINATED AS AN HONORARY COORDINATOR (BUSINESS LIAISON) TO FEDERAL TAX OMBUDSMAN KARACHI

Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi has been nominated as the Honorary Coordinator (Business Liaison) to the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO), Karachi region for an year.

The areas of responsibility for the Honorary Coordinator (Business Liaison) will include: -

1. Liaison with local Chambers of Commerce & Industry, concerned trade associations, market association, general trade bodies and other business related organizations;

2. Liaison with the relevant business taxpayers individually or collectively;

3. Presenting taxpayers problems, issues, conflicts and concerns to the respective advisors in FTO office and act proactively for immediate redressal of the same;

4. Search for methods to improve efficiency and integrity of the tax machinery,

5. Develop and foster relationship of FTO office with the relevant business community, stakeholders and such other entities;

6. Serve as bridge between private sector and FTO offices

7. Seek recommendations, views and comments from the related business circles regarding any changes, improvements or updation of the existing tax laws, procedures and policies;

8. Act as positive representative of the taxpayers;

9. Any other work as may be assigned by the Honourable Federal Tax Ombudsman from time to time.

As Honorary Coordinator, Mr. Bakshi will play a pivotal role in facilitating communication between the FTO and the public, ensuring that taxpayers' grievances are addressed efficiently.





Association of Builders And
developers of Pakistan

MR. M. HASSAN BAKSHI

CHAIRMAN ABAD



FEDERAL TAX OMBUDSMAN SECRETARIAT

FTO-AR-04/2021 Dated: 02-01-2025

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Mr. Mohammad Hassan Bakshi, on recommendation of Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), is hereby nominated as the Honorary Coordinator (Business Liaison) to FTO, Karachi region for one year.

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THIS ISSUES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE HON'BLE FEDERAL TAX OMBUDSMAN.

Mr. Chairman
Mr. St. Vice Chairman
Mr. Vice Chairman
Mr. Chairman (S.O.)

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ABAD Chairman **MR. HASSAN BAKSHI**

Appointed as Member of
PM Task Force on
Housing Sector



Honourable Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has established an 11-member task force to drive growth in the housing sector, including ABAD Chairman Hassan Bakshi as a key member.

The task force will be led by Federal Minister for Housing Riyaz Hussain Pirzada and comprises prominent officials such as the Finance Minister, Minister of State for Revenue, DG Welfare and Rehabilitation Pakistan Army Major General Dilawar Khan, FBR Chairman, and Federal Government Employees Housing Authority DG.

The task force will develop a comprehensive framework for the sector's growth, propose updates to urban planning policies, and assess the impact of the current revenue regime.

It will also recommend tax reductions on imported goods and products and explore potential incentives.

The group is tasked with submitting its final recommendations to the Prime Minister within a month.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ISLAMABAD

Subject: **TASKFORCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SECTOR**

The Prime Minister has been pleased to constitute the following Task Force, on the subject, with an immediate effect:

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| 1. | Minister for Housing & Works | Chairman |
| 2. | Minister for Finance | Member |
| 3. | Minister of State for Revenue | Member |
| 4. | Maj Gen Dilawar Khan (DG Welfare & Rehabilitation, Pakistan Army) | Member |
| 5. | Chairman, FBR | Member |
| 6. | DG, FGEHA | Member |
| 7. | Sardar Tahir Mehmood, (President Federation of Realtors Pakistan) | Member |
| 8. | Mr. Usman Anwar, MD Urban Developers | Member |
| 9. | M. Hasan Bakshi, Chairman ABAD | Member |
| 10. | Mr. S.M. Nabeel, Chairman (North), ABAD | Member |
| 11. | Hafiz Mian M. Nauman, ex-MPA Punjab | Member |
2. The Taskforce may co-opt any person as per requirements.
3. The ToRs of the Taskforce shall be as under:
- To recommend a growth & development framework for housing sector, including access to finance, for bridging the gap between demand and supply.
 - To propose required changes in urban planning policies and practices to facilitate vertical housing development/growth in federal domain.
 - To review the impact of current taxation regime for the sector and propose an equitable and enabling taxation regime for the housing/construction sector to spur growth
 - Reduction of input costs by rationalizing taxes on construction inputs
 - To recommend short term, medium term and long term measures in support of the proposed framework.
 - Possibility of incentives for the sector while remaining within overall macroeconomic and fiscal framework.
 - Any other issue ancillary to the above.
4. The Taskforce shall submit report to the Prime Minister **in one month**.
5. Ministry of Housing & Works shall notify the Taskforce and provide secretarial support.

ABAD pays glowing tribute to Pakistan's Armed Forces



In a defining moment of national pride, Pakistan's armed forces delivered a powerful response to India's unprovoked aerial and border offensive, which lasted three days starting May 7. With unity, precision, and unwavering resolve, the Army, Air Force, and Navy repelled the attack, sending a clear message: Pakistan will never yield to aggression.

The armed forces not only secured a tactical victory but also dealt a significant economic blow to the enemy, reflected in the sharp decline of India's stock market.

ABAD office-bearers express heartfelt gratitude to the armed forces for their decisive defense of the nation's sovereignty. The Association stands firmly with the military, affirming that supporting national defense is both a duty and an honor.

ABAD also extends deep solidarity to the families of martyrs -- military and civilian -- whose sacrifices will be forever remembered in the nation's history.



Army Chief praises **BUSINESS COMMUNITY'S** Role in economic progress



Leading business figures including ABAD members meet Chief of Army Staff Gen Asim Munir in Karachi.

Chief of Army Staff Gen Asim Munir met with key business community leaders to discuss Pakistan's economic landscape and the vital role local entrepreneurs play in driving the country's financial growth. The meeting brought together prominent figures, including Mr. Aqeel Karim Dhedhi, Arif Habib, and members of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), to explore avenues for economic development and investment.

Discussions centered around how Pakistan's untapped economic potential can be harnessed to attract further investment and promote sustainable growth. The army chief highlighted the importance of collaboration between the government, military, and private sector in fostering a conducive environment for business.

Gen Munir emphasized that economic prosperity is crucial for the country's stability and security, and the business community's efforts are essential in achieving these goals. He also praised the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC), an initiative designed to streamline investment processes and facilitate economic progress, noting its significant impact on various sectors.

Gen Munir reiterated the commitment to economic stability, outlining various measures being undertaken in partnership with the government to address challenges, such as energy shortages, inflation, and security

concerns, all of which have been hindering economic growth. He assured the business leaders that the government and the military are actively working together to implement reforms aimed at improving infrastructure, enhancing trade, and fostering an investor-friendly environment.

The business leaders, in turn, commended the army chief for his pragmatic approach to economic matters.

They expressed appreciation for the role of the military in safeguarding the country's economic interests and lauded the progress being made through initiatives like the SIFC, which they believe will further encourage foreign and domestic investments.



ABAD delegation meets SIFC Co-ordinator Lt Gen Sarfaraz Ahmed at the Prime Minister Office

ABAD delegation meets SIFC Chief to discuss land grabbing & Gwadar development issues

A high-level delegation of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), led by Chairman Hasan Bakshi, met with Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) Coordinator Lt Gen Sarfaraz Ahmed at the Prime Minister's Office in Islamabad on March 11, 2025, to discuss challenges facing the construction industry. The delegation included Senior Vice Chairman S. Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, Vice Chairman Hyderabad Abdullah Jan, Convener of the Cantonment Board Sub-Committee Younus Lakhani, and Convener of the Gwadar Chapter Affan Qureshi.

The delegation raised serious concerns over land grabbing, excessive taxation, and barriers to investment, particularly in Sindh and Gwadar. Chairman Bakshi strongly condemned the growing problem of illegal land occupation and encroachments, stressing that such activities discourage investors, delay projects, and undermine confidence in the real estate sector. He warned that builders are suffering financial losses and legal complications due to ineffective land protection policies, calling for urgent government action. Responding to these concerns, the SIFC assured immediate steps to address land mafia activities and emphasized that policy reforms are being finalized to ensure swift action against illegal encroachments and better protection for lawful property owners.

The council also revealed that the Prime Minister will soon announce a comprehensive Construction Industry Package aimed at supporting builders and developers. The discussion also focused on Gwadar's potential as a major economic hub. The ABAD delegation underscored the need for rapid industrialization in the Gwadar Free Zone to attract local and foreign investors, along with transparent land ownership policies to prevent disputes. They urged that Gwadar be granted full tax-free zone status, similar to global free ports, to boost large-scale development and economic activity. Infrastructure development, including modern roads, reliable electricity, clean water, and housing projects, was highlighted as essential to support future industries. In response, the SIFC coordinator assured the delegation that the government is finalizing a business-friendly policy for Gwadar's industrial growth. He said bureaucratic hurdles for investors will be removed, transparency ensured, and infrastructure projects fast-tracked to facilitate trade, industry, and housing development. The meeting concluded with mutual appreciation and a note of thanks.



Chairman NAB Lt Gen (retd) Nazir Ahmed Butt visits ABAD House



Chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Lt. Gen. (retd.) Nazir Butt, visited ABAD House

Chairman of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Lt. Gen. (retd.) Nazir Butt, visited ABAD House on February 11, 2025, to meet members of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), address their concerns, and outline NAB's role in facilitating the construction sector.

The meeting, presided over by ABAD Chairman Hassan Bakshi, was attended by Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, Chairman Southern Region Ahmed Owais Thanvi, Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub-Region Abdullah Jan Memon, former chairmen Mohsin Sheikhani and Hanif Gohar, and other senior members.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Bakshi welcomed the NAB chairman, noting this was the first visit by a NAB chief to ABAD House. He introduced ABAD as the sole representative body of builders and developers in Pakistan, with over 1,400 members, playing a vital role in the economy second only to agriculture.

He raised longstanding issues faced by the sector, including the need for Sindh government land auctions to ensure clear titles for buyers, which have not occurred since 1947. He highlighted problems with land titles, harassment by the Board of Revenue (BOR), and pending allotments in schemes such as MDA, LDA, and Qaiser Town.

He also referred to the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) report, showing only 1,400 of 100,000 buildings approved, leaving most constructions illegal or unsafe.

He called for accountability of negligent officials and a Master Plan for Karachi.

Mr. Bakshi further alleged land grabbing and BOR tampering with allottee documents, urging NAB to investigate.

He criticized prolonged litigation of NAB reference files, even after being resolved in ABAD's favor, and proposed forming a provincial committee to address sector issues.



Former Chairman Mohsin Sheikhan echoed concerns about economic stagnation and the impact of prolonged legal battles on builders' lives. He suggested direct coordination between NAB and ABAD, accountability for false complainants, and digitalization of NAB's processes, citing Dubai's model. He called for a clear policy to ensure that once land is approved, no further obstacles are created for builders.

NAB chairman's address

In his remarks, Lt. Gen. (retd.) Nazir Butt said he had undertaken reforms at NAB to restore business confidence. He emphasized that the business community is respected and highlighted the establishment of a Business Facilitation Cell in Karachi. NAB, he said, has clear policies defining where action is warranted, and does not entertain fake complaints.

He revealed that 85% of past complaints were anonymous, which is no longer acceptable, as due process requires identifiable complainants. He clarified that arrests are not made arbitrarily; questionnaires are sent first, and investigations follow. Irregularities, he stressed, are not automatically treated as crimes but are thoroughly reviewed.

Mr. Butt acknowledged that most issues raised by ABAD originated in Karachi, particularly regarding land scams. He estimated that 7,500 acres of commercial and residential land in Karachi fall under dubious allotments. With overlapping regulators like MDA, LDA, and cantonments, he said the lack of clear authority has worsened the problem. He urged immediate mapping of urban and rural land to restore transparency, adding that a past digital land survey now appears missing.

Advocating vertical construction, Mr. Butt sought ABAD's input on framing a practical and balanced housing policy. He emphasized that projects should not be halted for minor irregularities; instead, grace periods should be given for rectification. "A Rs10 irregularity should not jeopardize a Rs1,000 project," he remarked.

Discussing Gwadar, he noted that land worth Rs3 trillion is tied up in litigation due to revenue officer mismanagement. He announced plans to invite Gwadar's developers to Islamabad for consultations and solutions.

He assured ABAD members that NAB has adopted a strict policy against frivolous cases, discarding more than 21,000 old complaints predating 2022.

He underlined that builders and developers are central to Pakistan's economy but have not been given due recognition.

NAB, he pledged, will work to ensure they receive that status while minimizing unnecessary state interference in business.

Mr. Butt also endorsed digitalization as a key step against corruption, stating that human interaction is the root cause of most irregularities.

He shared NAB's plans to introduce reforms in the real estate sector, shifting to a trilateral model of accountability where buyers, developers, and regulators have clearly defined responsibilities.

The meeting ended with assurances from the NAB chairman that builders will not face injustice, and that NAB will prioritize policies to strengthen the construction sector as a driver of economic growth.



FBR Chief Commissioner visits ABAD House



Chief Commissioner of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Mr. Aftab Alam, visited ABAD House

The Chief Commissioner of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Mr. Aftab Alam, visited the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) House on May 20th, 2025. The purpose of the visit was to foster stronger collaboration between the tax authorities and the construction sector.

The meeting was chaired by ABAD Chairman, Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi, and attended by other office bearers and Convener of the FBR Subcommittee Mr. Ejaz, Co-Convener Mr. Altaf Tai, senior ABAD members, and representatives from the media.

Mr. Bakshi welcomed the FBR delegation and drew parallels between military and economic challenges, emphasizing the need for sustained investment in Pakistan. He highlighted ABAD's 72 allied industries, which employ over 10,000 people and have a \$38 billion remittance potential. He noted that Pakistan's long-term investment prospects are stronger than Dubai's and urged the FBR to ensure policy stability and avoid abrupt enforcement actions to foster investor confidence.

Mr. Bakshi presented key proposals to the FBR:

- * Limit audit notices under Section 161 to a two-year period to avoid repetition.
- * Share tax notices with ABAD for coordinated, legally compliant responses.
- * Adjust or refund advance tax under Section 236C to improve liquidity.
- * Grant time extensions for projects under Section 100D where taxes are paid.
- * Remove mandatory sharing of customer data and establish realistic property valuation timelines.
- * Appoint a dedicated FBR focal person at ABAD House.

He also referenced the Prime Minister's Task Force, revealing that only 1315% of stakeholders are tax filers. Mr. Bakshi announced 50 ready-to-invest projects in Karachi worth \$5 billion and a new housing finance scheme expected to generate Rs. 2 trillion in tax revenue.

FBR Chief Commissioner's Response

Mr. Alam praised ABAD's role in the economy and clarified that past withholding tax statements were requested for record consolidation. He assured that timely submissions would prevent Section 161 notices and supported the proposal to share notices with ABAD.

He confirmed the appointment of two commissioners in Karachi for sector support and emphasized the need to broaden Pakistan's 9% tax-to-GDP ratio. Convener Mr. Ejaz thanked Mr. Alam for the visit, emphasizing the importance of policy-level engagement and partnership-based collaboration. Mr. Alam reiterated ABAD's significance and the FBR's commitment to solving issues jointly.



Sindh Home Minister orders action plan on ABAD's land-related complaints



A meeting was held at the Office of the Sindh Home Minister on Feb 17, 2025 to discuss and address the grievances of the business community and the general public related to encroachment and land grabbing as directed by the provincial chief secretary.

The meeting was chaired by Sindh Home Minister Mr. Zia-ul-Hassan Lanjar. The meeting commenced with the chair welcoming the participants and explaining the aims and objectives of the committee. Chairman of ABAD Mr. Hassan Bakshi highlighted the challenges faced by ABAD members, including land grabbing, illegal encroachments, and threats to life and property. He presented a list of 22 priority cases where the land ownership was clear but had been illegally occupied. Mr. Zubair Chhaya, President of KATI, raised concerns about illegal settlements and katchi abadis on state land around the Korangi Industrial Area.

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The report will be used for further hearings and disposal of cases.

Meetings of the main committee: The main committee will meet fortnightly or as needed, depending on the urgency of the issues.

Prevention of encroachment: No new attempts of illegal occupation of land will be allowed unless ordered by a court or a competent authority.

The concerned Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) will be responsible for enforcing this decision.

Focal persons for the sub-committee: The names of focal persons from ABAD, KATI, and KCCI will be provided to the Commissioner of Karachi by the respective chairmen and presidents of these organisations.

At the end of the meeting, it was decided with a consensus that a structured approach will be pursued to address the issues of encroachment and land grabbing.

The establishment of a complaint desk and the formation of a sub-committee were key steps towards resolving these grievances. The committee will continue to meet regularly to monitor progress and ensure that the decisions are implemented effectively.

Director General SINDH BUILDING CONTROL AUTHORITY visits ABAD House



The Director General of Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), Ishaq Khoro, visited ABAD House on February 26, 2025, for a policy dialogue with members of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD). The meeting, chaired by ABAD Chairman Hassan Bakshi, was attended by senior office-bearers including Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, and SBCA Subcommittee Convener Suffiyan Adhia. Former Chairman Raheel Rinch welcomed Mr. Khoro, appreciating his appointment and past service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Bakshi congratulated the DG and highlighted long-standing issues requiring urgent resolution. He called for fast-tracking pending cases, especially 32 height-related NOCs, granting blanket approvals for projects delayed since 2019, revising bylaws for Karachi and Sukkur, and reinstating suspended ratios.

He also stressed the need for a full-time Regional Director in Hyderabad, smoother file approvals, stricter action against illegal constructions, and digitalization to improve efficiency. Bakshi emphasized that the approval of 45 pending cases alone could generate 10,000 jobs and urged merit-based, timely decisions to restore investor confidence.

In response, DG Khoro assured full cooperation, directing staff to release pending cases including height NOCs and confirming that delayed licenses had already been signed. He agreed to blanket approvals for stalled projects, revision of bylaws, and the creation of a one-window cell to process cases within 60 days.

He also promised the release of ratios, supported ABAD's proposal to use betterment charges for area maintenance, and introduced a new flow chart system to track file progress and hold officers accountable.

On illegal constructions, he proposed forming a joint SBCA-ABAD committee, while also committing to resolve pending plot conversion cases and review incomplete projects announced in 2019/2020.

During the interactive session, members raised concerns about delayed guarantees, environmental NOCs, and utility connections.

DG Khoro assured the release of guarantees, resolution of environmental NOC cases in line with court directives, and consideration of reintroducing partial completion methods. He also clarified that automatic NOC approvals after 15 days apply only to Civil Aviation Authority cases.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to hold monthly review sessions between ABAD and SBCA, with the next meeting scheduled for the following month. The session ended with a vote of thanks.

Sindh CM forms committee to address ABAD concerns, boost housing sector



Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah recently chaired a meeting of the Business Facilitation Coordination Committee (BFCC) to address business community concerns and find mutually agreed solutions.

During the meeting, he announced the formation of key committees, including one led by Provincial Local Government Minister Mr. Saeed Ghani to address the grievances of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) and boost the housing sector.

The meeting was attended by Provincial Ministers Mr. Saeed Ghani, Mr. Jam Ikram, Mr Zia Lanjar; Chief Secretary Asif Hyder Shah; IG Police Ghulam Nabi Memon; Commissioner Karachi Hassan Naqvi; and secretaries from the Local Government, Labour, and other departments.

Representatives from the business community included ABAD Chairman Hassan Bakhshi, FPCCI President Atif Ikram Sheikh, KCCI President Javed Balwani, SITE Association of Trade & Industry President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, KATI President Junaid Naqi, APTMA Chairman Anwar Azeem, and other key stakeholders.

The chief minister assured participants that provincial matters would be resolved by his government, while issues requiring federal intervention would be taken up collectively. He said the meeting was meant to hear concerns, gather suggestions, and incorporate them into policymaking.

Industrialists highlighted problems such as electricity fluctuations, water shortages, and gas supply issues, which they said were hindering industrial growth. In response, the CM assured them that the provincial Energy Department would coordinate with K-Electric to arrange special solutions for industrial zones.

The CM also announced the creation of ABAD Grievance Committee, headed by Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani, to address concerns of builders and developers and facilitate housing sector development.

Moreover, a special desk at the Commissioner Karachi's office will be set up to resolve issues related to water, drainage, and encroachments.

The CM emphasized that these committees, led by provincial ministers, would focus on departmental-level problem-solving, while he would personally oversee major and complex matters.

He also shared that the Sindh Investment Department is developing a One-Window Investment Facilitation System to simplify business processes and promote investment in the province.

National flag hoisting ceremony held at ABAD House, attended by Sindh Governor



Governor Sindh, Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori, at the National Flag Hoisting Ceremony at ABAD House, celebrating Pakistan's Independence Day.

As part of Pakistan's Independence Day and the “Maarka-e-Haq” celebrations, Governor Sindh Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori visited the ABAD House, where he hoisted the national flag and addressed a large gathering of industry representatives.

The ceremony was presided over by ABAD Chairman Muhammad Hassan Bakshi. Other key attendees included ABAD Senior Vice Chairman Syed Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, Southern Region Chairman Ahmed Owais Thanvi, and a significant number of ABAD members. Prominent personalities such as Anees Qaimkhani were also present.

In his remarks, Governor Tessori paid tribute to the sacrifices of Pakistan's founding fathers, emphasizing that the freedom enjoyed today was secured through their blood and struggle. He praised Pakistan's armed forces, noting their success on May 10 in thwarting “enemy plans” and claiming they had inflicted a “historic defeat on India.”

Governor Tessori underscored that Independence Day should not only be a celebration but also a moment for self-reflection and national unity. He assured participants that the Governor House remains open to all ABAD members and builders, expressing readiness to collaborate on reforming construction laws. “If we move forward together, 72 industries will become active through ABAD, generating enough revenue to sustain both the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and Pakistan's economy,” he added. Chairman ABAD Mr. Hassan Bakshi highlighted the business community's commitment to honoring those who sacrificed for Pakistan's freedom.

He described the current business environment as a form of “jihad,” pointing to heavy taxation - exceeding 60% - and unpredictable FBR regulations as key obstacles for the construction sector.

Mr. Bakshi praised the economic policies of Pakistan's Army Chief, describing the military leadership as forward-looking and essential for sustainable growth. He also called for the complete digitalization of Pakistan's institutions to eliminate corruption and ensure transparency.

Member of the National Assembly (MQM) Dr. Farooq Sattar also spoke at the ceremony, stating that the objective of the 14-day Independence Day celebrations was to “light up all 14 circuits of our enemy India.” He stressed the importance of achieving not just territorial independence but also economic freedom. “When Karachi moves, Pakistan moves. And when ABAD moves, 70 industries follow,”

Dr. Sattar remarked. Dr. Sattar vowed to address these concerns with the support of Governor Tessori. The event concluded with renewed commitments from stakeholders to work collaboratively for Pakistan's economic stability and the development of its construction industry.

ABAD, NAVTTC join hands to empower youth through Mega Entry Test 2025



ABAD, in collaboration with NAVTTC, organized the Mega Entry Test 2025 at ABAD House, Karachi, engaging 1,000+ youth in a landmark step toward skill development.

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), in collaboration with the National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), organized the Mega Entry Test 2025 on September 14 at ABAD House, Karachi.

The event was chaired by ABAD Chairman Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi, joined by Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz, Chairman (SR) Mr. Owais Thanvi, and Convener of the Vocational Training Programs Committee Mr. Suleman Saleem.

Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui attended as Chief Guest, alongside Dr. Fida Hussain Bazai, DG NAVTTC Sindh.

Welcoming participants, Chairman Mr. Bakshi called the test a milestone, with over one thousand aspiring candidates. He emphasized the construction sector's critical role in Pakistan's economy, employing nearly one-third of the workforce and driving more than seventy allied industries.

He stressed the need for structured training and certification programs to equip workers for modern challenges, commending Mr. Suleman Saleem and his committee for their efforts.

DG NAVTTC Sindh, Dr. Bazai, said the program was designed with industry input to meet real market needs, blending classroom learning with paid on-the-job training at ABAD member sites and allied industries, ensuring both theoretical and practical skills.

In his keynote, Dr. Siddiqui lauded ABAD's commitment to national growth, noting Karachi's central role in Pakistan's prosperity. Highlighting global trends, he warned that countries ignoring artificial intelligence and advanced technologies risk falling behind. Pakistan, he stressed, must prepare its youth for the digital future.

With nearly 180 million citizens under 35, he termed Pakistan's youth a demographic strength and urged greater investment in skills, education, and confidence. He assured full government support for initiatives like ABAD-NAVTTC's program.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming commitment to youth empowerment and skill development.



ABAD MEMBERS INVITED TO GWADAR AIRPORT INAUGURATION CEREMONY



ABAD members attend the Airport Inauguration Ceremony of New Gwadar International Airport

The Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) on January 20, 2025 (Monday) organized a grand ceremony at the New Gwadar International Airport to officially make it operational and ABAD members from the port city were also a part of the auspicious ceremony.

The ceremony was hosted by the DG of Pakistan Airports Authority, Air Vice Marshal Zeeshan Saeed. Defence Minister Khawaja Asif attended the ceremony as the chief guest and welcomed the passengers arriving on the first flight of PIA.

Convener of Gwadar Chapter of ABAD Mr. Affan Qureshi, Members Fasiuddin Qureshi and Irshad Ali Shad, and Chief Minister of Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti were also among those who attended the programme.

Prime Minister Mr. Shehbaz Sharif and Chinese Premier Li Qiang performed the inauguration of new Gwadar International Airport virtually.

Addressing inaugural ceremony in Islamabad on Monday evening, the prime minister said completion of Gwadar airport is a gift from China.

He said it shows China's commitment and dedication to support Pakistan's economic development agenda and to promote backwards areas of country.

He expressed the confidence that completion of this international Gwadar Airport will not only transform Gwadar's economy, but also economy of the country.

Expressing gratitude to Chinese leadership, Mr. Shehbaz Sharif appreciated untiring efforts of Pakistan and Chinese engineers and workers for their efforts in building a world class airport at Gwadar.

The Gwadar International Airport, built with Chinese investment, is a modern facility designed to handle both domestic and international flights. It will allow Gwadar to receive direct flights from global destinations, particularly those in the Middle East, Asia, and Europe.

It will also boost trade by facilitating smoother transport, supporting Pakistan's vision for a trade corridor linking China, Central Asia, and beyond. This is in line with the broader goals of CPEC, aiming to enhance infrastructure, trade, and energy cooperation between Pakistan and China. The airport will boost tourism, logistics, and construction and create jobs opportunities in Balochistan.

Praised by Government officials and local leaders, it's a key development for Pakistan's economy, with CPEC projects transforming Gwadar into a trade hub, benefiting both Pakistan and the broader region. Over time, the airport could become a key player in international trade and commerce, positioning Gwadar as a vital link between the Middle East, Central Asia, and the rest of the world.

PM'S HOUSING TASK FORCE

MEETS TO ADDRESS

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CHALLENGES



A glimpse of the meeting of PM's Task Force on Housing, attended by Chairman ABAD Mr. Hassan Bakshi

The Prime Minister's Housing Task Force, chaired by the Federal Minister for Housing and Works Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada, held a high-level meeting in Islamabad to deliberate on critical challenges confronting Pakistan's housing and construction sector. The session brought together senior government representatives, industry leaders, and experts to discuss taxation, urban planning, access to finance, and sustainable housing development. The Secretary Task Force provided a comprehensive briefing on the Terms of Reference (TORs), laying out a roadmap for sectoral reforms.

During the discussions, the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) Chairman, Mr. Hassan Bakshi, emphasized the need to resolve pressing financial and taxation issues, particularly those linked to the filer and non-filer system. He stressed rationalizing overlapping federal and provincial taxes to encourage growth and ease compliance. ABAD North Zone Chairman, Mr. S.M. Nabeel, echoed these concerns, calling for simplification of tax structures to remove redundancies.

Federal Minister for Finance Muhammad Aurangzeb welcomed the task force's formation, underlining the importance of aligning housing initiatives with the Prime Minister's vision for sustainable development. He urged a focus on actionable solutions in urban planning, regulatory frameworks, and financial accessibility. The Minister for Revenue added that provincial perspectives must be incorporated to ensure a unified national approach. Major General Dilawar Khan, DG Welfare and Rehabilitation (Pakistan Army), drew attention to the widening gap

between housing demand and supply, recommending the use of NADRA for filer registrations and highlighting vertical housing models like Askari Apartments as successful examples. Former MPA Hafiz Mian Nauman stressed affordable housing policies for low-income groups, alongside simplified approval processes and vertical urban development strategies.

Mr. Sardar Tahir Mahmood, President Realtors Pakistan, voiced concerns about capital flight, urging measures to restore investor confidence and retain investment within the real estate sector. The Chairman of NAPHDA underscored digitalization, consistent policy application, and the integration of existing research to create a robust framework for affordable housing.

The meeting concluded with key outcomes: the formation of specialized working groups on growth frameworks, urban planning, taxation, and access to finance; clear timelines for actionable plans; integration of previous studies to avoid duplication; and the establishment of monitoring mechanisms to ensure effective implementation.

ABAD Delegation meets Chairman



Anti
Corruption

MR. ZULFIQAR SHAH



ABAD delegation meet Chairman Anti-Corruption Mr. Zulfiqar Shah to discuss the cases of harassment faced by members of ABAD

Meeting with Chairman Anti-Corruption Mr. Zulfiqar Shah held on Thursday 14 November, 2024, in the Office of the Chairman Anti-Corruption. A delegation of ABAD Mr. Hassan Bakshi-Chairman ABAD, Syed Afzal Hameed-Sr. VC ABAD, Mr. Tariq Aziz -VC ABAD, Mr. Owais Thanvi-Chairman (SR), Mr. Zulfiqar Farooqui-V.C Hyderabad Region and Mr. Naveed Ismail, Member Hyderabad, attends the meeting. The Anti-Corruption Team includes Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah-Chairman Anti-Corruption Establishment, Sind and Mr. Mannan-Secretary to Chairman.

The Chairman introduced the ABAD delegation, while the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Establishment introduced his team. The concerns of ABAD members were discussed extensively, with the Chairman acknowledging reports of harassment by the Anti-Corruption Department. During the discussion, Mr. Zulfiqar Farooqui, Vice Chairman of the Hyderabad Region, emphasized the ongoing harassment and blackmail faced by ABAD members due to unresolved Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) inquiries in Hyderabad. Despite submitting all required documents, cases remain pending, and new officials repeatedly reopen investigations, causing undue pressure on members. He pointed out that these actions often seem motivated by demands for illicit payments, with officials showing limited understanding of the cases. In response, the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Establishment, Sindh, shared updates and offered the following assurances;

Staff Training for Professional Improvement: The entire ACE staff will receive professional training in line with Police, FIA, and judicial standards to enhance operational efficiency.

Resolution of Complaints: In the past five years, ACE resolved 5,000 complaints, with an additional 5,000 amicably settled in the last six months after recent staff appointments.

Implementation of Guidelines: Guidelines for issuing notices by ACE officials have been prepared to curb harassment, ensuring a structured and fair process.

Withdrawal of Notices: Notices issued to M/s. Akram Khaskheli will be withdrawn, and a formal letter will be issued.

Engagement with ABAD Members: The Chairman ACE accepted an invitation for a meeting with ABAD members to address their concerns and share updates.

Presentation on Anti-Corruption: A presentation on anti-corruption initiatives and guidelines will be prepared and shared with ABAD members.

Focal Persons for ABAD Issues: Dedicated focal persons will be appointed to maintain regular communication with ABAD and facilitate the resolution of member-specific issues.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair, underscoring a commitment to ongoing collaboration and professional efforts to address prevailing challenges effectively.

ABAD Chairman highlights CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY Challenges in Sindh as BILAWAL vows resolution



Chairman ABAD Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi addresses the challenges of construction industry

Chairman ABAD, M. Hassan Bakshi, attended a luncheon on January 28, 2025, hosted by Sindh's Minister for Planning, Development & Energy, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, in honor of Karachi's business community.

The event also had the participation of PPP Chairperson and former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. Discussions focused on challenges faced by the business community, as well as the construction sector, including policy issues and excessive taxation.

The ABAD delegation, led by Chairman Bakshi, included Senior Vice Chairman Syed Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz Memon, Chairman (SR) Owais Thanvi, and other senior members.

In his address, Mr. Bakshi thanked Bilawal Bhutto for his initiative to meet with the business community and emphasized the importance of continuing such dialogues. He suggested that these meetings should not be one-off events, but instead be held regularly, possibly every two to two and a half months, to give business leaders a chance to raise their concerns directly with the leadership.

Mr. Bakshi acknowledged Bilawal Bhutto's family legacy and sacrifices for democracy, expressing confidence in his leadership. He noted that Sindh, especially Karachi, has the potential to be transformed into a city comparable to Dubai in terms of infrastructure, capability, and capacity,

and that the government should take responsibility for making this transformation happen.

He further explained that the construction sector plays a vital role in the economy, as it supports 74 allied industries, and that all participants in this sector—builders, developers, owners, and buyers—are Pakistani, including those involved in construction materials.

Several key issues were raised by Mr. Bakshi. He proposed the digitalization of government departments to ensure greater transparency, generate revenue for the government, and create job opportunities for young people.

He also highlighted the importance of auctioning government land, which could generate approximately 500 billion rupees annually.

These funds could be used to improve infrastructure across Sindh, not just in Karachi.

While he praised the work of the Mayor of Karachi and Saeed Ghani, he emphasized that leadership at the provincial level could significantly enhance their efforts.

Another issue Mr. Bakshi highlighted was land grabbing, which, according to him, is exacerbated by the involvement of some officials from the Revenue Board and Anti-Encroachment authorities.



He urged the government to take action to address this problem and to expedite the digitalization of land records throughout Sindh, proposing a time frame for completing the task.

Mr. Bakshi also raised the issue of slum areas in Sindh, suggesting that legislation be introduced to allow the construction of high-rise buildings in these areas, providing free housing for the current residents without requiring funding from the Sindh government. He pointed out that similar models have been successfully implemented in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Mr. Bakshi proposed a model for the Sindh Building Control Authority, where a private sector executive would be in charge, similar to the approach taken by the Lahore Development Authority, where an ABAD Regional Chairman was made the LDA Chairman. He encouraged the Sindh government to consider this model, as it could lead to more effective management of the sector.

He also emphasized the need for a master plan for all major cities in Sindh with populations of over 2.5 million, urging Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah to prioritize the housing and construction industry. He believed that with the Chief Minister's support, the sector could see substantial progress.

Moreover, Mr. Bakshi expressed concerns about proposed amendments to the Finance Act, which would make it more difficult for many Pakistanis to purchase property. He urged the government to reconsider these changes, as they could hinder people's ability to build and buy homes. He also sought the support of Mr. Mirza, who has been assisting in addressing these concerns.

Mr. Bakshi proposed forming a housing task force led by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, meeting monthly to address sectoral issues.

He believed this initiative could boost economic activity, reduce poverty, increase tax revenues, and promote industrialization in Sindh within six months. While Sindh may not become another Dubai, he expressed optimism about its development potential.

Before concluding, Bakshi invited Bilawal and his cabinet to visit ABAD House, calling it an honor for ABAD members to host them.

In response, Bilawal assured the business community of his commitment to resolving their concerns, noting that his government was available round the clock to support business growth in the province.



ABAD offers to help Bridge Housing Shortage, Seeks action to prevent Future Building Collapses

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) has called on the Sindh government to take decisive action against illegal construction, following the deadly collapse of a residential building in Lyari that killed 28 people. While offering to construct 100,000 new homes to address Sindh's housing shortfall, ABAD said the government must show political will to prevent future tragedies.

ABAD Chairman Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, speaking at a press conference at ABAD House on Tuesday, said that incidents like the recent building collapse in Lyari -- where 28 people lost their lives -- highlight the urgent need for structural reforms.

The press conference was also attended by ABAD's Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Syed Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz, former Southern Region Chairman Mr. Suffiyan Adhia, along with a large number of journalists.

Ask Chat GPT Mr. Bakshi criticized the committee formed by the Sindh government to investigate the Lyari tragedy, calling it "ineffective" and lacking proper representation.

"The committee should include members from the private sector and the chief secretary," he said, adding that ABAD is willing to work hand-in-hand with the provincial government on this issue.



Mr. Bakshi warned that roughly 700 buildings in Karachi are structurally dangerous, while hundreds of thousands more are illegally and poorly constructed - posing a constant threat to public safety. “If an earthquake strikes, thousands of these structures could collapse,” he said. “In the past five years, collapses of illegally constructed buildings have already claimed 150 lives.”

He said that local authorities, law enforcement, and relevant officials are complicit in illegal constructions, while residents - due to lack of options - are forced to live in high-risk buildings. “Additional floors are being built without approvals, and the lifespan of these structures is barely 15 to 20 years,” he noted. Mr. Bakshi went as far as to call for anti-terrorism charges against both rogue builders and the officials who enable them.

He emphasized that ABAD members construct projects with quality materials and seek all necessary approvals, but are being undermined by unregulated builders offering illegal units at much lower prices. “If I’m selling a legal apartment for Rs2 crore, and the illegal builder is offering for Rs40 lac, where will a buyer with a limited budget go?” he asked. “Land is the basic raw material of the construction industry, yet no auctions have been held in Karachi since 1947, despite the law mandating auctions for plots over 126 acres.”

The ABAD chairman further said that corruption within land management departments is stalling digitization of land records, noting, “Whenever digitization begins, a mysterious fire erupts in the department. Someone needs to ask why.” To restore order, he demanded that illegally constructed buildings currently under development be immediately demolished. “If courts could dispose of construction violation cases within three months, like Farogh Naseem Sahib once suggested, it would act as a real deterrent,” he added.

Mr. Bakshi also urged the Sindh government to learn from Punjab’s model under Ms. Maryam Nawaz, calling on Chief Minister Mr. Murad Ali Shah to initiate similar housing schemes in Sindh.

“There’s a severe housing shortage in Sindh, which is being exploited by the land mafia,” he said. “If the government assigns ABAD the task of building 100,000 houses, we are ready.”

The ABAD chairman also slammed the performance of development authorities like the Malir Development Authority (MDA) and the Lahore Development Authority (LDA), alleging they’ve collected more than Rs25 billion under various residential schemes but failed to deliver a single completed project.

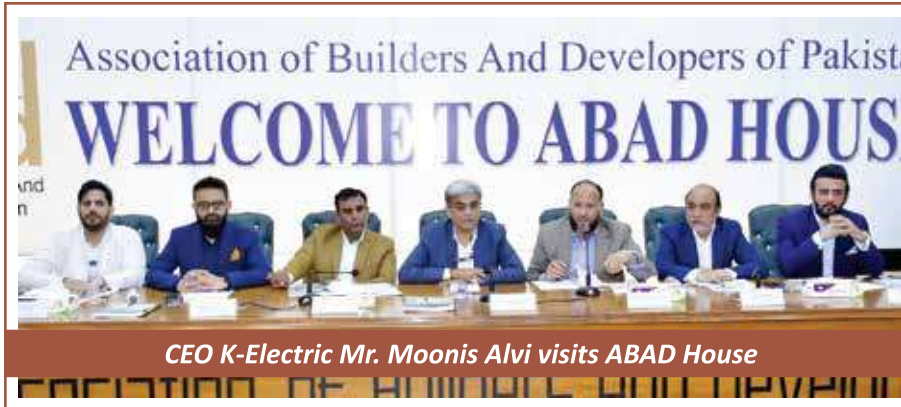
He concluded by urging authorities to conduct a structural survey of dangerous buildings through reputable institutions such as NESPAK or NDMA. He identified critical risk zones including Lyari, Liaquatabad, Delhi Colony, and others, stating that bold steps are needed to prevent further tragedy and restore public trust.

Meanwhile, former chairman southern region Mr. Suffiyan Adhia also cautioned that without long-term action, current public pressure may fade and key reforms will stagnate.

“The government must ensure implementation of building laws, and senior officials must be involved in preventing illegal construction,” he said.

K-Electric CEO

visits ABAD House To discuss builders' issues



K-Electric (KE) CEO Moonis Abdullah Alvi visited ABAD House on April 30, 2025, for a consultative meeting with the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) to address sector challenges and strengthen collaboration.

