

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	12 th March, 2021 (Friday)
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Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**WELCOME BY THE SECRETARY SENATE AND ANNOUNCEMENT
OF NOMINATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

Secretary Senate formally welcomed the members-elect and made the announcement that Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah has been nominated by the President of Pakistan in terms of sub-rule (2) of rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 to preside the special sitting of the Senate.

OATH BY THE MEMBERS-ELECT

Members elect made oath in terms of Article 65 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and signed the Roll of Members.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROGRAMME/SCHEDULE OF ELECTION OF
CHAIRMAN SENATE AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SENATE.**

Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Presiding Officer made announcement regarding the programme/schedule for election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman Senate and the proceedings were adjourned for 3:00 p.m.

**At 3:00 p.m. the House re-assembled with Senator Syed Muzafar
Hussain Shah on the Chair as Presiding Officer.**

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE

The Presiding Officer announced the names of candidates contesting for the election as Chairman Senate along with the names of their proposers. Thereafter, the voting for the election to the office of the Chairman Senate was started through secret ballot and after the completion of the voting, the Presiding Officer announced the election result as to which Senator Muhammad Sadiq Sanjarani was elected as Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

OATH BY THE CHAIRMAN-ELECT

Senator Muhammad Sadiq Sanjarani, made oath as Chairman Senate of Pakistan in terms of Clause (2) of Article 53 read with Article 61 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and occupied the Chair to conduct the election of Deputy Chairman Senate.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE

The Chairman Senate announced the names of candidates contesting for the election as Deputy Chairman Senate along with the names of their proposers. Thereafter, the voting for the election to the office of the Deputy Chairman Senate was started through secret ballot and after the completion of the voting, the Chairman announced the election result as to which Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi was elected as Deputy Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

OATH BY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN-ELECT

Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi made oath as Deputy Chairman Senate in terms of Clause (2) of Article 53 read with Article 61 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Senate drew attention of the Members towards rules 15 and 16 of the Senate Rules regarding independent members and declaration of the Leader of the Opposition and announced that as per these rules an independent member, including a member from FATA, may exercise his option to join the treasury or opposition benches, as the case may be, within seven days from today and shall inform Secretary Senate in writing. Furthermore, members in opposition, including independent members who support the opposition benches will submit name(s) for the Leader of the Opposition to the Chairman, who shall declare a member as Leader of the

Opposition who enjoys the support of majority of the members in opposition to the Government. It is pertinent to mention that an independent member including a member from FATA, who has not given his option to join the opposition benches, shall not be eligible to support any member for the office of Leader of the Opposition. It was announced that letters are being dispatched in this regard to independent members and members belonging to opposition benches, copies of which have also been placed on the table.

PROROGATION OF THE SENATE

Chairman read out the prorogation order received from the President and prorogued the Senate session on the conclusion of its business on 12th March, 2021.

Islamabad, the
12th March, 2021