

# SESSION JOURNAL 270<sup>th</sup> session



### Sitting hours and attendance

17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (Friday) Session summoned on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (Friday) Session prorogued on 5days Number of working days 5 Number of actual sittings 68 Maximum attendance 47 Minimum attendance 57.5 Average attendance 15 hours & 12 minutes Total hours of sittings 3 hours & 27 minutes Maximum hours of sitting 2 hours & 35 minutes Minimum hours of sitting

#### **PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS**

- 1. Senator Ahmed Hassan.
- 2. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.
- 3. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi

#### **MOTION [Under Rule 263]**

Senator Taj Haider moved under rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 for dispensing with the requirement of rule 41 of the said rules, regarding question hour, for the current session of the Senate. The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

#### CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

No adjournment motion was admitted in this session.

Serial.	Subject of adj.motion	Direction of chairman
1	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved Adj. Motion No.1-270/2017-M, to discuss the recent political instability in the country which does not emerge from coalition spats but the trigger is usually a clash of institutions between the elected regime and military or judiciary	The Chairman held the Motion out of order as debate on the similar issue is already being held in the Senate for last session.
2	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Karim Ahmed Khawaja, Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail,	The Chairman held the Motion out of order and suggested to move a Motion under rule 218 to discuss this issue.

Shahi Syed and Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri moved Adj. Motion No. 5-270/2017-M, to discuss the listing of Pakistan at No. 7 of the top ten most affected countries by Climate Change.

- 3 Senator Mohsin Aziz was to moved Adj. The motion was dropped due to the Motion No. 6-270/2017-M, to discuss the absence of the member ability of Pakistan to repay the interest and principal payment of huge loans in the financial year 2018-19 with the present balance of trade and account deficit.

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved **After hearing** Member, the Adj. Motion No. 2 (270)/2017-M, to discuss Chairman held the Motion out of implications of recent statements of Afghan order President that Afghanistan will not become part of CPEC unless Pakistan gives access of trade through Wagha Border.
- 5 Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved After hearing the Member, Adj. Motion No. 3 (270)/2017-M, to discuss the Chairman held the Motion out of highly complex system of taxes in Pakistan as order and suggested the Mover to revealed by recent Annual Flagship Report of raise the issue through Motion under World Bank according to which Pakistan stands rule 218 at 172 position out of 190 countries in international ranking where the system of filing of tax returns has been made easy.

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Following reports were presented in the House during this session.

- 1. Senator Abdul rehman malik, chairman, standing committee on interior, presented report of the committee on the bill further to amend the payment of wages act, 1936 [the payment of wages (amendment) bill, 2017] introduced by senator Muhammad javed abbasi, on 21st august, 2017.
- 2. Senator Saud majeed, chairman, standing committee on inter-provincial coordination, presented report of the committee on the calling attention notice moved by senator ayesha raza farooq on 20th january, 2017 regarding the granting of equivalence certificates to o and a level students by the inter board committee of chairmen (ibcc) and referred to the standing committee on inter-provincial coordination on 9th august, 2017 on the recommendation of the standing committee on federal education and professional training.
- 3. Senator Farhatullah Babar on behalf of senator Nuzhat Sadiq, chairperson, standing committee on foreign affairs presented report of the committee on the subject matter of starred question no. 175, pertaining to number of Pakistani chairs in foreign universities lying vacant for the last many years, the reasons thereof and the steps being taken by the government to fill the same, asked by senator Nuzhat Sadiq on 3rd November, 2017.
- **4.** Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, chairman, standing committee on interior, presented report of the committee on the bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the code of criminal procedure, 1898 [the criminal laws (amendment) bill, 2017] introduced by senator Sirajul Haq, on 16th January, 2017.
- **5.** Senator Nisar Muhammad, convener, special committee on marginalized segments of society, presented 7th interim report of the special committee on marginalized segments of society.

#### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

Members drew attention of house and concerned ministries towards following issues;

• Senator Karim Ahmed Kawaja drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the report of World Health Organization (WHO) on the governance in the public Pharmaceutical sector of Pakistan wherein the registration of medicines, inspection, market control of manufacturers, distribution of medicines, clinical trials and procurement are vulnerable to corruption which is alarming as no written guideline, policy or procedure exist with regard to inspection activities.

## Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

 Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the 30 promotional posts of Custom Inspectors lying vacant in the Customs Collectorate of Quetta. Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman made statement.