The meeting was chaired by ABAD Chairman Hassan Bakshi and attended by office-bearers and senior members of ABAD. Mr. Bakshi outlined urgent matters: delays in self-financed connection schemes, amendments to NEPRA's Customer Service Manual (CSM), revisions in load assessment criteria, lengthy execution timelines, elimination of bank guarantees, load-shedding exemptions, and GST removal from electricity bills.

He criticized KE for granting connections to illegal constructions, increasing risks and undermining legal builders, and highlighted Karachi's higher connection costs compared to other cities. He urged earlier connection processing (post-structural completion), proposed monthly meetings, and called for simpler procedures.

Technical Concerns by ABAD's KE Subcommittee

Convener Fayyaz Ilyas sought a partnership approach and raised:

- Reinstating CSM's area-wise load categories.
- Defining grid land radius and introducing alternate land guidelines.
- Clarifying NEPRA Clause 2.6.1 (Above/Below 100kW).
- Broader application of the 0.68 diversity factor, with separate criteria for commercial areas.
- Justification for 18% GST on service cost estimates and direct KE collections.
- Eliminating delays in fully paid schemes through better internal coordination.
- Removing bank guarantees for paid projects.
- Ending prolonged load shedding for paying projects.

Mr. Alvi thanked ABAD and explained that KE cannot deny electricity to any arealegal or illegal to prevent power theft, though high-loss feeders may face outages.

Fully compliant areas already enjoy uninterrupted supply.

He acknowledged the need to revise the CSM and invited ABAD to collaborate with KE and NEPRA.

He welcomed cost breakdowns to address pricing concerns, ordered a GST review, pledged to investigate delays, clarified land requirements as NEPRA-mandated, and committed to regular KE-ABAD meetings.

He confirmed diversity factor rules per NEPRA guidelines.

Engr. Danish flagged Right of Way (RoW) delays; Mr. Nusrat suggested later RoW initiation; Mr. Nasir raised tariff concerns; Mr. Asif Sumsum cited a long-pending project, which Mr. Alvi agreed to review.

Mr. Alvi urged ABAD to compile all pending cases for resolution.

The meeting concluded with mutual thanks and a commitment to ongoing dialogue.

ABAD delegation meets Sindh Local Govt Minister, To discuss builders' issues



Led by Chairman ABAD Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi, ABAD delegation meets Sindh Local Govt Minister at his office

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD), led by Chairman Hassan Bakshi, met Sindh Local Government Minister Saeed Ghani on December 19, 2024, to discuss key challenges facing the construction sector in the province. The delegation included ABAD Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, Vice Chairman Hyderabad Sub-Region Abdullah Jan, former Hyderabad VCs Zulfiqar Farooqui and Kashif Sheikh, and other committee members.

The ABAD team raised pressing issues linked to the Hyderabad Development Authority (HDA), Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA), and Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) in Hyderabad and other districts. Chairman Bakshi stressed that the construction sector is a major engine of economic growth but is currently hampered by delays in project approvals, which are stalling billions of rupees in investments.

He urged the provincial government to adopt a one-window operation system to streamline approvals, enhance transparency, and remove administrative hurdles. Such reforms, he said, would boost housing availability, create millions of jobs, and increase tax revenues.

Minister Ghani acknowledged ABAD's concerns and assured prompt resolution of the issues, pledging to provide maximum facilitation to builders. He emphasized the Sindh government's commitment to affordable, high-quality housing and called on ABAD to also take proactive steps in delivering cost-effective housing solutions. "While we fulfill our role, builders - whether ABAD members or not - must contribute to this mission," he stated.

The minister announced plans to convene a meeting in Hyderabad or Karachi with heads of relevant agencies, including WASA, HDA, and SBCA, to directly address the matters raised.

He also highlighted the need for ABAD to discourage illegal construction and ensure adherence to regulations.

Reiterating the government's aim for a one-window operation system, Ghani stressed that shortcomings within both the public sector and industry must be resolved to enable sector growth.

He affirmed that the Sindh government and the Local Government Department will utilize all available resources for the development of the construction industry.

The meeting concluded with the ABAD delegation expressing gratitude for the minister's assurances and commitment to resolving sectoral challenges, recognizing the importance of close collaboration between the government and industry stakeholders in driving sustainable growth in Sindh's construction sector.



ABAD Chairman attends government housing sector committee meeting at Sindh Secretariat

ABAD CHAIRMAN ATTENDS GOVT'S HOUSING SECTOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT SINDH SECRETARIAT

The Housing, Construction and Town Planning Sector Committee, formed under the Business Facilitation & Coordination Committee (BFCC), met on February 12, 2025, at the Sindh Secretariat to review sectoral challenges and propose measures for improvement. The ABAD delegation, led by Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi and Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz Memon, joined members from KCCI, KATI, and other stakeholders. Discussions focused on business facilitation, infrastructure, improved coordination with the Planning & Development Department, and members' suggestions.

He assured that a notification would be issued to transfer ABAD's matters there. Other issues discussed included delayed water projects, the private sector's contributions during floods, and the urgent need for coordinated efforts ahead of the monsoon season.

Committee member Arif Habib highlighted Karachi's infrastructure issues, proposing link roads such as the Malir Expressway connection to Korangi, Orangi, and Razzaqabad, and improvements in utilities through competitive tenders. He also raised concerns over high development charges - up to 500 times higher - collected by the government without visible infrastructure work. Mr. Bakshi suggested channeling these funds into water, roads, and sewerage projects and proposed designated industrial zones with shared government-private investment.

Water shortages in the SITE area, inadequate road access to ABAD's office, and ineffective use of public taxes were also raised. A KATI member suggested unified zones under a single authority, while Mr. Habib recommended adopting Punjab's public-private partnership model for Karachi's development. Saeed Ghani, noting that ABAD's concerns might not be fully addressed within the current forum, proposed forming a separate committee under "Housing, Construction, and Town Planning" to handle their issues directly.

On drainage concerns, Mr. Ghani confirmed that brook cleaning had begun in coordination with KMC, with approvals obtained and a framework for future maintenance in progress. The meeting closed with a commitment from the government to work more closely with industry stakeholders, aiming to resolve infrastructure bottlenecks, improve urban planning, and strengthen public-private cooperation for sustainable development.

ABAD's proposal to the Federal government: 15-year tax policy key to Boosting investor confidence



A meeting held at ABAD House to discuss Budget proposal which was presided over by Chairman ABAD with other office-bearers along with senior members of ABAD

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) has submitted comprehensive budget proposals for 202526 to the federal government, urging long-term reforms to stabilize and stimulate the construction industry. Central to its recommendations is the implementation of a consistent 15-year tax policy to boost investor confidence and minimize uncertainty caused by frequent tax changes.

“Our proposals are not just for the construction sector they are vital for national economic stability,” stated ABAD Chairman Muhammad Hassan Bakshi.

Key Proposals by ABAD

1. Tax Relief for Construction Sector

ABAD has proposed tax reductions on essential materials like cement and steel to lower project costs and spur development. Additionally, it calls for tax exemptions on low-cost housing projects to make affordable housing more accessible.

2. Incentives to Attract Investment

To bring in foreign direct investment (FDI) and mobilize domestic capital, ABAD recommends offering tax holidays, easing regulatory requirements, and simplifying approval processes to eliminate bureaucratic hurdles.

3. Revival of Stalled Projects

ABAD emphasizes the need to revive stalled housing and infrastructure projects through government-backed measures such as subsidized financing for developers and homebuyers, aiming to jumpstart halted construction activity.

4. Employment and Economic Growth

Noting the sector's significant role in job creation, ABAD highlighted that revitalizing construction could generate millions of employment opportunities and align with broader economic recovery goals.

Additional Taxation Measures Proposed

To streamline taxation for builders and developers, ABAD has put forward the following suggestions:

- **Fixed Tax Rate:** 2.5% tax on FBR-assessed property value, calculated at project registration.

- **Final Tax Liability:** This rate should be treated as full and final, with no further liabilities.

- **Audit Exemption:** Projects under this scheme should be exempt from routine audits.

- **Section 236-K Exemption:** Builders and developers should not be subject to advance tax under this section.

- **Section 236-C Adjustability:** Tax collected should be adjustable against final liability.

- **Scheme Applicability:** The tax scheme should be mandatory for new projects and optional for ongoing ones.

Industry Outlook

ABAD and industry stakeholders hope the government will adopt these measures to combat rising construction costs, liquidity constraints, and declining investor interest.

If implemented, these proposals could reinvigorate the construction sector, boost employment, and contribute to sustainable economic growth.

Mayor Karachi

Barrister

Murtaza Wahab

visits ABAD House



Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab speaks during his address at ABAD House. ABAD office-bearers and senior members are also present.

Karachi Mayor Barrister Murtaza Wahab visited ABAD House on November 13 to meet members of the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) and discuss measures to improve the city's infrastructure and living standards.

The meeting, chaired by ABAD Chairman Hassan Bakshi, was attended by Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, Southern Region Chairman Owais Thanvi, former chairmen Mohsin Sheikhan and Fayyaz Ilyas, senior members Engr. Kaleemuz Zaman, Arif Habib, and other industry leaders. Mayor Wahab praised ABAD's role in advancing Pakistan's construction sector and called for collaboration with the provincial government.

He proposed a public-private partnership (PPP) model to develop high-rise buildings on vacant lands in slum areas, with 50% of units allocated to current residents to improve housing and urban living conditions.

He highlighted ongoing government efforts, including Rs. 13 billion allocated to the Water and Sewerage Corporation for system upgrades and plans to initiate supply from the Hub Dam canal by August 2025.

Out of the Rs. 77 billion set aside for infrastructure projects, he noted many would be completed by December 2025.

Addressing encroachments, the mayor contrasted the current situation with that of three decades ago and reiterated the government's commitment to clearing illegal occupations. He also shared financial improvements, with KMC revenue rising from Rs. 20 million to Rs. 228 million in just one month.

Infrastructure upgrades were also discussed, such as the Jam Sadiq Bridge expansion, waste-to-energy initiatives, and water recycling for industrial use. ABAD Chairman Hassan Bakshi stressed the urgency of addressing land encroachments, especially in slum areas, and called for digitizing land records to curb corruption. He urged the mayor to lead the creation of a comprehensive master plan for Karachi.

Patron-in-Chief and former chairman Mohsin Sheikhan emphasized tackling land mafia activities, noting that transforming Karachi would also boost revenues for both provincial and federal governments. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, affirming a shared commitment to collaboration for Karachi's sustainable development.

FBR revises

Property valuation tables;

ABAD reviews impact on

Construction industry



FBR Property Valuation meeting held at ABAD House to assess the potential impact of the updated valuation rates on the real estate sector

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has updated the fair market values of immovable properties in residential, commercial, and industrial areas under sub-section (4) of section 68 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. The revised valuation tables, replacing the March 2, 2022 notification (S.R.O. 345(I) /2022), were issued on October 31, 2024. In response, ABAD held a meeting on November 1, 2024, to assess the potential impact on the real estate and construction sectors. Chaired by ABAD Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi, the meeting was attended by Senior Vice Chairman Syed Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz Memon, Chairman (SR) Ahmed Owais Thanvi, and other members.

Opening the session, Chairman Bakshi stressed the importance of reviewing the new rates and invited members to share sector-specific concerns. Mr. Ejaz presented an overview, noting that PECHS rates rose from 11.5% to 12.5%. While generally accepting the updated tables, he suggested engaging with FBR to seek adjustments where necessary. Former Chairman and FBR Sub-Committee Convener Altaf Tai stated that ABAD's study found the new valuations largely reasonable, with certain increases addressable through dialogue. He viewed the update as a positive step for the construction industry. SVC Afzal Hameed also considered Taiser Town and Surjani rates reasonable compared to last year.

Mr. Tai explained that valuations are now per square foot instead of square yard, requiring conversion (1 sq. yd. = 9 sq. ft.) for comparisons. Chairman Bakshi outlined that the table covers categories including residential, commercial, industrial, and flats, both open plots and built-up properties. Engr. M. Younus Lakhani found other city rates aligned with expectations, but Mohsin Mujtaba raised concerns over doubled rates in Surjani. Afzal Hameed asked whether valuations were based on schemes or "Deh" divisions, assuring minimal impact. Members also noted rate variations within the same localities, such as Clifton, Surjani Town, and Soldier Bazar. The Chairman proposed compiling a detailed chart to highlight discrepancies.

Altaf Tai urged fostering a tax-compliant culture and noted no major issues with DHA valuations. The Chairman flagged notable increases in Darus Salam and pledged to address them with authorities. Afzal Hameed encouraged members to submit feedback for consolidation and presentation to FBR. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming ABAD's commitment to safeguarding industry interests while adapting to the revised valuation framework.

ABAD presses authorities to Prioritize Gwadar's Growth



ABAD Leadership Urges Immediate Action for Gwadar's Development at Press Conference held at ABAD House

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) held a press conference on September 9, 2025, at ABAD House, Karachi, under its Gwadar Chapter, urging federal and provincial governments to take immediate action for Gwadar's development.

ABAD Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi, joined by senior office bearers and stakeholders, stressed Gwadar's strategic importance as a deep-sea port vital for regional connectivity and economic growth. He warned that despite its potential in shipping, fishing, tourism, and industry, Gwadar risks neglect due to delays, poor governance, and lack of prioritization.

Mr. Bakshi recalled that while \$800 million was allocated for Gwadar under CPEC, around \$44 billion was invested elsewhere. He criticized unfulfilled promises, including Gwadar's tax-free zone status, and noted that basic infrastructure such as water, electricity, gas, and flight operations remain inadequate. He urged that funds earmarked for Gwadar be spent locally rather than diverted.

Highlighting foreign interests and security challenges, he called for stronger political will and transparent governance. He also emphasized involving locals, resolving land disputes, and computerizing records in Balochistan to ensure development benefits the region's residents.

Mr. Bakshi questioned the government's seriousness, pointing to decades-old projects still pending and urged Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal to present a clear timeline while safeguarding the existing master plan developed with Chinese partners.

Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo echoed concerns, criticizing the lack of transparency and stalled projects despite ABAD's heavy investments. He urged investment incentives, a 45-year tax-free regime, and coordinated efforts among provinces.

ABAD revealed that developers have launched over 105 housing schemes in Gwadar, with an estimated Rs. 600 billion invested. Yet inconsistent policies, heavy taxation, and delays at the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) have hindered progress.

Mr. Bakshi stressed that Gwadar's future must be led by Pakistanis, even as Chinese hold major stakes. He highlighted the urgent need to operationalize Gwadar airport, improve water supply planning, and ensure timely disbursement of development funds.

The chairman reaffirmed ABAD's commitment to Gwadar's prosperity and expressed hope that the concerns raised would reach decision-makers for prompt action.



Delegation of Sindh High Court Bar Association Visits ABAD House



President Sindh High Court Bar Association Muhammad Sarfaraz Ali Metlo along with his delegation is attending a meeting at ABAD House

A delegation from the Sindh High Court Bar Association (SHCBA) visited ABAD House on February 8, 2025, at the invitation of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) to discuss recent legal amendments mandating the transfer of all cases from the Sindh High Court to lower courts.

The meeting was chaired by ABAD Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi and attended by Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz Memon, Chairman Southern Region Owais Thanvi, former chairman Mohsin Sheikhani, and other senior members. The SHCBA delegation included President Muhammad Sarfaraz Ali Metlo, Honorary Secretary Mirza Sarfaraz Ahmed, former president Muhammad Saleem Mangrio, and other members.

In his remarks, Mr. Bakshi appreciated the legal changes aimed at expediting case resolution and congratulated Mr. Metlo on his electoral victory. He highlighted Karachi's worsening situation due to decades-long pending cases, rising land-grabbing, and unaffordable legal costs. While welcoming the shift of property cases to lower courts, he questioned whether overburdened judges could manage the backlog effectively.

Former Senior Vice Chairman Ibrahim Habib thanked the delegation and sought clarification on how the new system would ensure swift disposal of cases. ABAD's ex-chairman Mohsin Sheikhani echoed these concerns, urging expedited processes and criticizing inefficiencies in anti-corruption bodies.

He noted that many cases, including one he filed 14 years ago, remain unresolved, undermining business confidence.

SHCBA President Sarfaraz Metlo, in response, emphasized his commitment to timely justice. Drawing on 19 years of legal experience, he acknowledged systemic delays, with cases pending up to 19 years in the High Court.

He explained that the shortage of judges - tasked with handling over 25,000 cases - has made swift hearings impossible, particularly in commercial disputes.

He assured ABAD that the new law would allow verdicts or transfers within a year, with appeals capped at a second review.

Metlo stressed that lower courts, with closer oversight, would deliver faster outcomes and pledged to support business activity by resolving disputes efficiently.

He concluded by affirming his commitment to unity, accountability, and ensuring parties can choose their own lawyers under the revised framework.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from both sides.

FEDERAL TAX OMBUDSMAN

VISITS ABAD HOUSE



Delegation of FTO holds a discussion with the office-bearers of ABAD at the ABAD House

A meeting between the ABAD delegation and the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) was held on Monday, 18th November 2024, at 11:30 A.M. at ABAD House. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi, with Senior Vice Chairman Mr. S. Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz Memon, Chairman SR Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi, and other members in attendance.

The meeting began with introductions, followed by a warm welcome extended by Mr. Bakshi to Dr. Asif Mehmood Jah (HI) (SI), FTO, and his team. Mr. Bakshi highlighted serious concerns regarding the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) monitoring policies, emphasizing that repeated summons to builders and developers hinder industry growth and broader economic development.

He urged the FTO to address these issues and provide relief to the construction sector, a vital contributor to Pakistan's economy. Dr. Jah thanked ABAD for the reception and assured members that tax-related issues faced by builders and developers would be prioritized. He emphasized the FTO's commitment to eliminating irregularities in the tax system and announced that an ABAD-nominated representative would be appointed as an advisor to the FTO to address construction-specific tax matters efficiently.

Dr. Jah acknowledged the sector's contribution in providing employment and generating trillions in tax revenue and encouraged ABAD members to file complaints for prompt resolution. A presentation by the FTO provided insights into the institution's operations, achievements, and plans to tackle

tax-related challenges. Mr. Almas Ali Jovindah highlighted the FTO's mission to relieve the public from maladministration. Mr. Affan Qureshi, Convener of the Gwadar Chapter, raised concerns over property valuation anomalies, which the FTO advisor advised be submitted formally for priority resolution.

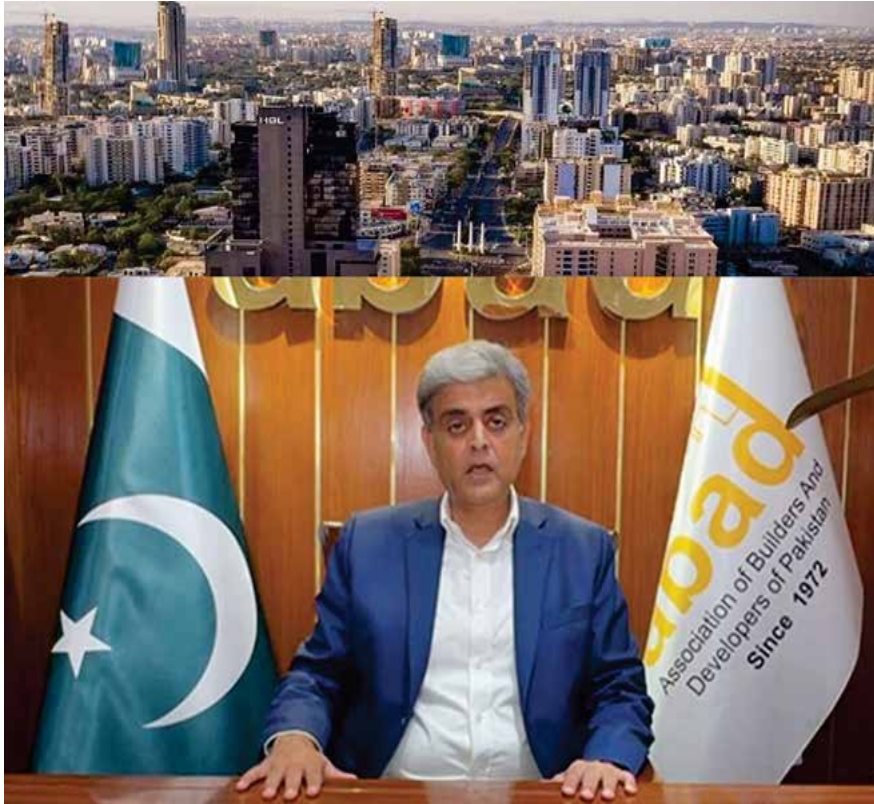
Senior Vice Chairman Syed Afzal Hameed appreciated the FTO's efforts and requested support in resolving cases pending in courts concerning ABAD members. The FTO advisor assured that both Federal and Provincial Ombudsman offices could handle such issues, with unresolved cases forwarded for follow-up.

