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| Date and day | 13 th September,2017 (Tuesday) |
| Commenced at | 03:00 p.m. |
| Adjourned at | 7:10 p.m. |
| Presided by | Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haidari, Deputy Chairman during question hour. Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan during rest of the proceedings. |
| Attendance | 68 |
| Total working hours | 4 hours and 10 minutes |

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Questions entered in a separate list were asked and the replies were given. The questions remained unanswered were treated as laid on the table.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

With reference to the point raised by Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, on 12th September, 2017, regarding revelations made by former Minister for Interior during a TV Interview that there are some serious threats to the country which are known only to some personalities including him and the former Prime Minister which are not even in the knowledge of the current Prime Minister of Pakistan, **the Chairman Senate directed that the Minister for Interior may be asked to appear in the House on Friday, the 15th September, 2017 to make statement in the House regarding the statement of the former Interior Minister.**

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

3. **SENATOR TAJ HAIDER** drew attention of the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Secretariat towards the proposal to change the name of Benazir Bhutto International Airport, Islamabad which amounts to hurting the sentiments of large number of people.

Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for SAFRON on behalf of the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Secretariat made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of but the Chairman directed that verbatim of the statement of the Members and the Minister on the instant Calling Attention Notice be provided to Senator Hasil Bizenjo who is the Chairman of a Committee constituted by the Government to suggest the name of the new Airport.

DEBATE AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE ON PERSECUTION, MASSACRE AND GENOCIDE OF ROHINGYA MUSLIMS, BURNING OF THEIR HOUSES AND THEIR FORCED EXILE FROM THEIR HOMELAND (UNDER DECISION OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH CLUBBED ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS AND CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES)

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.

[At this stage, the Chairman appreciated Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood for his relief efforts and visit to affectees of Burma]

2. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah.

3. Senator Mohsin Aziz.

4. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.

5. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood.

6. Senator Farhatullah Babar.

7. Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab.

8. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.

9. Senator Nisar Muhammad.

10. Senator Nehal Hashmi.

11. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.

12. Senator Ghaus Muhammad Khan Niazi.

13. Senator Nighat Mirza.

14. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.

15. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.

16. Senator Ashok Kumar.

17. Senator Yaqoob Khan Nasar.

18. Senator Hamza.

After discussion, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs wound up the debate.

REPORT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER
[on report adopted by the House under rule 196 (1)]

Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs made the follow up report regarding the implementation status of the recommendations of the Senate, adopted by the House on 30th August, 2017, contained in the report of the Committee of the Whole on initial response to US President's new Afghan-South Asia Policy statement and the policy guidelines in the wake of emerging regional realities.

Chairman directed the Minister to place the written report on the Table of the House.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mohsin Aziz drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the report of the IMF regarding the risks posed to the economic outlook of Pakistan which is contradictory to the exaggerated financial facts and figures of the Government.

Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of the Minister for Finance made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice. The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

**DISCUSSION / WINDING UP OF DEBATE ON THE ADMITTED
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

- i. **Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs** made winding up speech on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 20th April, 2017, regarding disappearance of Col. (R) Habib, resident of Rawalpindi at the hands of the Indian forces during his visit to Nepal and the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan in this regard.

Chairman directed the Minister to place the written report on the Table of the House.

- ii. Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Sehar Kamran on 23rd August, 2017 regarding the situation arising out of the visit by the Indian Prime Minister to the US and signing of a number of defence agreements between the two countries i.e. purchase of drones and nuclear submarines.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.
3. Senator Lt. Gen. ® Abdul Qayyum.
4. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.

Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs made winding up speech on the admitted adjournment motion and the Motion was talked out.

MOTION OF THANKS

Further discussion on the following motion moved by Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on 12th September, 2017:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 1st June, 2017.”

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Taj Haider.

[At 6:30 proceedings were suspended for Magrib prayer and resumed at 6:40 p.m.]

2. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.

[At 7:05 p.m. Senator Ata ur Rehman pointed out the quorum. The House was not in order so bells were rung. Count was again made but the House was not found in order.]

At 7:10 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday the 14th September, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.