## After the statement the Chairman referred the subject matter of the CAN to the concerned Standing Committee

• The Calling Attention Notice in the names of Senators Sherry Rehman and Sehar Kamran to draw attention of the Minister Incharge of Aviation Division towards the proposal to sell out key assets of PIA such as hotels in New York and Paris was dropped due to absence of the Members.

	Motion under rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of			
	Business in the Senate, 2012,			
Serial	Mover	Subject	Status	
no.				
1	Senator Abdul Rehman	Gharang check post of fc in Balochistan due to which	The motion was put to the house and	
	Malik	long queues of vehicles is a	the requisite extension	
		daily routine causing great		
		problems to the people of the areas		
2	Senator Abdul	Grievances of media persons	The motion was put to the house and	
	Rehman Malik	regarding attack on Mr.	the requisite extension	
		Ahmed Norani, a Journalist	The Chairman directed the	
		in Islamabad" raised in the	Chairman Committee to take up	
		House on 30 <sup>th</sup> October,	the five main cases of attacks on	
		2017, may be extended for a	Journalists and schedule meetings	
		period of thirty working	to consider the progress in those	
		days with effect from 19 <sup>th</sup>	cases and submit individual	
		November, 2017	progress reports in the Committee	
			of each case on monthly basis	

3	Senator Kamil	1	The motion was put to the house and the requisite extension
	Ali Agha	Committee on the Bill	1
		further to amend the Pakistan Electronic Media	
		Regulatory Authority	
		Ordinance, 2002 [The	
		Pakistan Electronic Media	
		Regulatory Authority may	
		be extended.	
4	Senator Abdul	time for presentation of	The Motion was put to the House
	Rehman Malik	report of the Committee on	and the requisite extension was granted. However, the Chairman
	IVIAIIK	the Bill further to amend the	directed the Chairman Committee
		Pakistan Penal Code, 1860,	to expedite the matter keeping in view the expiration of term of
		and the Code of Criminal	Senate in March, 2018
		Procedure, 1898 [The	
		Criminal Laws	
		(Amendment) (Protection of	
		Rights of Transgender	
		Persons) Bill, 2017],	
5	Senator Abdul Rehman	time for presentation of	The motion was put to the house and the requisite extension
	Malik	report of the Committee on	requisite extension
		the Bill to provide for	
		remedy and payment of	
		compensation to those who	
		are convicted as a result of	
		miscarriage of justice [The	
		Miscarriage of Justice	
		(Compensation) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator	
		introduced by Senator  Mohammad Azam Khan	
		Swati, on 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2017,	

		may be extended	
6	Senator Kamil Ali Agha on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood		The motion was put to the house and the requisite extension
7	Senator Kamil Ali Agha on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the proper administration and management of the Gun and Country Club Islamabad [The Islamabad Gun and Country Club (Administration and Management) Bill, 2017],may be extended	Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted
8	Senator Kamil Ali Agha on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to establish the Real Estate Regulatory Authority for regulation and promotion of the real estate sector and for matters connected therewith [The Real Estate	Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted

		(Regulation and	
		Development) Bill, 2017	
		may be extended.	
9	Senator	Time for presentation of	The Motion was put to the House and
	Muhammad Javed Abbasi,	report of the Committees on	the requisite extension was granted
	Chairman	the Premarital Blood	
		Screening (Family Laws	
		Amendment) Bill, 2016,	
		referred by the House for	
		joint consideration, may be	
		extended	

#### DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION;

#### Following admitted adjournment motions were discussed in the house;

- Adjournment motion moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 27<sup>th</sup> October,
   2017, regarding various financial challenges i.e., increase in external debts, decrease in remittances and increase in oil price due to which financial and fiscal indicators are showing alarming fiscal situation of the country
- Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, regarding the increase in prices of petroleum products which has placed extra burden on the poor segments of society
- Adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017, regarding the non- profitability of FTAs with China, non-utilization of concessions granted by China under the first phase of these agreements, need to review the existing FTA agreements which are not promoting value added exports and the serious concerns regarding the promotion of local industry of Pakistan. [Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the withholding of some information from the Committee whereupon, the Chairman directed to send him the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee as

# referred by the Senator in order to ascertain that who is withholding information from the Members.]

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Motions under rule 60		
Received	04	
Admitted	02	
Disallowed	02	
Discussed in the house	01	
Admitted but lapsed	01	

Motions under rule 218			
Received	68		
Admitted	50		
Disallowed	09		
Discussed in the house	05		
Admitted but lapsed			