Former Chairman Mr. Suffian Adhia highlighted discrepancies in Section 7/E application, including its limited collection in Sindh, advance tax on sale deeds, and additional Federal Excise Duty burdens. ABAD's legal advisor assured members these concerns would be reviewed with the FTO for resolution. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, with both ABAD members and FTO representatives agreeing to maintain close collaboration to efficiently address and resolve tax-related challenges.

ABAD welcomes govt's decision to

Abolish Excise Duty

on property transactions



ABAD Chairman Muhammad Hassan Bakshi thanked the government for taking decision to abolish the Federal Excise Duty (FED) on property transactions



"To boost the construction industry and generate employment, effective policies are essential," he said. "The recommendations put forward by the PM's task force are crucial for economic stability.

If the IMF does not accept them, the Prime Minister must move forward in the national interest." ABAD has also urged the government to reduce taxes under Sections 236C and 236K of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, which apply to property transactions. Moreover, the Association has proposed that the government ease and rationalize taxes imposed on real estate under Section 7E.

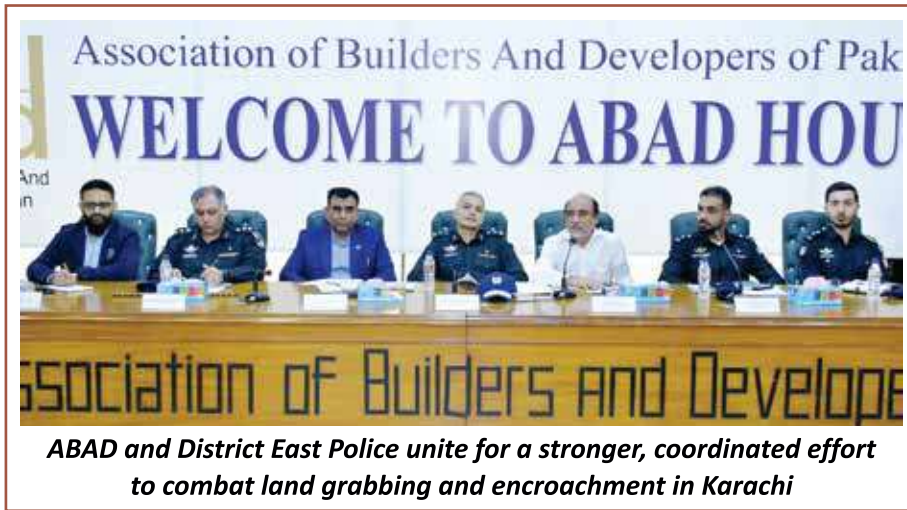
The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) has welcomed the federal government's decision to abolish the Federal Excise Duty (FED) on property transactions, calling it a much-needed boost for the real estate and construction sectors as well as the broader economy. The decision was taken by the government in the second week of April.

In a statement issued, ABAD Chairman Muhammad Hassan Bakshi thanked the government, describing the move as a positive and timely step that will help revive investor confidence and stimulate growth in the construction industry.

Mr. Bakshi, who is also a member of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Housing and Development, such measures are vital for stimulating the sector and creating employment opportunities.

Mr. Bakshi emphasized that sustained investment in the sector depends on Pakistan remaining competitive in the regional economic race. "We must provide our industries with the necessary incentives and facilities to make Pakistan globally competitive," he added.

ABAD, District East Police agree on joint mechanism to tackle land grabbing



A delegation of District East Police visited ABAD House on Thursday (Aug 28) to meet ABAD office-bearers and review ongoing land grabbing and encroachment cases. The meeting began with a recitation of the Holy Quran by ABAD Chairman (SR) Owais Thanvi and was chaired by Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, and Chairman (SR) Thanvi.

Police representatives includes DIG East Zone Dr. Farrukh Ali, SSP East & Korangi Dr. Farukh Raza, SSP Malir Dr. Abdul Khaliq, DSP Zonal Intelligence Branch Gopal Dass, DSP Complaints District East Arshad Laghari, DSP Complaints District Korangi Waseem Ahmed Siddiqi, and DSP Complaints District Malir Nisar Qaim Khani attended.

Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed welcomed the attendees, emphasizing District East's economic significance, noting its vital role in contributing to national tax revenues and economic growth. He referred to a recent case of land grabbing on a 62-acre plot along the National Highway, where swift police intervention led to FIRs against encroachers.

Mr. Hameed acknowledged the reduction in land encroachment cases due to police cooperation but stressed the need for comprehensive legislation for a long-term solution. He also mentioned the active development of over 2,000 construction projects in Karachi, with most in District East, and reaffirmed ABAD's commitment to responsible development.

DIG East Dr. Farrukh thanked ABAD for its collaboration and acknowledged the grey areas in land disputes, where illegal occupants often present forged documents.

He emphasized the need for stronger legislation to protect all stakeholders. He assured ABAD of continued police support but stressed the importance of legal reforms for long-term stability.

During the meeting, ABAD members raised concerns and suggestions, including the appointment of a dedicated police focal person to handle complaints. Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani emphasized this need, while Mr. Junaid highlighted encroachment issues on the Super Highway.

Both sides agreed to appoint a police focal person, with DIG Farrukh confirming that either DSP Kashif or DSP Gopal would serve as ABAD's contact.

The Senior Vice Chairman explained ABAD's internal grievance mechanism, which ensures transparency.

He cautioned against bypassing this system, as it could empower land grabbers. Mr. Tariq Aziz thanked the DIG for agreeing to the appointment of a focal person.

The meeting ended with mutual appreciation, with ABAD members welcoming the new coordination mechanisms and reaffirming their commitment to ongoing collaboration with the police.

ABAD DELEGATION VISITS KDA OFFICE



ABAD delegation speaks to KDA high-ups during a meeting at the KDA office

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD) visited the Karachi Development Authority (KDA) to discuss challenges facing the construction sector and explore collaborative solutions. KDA Director General Syed Shujaat Hussain welcomed the delegation, led by ABAD Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi, and invited Southern Region Chairman Owais Thanvi to open the meeting with a recitation from the Holy Quran.

Mr. Bakshi expressed concern over shrinking business activity, capital flight, and high taxation, comparing Pakistan's 60% effective income tax and 15% land transfer fee to Dubai's 9% tax and 4% fee. He proposed a temporary 50% cut in KDA and SBICA charges for three months, conditional on construction starting within six months, to stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment.

The DG noted KDA's financial strain, explaining that halving charges could hinder operations. He highlighted efforts to digitize files and land records but cited funding shortages. KDA service charges have been revised only four times in 24 years, and missing records have caused public inconvenience. Mr. Bakshi proposed a public-private partnership to digitize KDA's 525,000 files, offering to bring in a Dubai-based company, with ABAD and KDA each assigning two IT professionals. He warned of possible internal and external resistance to digitalization. The DG estimated the project cost at Rs. 28 million, or Rs. 400 per file, and said KDA plans to finance it from its own resources.



Discussions also covered service charge increases. KDA recently applied a 15% rise across 12 ABAD-related categories, but Mr. Bakshi urged deferring hikes during the recession, suggesting a 10% increase after two months for the 2025-2026 period. He also called for reinstating the 6% NUF rate abolished years ago, which the DG said was a Governing Body decision.

The DG revealed KDA rental income lags far behind market rates, citing Rs. 2,000 per month for KDA shops versus Rs. 40,000 privately. Mr. Bakshi proposed generating revenue through new plots in Clifton.

ABAD also offered to adopt and develop KDA's abandoned Clifton parks for public use without commercial activity, as part of its green belt initiatives. The DG appointed Mr. Shakeel Siddiqui as KDA's focal person for ABAD. The meeting concluded on a note of cooperation, with both sides agreeing to continue dialogue.

ABAD delegation meets Director General MDA



Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed along with Mr. Syed Khurshid Alam- Convener MDA, Mr. Adnan Memon- Co-Convener of MDA Sub-Committee meets DG MDA

A delegation of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) met Director General Malir Development Authority (MDA) Saeed Jumani on February 10, 2025, at MDA Head Office, Karachi, to discuss pending infrastructure works in MDA schemes, removal of encroachments from members' land, and expediting layout approvals. The ABAD team was led by Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, with Convener of MDA Committee Syed Khurshid Alam, Co-Convener Adnan Memon, and Umair Shahid. The MDA side included Secretary Waqas Sommro, Project Director/Town Planning Laiq Ahmed, Directors Farooq Bughtai (Land & Management), Abdul Rauf Baloch (PR), Shiraz Nazir Mirani (Encroachment), and Abdul Qadir (Land).

Mr. Jumani opened the meeting with introductions, assuring ABAD that members' concerns would be addressed promptly. Mr. Hameed highlighted major issues: rampant encroachments, slow infrastructure development, and delays in layout approvals. He stressed urgent road carpeting and infrastructure upgrades in MDA sectors and Taiser Town, offering ABAD's help in arranging funds if required. Mr. Laiq acknowledged the concerns, explaining procedural requirements and funding constraints. He noted some funds were available for waterworks that could be redirected to water supply and KE-PMT installations, suggesting costs be split into installments.

Mr. Hameed called for regular coordination meetings and a designated MDA focal person for timely updates. He also questioned MDA's allowance of emerging slum areas, urging swift action before further illegal construction. Mr. Mirani assured ABAD of immediate site visits upon reports of encroachment. Mr. Khurshid Alam emphasized ABAD builders' multi-billion-rupee investments in MDA projects and the need

for strong collaboration. He proposed appointing focal persons from both ABAD and MDA, with monthly meetings to resolve issues.

Mr. Laiq added that police cooperation in anti-encroachment drives had been lacking despite ministerial directives, suggesting a formal mechanism to involve law enforcement.

Mr. Jumani reaffirmed MDA's commitment to removing encroachments and prioritized KE-PMT and water supply to enable habitation. He instructed Mr. Mirani to deploy tractors to clear debris, trees, and trash from affected areas.

The meeting ended with agreement to strengthen ABADMDA liaison, explore joint funding options for urgent works, and hold follow-up meetings for progress reviews.

ABAD delegation meets MD SSGC



A delegation of ABAD holds meeting with MD SSGC, Muhammad Amin Rajput in the SSGC (Head office), Karachi

A delegation of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) met SSGC Managing Director Muhammad Amin Rajput on February 4, 2025, at SSGC's head office in Karachi to discuss unresolved cases pending since 2018.

The ABAD delegation was led by Chairman Hassan Bakshi and included Senior Vice Chairman Syed Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz Memon, Chairman (SR) Owaid Thanvi, and Convener SSGC/Former Chairman (SR) Mustafa Shaikhani.

Opening the discussion, Mr. Shaikhani raised concerns that despite making advance payments for new gas connections, members have not been provided supply, while SSGC continues to demand additional payments. He noted that earlier meetings had confirmed settlement of advance payments, yet SSGC has not acted on them.

MD SSGC clarified that all new connection requests are on hold due to the Ministry of Petroleum's directives and nationwide gas shortages. An SSGC officer added that the utility is considering RLNG-based connections as an alternative.

ABAD members shared experiences of paying large sums on SSGC's assurance of future connections. They said they are willing to pay more if required, but only with firm guarantees. Mr. Shaikhani referred to past meeting minutes to highlight members' ongoing hardships, stressing that billions remain locked in advance payments.

Mr. Amin acknowledged their frustration but explained that rising material costs, inflation, and currency fluctuations have forced a moratorium on new connections.

He urged ABAD to consider SSGC's limitations as a government entity but assured them the company's position is improving. He expressed hope that the new government would prioritize resolving gas connection issues.

Chairman Bakshi recognized the challenges but sought clear guidance to ease members' hardships. He requested SSGC's help in engaging the relevant authorities.

Other ABAD representatives voiced similar concerns. One noted that his project's advance payment should have covered connection costs, while another from Hyderabad reported delays despite departmental approvals. SSGC officials explained that cost increases had made the earlier payments insufficient.

Mr. Amin advised his team to review such cases and, where possible, connect projects from the nearest available line.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

ABAD delegation visits National University of Technology (NUTECH) Islamabad



Chairman ABAD Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi along with other office-bearers visited the National University of Technology (NUTECH) in Islamabad

A delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD), led by Chairman Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz, and Chairman Southern Region Mr. Owais Thanvi, visited the National University of Technology (NUTECH) in Islamabad in May.

The delegation was received by Rector Lt Gen Moazzam, Pro-Rector Maj Gen Khurram Qadri, Registrar Dr. Adnan, and the university management. During the visit, NUTECH presented its academic facilities and initiatives, followed by a campus tour that impressed the ABAD representatives.

Building on the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions, NUTECH and ABAD formalized a Document of Collaboration (DoC) to jointly promote the Bachelor's in Engineering Technology (BET) program in Civil Technology.

This initiative aims to enhance industry-aligned education standards, address youth unemployment, and develop a skilled workforce for Pakistan's construction sector.

Under the agreement, ABAD will sponsor selected students for the BET program's Fall 2025 batch, contributing Rs. 100,000 per student annually (totaling Rs. 400,000 over four years), while NUTECH will cover the remaining costs. For subsequent batches starting 2026, ABAD's financial support will continue under mutually agreed terms.

NUTECH will provide free accommodation and meals to ABAD-sponsored students from Karachi throughout their four-year program.

The collaboration ensures practical industry exposure, with ABAD members offering internships, on-site training, and project facilitation in Islamabad and surrounding areas during summer breaks.

To uphold accountability, NUTECH will require sponsored students to sign a bond committing them to five years of service in the construction industry post-graduation. Students who fail to complete the program must refund the full sponsorship amount.

Both parties have appointed focal persons -- NUTECH's Registrar (or nominee) and an ABAD representative -- to oversee coordination for at least three years. Any disputes arising from the DoC will be resolved amicably through negotiation, avoiding litigation. The agreement remains valid for ten years from the signing date, reinforcing a long-term commitment to educational and industrial growth.

This partnership reflects a shared vision to bridge academia and industry, fostering technical expertise and economic development in Pakistan.

ABAD delegation attends

'Explore and Uplift'

Gwadar Conference



ABAD Chairman (SR) Mr. Owais Thanvi and Convener Gwadar Chapter Mr. Affan Qureshi attends 'Explore and Uplift Gwadar' Conference at the Gwadar Business Center (GBC)

The 'Explore and Uplift Gwadar' conference took place at the Gwadar Business Center (GBC) on November 5, 2024, with the goal of highlighting the growing potential of Gwadar as an emerging global business hub.

The event was organized by Mass Human Resource Services (Mass HRS) and China Overseas Ports Holding Company Pakistan (COPHC) to discuss key initiatives for the development of the region.

Prominent figures including ABAD Chairman SR Owais Thanvi and Convener of the Gwadar Chapter, Affan Qureshi, were in attendance.

The conference featured a series of insightful talks from experts and industry leaders on a variety of topics related to the uplift of Balochistan and the socio-economic development of Gwadar.

The event provided a platform for stakeholders to explore ways to harness Gwadar's strategic location and boost its business infrastructure, aiming to position the city as a key player in global trade and commerce.

Through collaborations and knowledge-sharing, the conference sought to inspire new projects and initiatives that can drive sustainable growth and prosperity in the region.

ABAD delegation meets GDA

Director General to discuss Tax relief and housing Issues in Gwadar



***ABAD delegation led by the Chairman SR, Owais Thanvi, meets
GDA Director General at his office.***

A meeting was held between the Director General of the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA), Shafqat Anwar Shahwani, and a delegation from the Association of Builders and Developers (ABAD), led by Chairman Southern Region Mr. Owais Thanvi.

The meeting, which took place at the GDA office in Gwadar, focused on several key issues related to ongoing housing development and the challenges faced by builders in the area.

The delegation, which included ABAD's Gwadar Chapter Convener Iffan Qureshi, Haji Abdul Ghani Baloch, Naeem Khan, Irshad Ali Shad, Fasihuddin Qureshi, Fahad Ehsan, and S.M. Naqi, raised concerns about the difficulties faced by builders and developers in the area. They presented various proposals aimed at resolving these issues.

One of the main points discussed was the formation of a working group to address the Gwadar Tax Relief (GSED), with mutual agreement to restrict the tax exemptions to the boundaries of the Gwadar Master Plan for the time being.

In response, the Director General of GDA assured the delegation of his department's full support and cooperation, stressing the importance of continued construction activities in Gwadar's housing societies for the region's overall development.



ABAD reviews performance of Sub-Committees in meeting with Conveners and Co-Conveners



A meeting of the Conveners and Co-Conveners of ABAD's sub-committees was held at ABAD House on Saturday (Dec 21st 2025)

Following the formation of ABAD's Sub-Committees for 2024-2025, a meeting of conveners and co-conveners was held at ABAD House on December 21 to review quarterly performance and outline strategies for greater effectiveness. Chaired by ABAD Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi, the meeting was attended by Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz Memon, Chairman (SR) Owais Thanvi, and other committee heads. Chairman Bakshi stressed two priorities: formalizing appointments and integrating conveners into official communication channels to improve coordination. He also announced that the five best-performing sub-committees would present their achievements at the Annual General Meeting. Committee updates followed. Shelter & Publication Convener Engr. Kaleem uz Zaman flagged delays in Shelter Magazine approvals, prompting the Chairman to assign Owais Thanvi to ensure clearance within two days.

MDA Convener Khursheed Alam shared plans to meet the DG of MDA, encouraging members to report MDA/LDA issues. Muhammad Patel backed this and urged discussion on land grabbing and an industry amnesty. Abandoned Projects Convener Syed Ashraf Hameed reported ongoing efforts to address pending cases, while Gwadar Co-Convener Abdul Ghani called for implementing the Gwadar Special Economic District. Engineer Sajid Ali stressed transparency in land-related issues, and SSGC Convener Mustafa Shaikhani sought a replacement due to personal reasons. Mahmood Tabba highlighted progress in affordable housing with government and bank support. Suleman Saleem announced an upcoming NUTECH meeting, while former Vice Chairman Nadeem

Jeewa congratulated the Chairman on his Housing Task Force role. Mustafa Thanvi proposed creating a land bank and addressed infrastructure concerns in Scheme-33.

Legal Affairs Committee Convener Ibrahim S. Habib updated on the 815-K case and other resolved legal matters. Anti-Encroachment Convener Asif Sumsum emphasized direct engagement with complainants and proper documentation.

SR Chairman Ahmed Owais Thanvi reported progress with SBICA, warning against illegal construction. Members also discussed land acquisition, revenue issues, and coordination with authorities. Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed urged unity and long-term policy planning. Former Chairman Ali Rathadia proposed engaging the SIFC on land ratios, while Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz stressed closer coordination on revenue and K-Electric matters.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from Chairman Bakshi, who encouraged continued dedication to strengthening ABAD's role in the construction and housing sectors.

BELARUS

delegation visits ABAD House



Chairman ABAD Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi presenting shield to Belarus delegation after their presentation on "Rotary car parking system" at ABAD House

A delegation from Belarus recently visited ABAD House on June 12th, 2025 to explore opportunities for enhancing trade and investment between Pakistan and Belarus, with a particular focus on the construction and real estate sectors. Chairman ABAD Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi, led the ABAD delegation, accompanied by Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz and Chairman SR Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi and other members.

The Belarusian delegation included Mr. Aleksandr Sorokin, Deputy Head of Sales; Ms. Ekaterina Kazak, Head of the Export Bureau (Foreign Sector); and Mr. Ilya Kanapliou, Deputy Head and Trade Counselor of the Embassy of Belarus.

During the meeting, Chairman ABAD highlighted the potential for collaboration and mentioned that ABAD had been invited to an exhibition in China. He expressed hope for similar support from Belarus in facilitating visas for Pakistani business delegates to explore export and import opportunities through the ABAD platform.

