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ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 17th June, 2022

DIRECTIVE

No. F. 3(1)/2022-LGE-S.—WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan in terms of Article 140A (2) and 219(d) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Section 34(1) of the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013 is charged with the duty to hold Local Government Elections in the province.

AND WHEREAS, Article 218(3) of the Constitution provides that it shall be the duty of the Election Commission to organize and conduct the 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. Article 220 envisages that it shall be the duty of all executive authorities in the federation and in the provinces to assist the Commissioner and the Election Commission in discharge of his or their functions.

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AND WHEREAS the Election Commission of Pakistan has issued schedule for conduct of Local Government Elections (2nd Phase) in Karachi and Hyderabad/Thatta divisions of Sindh for which District Returning Officers/Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers have been notified, nomination forms from the prospective candidates shall be received by the Returning Officers from 08th June, 2022 and election symbols will be allotted by the Returning Officers to the contesting candidates on 29th June 2022, and accordingly, poll shall be held on 24th July 2022.

AND WHEREAS, during conduct of elections, provision of security to the polling staff, polling stations and election material is the sole responsibility of the provincial government of Sindh.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to conduct the Local Government Elections in **Karachi and Hyderabad/Thatta** divisions of Sindh, peacefully, without any fear, and in a smooth manner, concerned **District Police Officers** of all districts within the aforementioned three divisions are directed to implement the following directives in letter and spirit and ensure provision of:

- i. *Complete Security to District Returning Officers/ Returning Officers and their offices during pre-poll, poll day and post poll activities.*
- ii. *Security during receiving of ballot papers, bulk breaking and to the polling staff/ election material to and from the office of Returning Officer.*
- iii. *Necessary support to DMOs and DROs for the implementation of Code of Conduct issued by the Commission.*

They shall also ensure that:

- i. *Sufficient strength of police force is deployed at the polling stations for smooth conduct of polling process and to avoid any untoward incidents including foreseeable violence on the poll day.*
- ii. *Preparation and submission of comprehensive contingency plan for deployment of law enforcement agencies at the polling stations.*
- iii. *Prompt action against violators is taken by the police in case of violation of any provision of the Elections Act, 2017, and Sindh Local Government Act, 2013.*
- iv. *Any individual destroying polling material or threatening polling staff during polling hours shall be dealt with iron hands.*

- v. *Any other assistance as required by the DRO, RO, DMO and Monitoring Teams for the performance of their functions under the Elections Act, 2017 and Sindh Local Government Act, 2013.*

Any lapse in the implementation of this directive will be dealt with in accordance with law and necessary proceedings under Section 55 of the Elections Act, 2017, will be initiated against the delinquent by the Commission.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

ZAIN-UL-ABIDEEN SHAH,
Deputy Director (LGE-Sindh).