Resolutions			
Received	71		
Admitted	54		
Disallowed	03		
Lapsed	14		
Passed by the house	13		
Rejected by the house	02		
Dropped by the house	01		
Withdrawn by the house	01		
Admitted but lapsed	37		

#### Legislative business

- 1. Election (Amendment) Bill, 2017 was passed
- 2. The Prevention of Witchcraft Bill, 2017as reported by the Standing Committee, was opposed by the Leader of the Opposition and discussed in the house. Chairman referred the Bill to the Select Committee for further consideration of the matter in view of the objections raised by the Leader of the Opposition.
- **3.** The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017] was passed
- 4. The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2017 as passed by the National Assembly, was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

#### MOTION [Under Rule 157 (2)]

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice Minister for Law and Justice moved that the Senate may discuss the Annual Report of the National Economic Council for the Financial Year 2015-16, laid on the Table of the House on 23rd August, 2017.

The report was disposed of accordingly.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

- The chairman announced that the notices under rule 100 on the constitution (amendment) bill, 2017 (amendment of article 63a), introduced by senator Farhatullah Babar and senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi reported back by the standing committee are awaited from the concerned members.
- Issuance/withdrawal of notice of breach of privilege to the secretary finance due to absence of any senior officer of the ministry in the officials' gallery during the debate on the admitted adjournment motion, the chairman with the consent of the house issued notice of breach of privilege to the secretary finance and directed him to appear in the

- house on Monday and answer through the minister-in-charge. However, later on the chairman withdrew the notice as a senior officer of the ministry was found present in the gallery but his attendance was not marked due to clerical error.
- The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017, the House will dedicate one hour to pay tribute to legendary poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz on his 35<sup>th</sup> death Anniversary.
- The Chairman announced that the Trust created for the welfare of the children of Mr.
   Iftikhar Ahmed deceased, Director Staff of the Senate Secretariat has become functional and any Member who wants to contribute to the Trust may obtain the bank account number of the Trust from the Secretariat
- The Chairman observed that although his constitutional position does not mandate him to advise any political party yet he feels himself indebted to request all the political parties to make sure holding of election within time for the continuation of democratic system.
- The Chairman took serious notice of the absence of the Minister for Interior in the House especially after the happening of very sensitive and important events regarding the sit-in in Islamabad. The Chairman observed that the Minister should have been present in the House to take the House into confidence about all the activities.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

• In terms of Rule 131B of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the Secretary Senate announced for the information of the Members that the National Assembly Secretariat has informed through Message that on 21st November, 2017, the National Assembly has rejected the Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Private Members' Bill) as passed by the Senate on 23rd October, 2017.

#### **RULLINGS GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN SENATE**

• The Chairman announced his detailed ruling on the constitution of NFC Commission and announcement of NFC Award and directed the Secretariat to send the copies of the Ruling to the President of Pakistan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, Minister for Law and Justice, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, all the Chief Ministers and the Speakers of the Provincial Assemblies for necessary action thereon.

 The Chairman announced his detailed ruling on the interpretation of Section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2017 and the modus operandi of the submission of the report before the Parliament and its subsequent in-camera consideration by the relevant Committee.

#### **REPORTS PRESENTED**

- Mr. Ahsan iqbal, Minister for Interior, was to submit to the Senate the half yearly report of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in respect of its activities as required under section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016). But since, it is the first report of the Agency to be submitted before the Parliament, therefore, the Chairman Senate kept it pending and desired to hear the arguments of learned Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif and Farhatullah Babar on the modus operandi of the submission of the report before the Parliament and its subsequent in-camera consideration by the relevant Committee.
- Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of the Minister for Interior, laid before the Senate the half yearly report of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in respect of its activities as required under section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016). The Chairman referred the Committee to the Standing Committee concerned for in-camera consideration. The Chairman also directed to send the copy of the Ruling to the Chairman Committee.

## DISCUSSION ON THE STATE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE SCHEME OF TRICHOTOMY OF POWER

Debate on the State institutions and their role in the scheme of tracheotomy of power was held in the session and chair reserve his ruling on this issue.

### POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE [Zero Hour]

Following points of public importance were raised during this session.

1. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz pointed out the vacant post of Member IRSA from Sindh for last two years which is not being nominated by the Federal Government despite writing of letter by the Chief Minister of Sindh to the Federal

Government. He further stated that WAPDA has sought proposals from all the provinces for nomination for the said seat whereas the same is reserved for Sindh only which is violation of the law.

Opposition staged walkout of the proceedings as protest against the action of WAPDA.