Ms. Ekaterina Kazak delivered an insightful presentation on the rotary car parking system, emphasizing its advantages over traditional parking methods. The innovative system maximizes urban space utilization by vertically stacking vehicles, offering an efficient solution to parking challenges in densely populated areas. Both parties expressed strong interest in fostering long-term partnerships, increasing mutual trade volume, and enhancing collaboration through knowledge exchange, joint ventures, and participation in trade fairs and exhibitions.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides extending a vote of thanks and reaffirming their commitment to strengthening economic ties.



Delegation of Belarus



DHA Bahawalpur delegation visits ABAD House, Explores Investment Opportunities



DHA Bahawalpur delegation visits ABAD House to explore the opportunity and share their insights on the project as well

A high-level delegation from Defence Housing Authority (DHA) Bahawalpur visited ABAD House to foster collaboration with the (ABAD) and discuss investment opportunities in the region. The visit aimed to showcase DHA Bahawalpur's progress, highlight key projects, and invite ABAD members to explore potential ventures.

The ABAD delegation was led by Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Owais Thanvi, along with other senior ABAD members. The visiting delegation included Administrator Brig. Muhammad Naveed Iqbal, Director Marketing Brig. (Rtd.) Syed Alamdar Hussain Shah, Director Business Development/Joint Ventures Brig. (Rtd.) Muhammad Tariq, Lt. Col. (Rtd.) Tabraiz, and other officials from DHA Bahawalpur.

At the outset, Brig. Naveed Iqbal expressed gratitude for the hospitality and highlighted the importance of engaging with Karachi's business community. He stated that DHA Bahawalpur aims to include ABAD members in its future development plans, offering diverse investment models without mandatory land purchases.

The DHA Bahawalpur team delivered two detailed presentations. The first provided an overview of DHA Bahawalpur's development, covering its background and vision to establish a modern, well-planned community with state-of-the-art infrastructure. It highlighted the rapid development of key projects, including residential and commercial zones, along with investment plans in housing, commercial projects, and recreational facilities.

Brig. Naveed emphasized that DHA Bahawalpur is progressing swiftly, with several projects already completed. The second presentation focused on sector-specific investment opportunities, particularly in education, healthcare, medical universities, and nursing colleges; and commercial and recreational projects like shopping malls, theme parks, and hospitality ventures.

Brig. (Rtd.) Muhammad Tariq encouraged ABAD members to invest in education and healthcare, citing a shortage of quality institutions in the region. He assured that land allocations would be based on project feasibility. Reiterating DHA Bahawalpur's current growth phase, Brig. Tariq invited investors to visit and evaluate opportunities firsthand.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Owais Thanvi thanked the DHA Bahawalpur delegation for their engagement and valuable presentations. He accepted the invitation to visit DHA Bahawalpur, recalling ABAD's previous visit to DHA Multan and the warm hospitality extended during that occasion.

The event concluded with the presentation of a shield and bouquet to the visiting guests by ABAD office-bearers.

DHA City delegation visits ABAD House To Present Investment Opportunities



DHA City M9 delegation presents exciting investment opportunities to ABAD members, fostering growth and innovation in the real estate sector.

A delegation from Defence Housing Authority (DHA) City M9 visited the ABAD House on August 15, 2025 to present investment opportunities in DHA City M9 and explore potential collaborations with ABAD members. ABAD's team was headed by Chairman Mohammad Hassan Bakshi and included senior officials such as Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz and Convener DHA Nusrat Mirza.

The DHA delegation was led by Administrator Brig. Sohail Imtiaz, with other members including Col. Kashif Fazal (Director Marketing), Lt. Col. Muhammad Saad (Director Business Development), Lt. Col. Muhammad Haris (Additional Director Business Development), Rizwan (Chief Financial Advisor), and consultant Faiz Kidwai.

Chairman Bakshi welcomed the visitors and thanked Brig. Imtiaz and his team for the visit. He emphasized the importance of ABAD's democratic structure and noted that membership is mandatory for all builders and developers before starting any project in Sindh. He also suggested DHA adopt a similar approach for ensuring legal and compliant construction.

Brig. Sohail Imtiaz thanked ABAD for the warm reception and provided an overview of DHA City M9's strategic location along the M9 Motorway. He highlighted key aspects of the project, including its eco-friendly, self-sustaining design and announced the establishment of a Shaukat Khanum Hospital in DHA City M9. He also addressed a suggestion from ABAD's Nusrat Mirza regarding a staff colony for lower-income employees, clarifying that although no separate colony is planned, residents could build servant quarters within their plots.

The DHA team presented key features of the project, including:

- Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital
- Golf & Country Club
- ARY Laguna
- Arts & Culture District
- Townhouses and high-rise Residential buildings
- Renewable energy systems and improved water supply

They also detailed plot sizes, pricing (Rs. 55 million for 1,000-yard plots, Rs. 150 million for 1,500-yard mixed-use plots), and payment terms, including a 25% down payment and a three-year installment plan.

During the Q&A, Chairman Bakshi proposed extending the payment plan to 16 quarterly installments, while Brig. Imtiaz confirmed the three-year construction timeline would remain.

Mr. Bakshi concluded by describing DHA City M9 as a “golden opportunity” for developers, highlighting its transparent framework and urging flexibility for additional members if demand exceeds the 16 available plots.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

Designated Non-Financial Business and Professions (DNFBPs) DIRECTOR

VISITS ABAD HOUSE

TO DISCUSS AML/CFT COMPLIANCE Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (CFT)



On Saturday, May 31, 2025, Engr. Abdul Qadri, Director of DNFBPs AML/CFT, visited ABAD House to discuss matters relating to registration, inspections, and forthcoming site visits under the AML/CFT compliance regime. The meeting was chaired by ABAD Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi and attended by Senior Vice Chairman Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz, and Chairman (SR) Owais Thanvi. The visiting delegation comprised Director Engr. Qadri and Deputy Director Naveed.

Deputy Director's Presentation

Mr. Naveed outlined Pakistan's FATF grey-list history (2008-2010, 2012-2015, 2018-2022) and ongoing monitoring, attributing repeated listings to weak controls on money laundering and terror financing. He explained the creation of the DNFBPs Directorate under FBR to regulate high-risk sectors: real estate, construction, jewelry, and cash-intensive transactions, due to minimal oversight. FBR's DNFBPs oversight covers real estate agents, precious metal/stone dealers, and non-ICAP/ICMAP accountants. Responsibilities include licensing, registration, monitoring, inspections, and enforcing penalties. Obligations for DNFBPs include Customer Due Diligence (CDD), record-keeping, suspicious transaction reporting (STRs), and ensuring only registered entities operate. The registration process, available via online portals and mobile apps, enhances transparency and market credibility.

Remarks by ABAD Chairman

Mr. Bakshi welcomed the delegation and appreciated the outreach. He confirmed that most ABAD members are already registered but warned that failure to register could result in severe penalties, including closure or sealing of offices. He encouraged cooperation, proposed the appointment of a DNFBPs liaison officer for ABAD members, and urged members to

report any misconduct during the process.

Remarks by DNFBPs Director

Engr. Qadri thanked ABAD for their hospitality and stressed that Pakistan's repeated grey-listing was due to weaknesses in financial oversight, especially of foreign funding. He emphasized robust documentation, accountability, and compliance with international obligations, citing the UAE's Ministry of Economics as an example of best practices.

He announced key compliance measures:

Character Verification: Mandatory police-issued certificate for applicants.

Digital Verification: Planned online system with IG Asif Ejaz.

Mobile App: Registration via the official app, with proof retained in both digital and printed form.

STR & FMU Reporting:

Members must report suspicious transactions or allottees. To facilitate compliance, he proposed organizing a special registration session at ABAD House or inviting members to his office. The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks, reaffirming mutual commitment to AML/CFT compliance.

Renowned religious scholar

MAULANA TARIQ JAMEEL

visits ABAD House



Religious Scholar Molana Tariq Jameel and his son Molana Yousuf Jameel partakes in the meeting at ABAD House

Maulana Tariq Jameel emphasizes the importance of honesty, justice, and Islamic values in business practices, while his son Maulana Yousuf Jameel thanks ABAD for its generous donation to the MTJ Foundation for Gaza affectees.

Renowned religious scholar Maulana Tariq Jameel visited ABAD House on January 24, 2025 where he delivered a lecture emphasizing honesty, justice, and Islamic values in business practices.

The event, moderated by ABAD Chairman Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi, was also attended by senior ABAD officials, including Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz Memon, and Chairman of the Southern Region Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi among others.

At the outset, Mr. Owais Thanvi highlighted ABAD's role in contributing to Pakistan's GDP. In his remarks, Chairman Mr. Bakshi praised Maulana Jameel's global influence and suggested regular visits to ABAD House for moral and ethical enlightenment. Speaking on the occasion, Maulana Jameel stressed the importance of integrating Islamic principles into business practices, particularly in the construction sector.

He urged ABAD members to prioritize affordable housing projects to ensure quality shelter for all, emphasizing the need for honesty and justice in their work. He reminded the audience that human knowledge is limited and a divine gift, encouraging humility and simplicity in both personal and professional lives.

Maulana Yousuf Jameel, son of Maulana Tariq Jameel, shared insights into his father's philanthropic work through the Maulana Tariq Jameel (MTJ) Foundation.

He recounted how the Foundation was established to help vulnerable women transition to a dignified life, providing them with shelter, education, and employment.

He also highlighted the Foundation's international efforts, particularly in Gaza, where it has provided essential aid to Palestinians affected by conflict. Maulana Yousuf thanked ABAD for its generous donation to the MTJ Foundation.

He concluded with a prayer for peace and well-being, underscoring the Foundation's ongoing commitment to humanitarian causes.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Maulana Tariq Jameel offered Dua-e-Khair (prayer for goodness) for the country and the entire Muslim Ummah.



Motivational speaker

Qasim Ali Shah visits ABAD House



Mr. Khursheed also recommended forming a liaison committee for direct coordination with Mr. Shah's team.



A glimpse of meeting with Motivational speaker Qasim Ali Shah at ABAD House

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) hosted a special meeting on Friday, May 2nd, 2025, at ABAD House with renowned motivational speaker and educationist Mr. Qasim Ali Shah. The meeting was held to discuss the potential for launching impactful initiatives in Karachi, inspired by the work of the Qasim Ali Shah Foundation.

Qasim Ali Shah is a celebrated author, public speaker, and trainer known for his work in youth development, education reform, and motivational outreach across Pakistan. His foundation has spearheaded numerous projects aimed at empowering the underprivileged through education, vocational training, and character-building programs.

The meeting was chaired by ABAD Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz Memon and Chairman (South Region) Mr. Owais Thanvi, and attended by several distinguished ABAD members. Mr. Thanvi welcomed Mr. Shah, praising his contributions to youth empowerment and social upliftment. Engr. Danish bin Rauf highlighted the success of Shah's programs and expressed interest in replicating them in Karachi.

Mr. Shah affirmed his commitment to the city, sharing details of his foundation's initiatives. He emphasized transparency in operations and noted Karachi's significant donor contributions, stressing the need to invest in youth. ABAD members, including Mr. Thanvi, assured full support, mentioning existing educational efforts. Mr. Suleman Salim, Convener of the Vocational Training Sub-Committee, highlighted ABAD's skilled labor programs and scholarships.

Mr. Khursheed, Convener of the MDA, proposed motivational sessions for the business community, while Vice Chairman Tariq Aziz suggested regular meetings on life skills.

Mr. Shah welcomed the proposals, expressing openness to a formal MoU, particularly if ABAD had a training subcommittee. He reiterated his focus on underprivileged communities and vocational initiatives.

Mr. Affan Qureshi, Convener of the Gwadar Chapter, requested a motivational message for Gwadar's disillusioned youth, which Mr. Shah agreed to deliver digitally. Engr. Danish proposed finalizing an MoU between ABAD and the Qasim Ali Shah Foundation, noting groundwork was complete.

A foundation representative raised concerns about Karachi's beggar population, urging skill-based solutions. Mr. Thanvi acknowledged the issue, pledging action.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the start of a promising partnership aimed at youth development and social upliftment in Karachi.

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), Commissioner visits ABAD House



Commissioner SECP Mr. Muzaffar Ahmed Mirza and Additional Director Ms. Saila Jamshed, visited ABAD House.

A high-level delegation from the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), led by Commissioner Mr. Muzaffar Ahmed Mirza and Additional Director Ms. Saila Jamshed, visited ABAD House on August 18 (Monday) to discuss with the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) critical regulatory issues impacting the construction and real estate sector.

The discussions focused on the legal requirements for escrow accounts, SECP permissions, and Section 456 of the Companies Act, 2017. Several SECP officials joined the meeting virtually via Zoom.

ABAD's delegation was headed by Chairman Mr. Mohammad Hassan Bakshi, accompanied by Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Syed Afzal Hameed, Vice Chairman Mr. Tariq Aziz, Chairman (SR) Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi, and other committee members.

Mr. Bakshi welcomed the SECP officials and provided an overview of ABAD's structure, emphasizing its democratic governance. He noted that, in line with directives from the Directorate General of Trade Organizations (DGTO), the tenure of ABAD's office-bearers had been extended from one to two years. He also highlighted ABAD's mandatory membership requirement for builders, ensuring that the majority of members operate legally. Additionally, he mentioned ABAD's complaints and arbitration committee, which resolves 90% of disputes amicably, and outlined ABAD's offices in Karachi, Lahore, and Gwadar, with plans to open one in Islamabad.

Commissioner Muzaffar Ahmed Mirza thanked ABAD for their warm reception and explained the purpose of his visit: to clarify Section 456 of

the Companies Act, 2017, and its implications for real estate companies.

He elaborated that this section, one of the most comprehensive in the Act, restricts companies from accepting deposits and was originally part of the Companies Ordinance. Responding to Mr. Bakshi's query about the definition of "company" under Section 456, Mr. Mirza confirmed that it covers all entities incorporated under the Companies Act, 2017.

Mr. Mirza also shared that SECP, in collaboration with the State Bank and FPCCI, is working on reviving the enforcement of Section 456, though its implementation is pending a Federal Government notification. He assured that SECP would support ABAD members and offer further guidance if needed.

Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed raised concerns about additional NOC requirements. Mr. Bakshi assured that ABAD members would comply fully with the required documentation. Virtual participants also expressed concerns, particularly about differentiating legitimate fundraisers from fraudulent ones.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from both sides.

FBR conducts AML/CFT awareness session for ABAD members

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) organized an awareness session on July 31, 2024, at the Sales Tax House, Karachi, to brief members of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) on the AML/CFT Regulatory Framework for Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs). The session aimed to enhance members' understanding of anti-money laundering and counter-terror financing obligations in the real estate sector.

Opening the proceedings, Mr. Naveed from FBR explained that DNFBPs, such as real estate agents, jewelers, and certain accountants are vulnerable to money laundering and terror financing risks. The DNFBP program was initiated in 2020 following Pakistan's placement on the FATF list. He noted that while DNFBPs are not responsible for tax collection, they must comply with AML/CFT rules, particularly in high-risk areas like real estate, where large cash-based transactions and a decentralized registry system make the sector prone to misuse.

He highlighted vulnerabilities such as overseas transactions and “non-faced” deals conducted via intermediaries or platforms like Zameen.com.

Mr. Naveed outlined FBR's upcoming initiatives, including a registration drive and inspection cycles, and advised builders to file Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) with the Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU), conduct Customer Due Diligence (CDD), and maintain records for five years.

During the discussion, ABAD leaders expressed concerns about practical challenges. Senior Vice Chairman Ibrahim S. Habib noted that while ABAD members are willing to cooperate, they lack investigative capacity and argued that such responsibilities lie with state agencies.

Chairman Regional Committee Mustafa Shaikhani questioned whether sales staff should focus on selling properties or investigating buyers, warning that intrusive checks could drive clients away.

To address these concerns, Mr. Habib proposed forming a joint committee of ABAD members and FBR officials, a suggestion accepted by DNFBP Director Ali Muhammad Sheikh.

The director clarified that developers are not expected to act like investigative agencies but only to flag suspicious cases by providing basic information such as CNIC and contact details. He cited examples like investments from conflict zones or offshore havens as red flags that builders should report for further scrutiny.

The session concluded with a note of thanks, marking the beginning of closer coordination between FBR and ABAD on AML/CFT compliance.



Meeting Regarding Nasla Tower Plot Auction



A meeting regarding the Nasla Tower Plot Auction took place at ABAD House on 9th August 2025. The meeting was chaired virtually by ABAD Chairman, Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi, with in-person attendance from Senior Vice Chairman ABAD, Syed Afzal Hameed, and Chairman SR, Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi. Members of the Special Committee for Public Auction included Muhammad Ejaz (Chairman), Suffiyan Adhia, Mustafa Shaikhani, Dr. Muhammad Hani Ahmedani, Engineer Mushtaq Munawwar, and Engineer Aqeel Munawwar, all present for the session. The primary agenda was to discuss ABAD's potential involvement in the upcoming public auction of the Nasla Tower property, located on Main Shahrah-e-Faisal. The meeting involved in-depth discussions covering technical, legal, financial, and strategic considerations related to the auction.

Mr. Muhammad Ejaz proposed that a feasibility report be created before the bid submission date to assess the project's viability. Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani stressed the importance of a detailed cost analysis and profit & loss projections to evaluate financial risks and returns. Engineer Mushtaq Munawwar highlighted past experiences with court auctions, advising the inclusion of an expert in managing properties acquired through such processes. The committee unanimously supported this.

On the legal front, Dr. Muhammad Hani advised a comparative assessment between the court-determined valuation and prevailing market prices, alongside a thorough review of demolition orders to preempt potential legal impediments. He further underscored a critical technical consideration: the auction is to be conducted strictly on an "as-is-where-is" basis.

This condition inherently entails the risk that, should ABAD proceed with acquisition, unresolved legal complications could immobilise its financial outlays until such matters are conclusively resolved.

Mr. Suffiyan Adhia provided historical context, mentioning that the land was originally allotted in 1955 with an additional 250 square feet. He suggested filing a petition to regularize the expanded land, as it may require court intervention before auction participation. Financially, members noted that 25% of the reserve bid amount must be arranged upfront, underscoring the importance of effective financial planning.

Mr. Afzal Hameed emphasized that ABAD's involvement should also safeguard its reputation and professional integrity. He proposed using part of ABAD's funds for the bid, with the rest raised from member contributions.

It was agreed to obtain and review the official site plan, while legal concerns would be addressed by Mr. Ejaz and Mr. Adhia. Outstanding utility dues would also be checked. A thorough due diligence process was agreed upon to ensure that the project is financially sound and strategically important for ABAD's future.

The meeting concluded with a consensus to move forward carefully, recognizing the significance of this opportunity for ABAD's standing in the construction community.



Progress Report of

Sub-Committees
For the term 2024 - 2025





The Shelter and Publications Sub-Committee of ABAD, headed by Convener Engr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman Khan alongside Co-Convener Maj (retd) Haroon Rasheed, plays a central role in chronicling the Association's activities, from meetings and events to industry initiatives, and producing them through the bimonthly Shelter magazine and the Annual Report.

Under the convener's leadership, the magazine team operates with precision and coordination, meeting deadlines consistently. Frequent strategy meetings and clear communication ensure that content remains relevant, informative and aligned with the latest trends in the real estate and construction sectors.

The sub-committee takes a hands-on approach to content development, reviewing articles, refining layouts, and integrating feedback from ABAD office-bearers to reflect the priorities and perspectives of elected officials.

Engr. Kaleem-uz-Zaman, as managing editor, maintains constant contact with the team, offering guidance, resolving operational challenges and ensuring each issue delivers polished and professional content.

Monthly meetings are held to finalize content, set editorial direction, and plan future editions.



By tackling challenges proactively and maintaining rigorous editorial standards, the Shelter and Publications Sub-Committee ensures that ABAD's publications not only inform and engage members but also strengthen the Association's public image.

The team remains committed to continuing this legacy, confident that the Shelter magazine and Annual Report will further solidify ABAD's standing as a leading voice in Pakistan's real estate sector.



Complaint

Sub-Committee



The Complaint Subcommittee of ABAD convened a meeting to review and resolve the complaints of complainants.

