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PART III

Other Notifications, Orders, etc.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 25th January, 2024

No. F. 21(1)/2023-Elec-I.— In accordance with Article **218 (3)** of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, it is the duty of Election Commission to organize and conduct election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law and that corrupt practices are guarded against. The Election Commission, in exercise of its powers under **Article 220** of the Constitution and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, has obtained services of Pakistan **Armed Forces in terms of Article 245 of the Constitution and Civil Armed Forces under Article 220 of the Constitution vide No. F. 1/7/2018-CAF(C)** to assist the Election Commission and ensure security arrangements for the conduct of **General Elections-2024** scheduled to be held on **08th February, 2024** in the following manner: -

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ARMED FORCES/CIVIL ARMED FORCES

- (i) **Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces** shall assist in provision on secure environment by deploying in Quick Reaction Force mode and outside selected Most Sensitive polling stations from **05th February, 2024 to 10th February, 2024** to assist Election Commission of Pakistan in conduct of elections in a free, fair and transparent manner.
- (ii) **Civil Armed Forces** shall be deployed at Printing Corporation of Pakistan, Islamabad, and Pakistan Post Foundation, Islamabad from **12th January, 2024 to 08th February, 2024** to make fool proof security arrangements during the printing/stacking/storage of Ballot Papers.
- (iii) **Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces** shall assist in security during transportation of Ballot Papers and election material from printing presses to respective District Returning Officers' offices as per transportation Plan issued by the competent authority.
- (iv) **Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces** shall deploy sufficient number of Mobile Vigilance Teams/Quick Reaction Force (QRF)/Reserves in all constituencies as part of a tiered security mechanism to provide secure environment. Wherein, **police will remain as 1st tier responders, Civil Armed Forces as 2nd and Army as 3rd tier responders respectively.**
- (v) **Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces** shall also deploy sufficient number of troops outside selected **Most Sensitive Polling Stations as per their threat assessment.**
- (vi) **Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces** shall also carryout reconnaissance/visits of each constituency from the date of issuance of this notification as per their need/assessment.
- (vii) **Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces** shall provide security during transportation of election material from offices of Returning Officers to polling stations and back, after completion of polling and counting.

2. The Election Commission of Pakistan in terms of **Article 220** of the constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with Section 5 and Section 193 of the **Elections Act, 2017 (XXIII of 2017)** hereby authorizes that each designated officer in-charge of Pakistan Armed Forces/Civil Armed Forces (**Gazetted as well as Junior Commissioned Officer**) deployed for providing security as per

mandate shall exercise powers of Magistrate First Class for entire period of deployment in respect of offences punishable under Sections 176, 177, 183 and 194 of the aforesaid Act and to take cognizance of any such offences under any of the clauses of sub-section (1) of Section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and to try and such offences in a summary way in accordance with the provisions of the said Code relating to summary trials.

3. The troops so detailed are empowered by the Federal Government to exercise the powers under Section 4 & 5 of Anti-Terrorism Act (1997) as amended, for the duration of deployment.

By Order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

SAEED GUL,
Director General (Elections),