- 2. Senator Kalsoom Parveen and Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the worst law and order situation in Balochistan.
- **3.** Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out the proposed selling of assets of PIA in other countries in order to pay its liabilities.
- **4.** Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the existence of internment centers in the country in the line of Guantanamo Bay and demanded a ruling from the Chair to nominate a delegation of the Senate to visit such centers.

He further spoke about the appointment of ex-cadre officer as head of the Military Land and Cantonment Services Department due to which the regular cadre officers of the said Service Group never gets an opportunity to head the Department.

The Chairman referred the matter regarding the Military Land and Cantonment Services Department to the Standing Committee concerned i.e. Cabinet Secretariat for consideration and report.

- 5. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out the low salaries of police officials in Balochistan and lack of other equipment and facilities. He also condemned the incident of killing of 15 people in Turbat.
- 6. Senator Saud Majeed pointed out the display of anti-Pakistan "Free Balochistan" banners and slogans on the taxis and Buses in London. The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs for consideration and report
- 7. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah apprised the House that with the intervention of the Chairman and the House, Molana Attaullah of his party has been retrieved and he has joined his family. However, he raised questions about the elements who abduct the people and then release them. He further expressed his views about the sit-in in Islamabad.
- **8.** Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out the shortage of gas in Balochistan in winter season. He further pointed out the non-availability of wifi signals in six districts of Balochistan causing problems to students.

**9.** Senator Professor Sajid Mir pointed out the kidnapping of Maulana Abu Turab, the Balochistan Ameer of Markazi Jamat Ahle Hadees along with his son and his guard by unidentified assailants from Quetta's airport road who is still missing.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Interior for Ministerial response on Wednesday, the  $22^{nd}$  November, 2017.

- **10.** Senator Farhatullah Babar also raised questions about the elements who abduct the people and then release them. He further spoke about the Commission constituted to trace out the missing persons.
- **11.** Senator Saud Majeed spoke about the problems being faced of remote areas of Punjab in connection with NADRA.
- **12.** Senator Ghaus Khan Niazi stated that when the Parliament has rectified its mistake then the issue should not be further highlighted.
- **13.** Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out the low salary of cable guards in Balochistan.
- **14.** Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja pointed out that the Federal Government despite writing of letter by the Chief Minister of Sindh is not nominating the Member IRSA from Sindh which is violation of the law.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Water Resources for Ministerial response on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.

- **15.** Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out that the hiring allowance of the Federal Government employees is not being increased by the Government for last three years causing problems for the employees to find suitable accommodations for them.
- **16.** Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the non-implementation over the resolutions passed by the Senate as well as the resolutions passed by the Provincial Assemblies.
- 17. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz pointed out that the Toll Plaza on Motorway at Peshawar is very narrow having less number of entry/exit points due to which long queues are routine on the Toll Plaza especially on weekends.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned for Ministerial response.

18. Senator Kamil Ali Agha pointed out the missing of Mr. Nasir Abbas Shirazi, General Secretary of Majlis Wahdatul Muslameen (MWM) from WAPDA Town Lahore who has reportedly been abducted by the Police. The Member has stated that since the abductee is happened to be the petitioner in the case of Baqir Najfi Commission Report on Model Town incident, therefore, his family and party is very much concerned about his missing.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Interior for Ministerial response on Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 after getting information from the Provincial Government.

- **19.** Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the distribution of funds on the basis of population. He stated that the criteria for distribution of funds should be population as well as the backwardness.
- **20.** Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh pointed out the problems of the citizens due to sit-in in Islamabad. He stated that heavy Traffic should not be allowed to enter in the city on day time.

#### Chairman asked the Leader of the House to look after the issue.

- **21.** Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out the non-implementation on National Action Plan. She also pointed out the martyrdom of Major Ishaq in D.I. Khan.
- 22. Senator Taj Haider pointed out the advertisements of Black Friday on print and electronic media which amounts to hurting the feelings of Muslims as there are many verses of Holy Quran about the sanctity of Friday.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Information and Broadcasting for Ministerial response.

**23.** Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out that the Chinese Government has sought permission to use the Chinese currency in Gwadar.

The Chairman asked the Member to give a Calling Attention Notice to have proper response.

- **24.** Senator Saleh Shah pointed out the inhuman treatment by the law enforcement agencies in Tribal areas with the residents during the search operations.
- **25.** Senator Farhatullah pointed out the eviction of an NGO named Doctors beyond Frontiers who are working in terrorism affected areas.
- **26.** Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the non-serious approach of the political parties in the Parliament. He urged all the parties to take positive part in the passage of Constitutional Amendment in order to ensure holding of elections within time.
- **27.** Senator Samina Saeed pointed out the ATR plane crash coming from Chitral to Islamabad whose inquiry report has not been made public.

Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat with the direction to invite Senator Samina Saeed in the meeting when the issue will be taken up.

**28.** Senator Sitara Ayaz pointed out the bad condition of Quetta Airport. She also spoke about the bad law and order situation in Balochistan. She further pointed out the failure of the Government to defuse the situation at Faizabad.

At this stage, the Chairman strongly condemned the incident of attack on a senior police officer in Hayat Abad Peshawar and stated that the recent wave of terrorism wherein senior officers of law enforcement agencies are being targeted is strongly condemned.

- **29.** Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the prevailing political situation. He also spoke about the role of media in the projection of participation of Members of his party in the House who always remain present to participate on all issues but the media never name them in this respect.
- **30.** Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh spoke about the problems of residents of Farash Town Islamabad regarding non-supply of gas in winter season. He also spoke about the problems of citizens of twin cities due to sit-in at Faizabad.
- **31.** Senator Kalsoom Parveen criticized the advertisements of Black Friday which amounts to hurting the religious sentiments of Muslims.

**32.** Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the political situation in the country. He further pointed out the agenda of the meeting of Coalition of Islamic Countries which is going to be held in a couple of days.

The Chairman directed to convey the concerns of the Members to the Minister for Defence who is going to participate in the meeting of the Coalition.

**33.** Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini spoke about the problems of people of Balochistan regarding supply of clean drinking water.

Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Minister for Maritime responded the issue.

- **34.** Senator Najma Hamid pointed out the problems of residents of twin cities due to sit-in.
- **35.** Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail urged the political parties to pass the constitutional amendment regarding delimitations.
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- **46.** Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out that the FC personnel had lifted Mr. Raaz Muhammad who is brother of Unit Secretary of his party and now his whereabouts are not known.

Chairman asked the Member to share the details with the Minister of State for Interior and directed the Minister to provide the information in this regard to him in the Chamber.

#### MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Statements by the Ministers concerned on the following points of public importance raised by the members and referred by the Chairman to the concerned Ministries:-

1. Regarding the problems being faced by the people of Qallat Division, Balochistan due to shortage of gas in winter season (raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

Mr. Jam Kamal, Minister for Petroleum made statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

2. regarding the hike in prices of vegetables particularly tomatoes, onions, and peas in the Islamabad Capital Territory and the actions taken by the Government in this respect (raised by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

Minister of State for Interior made statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

3. Regarding the kidnapping of Molana Abu Turab, the Balochistan Ameer of Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith alongwith his son and guard from Airport Road, Quetta whose whereabouts are still not known. (raised by Senator Professor Sajid Mir on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

Minister of State for Interior made statement however, the Chairman directed the Minister to update the House again on Monday after obtaining fresh information from the provincial Government.

**4.** Regarding the non-implementation of the recommendations of a sub-committee constituted by NACTA to correct the narrative to fight the militancy (raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar, on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

Minister of State for Interior made the statement and the matter was disposed of accordingly.

**5.** Regarding the kidnapping of Molana Abu Turab, the Balochistan Ameer of Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith alongwith his son and guard from Airport Road, Quetta, whose whereabouts are still not known. (raised by Senator Professor Sajid Mir on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

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**6.** Regarding the nomination of Member IRSA from Sindh which is not being made by the Federal Government despite writing of letter by the Chief Minister of Sindh to the Federal Government (raised by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

The issue was deferred due to absence of the Minister concerned.

7. Regarding the kidnaping of Mr. Nasir Abbas Sherazi, General Secretary of Majlis Wahdat-e-Muslimeen Pakistan (MWM) from WAPDA Town, Lahore, reportedly by the Police (raised by Senator Kamil Ali Agha, on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017).

Minister of State for Interior made the statement and the matter was disposed of accordingly.

**8.** Regarding the advertisements of Black Friday in the electronic media which amounts to hurting the religious sentiments of Muslims as there are number of verses in the Holy Quran about the sanctity of Friday (raised by Senator Taj Haider, on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017).

Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting made the statement and the matter was disposed of accordingly.

**9.** Regarding the less number of entry / exit points at Motorway Toll Plaza, Peshawar, which results into long queues especially on weekends. (raised by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017).

Minister for Petroleum made the statement and the matter was disposed of accordingly.