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan's (ABAD) Complaint Sub-Committee has emerged as a cornerstone of accountability within the real estate sector, demonstrating a staunch commitment to fairness, professionalism, and transparency. Through open dialogue between complainants and member builders, the committee has worked to resolve disputes amicably, reinforcing confidence in ABAD's role as a responsible industry body.

Guided by Convener Mr. M. Anwar Gagai with the support of Co-Conveners Mr. M. Ayoob and Mr. Nadeem Jeewa, the Sub-Committee has consistently championed ethical business practices and stakeholder protection. Their collective leadership has played a vital role in fostering trust between builders and allottees, while enhancing ABAD's standing as a credible and responsive organization.

Between October 2024 to September 2025, the Sub-Committee operated with remarkable efficiency, ensuring that no grievance was left unresolved. Although no new complaints were filed during this period, every pending case from previous terms was successfully concluded, leaving no disputes under process or litigation. This achievement reflects the Sub-Committee's focus on timely resolution and its ability to maintain a robust system of accountability within the Association.

By combining constructive mediation with systematic oversight, the committee has ensured that every case reaches a fair and transparent outcome. These efforts have significantly strengthened stakeholder confidence, reinforcing ABAD's reputation as a body that values ethical practices and transparent dealings in Pakistan's real estate sector.

ABAD extends sincere appreciation to Mr. Anwar Gagai, Mr. M. Ayoob, and Mr. Nadeem Jeewa for their leadership, as well as to the Secretariat, particularly Mr. Ehteshamullah Malick (Secretary General), Mr. Muhammad Shakir (Office Superintendent), and the Secretariat staff, whose tireless support has been instrumental to the committee's success.

The Complaint Sub-Committee's performance during this term stands as a testament to its commitment to protecting the interests of both members and allottees.

With all complaints resolved and no cases pending, it has set a new benchmark for efficiency and accountability - an achievement ABAD intends to build upon as it continues to promote integrity, trust and sustainable growth in Pakistan's real estate sector.

Progress of Complaint Sub-Committee

Reporting Period:
October 1, 2024 -
September 5, 2025

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Total Complaints Received | 156 |
| Resolved | 104 |
| Court Matter | 05 |
| In-Process | 47 |
| Resolved Percentage | 67% |
| Pending complaints Resolved | 30 |

New Membership & Renewal



New Membership & Renewal Subcommittee meeting under the leadership of Convener Mr. Ayoob and Convener Mr. Nadeem Jeewa

ABAD's New Membership & Renewal Sub-Committee has played a pivotal role in expanding and strengthening the Association's membership base during the review period. Throughout the year, the Sub-Committee maintained a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and efficiency in managing new membership and renewal processes. Applications continued to pour in from a wide spectrum of entities, including proprietorships, partnerships, and private limited companies eager to join ABAD's growing network.

To ensure that only credible and deserving applicants were recommended, the Sub-Committee held several sessions to rigorously assess, interview, and evaluate each case before forwarding its recommendations to the Executive Committee (EC) for final approval.

Under the leadership of Convener Mr. M. Ayoob, supported by Co-Conveners Mr. Nadeem Jeewa and Mr. Khawar Munir, and backed by the Secretariat team, the Sub-Committee processed **80** applications between October 2024 and September 2025. Following thorough document verification and due diligence, all **80** applications were recommended and subsequently endorsed by the EC. Also, **10** New Membership Application are in **In-Process**.

New Membership Approvals (October 2024 - September 2025)

| S. No. | Meeting held on | No. Of Cases Approved |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | 18 November 2024 | 15 |
| 2. | 08 February 2025 | 16 |
| 3. | 28 April 2025 | 16 |
| 4. | 06 August 2025 | 33 |

Sub-Committee



New Membership

This achievement is particularly commendable given the backdrop of economic uncertainty, soaring construction costs, and industry-wide challenges. Despite these obstacles, the Sub-Committee's efforts resulted in a significant rise in approved memberships, reaffirming ABAD's position as the country's leading representative body for builders and developers.

Today, ABAD proudly represents over 1,500 active members, with the number steadily increasing as new applications continue to be approved.

The Sub-Committee expresses its gratitude to ABAD's leadership for their unwavering support and guidance, and to the Secretariat staff for their consistent cooperation throughout the year. With its commitment to transparency, impartial evaluation, and sustainable growth, the New Membership & Renewal Sub-Committee remains dedicated to further enhancing ABAD's membership base in the years to come.

ABAD's Guarantee



An internal meeting held at ABAD House to discuss members SBCA guarantees under the leadership of office-bearers and Convener Guarantee subcommittee Mr. Anwar Gagai

Sub-Committee



ABAD's Guarantee Sub-Committee has become a cornerstone of support for members, streamlining and managing all guarantee-related matters with precision and efficiency.

Led by Convener Mr. M. Anwar Gagai and supported by Co-Conveners Mr. Haroon Karim, Mr. S. Shahid Khairi, Mr. Rameez Ghaziani, and Mr. Anwar Dawood OK, the committee brings together seasoned professionals committed to facilitating builders across the industry.

Over the years, the Sub-Committee has hosted multiple meetings to expedite guarantee issuance, resolve long-pending cases, and refine processes. A key milestone was the joint session with the SBCA Sub-Committee at ABAD House, where critical issues surrounding development scheme guarantees and the encashment of ABAD Guarantee (Security Deposit) letters were successfully addressed.

The committee has also taken proactive steps to enhance the mortgage formula, delivering tangible benefits to members.

From October 2016 to September 2025, the Sub-Committee issued 415 guarantees, with 139 guarantees expiring between 2017 and 2025, while 74 guarantees are currently under compilation at SBCA.

Several guarantees are in the process of being returned or canceled, reflecting ongoing efforts to streamline operations.

This success is a testament to the tireless collaboration between the Guarantee Sub-Committee and the ABAD Secretariat, whose dedication continues to strengthen member services.

| Years | Guarantees Issued |
|-------|-------------------|
| 2017 | 39 |
| 2018 | 18 |
| 2019 | 33 |
| 2020 | 89 |
| 2021 | 49 |
| 2022 | 94 |
| 2023 | 43 |
| 2024 | 29 |
| 2025 | 21 |



A meeting of Gwadar Subcommittee under the supervision of office-bearers and Convener Mr. Affan Qureshi

The Gwadar Sub-Committee of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) has played a key role over the past year in tackling development challenges and expanding the association's footprint in Pakistan's vital port city.

Tasked with monitoring construction activity, promoting quality standards, and addressing industry-related issues, the committee worked with commitment to support ABAD's long-term vision for Gwadar's growth.

Led by Convener Mr. Affan Qureshi, with members Mr. Mansoor Hoth and Mr. Mehmood Yaqoob, the committee operated with energy, urgency, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Mr. Qureshi's leadership was defined by proactive engagement with both government and private stakeholders, ensuring ABAD maintained a visible and influential presence across key forums and decision-making platforms. His commitment to resolving member concerns and fostering institutional dialogue significantly enhanced ABAD's role in Gwadar's evolving development landscape.

The Gwadar Sub-Committee began its work in early September 2024, with its first official engagement taking place on September 10 at the Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) office, during a meeting with National Accountability Bureau (NAB) officials. The discussions focused on compliance, law and order, and the implementation of the Gwadar Master Plan.

A milestone achievement followed on October 8 at FBR headquarters in Islamabad, where ABAD representatives, including committee members, successfully negotiated an approx.

80% reduction in property valuation rates - a major relief for stakeholders and a landmark win for the association.

On November 5, ABAD participated in the "Uplift and Explore Gwadar" conference held at the Business Centre in Gwadar, with Mr. Owais Thanvi representing the association.

The event showcased growth strategies and emerging investment opportunities in the city. The next day, the committee held discussions with the DG GDA on challenges faced by developers.



Meetings followed on December 16 with the Deputy Commissioner of Gwadar and a joint session on December 17 involving the Commissioner Makran, DG GDA, and DC Gwadar. These sessions covered land digitalization, cancellations, the Smart Port City Master Plan, and the establishment of the Gwadar Special Economic District (GSED). On December 18, the committee facilitated the resolution of a land demarcation issue raised by EDGE Water Builders & Developers Pvt. Ltd. during talks with GDA's Director of Town Planning.

ABAD's presence at the inauguration of the New Gwadar International Airport on January 20, 2025, alongside federal and provincial dignitaries, underscored the strategic importance of granting GSED status and implementing a 35-year tax holiday to incentivize development. On January 30, the committee took part in a session of the Sub-Committee on Finance and Revenue, chaired by MNA Bifal Azhar Kayani, discussing real estate reforms with key industry stakeholders.

In February, the committee ramped up its engagement through a series of meetings on the 19th, including sessions at the GDA Head Office, a consultation with GOC Gwadar Maj Gen Adnan Sarwar Malik, and a discussion with DG NAB Balochistan Mr. Noman Aslam. These interactions addressed enforcement of valuation, overlapping land sales, land cancellation disputes, and GSED implementation. Key ABAD participants included Mr. Owais Thanvi, Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo, and Mr. Hafeez Dashti.

On March 11, a delegation led by ABAD Chairman Mr. Hasan Bakshi met with the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) Chief at the Prime Minister's Office, where Mr. Affan Qureshi raised taxation and development issues related to Gwadar. A courtesy meeting with newly appointed DG GDA Mr. Saif Ullah Khetran followed on March 17, with several ABAD members in attendance. The next day, the committee joined an Iftar dinner hosted by GOC Gwadar, further reinforcing civil-military relations.

On April 14, a follow-up meeting was held at the NAB Office with Director Mr. Haroon Rasheed to address unresolved member concerns. Demonstrating outreach beyond policy circles, Mr. Affan Qureshi delivered a guest lecture at IBA Karachi on May 24, highlighting Gwadar's strategic significance within the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The Grand Balochistan Jirga on May 31 in Quetta, led by Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti, and attended by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, focused on Gwadar's development and national unity. A follow-up event - the Gwadar Jirga - was held on June 18 with the CM and Corps Commander Lt Gen Rahet, followed by ABAD's participation in the inauguration of Gwadar's new public library, demonstrating its commitment to civic and educational initiatives.

The committee's latest engagements on June 26 and 27 included meetings with DG GDA and NAB officials, where members reiterated concerns and called for improved institutional cooperation.

Over the past year, under the leadership of Mr. Affan Qureshi, the Gwadar Sub-Committee has emerged as a dynamic force within ABAD - relentlessly pursuing solutions, promoting development and reinforcing ABAD's mission in one of Pakistan's most strategically significant regions.



A subcommittee of Defence Housing Authority (DHA) conducts a meeting at ABAD House to discuss issues related to DHA



The Defence Housing Authority (DHA) Sub-Committee of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) remained steadfast in its efforts throughout the 2024-2025 term, ensuring members' concerns regarding DHA were addressed promptly and effectively while fostering strong communication channels for ongoing engagement. Under the leadership of Convener Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai, supported by Co-Conveners Engr. Farooq Uz Zaman Khan and Mr. Usman Khanani, the Sub-Committee actively reviewed, discussed and resolved a wide range of issues concerning DHA. This progress was driven by consistent coordination, structured efforts, and proactive engagement with stakeholders.

During the year, the Sub-Committee held numerous meetings with DHA authorities and ABAD members to address critical matters. A key highlight was the visit of a DHA City M9 delegation to ABAD House, where they presented investment opportunities, encouraged member participation in upcoming projects, and sought valuable feedback for future development initiatives.

The Sub-Committee also devoted significant attention to challenges in DHA Phase-7 Extension and Khayaban-e-Ittehad. In response, Convener Mr. Nusrat Mirza recommended drafting formal letters to the Administrator DHA Karachi and the Senior Member, Board of Revenue (BoR) Sindh, requesting early meetings to resolve these issues. Emphasizing DHA's reputation as a premier destination for housing and investment, Mr. Mirza highlighted its well-planned infrastructure and superior living standards - attributes that continue to attract developers and investors amid Karachi's rapid urban expansion.

Many ABAD members remain actively engaged in DHA-based projects, supported by the institutional credibility and strong relationships cultivated by ABAD's leadership, particularly its chairman. The Sub-Committee expressed appreciation to ABAD's office-bearers for their support and acknowledged the cooperation of members whose contributions were key to its achievements. The office-bearers, in turn, commended the Sub-Committee's dedication to advancing the Association's objectives and ensuring member interests are safeguarded.

Looking ahead, the DHA Sub-Committee reaffirms its commitment to enhancing efficiency, strengthening collaboration with DHA and delivering timely solutions to member concerns, further contributing to ABAD's role as a leading voice in Pakistan's real estate sector.



K-Electric subcommittee of ABAD held various meetings at ABAD House to discuss members issues.

The K-Electric Subcommittee of ABAD has played a pivotal role in enhancing the association's engagement with utility service providers, ensuring that members' concerns are addressed efficiently while fostering a collaborative approach toward policy and operational improvements. This subcommittee of KE is led by Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas-Convener and Co-Conveners Engr. Danish Bin Rauf and Mr. Uzair Shahid.

Through structured coordination and persistent follow-up mechanisms, the subcommittee has strengthened the relationship between ABAD members and K-Electric, creating a transparent forum for addressing both individual complaints and broader service-related issues.

Following the initial meeting with the CEO of K-Electric on 1st January 2025 at the KE Head Office, a follow-up meeting with ABAD members was conducted at ABAD House on 30th April 2025, also attended by the CEO. The meeting focused on resolving individual grievances as well as discussing policy-related matters. It was mutually agreed to hold weekly meetings at ABAD House, with the participation of the KE New Connection and Distribution Teams, to ensure timely resolution of complaints.

Since the inception of this coordination mechanism, meetings have been held every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The weekly coordination framework has provided a structured platform for the systematic tracking and resolution of complaints. A significant portion of issues raised has already been resolved, while pending cases continue to be

Monitored closely. Complaints at the complainant's end are being followed up for additional documentation or compliance, while those at KE's end are progressing through internal processes.

This consistent engagement has led to faster resolution of individual complaints, improved communication between ABAD members and KE teams, and identification of recurring policy-level challenges requiring long-term solutions.

Overall, the collaborative efforts of the K-Electric Subcommittee have enhanced member satisfaction and created a reliable mechanism for escalation and resolution of outstanding issues, reinforcing the subcommittee's role as a key liaison between ABAD and K-Electric.



SBCA

Sub-Committee



SBCA subcommittee meeting held at ABAD House

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) strengthened its engagement with the Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA) through the active role of its dedicated subcommittee, which worked throughout the year to resolve long-standing issues, streamline regulatory procedures, and advocate for a transparent and supportive framework for lawful construction.

Led by Convener Mr. Suffiyan Adhia, the committee adopted a focused and structured approach in addressing members' concerns while promoting reforms in collaboration with SBCA officials.

A notable development was reached on February 26, 2025, when SBCA Director General Mr. Ishaq Khoro visited ABAD House for a direct dialogue with members.

Discussions during the meeting spanned a wide range of matters including the acceleration of pending approvals, facilitation of high-rise projects, amendments in development schemes, release of building ratios, revision of bylaws, and the appointment of a permanent Regional Director in Hyderabad SBCA.

The subcommittee also pressed for timely issuance of licenses and greater digitalization of procedures to ensure efficiency and transparency.

In response to SBCA's notification regarding FIRs against builders and owners involved in unauthorized constructions, ABAD convened an urgent meeting on August 2, 2025 at its headquarters.

The chairman categorically reiterated that while ABAD does not condone illegal structures, members operating within permissible limits - such as lawful Floor Area Ratio (FAR) variations - must be protected from undue action.

Another key engagement was held on April 12, 2025, at the ABAD Secretariat, where long-standing bottlenecks were reviewed.

The agenda covered sale NOCs, approvals for legally converted plots, betterment charges, completion certificates, and enforcement against unapproved structures. The subcommittee emphasized that all matters must be resolved on merit and proposed consistent monthly meetings with SBCA to maintain progress.

Through persistent advocacy and constructive dialogue, the SBCA Subcommittee played a pivotal role in bridging the gap between builders and regulators. Its consistent efforts led to important amendments in SBCA bylaws, reflecting tangible progress towards a more transparent and facilitative regulatory environment.

The year's performance underscores the committee's unwavering commitment to safeguarding members' interests while reinforcing ABAD's dedication to lawful and sustainable development practices.



Seminar

Sub-Committee



Convener Seminar Sub-committee Mr. Mehmood Tabbu conducts several seminars at ABAD House

The Seminar Sub-Committee of ABAD serves as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, professional development, and meaningful engagement among its members.

Guided by Convener Mr. Mehmood Tabbu and Co-Convener Mr. Hamza Abdullah, the committee has successfully curated a series of high-impact seminars, interactive sessions, industrial visits, and thought-leadership events, providing members with critical insights into emerging opportunities, industry challenges, and broader socio-economic issues.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

On January 24, 2025, ABAD had the honor of hosting renowned religious scholar Maulana Tariq Jameel, who addressed members on the critical role of ethics, honesty, and Islamic principles in business. The session also highlighted ABAD's support for the MTJ Foundation's humanitarian efforts in Gaza, with Maulana Yousuf Jameel extending heartfelt thanks for the Association's contributions to those in need.

On May 2, 2025, celebrated motivational speaker and education reformist Mr. Qasim Ali Shah visited ABAD House to discuss launching transformative initiatives in Karachi under the Qasim Ali Shah Foundation.

Widely acclaimed for his contributions to youth development, Mr. Shah's visit inspired discussions on fostering talent and leadership in Pakistan's next generation. On May 6, 2025, ABAD House hosted a session in collaboration with Defence Housing Authority (DHA) Bhawalpur.

Members were invited to visit the project site, offering them firsthand exposure to development plans and enabling constructive dialogue on future collaborations. On June 25, 2025, Brigadier Mansoor Janjua (COO) of the Punjab Central Business District Development Authority led a high-level delegation to ABAD House.

The meeting introduced members to investment prospects within flagship projects such as CBD Quaid and Nawaz Sharif IT City (NSIT). The delegation presented innovative business models, including potential joint ventures, adjusted plot values against built-up units, and flexible installment-based purchase options.

The success of these initiatives reflects the Seminar Sub-Committee's dedication to enriching the professional, ethical, and intellectual capacity of ABAD's members. Backed by the unwavering support of ABAD's office-bearers and Secretariat, the committee continues to deliver events that resonate with the Association's mission of progress and excellence.

Looking forward, the Sub-Committee aims to expand its reach and impact by organizing even more diverse and high-caliber sessions, strengthening ABAD's role as a hub of industry knowledge, collaboration and responsible business practices.



A glimpse of Vocational Training Sub-Committee meeting chaired by Chairman (SR) Mr. Owais Thanvi and Convener Mr. Suleman Saleem

ABAD's Vocational Training Program Subcommittee has emerged as a driving force in strengthening the association's influence through its dynamic training and skill-building initiatives. Guided by Convener Mr. Suleman Salim and Co-Convener Mr. Mehmood Tabba, and backed by ABAD's leadership, the subcommittee has consistently delivered results and maintained a proactive stance.

Over the past year, it hosted a series of high-impact workshops and training sessions at ABAD House, ensuring continuous professional development for members and industry participants. The subcommittee also took ABAD's presence to the national level by collaborating with GIZ and NAVTTC in Islamabad to modernize the DAE curriculum, aligning it with current industry needs.

Further reinforcing its commitment to workforce development, ABAD played an integral role in the national Skills Survey with NAVTTC. This effort laid the groundwork for a landmark stakeholder meeting at ABAD House, where leading industry representatives identified key skill gaps. The meeting culminated in a strategic MoU with NAVTTC to launch joint skill development initiatives. Among these, the industry-led training program stands out, set to provide hands-on training to 500 students and directly link education with industry requirements.

The subcommittee also broadened its partnerships with various institutes to strengthen training networks and ensure the long-term

sustainability of its vocational programs.

In a forward-looking move, it introduced a Generative AI workshop preparing members for the digital transformation shaping the construction sector.

Through these endeavors, the Vocational Training Program Subcommittee has positioned ABAD as a leader in advancing vocational education, driving innovation, and bridging the critical gap between skills and industry demand.



Board of Revenue (BoR)

Sub-Committee



Board of Revenue
Government of Sindh



Co-Convener Board of Revenue Sub-Committee of ABAD Mr. Atta Ullah Khabeer speaking during the meeting of BoR.

