



SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT NO. 7

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ON

***POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING "ISSUANCE OF NOTICE
BY FBR TO THE AMBASSADOR OF PALESTINE" RAISED BY
SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED, IN THE SENATE SITTING
HELD ON 18.08.2020.***

Presented by:

**SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED
CHAIRMAN
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

I, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs have the honour to present the report of the Committee on the Point of Public Importance regarding "issuance of notice by FBR to the Ambassador of Palestine" raised by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed in the Senate sitting held on 18.08.2020. The matter was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-


1.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Chairman
2.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
3.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
4.	Senator Sitara Ayaz	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
6.	Senator Siraj ul Haq	Member
7.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
8.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
9.	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
10.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
11.	Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani	Member
12.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem	Member
13.	Senator Seemee Ezdi	Member

3. The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs considered the matter in its meeting held on 25.09.2020 under the Chairmanship of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, which was attended by the following hon'ble Members:-

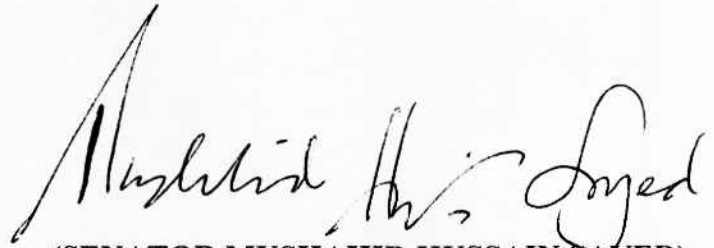
1	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Chairman
2	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
3	Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar	Member
4	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5	Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani	Member
6	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem	Member
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8	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
9	Senator Seemee Ezdi	Member
10	Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
11	Senator Sitara Ayaz	Member

4. Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs briefed the Committee that in accordance with the two Vienna conventions – diplomatic Relations 1961 (VCDR-61) and Consular Relations 1963 (VCCR-63) – the Government of Pakistan accords various privileges to Diplomats and Consular Officers for official as well as personal use. In the subject matter, this Ministry was informed that the Customs authorities conducted an information based operation on 1st July 2020 and recovered two vehicles of Palestinian Embassy from the house of a Pakistani citizen. On receipt of seizure report from the Customs Authorities, a Note Verbale has been sent to the Palestinian Embassy seeking information. Furthermore, the matter is *sub-judice* before the court of law. The Ministry also submitted that the impounding of personal diplomatic vehicles is an administrative matter, with no linkage to any political aspects of the Palestinian issue.

5. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Mover of the subject matter showed satisfaction on the response provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, therefore, the Committee disposed off the instant matter.



(Rabeea Anwar)
JS/Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED)
Chairman Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs