SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING INCIDENTS OF KILLING OF LABORERS IN DISTRICT HARNAI, BALOCHISTAN AND FAILURE OF FC AND FEDERAL FORCES TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN BALOCHISTAN.

(MATTER RAISED BY SENATOR KAMRAN MURTAZA)

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ CHAIRMAN SSC ON INTERIOR

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the honor to present report of the Committee on the point of public importance regarding incidents of killing of laborers in district Harnai, Balochistan and failure of FC and Federal Forces to maintain Law and Order situation in Balochistan. The matter was raised by Senator Kamran Murtaza in the Senate in the Senate sitting held on 20th June, 2022 whereupon, the issue was referred to the SSC on Interior for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

| Senator Mohsin Aziz | Chairman |
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| Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani | : Member |
| Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar | Member |
| Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri | Member |
| Senator Moula Bux Chandio | Member |
| Senator Saifullah Abro | Member |
| Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad | Member |
| Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman | Member |
| Senator Shahadat Awan | Member |
| Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood | Member |
| Senator Fawzia Arshad | Member |
| Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari | Member |

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Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti

Member

Senator Dilawar Khan

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Minister for Interior

Ex-Officio Member

The Committee considered the issue in its meeting held on 9th January, 2023. The meeting was attended by the following:-

| 1. | Senator Mohsin Aziz | Chairman |
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| 3. | Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed | Member |
| 4. | Senator Shahadat Awan | Member |
| 5. | Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti | Member |
| 6. | Senator Kamil Ali Agha | Member |
| 7. | Senator Fawzia Arshad | Member |
| 8. | Senator Kamran Murtaza | Mover |

- 4. Mr. Muhammad Salman Chaudhry, Additional IGP, Balochistan and Mr. Naseeb Ullah Khan Kakar, Director General, Balochistan Levies' Force attended the meeting and briefed the Committee..
- 5. The Mover briefed the Committee about the issue. He was of the view that this issue cannot be seen as a standalone incident rather it is a multi-dimensional issue which involves many players. He was of the view that actually the issue is of extortion of money from the mine owners and whoever refuses to pay ransom/extortion money to the miscreants, he comes under attack and resultantly poor laborers are killed and no one bothers to give any compensation to those deceased persons. The Mover stated that he had raised this issue when the incident took place back in June, 2022 but even after that number of such incidents have happened so this issue requires attention of the Government to deal with it.
- 6. The Additional IGP, Balochistan and Director General, Balochistan Levies Force briefed the Committee that the incident in question happened on 17th June, 2022 around 8:00 p.m. in a

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labor camp established by NHA contractor which resulted into injuries to two laborers and kidnapping of four others and the camp was also set on fire by the miscreants. The Committee was briefed that the Levies Chowki nearby responded within no time and after cross firing the miscreants disappeared in the nearby mountains. The injured were shifted to Quetta for medical treatment.

- of the negligence of NHA Contractor M/S Umar Jan Construction Company who without any consultation/coordination established labor camp at 1.5 km distance from Levies Chowki Chappar Rift which falls under the jurisdiction of Levies Thana Khost which is situated 20 km distance of the said camp. On the date of incident, 10 Levies officials (2 Havaldars and 8 sepoys) were present on duty in the said Levies Chowki who were well equipped with SMGs and G3 guns. As the miscreants attacked the labor camp, the Levies Force started counter firing due to which the miscreants escaped in the nearby mountains but due to quick response by Levies Force, heavy machinery standing on the site was secured. On receipt of the information of the incident, the Deputy Commissioner, Harnai along with Brigadier, Commandant FC-114 Wing Loralai Scouts Harnai and Commandant 139 Wing Loralai South also reached the place of occurrence and ensured safe recovery of the abductees. On 18th June, 2022 a meeting of all stake holders was held and in consultation with the contractor proper security plan was issued. On 15th August, 2022 the kidnapped persons namely Fareedullah s/o Haji Nazar, Aman Ullah s/o Khaliq Dad, Ameer Muhammad s/o Badshah Agha and Mohibullah bumper driver reached their homes.
- 8. The Committee was further briefed that the CTD is primarily responsible for the investigation of terrorist activities in both A and B areas, FIR of the incident had been lodged by CTD. Levies have also devised a security plan to avert such incidents. Nonetheless security of Harnai-Kaich road has been handed over to FC w.e.f. 1st November, 2022 and an Internal Security Allowance is being drawn by FC for 148 personnel deployed on that road.

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- 9. The Chair enquired about the current status of investigation of the particular incident referred from the House and if any arrest has been made concerning that particular incident. The Additional IGP Balochistan replied that no considerable development has been made so far in this case as the miscreants were unknown
- 10. After discussion, the Committee disposed of the matter with the direction that the Additional IGP, Balochistan shall submit a detailed report regarding the steps taken by the LEAs to apprehend or trace out the miscreants involved in the case within 15 days.

11. Hence, this report is presented to the House.

(MUHAMMAD AZAM)
Secretary Committee

(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)
Chairman Committee