The Board of Revenue (BoR) Subcommittee of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) played a pivotal role in addressing regulatory and administrative challenges impacting the construction and real estate sector during the 2024/25 term.

Under the leadership of Convener Mr. Junaid Ashraf Taloo and Co-Convener Mr. Ata Ul Khabeer, the subcommittee focused on safeguarding member interests, particularly in relation to the persistent issue of Block Entries imposed by the provincial revenue authority.

These notifications had long created operational obstacles, legal ambiguities, and delays in project execution, making the subcommittee's intervention essential.

Throughout the year, the subcommittee transitioned from reactive problem-solving to a proactive approach centered on advocacy and legal strategy.

A key milestone was the convening of a special meeting, chaired by Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed, to deliberate on urgent BoR notifications and concurrent data requests from the National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

This forum provided members the opportunity to highlight the challenges posed by decades-old land documentation requirements, which threatened developers with undue penalties and harassment.

From these discussions, the subcommittee developed a two-pronged strategy that received unanimous support from the industry.

The first involved sending a high-level delegation to engage directly with senior BoR officials, including Deputy Commissioners, to advocate for practical and administratively feasible solutions.

The second, more strategic measure was to initiate legal action through superior courts, challenging repetitive verification processes and aiming to secure a permanent judicial resolution to remove recurring regulatory bottlenecks.

This shift toward strategic litigation signifies a major evolution in ABAD's advocacy, moving beyond temporary relief to address systemic regulatory barriers.

By pursuing both official engagement and legal recourse, the BoR Subcommittee has contributed to establishing a more predictable, transparent, and secure business environment for developers across the province.

Its efforts throughout the year underscore a steadfast commitment to protecting members' interests through coordinated, forward-looking initiatives, further strengthening ABAD's reputation as a trusted advocate for Pakistan's real estate and construction sector.

Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)

Sub-Committee



FBR Subcommittee Convener Mr. Ejaz and Co-Convener Mr. Altaf Tai invite Chief Commissioner FBR, Mr. Aftab Alam, to ABAD House to present industry demands.



Throughout 2024-25, ABAD's FBR Sub-Committee served as a driving force in defending the construction industry's interests, taking on critical tax, valuation, and land registration challenges with unwavering commitment. Acting as a bridge between builders and the Federal Board of Revenue, the committee ensured that industry concerns were not only heard but effectively addressed at policy-making levels. Under the leadership of Convener Mr. Ejaz, supported by Co-Conveners Mr. Altaf Tai and Mr. Sohail Naviwala, the committee maintained an active dialogue with tax authorities, government officials, and industry stakeholders. With frequent changes in tax regulations creating uncertainty, their efforts to provide timely advocacy and clarity proved indispensable for ABAD members.

One of the year's standout accomplishments was its decisive intervention on property valuation. A pivotal meeting at ABAD House brought together FBR officials and industry representatives to examine proposed valuation adjustments. The outcome was a meticulously crafted valuation table, developed jointly with the FBR's designated team, which was subsequently submitted for approval. Beyond negotiations, the committee placed strong emphasis on member support and policy awareness. Regular updates and strategic guidance enabled members to adapt swiftly to regulatory shifts, minimizing disruptions and reinforcing ABAD's reputation as a trusted voice for the construction sector.

A significant milestone came on 20th May 2025, when Chief Commissioner FBR, Mr. Aftab Alam, visited ABAD House. The meeting served as a platform to present key industry demands. Mr. Tai acknowledged progress on past issues but pressed for further reforms,

including: routing all official correspondence through ABAD to curb harassment, ensuring transparency in notices issued under tax laws, expediting pending refunds, extending timelines for pre-taxed projects, sharing customer data at sub-lease stages, revising valuation benchmarks, and designating a dedicated FBR liaison officer for ABAD.

Mr. Tai further emphasized that ABAD's membership comprises only legitimate, tax-compliant builders, urging FBR to foster a more collaborative approach.

Echoing these sentiments, Mr. Afzal Hameed called for swift action on outstanding refund and adjustment cases.

Through these sustained efforts, the FBR Sub-Committee not only safeguarded members' interests but also cemented ABAD's position as a proactive and respected advocate for Pakistan's construction industry.



Law & Order

Sub-Committee



A glimpse of the Law & Order sub-committee Meeting under the supervision of Chairman (SR) Mr. Owais Thanvi

ABAD's Law & Order Subcommittee has distinguished itself as one of the Association's most proactive and results-oriented bodies, consistently recognized for addressing law and order challenges affecting its members.

Under the leadership of Convener Mr. Asif Younus Sumsum, along with Co-Conveners Syed Moiz Zaidi, Mr. Ashfaq Shaikhani, and Engr. Danish Bin Rauf, the Subcommittee pursued its mandate with professionalism, determination, and strategic focus.

During the reporting year, the Subcommittee played a pivotal role in facilitating the constitution of multiple Government of Sindh committees covering critical areas such as land encroachment, land grabbing, demolition of illegal construction, business facilitation and coordination, anti-money laundering measures, and housing, construction, and town planning. By actively engaging senior government authorities in these forums, the Subcommittee established effective mechanisms for grievance redressal that benefit both the business community and the general public.

The impact of these efforts has been significant. A marked decline in land grabbing and encroachment cases was observed, representing progress not achieved in previous years.

Under the Demolition Committee, the Subcommittee strengthened enforcement against illegal construction, while the Complaint Verification and Scrutiny Committee successfully resolved the majority of complaints received from members. These results demonstrate the Subcommittee's ability to convert persistent advocacy into tangible improvements in the business environment.

Beyond addressing specific issues, the Subcommittee has reinforced trust and coordination between ABAD, law enforcement agencies, and government authorities.

This enhanced collaboration continues to safeguard members' interests while contributing to a more transparent, secure, and enabling environment for the housing and construction sector.

ABAD's office-bearers commend the Law & Order Subcommittee for its exceptional performance during the year.

Their consistent engagement with government authorities and dedication to resolving member concerns has set a high standard of excellence and remains a benchmark for proactive industry advocacy.



Legal Affairs

Sub-Committee



A joint meeting of the Legal & Board of Revenue Subcommittee at ABAD House, chaired by Convener Mr. Ibrahim Habib

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) continues to play a pivotal role in safeguarding the rights and interests of its members, particularly in the realm of legal challenges that often hinder the construction and real estate sectors. Recognizing the growing complexity of legal challenges faced by its members, ABAD's long-established Legal Affairs Subcommittee continues to provide dedicated support and effective solutions to address these issues.

For the 2024-2025 term, the subcommittee is led by Convener Mr. Ibrahim Habib, supported by Co-Conveners Mr. Suffian Adhia and Mr. Ilyas Pariyani. This dynamic team has worked tirelessly to address critical concerns affecting builders and developers, ensuring timely action on all fronts.

Throughout the year, the subcommittee held numerous meetings to address a wide range of legal issues, from land disputes and departmental bottlenecks to regulatory hurdles. With the assistance of some of the country's most reputable legal experts, the committee successfully resolved a significant number of pending cases, particularly those related to land encroachments.

A major focus of the subcommittee's efforts has been the issue of Block Entries imposed by the Board of Revenue (BoR), which have caused delays and operational challenges for members.

To tackle this, a joint meeting was scheduled with the BoR and ABAD's Legal Affairs Subcommittee, aimed at developing a unified strategy and exploring legal remedies in consultation with stakeholders. Under the leadership of Convener Mr. Ibrahim Habib, several in-house

meetings were also organized at ABAD House, where members openly discussed their legal challenges and identified practical courses of action.

Mr. Habib's proactive approach, consistent engagement, and commitment to transparency ensured that members remained informed and empowered throughout the process.

The subcommittee has maintained close coordination with legal advisors and frequently engaged with members to explore innovative and effective solutions to emerging problems.

ABAD remains confident that, with the unwavering dedication of the Legal Affairs Subcommittee, it will continue to protect and promote the interests of its members, fostering a more secure and enabling environment for Pakistan's builders and developers in the years to come.



Convener Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani convened a meeting of SSGC Subcommittee at ABAD House

The ABAD Subcommittee on Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has been at the forefront of tackling long-standing challenges faced by members, from unresolved gas connections to pending dues and project delays. Led by Convener Mustafa Shaikhani along with Co-Conveners Faisal Arif and Mansoor Aziz, the subcommittee has been pursuing critical matters including delayed gas connections, unadjusted advance payments, and project hold-ups.

A key development took place at SSGC's Head Office in Karachi, where an ABAD delegation headed by Chairman M. Hassan Bakshi met Managing Director Muhammad Amin Rajput. The delegation highlighted that despite substantial payments made as far back as 2018, connections were still pending, while fresh demands for additional payments had further burdened members.

Convener Shaikhani underscored that billions of rupees had already been deposited by members, yet gas supply had not begun. He reminded SSGC of earlier commitments to adjust advance payments, which remain unfulfilled, causing severe hardship for builders and developers.

Responding to these concerns, MD SSGC explained that new connections were on hold due to the absence of federal approval from the Ministry of Petroleum, coupled with increased material costs and exchange rate pressures. He also revealed that SSGC was examining the use of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) as an alternative

to help ease the situation. Chairman Bakshi stressed the urgency of finding practical solutions and sought SSGC's assistance in escalating the matter to higher authorities.

MD Rajput assured continued engagement with ABAD and expressed optimism that the incoming government would prioritize these issues.

ABAD office bearers lauded the SSGC Subcommittee for its persistent efforts, consistent follow-ups, and strong advocacy of members' interests despite challenging circumstances.

Special appreciation was also extended to Secretary General Ehtesham Ullah Mallick for effectively handling all related matters.

Expo & Allied Industry



The Allied and ABAD's Expo Subcommittee of the ABAD conducts a meeting to discuss and finalize arrangements for the upcoming Material Exhibition.

Sub-Committee



During the past year, the Expo and Allied Industries Sub-Committees of ABAD have played a vital role in promoting collaboration, showcasing innovation, and reinforcing ABAD's position as the leading platform for the construction sector. Both committees have remained committed to addressing industry challenges while creating opportunities that connect builders, developers, and allied partners in a structured and meaningful way.

The Expo Sub-Committee, led by Convener Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia with Co-Conveners Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani and Mr. Muhammad Ali Taufique, continued to spearhead initiatives that highlight industry achievements.

Parallely, the Allied Industries Sub-Committee, under Convener Mr. Ahmed Mustafa Thanvi with Co-Conveners Mr. Uzair Shahid and Mr. Adnan, ensured coordination with allied sectors, promoting accountability and stronger linkages at a time when rising raw material costs have placed pressure on the industry nationwide. A joint meeting of the two Sub-Committees was also held at ABAD House under the chairmanship of Mr. Owais Thanvi (Chairman SR) to finalize arrangements for the upcoming In-House Material Exhibition, at Jinnah Hall, ABAD House.

Committee discussions also focused on the need for greater vendor accountability, with members stressing that suppliers must honor commitments and ensure timely deliveries. It was noted that exhibitions provide a platform for competitive pricing, better product quality, and secure payment mechanisms, ultimately benefiting both members and industry partners.

To sustain the benefits of such initiatives, the Sub-Committees proposed holding quarterly in-house exhibitions and recommended the hiring of a dedicated engineer to support technical and operational aspects. This institutional approach, members observed, would build continuity and create long-term value for ABAD and its stakeholders.

In his remarks, the Chairman commended the Expo and Allied Industries Sub-Committees for their pioneering efforts in organizing the first-ever in-house exhibition at ABAD House, describing it as a milestone initiative that sets a strong precedent for the future. He emphasized that such efforts not only create opportunities for members but also strengthen ABAD's engagement with allied industries, ensuring growth and resilience for the construction sector.



A glimpse of the meeting of KDA Subcommittee of ABAD which was held to discuss pending approvals and issues of KDA concerning ABAD members

The Karachi Development Authority (KDA) Subcommittee of ABAD has remained at the forefront of member advocacy during the 2024-2025 term, actively addressing regulatory, operational, and development-related challenges tied to the KDA. Tasked with ensuring that the concerns of builders and developers are effectively conveyed to decision-makers, the subcommittee has served as a critical bridge between ABAD members and the Authority.

Led by Convener Mr. Raheel Rinch, with Co-Conveners Mr. Syed Moiz Ahmed Zaidi and Mr. Omar Bin Islam, the subcommittee pursued a year of sustained engagement through both in-house deliberations at ABAD House and structured meetings with senior KDA officials.

Internal sessions allowed members to consolidate grievances and identify practical solutions, enabling the subcommittee to present cases more effectively during formal engagements with the Authority.

A major highlight of the year was a comprehensive meeting with KDA Director General Mr. Syed Shujaat Hussain, held at the Authority's head office. The agenda covered a wide spectrum of unresolved issues and policy concerns, including:

- Long-pending member complaints and cases.
- Revision of service charges under Resolutions 15 & 16.
- Encroachments on KDA lands, especially in Gulistan-e-Jauhar and Surjani Town.
- Unauthorized conversion of residential plots into commercial use.
- Removal of debris at KDA Lawn, Kashmir Road, following Supreme Court demolition orders.

- Prolonged lack of development in ST-4/1, Block 3-A, Gulshan-e-Jauhar (over 27 years).
- Ensuring ABAD's representation in the KDA Governing Body for fair policy input.
- Multiple challans being issued by KMC, TMC, and KDA simultaneously.
- Double charging through the newly formed Urban Design (UD) Department alongside KDA fees.

Throughout the year, the subcommittee consistently highlighted systemic issues while also proposing constructive reforms.

Its interventions underscored the need for fair regulation, transparency in charges, and greater accountability in land and development matters.

The persistent efforts of the Convener, Co-Conveners, and members have enabled ABAD to secure a stronger voice in KDA-related policymaking while keeping member grievances at the forefront of discussions.

Recognizing these contributions, the Chairman of ABAD commended the KDA Subcommittee for its dedication and persistence in safeguarding member interests and for its role in advancing dialogue aimed at improving Karachi's urban development framework.



MDA & LDA

Sub-Committee



Convener Mr. Khursheed Alam of the MDA Subcommittee conducts a meeting to formulate the agenda for the discussion with DG MDA.

The Malir Development Authority (MDA) and Lyari Development Authority (LDA) Sub-Committees of ABAD remained actively engaged throughout the year in addressing challenges faced by members.

While operating in distinct jurisdictions, both sub-committees shared the broader mandate of protecting member interests, resolving bottlenecks in development schemes, and strengthening institutional engagement with the respective authorities.

The LDA Sub-Committee, under the leadership of Convener Mr. Junaid Shaikhani and Co-Convener Mr. Muhammad Patel, focused on monitoring regulatory concerns, addressing project-level grievances, and facilitating dialogue with LDA officials.

The platform enabled members to raise key issues, while ensuring ABAD's representation in matters of compliance and policy coordination. The MDA Sub-Committee, led by Convener Mr. Syed Khursheed Alam with Co-Conveners Mr. Zeeshan Ullah Khan and Mr. Adnan Memon, concentrated on infrastructure delays, encroachments, and approval processes.

A key milestone was a meeting on 10th February 2025, where ABAD's delegation - headed by Senior Vice Chairman Mr. Afzal Hameed along with the sub-committee leadership - met DG MDA, Mr. Saeed Jumani. Concerns highlighted included sluggish development works, spreading encroachments, and procedural obstacles in layout approvals.

In response, the DG MDA assured ABAD of accelerated progress, with emphasis on providing essential utilities such as water and KE-PMT connections to encourage habitation in MDA projects.

He also pledged decisive measures against encroachments in Taiser Town and Sector 7C, and agreed to maintain regular liaison with ABAD through a designated focal person.

The sub-committee reciprocated by offering support in mobilizing resources to expedite roadworks and infrastructure improvements, reinforcing a cooperative framework for sustainable development.

These initiatives allowed the MDA Sub-Committee to build stronger institutional coordination and secure tangible commitments, while the LDA Sub-Committee continued to support members by addressing regulatory bottlenecks and maintaining clear communication channels.

Together, the two sub-committees played a critical role in ensuring timely resolution of concerns and strengthening trust between ABAD and the concerned authorities.

Recognizing these achievements, ABAD Chairman Mr. Hassan Bakshi and office-bearers commended both committees for their dedication and persistence.

Their combined efforts reflect ABAD's continued commitment to safeguarding investments, facilitating infrastructure delivery, and creating an enabling environment for builders and developers.



KMC Sub-Committee meeting held at ABAD House under the leadership of Convener Mr. M. Ali Taufique and Co-Convener Mr. M. Ashfaq Sheikhani

The KMC Sub-Committee of ABAD, led by Convener Mr. Muhammad Ali Taufique along with Co-Conveners Mr. Ashfaq M. Younus Shaikhani and Mr. Junaid Shaikhani, actively pursued solutions to challenges faced by members in their dealings with the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), Town Municipal Corporations (TMC), and District Municipal Corporations (DMC) during the year. One of the key issues under review was the recurring jurisdictional dispute over the dumping of construction materials. This long-standing problem has created operational hurdles for builders and developers.

The Sub-Committee continuously engaged with KMC and allied municipal bodies to advocate for clearer procedures and a streamlined system that would ease compliance for members. The Sub-Committee also took up a significant grievance regarding a commercial plot in Block 3A, Gulistan-e-Jouhar. The Karachi Development Authority (KDA) had developed parks in the area but without proper boundary protection, which led to temporary encroachments and misuse of land.

To address this, the Sub-Committee decided to seek the intervention of the Mayor of Karachi to ensure that encroachments were removed in line with the Sindh High Court's ruling, which prohibits commercial activity on amenity plots.

Another recurring concern raised by members was the lack of transparency in rent challans for construction material dumping sites. Conflicting claims of authority from KMC, TMC, and union councils created uncertainty and administrative difficulties. The Sub-Committee strongly recommended a more transparent and coordinated system to safeguard members against overlapping demands.

A notable development during the year was the visit of the Mayor of Karachi to ABAD House in November 2024.

Following detailed discussions, the mayor appointed Mr. Ammar Khan, Senior Director of Anti-Encroachment at KMC, as the official focal person for ABAD.

His appointment as a single point of coordination for land utilization charges and construction material management - excluding Cantonment and DHA areas - was an important step toward resolving longstanding issues.

The KMC Sub-Committee remains committed to working closely with the designated focal person and concerned authorities to protect members' interests, streamline procedures, and ensure that disputes affecting the construction industry are resolved effectively.



The meeting of Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation (KW&SC) subcommittee held at ABAD House to address complaints of ABAD members.

The Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) has remained a strong advocate for ensuring essential utilities for its members.

A key driver of these efforts has been the Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation (KW&SC) Sub-Committee, which has actively worked to remove barriers, streamline processes, and resolve water and sewerage issues impacting members' projects.

Led by Convener Engr. Danish Bin Rauf and Co-Conveners Mr. Yousuf Prince and Mr. Wajahat Taloo, the committee spent the year tackling supply and infrastructure challenges in close coordination with KW&SC. Their consistent engagement aimed to minimize delays and ensure members faced fewer hurdles in accessing vital services.

To keep communication open, ABAD Secretariat invited members to submit concerns related to KW&SC. Only one issue was reported during the year. In response, Engr. Danish Bin Rauf promptly convened a meeting at ABAD House, assuring the member that the matter would be taken up directly with the KW&SC Managing Director the following week for immediate resolution.

This proactive approach reflects the committee's ongoing commitment. In previous years, it played a crucial role in extending KW&SC's network to underserved areas, benefiting numerous builders and developers who depend on timely utility access.

The committee's efforts have earned praise from ABAD's leadership.

Chairman Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi lauded their dedication, expressing confidence in their ability to continue safeguarding members' interests and supporting uninterrupted development activity.

Through consistent action and strong collaboration with KW&SC, the Sub-Committee has reinforced ABAD's standing as a dependable advocate for the construction sector, ensuring that projects move forward with fewer obstacles and stronger institutional support.



A productive meeting held between ABAD and NEECA to promote Energy Efficiency in Construction Sector and discussed how to implement Energy Conservation Building Code in construction projects.

The Environment Subcommittee of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) plays a critical role in overseeing matters related to nature, ecosystems, and the environment, all of which are closely linked to the construction and real estate sector.

Focused on environmental protection and sustainability, the subcommittee is led by Convener Mr. Anwer Ok, with Co-Conveners Shaikh Moiz Saqib and Mr. Zeeshan Siddiqui, who actively support its initiatives. Throughout the year, the subcommittee maintained consistent engagement, striving to provide practical solutions to members facing environmental challenges. A key highlight was a productive meeting between ABAD and the National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (NEECA), aimed at promoting energy efficiency within the construction sector.

During the session, ABAD and NEECA office-bearers discussed implementing the Energy Conservation Building Code across ABAD members' projects, reflecting a shared commitment to sustainable construction practices.

The convener and co-conveners expressed gratitude to ABAD Chairman Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi, other office-bearers, and the Secretary General for their support and facilitation of these meetings.



Looking ahead, the Environment Sub-committee remains optimistic about operating with increased dedication, organizing awareness sessions, and engaging with influential stakeholders to identify sustainable solutions for environmental challenges, thereby ensuring that ABAD members can build responsibly while preserving natural resources.



Welfare & Social Activities

Sub-Committee



A glimpse of the meeting of the Welfare and Social Activities Subcommittee of ABAD

The Welfare and Social Activities Sub-Committee of the Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD), under the leadership of Convener Mr. Afzal Chamdia and Co-Convener Mr. M. Tahir Memon, remained highly proactive during the 2024-25 tenure.

The Sub-Committee continued to advance ABAD's mission of promoting social responsibility alongside industry growth, focusing on supporting employees, assisting vulnerable communities, and fostering sustainable development initiatives. ABAD has consistently prioritized the well-being of its workforce. During this period, the Sub-Committee ensured that employees received timely medical assistance whenever required, and also facilitated school fee support for those who applied.

Recognizing the challenges of rising inflation, ABAD provides all employees with monthly ration supplies, a gesture that helps alleviates their household expenses. These initiatives reflect ABAD's commitment to safeguarding the welfare of its team while promoting a secure and supportive work environment.

In addition to employee-focused programs, ABAD members actively contributed to charitable causes across the country. Financial assistance and relief goods were extended to underprivileged families, and support was offered to NGOs working for the betterment of needy and downtrodden communities.

Besides, during 2024-25, a delegation led by renowned scholar Maulana Tariq Jameel visited ABAD House seeking support for the Gaza affectees. ABAD members responded positively and extended aid in their respective capacities to assist those impacted by the conflict.

The office-bearers of ABAD commended the Sub-Committee for its consistent dedication.

Through these initiatives, the Sub-Committee not only enhanced the welfare of employees and communities but also reinforced ABAD's reputation as a socially responsible organization committed to meaningful, lasting contributions to society.



Sports

Sub-Committee



Sports Sub-Committee of ABAD organizes Cricket and Padel Event

The Sports Subcommittee of ABAD has played a pivotal role in fostering physical fitness, encouraging teamwork and strengthening community spirit among members.

Under the dynamic leadership of Convener Mr. Afaq Shaikhani, along with Co-Conveners Mr. Ahmed Yousuf Bombia and Mr. Rameez Qasim Ghaziani, the subcommittee has successfully organized a variety of sporting events that cater to the diverse interests and skill levels of ABAD members.

The Convener has been instrumental in shaping the subcommittee's vision, overseeing meticulous planning and execution of events, and promoting a culture where physical activity and healthy lifestyles are valued.

His leadership has been key to integrating sports as an essential part of ABAD's community life.

The Co-Conveners have provided vital support by managing logistics, coordinating resources, and assisting organizers to ensure seamless execution of all activities.

This collaborative effort has established a strong foundation for the subcommittee's continued growth and effectiveness.

With guidance from ABAD Chairman Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi and other office-bearers, the Sports Subcommittee has made remarkable progress in embedding sports into the Association's culture.

Looking ahead, the team is well-positioned to expand its initiatives, further promoting wellness, engagement, and camaraderie among ABAD members.



NEW MEMBERS

| S. No. | Name of Comapny | Joining Date | Type | Mem No. |
|--------|---|--------------|------|---------|
| 01. | Al-Burraq Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2949 |
| 02. | The Rasht Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2950 |
| 03. | Exemplary Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2951 |
| 04. | Sultana Homes | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2952 |
| 05. | Rafi land Development | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2953 |
| 06. | Cloud Scape Properties | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2954 |
| 07. | Aimal Properties (Pvt) Ltd. | 18 Nov. 2024 | AM | 2955 |
| 08. | Hadiya Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2956 |
| 09. | Sulaik Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2957 |
| 10. | Mehran Super Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2958 |
| 11. | Cak Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2959 |
| 12. | Karachi Madina Builders & Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2960 |
| 13. | Al-Ghaffar Builders & Developers (Pvt) Ltd. | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2961 |
| 14. | Hamara Ghar (Pvt) Ltd. | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2962 |
| 15. | Urban Developers | 18 Nov. 2024 | FM | 2963 |
| 16. | Anaya & Tooba Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2964 |
| 17. | Smark Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2965 |
| 18. | Shawal Builders | 08 Feb. 2025 | AM | 2966 |
| 19. | Afzal Enterprises | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2967 |
| 20. | Sufyan Associates | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2968 |

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| S. No. | Name of Comapny | Joining Date | Type | Mem No. |
|--------|--|--------------|------|---------|
| 21. | I.S Dulara Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2969 |
| 22. | Ascon Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2970 |
| 23. | Altaf Ghaffar Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2971 |
| 24. | R. Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2972 |
| 25. | Estate 1 Holdings | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2973 |
| 26. | Charlie Builders | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2974 |
| 27. | Mazhar Associates | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2975 |
| 28. | Insiya Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2976 |
| 29. | KR Builders & Developers | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2977 |
| 30. | GKR Builders & Developers Construction Comp. | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2978 |
| 31. | High Sky Builders & Developers (Pvt) Ltd. | 08 Feb. 2025 | FM | 2979 |
| 32. | A.E & H Builders | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2980 |
| 33. | 92 Al Qaswa Builders & Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2981 |
| 34. | Canns Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | AM | 2982 |
| 35. | Aimal Developers (Pvt) Ltd. | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2983 |
| 36. | The Iconic Builders & Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2984 |
| 37. | Uni Builders & Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2985 |
| 38. | Sikandar Homes (SMC-Pvt) Ltd. | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2986 |
| 39. | Techno Builders & Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2987 |
| 40. | AAB Builders & Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2988 |

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| S. No. | Name of Comapny | Joining Date | Type | Mem No. |
|--------|--|--------------|------|---------|
| 41. | Auto Universal Builders | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2989 |
| 42. | Middle East Builders & Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2990 |
| 43. | Qadir Builders & Developers | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2991 |
| 44. | YAS Enterprises | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2992 |
| 45. | Izhar Monnoo Developers (Pvt) Ltd. | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2993 |
| 46. | Takson Properties (Pvt) Ltd. | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2994 |
| 47. | FTC Burhani Arcade | 28 Apr. 2025 | FM | 2995 |
| 48. | BETA Developers & Properties (Pvt) Ltd. | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 2996 |
| 49. | Shangrila Housing (Pvt) Ltd. | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 2997 |
| 50. | Stream Builders | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 2998 |
| 51. | HP Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 2999 |
| 52. | Prime Corporation | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3000 |
| 53. | Ayaz Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3001 |
| 54. | Kapadia Builders & Construction Services | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3002 |
| 55. | HFA Properties | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3003 |
| 56. | Faizan Excellence Builders | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3004 |
| 57. | Mamji Builders | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3005 |
| 58. | Bin Reham Enterprises | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3006 |
| 59. | Abdul Karim & Amjad Ali Enterprises | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3007 |
| 60. | Southern Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3008 |

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|--------|---|--------------|------|---------|
| 61. | Adeel Qadri Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3009 |
| 62. | MIDAS Builders | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3010 |
| 63. | Al-Mudassir Associates | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3011 |
| 64. | Somat Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3012 |
| 65. | Al-Minal Properties | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3013 |
| 66. | Hanif Builders & Developers (HYD) | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3014 |
| 67. | Amina Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3015 |
| 68. | Waniya Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3016 |
| 69. | Midcity Housing (Pvt) Ltd. | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3017 |
| 70. | Hameed Masood Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3018 |
| 71. | 4H Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3019 |
| 72. | Al-Mustaqeem Builders & Developers (Pvt) Ltd. | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3020 |
| 73. | Rameen Homes (Pvt) Ltd. | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3021 |
| 74. | AFAA Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3022 |
| 75. | AM Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3023 |
| 76. | Diyar Properties | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3024 |
| 77. | Khuld Ventures | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3025 |
| 78. | SSD Constructions | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3026 |
| 79. | Khamisa Group of Companies | 06 Aug. 2025 | AM | 3027 |
| 80. | AL-QUBA Builders & Developers | 06 Aug. 2025 | FM | 3028 |

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| 1. | Mr. A. Sattar Musti Khan | M/S A Sattar Musti Khan |
| 2. | Mr. Farooq Hasan | M/S Hasan Associates (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 3. | Mr. H. Islamuddin | M/S Al-Azam (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 4. | Mr. S. H. Shareef | M/S Shareef & Partners (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 5. | Sheikh Rehmat Ullah | M/S Eastern Services (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 6. | Mr. A. P. Sanyal | M/S Rimpa Karachi (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 7. | Syed Mazhar Ali | M/S Maymar Housing Services |
| 8. | Saiyed Abid Ali Zaidi | M/S Al-Ahram Builders Ltd. |
| 9. | Mr. S. G. H. Kadri | M/S Awami Construction Co. |
| 10. | Mr. Ahsan Muhammad | M/S Housing Services (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 11. | Mr. S. A. Raze Zaidi | M/S M. A. Raza & Co. |
| 12. | Mr. Noor Uddin Ahmad | M/S Hi-Rize Builders Ltd. |
| 13. | Mr. Aftab-ur-Rehman | M/S M. Y. Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 14. | Mr. Ruknuddin Khan | M/S Ruknuddin (Pvt.) Ltd. |
| 15. | Mr. M. Anwar Gagai | M/S Pak Sindh Housing Enterprises (Pvt.) Ltd. |

Former

Chairmen Of ABAD



| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Mr. A Sattar Musti Khan | 1974-1975, 1975-1976 |
| 2. | Mr. Farooq Hassan | 1977-1978, 1978-1979, 1981-1982, 1982-1983, 1987-1988, 1988-1989, 1992-1993 |
| 3. | Mr. Shahnawaz Khan | 1979-1980 |
| 4. | Mr. A. P. Sanyal | 1980-1981 |
| 5. | Mr. Sheikh Rehmat Ullah | 1983-1984 |
| 6. | Mr. Syed Mazhar Ali | 1984-1985, 1996-1997 |
| 7. | Mr. M. M. I. Hussain | 1998-1999 |
| 8. | Mr. S. H. Shareef | 1986-1987 |
| 9. | Mr. Saiyed Abid Ali Zaidi | 1989-1990 |
| 10. | Mr. Ashraf A. Sayyed | 1990-1991 |
| 11. | Mr. Abdul Karim Tai | 1994-1995, 1995-1996 |
| 12. | Engr. Syed Jamshed Ali Rizvi | 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 |

| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|----------------------------|---|
| 13. | Mr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman Butt | 1991-1992, 1992-1993, 1993, 1994, 2002-2003, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 |
| 14. | Mr. Babar Mirza Chughtai | 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2010-2011 |
| 15. | Engr. Farooq-uz-Zaman Khan | 2009-2010 |
| 16. | Mr. Moshin Sheikhani | 2010-2012, 2013-2014, 2016-2017, 2019-2020, Oct. 2021- July 2022 |
| 17. | Mr. M. Anwar Gagai | 2012-2013 |
| 18. | Mr. M. Junaid Ashraf Taloo | 2014-2015 |
| 19. | Mr. Muhammad Hanif Gohar | 2015-2016 |
| 20. | Mr. M. Arif Yousuf Jeewa | 2017-2018 |
| 21. | Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi | 2018-2019 |
| 22. | Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas | 2020-2021 |
| 23. | Mr. M. Hanif Memon | July 2022-Sep 2022 |
| 24. | Mr. Muhammad Altaf Tai | 2022-2023 |
| 25. | Mr. Asif Sumsum | 2023-2024 |
| 26. | Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi | 2024-2025 |

| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Mr. M. Saleem Kassim Patel | 2013-2014 |
| 2. | Mr. M. Arif Yousuf Jeewa | 2015-2016 |
| 3. | Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi | 2016-2017 |
| 4. | Mr. Fayyaz Ilyas | 2017-2018 |
| 5. | Mr. Anwar Dawood (OK) | 2018-2019 |
| 6. | Mr. M. Sohail Warrind | 2019-2020 |
| 7. | Mr. Muhammad Ayoob | 2020-2021 |
| 8. | Mr. M. Hanif Memon | Oct. 2021 - July 2022 |
| 9. | Mr. Khawar Munir | 2022-2023 |
| 10. | Mr. Ibrahim Habib | 2023-2024 |
| 11. | Syed Afzal Hameed | 2024-2025 |

| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|--------------------------|---|
| 1. | Mr. H. Islam Uddin | 1978-1979, 1979-1980 1980-1981, 1981-1982, 1982-1983 |
| 2. | Mr. Shams-ud-Din Ibrahim | 1983-1984, 1984-1985, 1987-1988 |
| 3. | Mr. Syed Akhtar Ali | 1985-1986, 1986-1987, 1988-1989 |
| 4. | Mr. Shahnawaz Ghuman | 1989-1990 |
| 5. | Mr. Kazi Muhammad Azam | 1990-1991, 1991-1992, 1993-1994, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 2000-2001 |
| 6. | Mr. Akbar Abdullah | 1992-1993 |
| 7. | Mr. M. Anwar Dawood | 1999-2000 |
| 8. | Mr. Munir Sultan | 2001-2002, 2002-2003 |

| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|----------------------------|---|
| 9. | Mr. Saleem Zaki | 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2008-2009, 2010-2011 |
| 10. | Mr. Nusrat Mirza Chughtai | 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2012-2013 |
| 11. | Mr. M. Arif Siddik | 2011-2012 |
| 12. | Mr. M. Hanif Gohar | 2013-2014 |
| 13. | Mr. M. Hanif Memon | 2014-2015 |
| 14. | Mr. M. Rizwan Adhia | 2015-2016 |
| 15. | Mr. M. Sohail Warrind | 2017-2018 |
| 16. | Mr. Abdul Kareem Adhia | 2018-2019 |
| 17. | Mr. Abdul Rehman | 2019-2020 |
| 18. | Mr. Arif Sheikhani | 2020-2021 |
| 19. | Mr. Altaf Sattar Kantawala | 2021-2022 |
| 20. | Mr. M. Nadeem Jeewa | 2022-2023 |
| 21. | Mr. Zeeshan Siddique | 2023-2024 |
| 22. | Mr. Tariq Aziz Memon | 2024-2025 |

Former

Southern Region

Chairmen

Of ABAD



| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Mr. Sheikh Rehmat Ullah | 1977-1978 |
| 2. | Mr. Syed Mazhar Ali | 1978-1979, 1979-1980 |
| 3. | Mr. S. H. Shareef | 1980-1981, 1981-1982 |
| 4. | Mr. Saiyed Abid Ali Zaidi | 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1986-1987 |
| 5. | Mr. S. A. Yaqoob | 1984-1985 |
| 6. | Mr. S. H. Hashmi | 1985-1986 |
| 7. | Mr. Malik M. Siddique | 1987-1988 |
| 8. | Mr. Dad Muhammad Baloch | 1988-1989 |
| 9. | Mr. M. Asad Thanvi | 1989-1990 |
| 10. | Mr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman Butt | 1990-1991 |
| 11. | Mr. Firdous Shamim Naqvi | 1991-1992 |
| 12. | Mr. Abdul Karim Tai | 1992-1993 |

| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 13. | Mr. Khawaja Qamar Uddin | 1993-1994, 1994-1995 |
| 14. | Mr. Syed Jamshed Ali Rizvi | 1995-1996, 1996-1997 |
| 15. | Mr. Muhammad Anwar Gagai | 1997-1998 |
| 16. | Mr. Saleem Zaki | 1998-1999, 2001-2002 |
| 17. | Mr. Syed Zahid Ali Rizvi | 1999-2000 |
| 18. | Engr. Zaheer Qadri | 2000-2001 |
| 19. | Mr. Major (R) Tayyab Raza | 2002-2003 |
| 20. | Engr. Farooq-ur-Zaman Khan | 2003-2004, 2005-2006 |
| 21. | Mr. Muhammad Arif Siddiq | 2004-2005 |
| 22. | Mr. M. Younus Lakhani | 2006-2007 |
| 23. | Mr. Abdul Rehman Naqi | 2007-2008, 2008-2009 |
| 24. | Mr. M. Saleem Kassim Patel | 2009-2010, 2011-2012 |
| 25. | Dr. Talha Farooqui | 2010-2011, 2012-2013 |
| 26. | Mr. Haris Ali Mithani | 2013-2014 |

| S. No. | Name | Years |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 27. | Mr. M. Hassan Bakshi | 2014-2015 |
| 28. | Mr. Asif Sumsum | 2015-2016 |
| 29. | Mr. Muhammad Ayoob | 2016-2017 |
| 30. | Mr. M. Altaf Tai | 2017-2018 |
| 31. | Mr. Ibrahim S. Habib | 2018-2019 |
| 32. | Mr. Muhammad Ali Taufique | 2019-2020 |
| 33. | Engr. Danish Bin Rauf | 2020-2021 |
| 34. | Mr. Suffian Adhia | 2021-2022 |
| 35. | Mr. Raheel Rinch | 2022-2023 |
| 36. | Mr. Mustafa Shaikhani | 2023-2024 |
| 37. | Mr. Ahmed Owais Thanvi | 2024-2025 |
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| S. No. | Name | Years |
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| 1. | Mr. Muhammad Arshad | 2010-2011 |
| 2. | Mr. Asif Kamal | 2011-2012 |
| 3. | Mr. Sajid Saeed | 2012-2013 |
| 4. | Engr. M. Akbar Shaikh | 2013-2014 |
| 5. | Mr. Sahir Rasheed | 2014-2015 |
| 6. | Mr. Hammad Arshad | 2015-2016 |
| 7. | Engr. M. Akber Sheikh | 2016-2017 |
| 8. | Mr. Sajid Saeed | 2017-2018 |
| 9. | Mr. Khizar Izhar Ayub | 2018-2019 |
| 10. | Engr. Akbar Sheikh | 2019-2020 |
| 11. | Mr. Shiraz J. Manno | 2020-2021 |
| 12. | Engr. Akbar Sheikh | 2021-2022 |
| 13. | Mr. Sultan Gohar | 2022-2023, 2023-2024 |
| 14. | Shaikh Muhammad Nabeel | 2024-2025 |

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Vice Chairmen

Hyderabad

Sub-Region Of ABAD



| S. No. | Name | Years |
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| 1. | Mr. Ghulam Hussain Memon | 2015-2016 |
| 2. | Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon | 2016-2017 |
| 3. | Mr. M. Saleem Memon | 2017-2018 |
| 4. | Mr. Raheel Iqbal | 2018-2019 |
| 5. | Mr. Faisal Moosa Memon | 2019-2020 |
| 6. | Mr. M. Kashif Shaikh | 2020-2021 |
| 7. | Mr. Qamar Zaman Memon | 2021-2022 |
| 8. | Engr. Faraz Hussain Memon | 2022-2023 |
| 9. | Mr. Zulfiqar Ahmed Farooqui | 2023-2024 |
| 10. | Abdullah Jan Memon | 2024-2025 |
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Condolence

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**The Association of Builders And Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) extends
its most heartfelt grief on the loss of its beloved members and their relatives.**

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tragic time.

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- ◆ Mother of Mr. Muhammad Hassan Bakshi of M/s. Bakshi Builders & Developers.
- ◆ Mother of Mr. Muhammad Waqas Khanani of M/s. Sky High Properties.
- ◆ Father of Mr. Irfan Wahid of M/s. GFS Builders & Developers.
- ◆ Aunt (Phuphi) of Syed Afzal Hameed of M/s. Aimal Builders & Developers.
- ◆ Father of Mr. Arif Iqbal & Mr. Kashif Iqbal of M/s. Luck Associates.
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