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**REPORT OF THE
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SAFRON**

ON

Point of public importance regarding "law and order situation in Balochistan and FATA" raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in the House on January 22, 2021

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR TAJ MUHAMMAD AFRIDI
Chairman
Standing Committee on SAFRON**

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I, Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the point of Public Importance regarding "law and order situation in Balochistan and FATA" raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in the House on January 22, 2021.

2. The Point of Public Importance, upon introduction in the Senate, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report back to the House.

3. The composition of the Standing Committee on SAFRON is as under:

1.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Chairman
2.	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
4.	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Ayub	Member
6.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
7.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
8.	Senator Hillal-ur-Rehman	Member
9.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
10.	Senator HidayatUllah	Member
11.	Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan	Member
12.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
13.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Mover
14.	Minister for States & Frontier Regions	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Committee considered and disposed of this point in its meeting held on February 09, 2021 which was attended by the following Members of the Committee:

i.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Chairman
ii.	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
iii.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
iv.	Senator Shamim Afridi	Member
v.	Senator Muhammad Ayub	Member
vi.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
vii.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
viii.	Senator HidayatUllah	Member
ix.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
x.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Mover

5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised this agenda and stated that 10% area of Balochistan was controlled by Police while 90% area was under the control of Levies Force. However, crime rate in the area controlled by Police was 90% whereas it was just 10% in the area controlled by the Levies. He further stated that FC had totally dominated both Police and Levies in Balochistan. He stressed that Police was accountable to the Provincial Assembly and the Parliament; therefore, law and order should be the sole responsibility of Police and no other force should interfere in the domain of Police. He expressed serious concerns over the law and order situation in the capital city of Balochistan where armed groups harassed and intimidated ordinary citizens on daily basis. He regretted that Police was helpless before these groups. He said that same was the case in Chamman, Qila Saifullah, Lorlai, Muslim Bagh where theft and drugs had become a common business but there was no one to ask about it. He also raised the issue of abduction of three persons from Chamman and stated that protests were held against these abductions from Quetta to Islamabad but the grievances of the victims' families still remained unaddressed. He, therefore, called upon the concerned authorities through the committee to take action against the kidnappers and recover the abductees immediately. He also raised the issue of illegal occupation of private lands by criminal gangsters and called upon law enforcement agencies to vacate the lands occupied illegally in Quetta and elsewhere in Balochistan and reiterated that FIRs must be registered against those involved in such crimes and must be booked under the law. Senator Shamim Afridi also endorsed the concerns of Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and requested that the concerned authorities must clarify their position in this regard.

6. Responding to the concerns expressed by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Additional IG, Balochistan stated that Police controls 15% area of Balochistan but it consists of 65% population of the Province. Area under the control of Levies Force is 85% but it just caters to 35 % population of the province. This accounted for the higher crime rate in the area under the control of Police. He stated that Police were trying to take proper action under the law, in case any crime was reported. He also mentioned the action taken on the incidence occurred in Qila Saifullah and informed the Committee of the current status of the case. He assured Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar that his concerns would be addressed and no effort would be spared to take the criminals to task. Chairman Committee directed the representative of Balochistan Police to Coordinate with Honourable Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and take strict action and leave no stone unturned in improving law and order situation in Balochistan. He directed that every effort should be made to recover the kidnapped/missing persons and vacate the illegally occupied lands. He further directed that Balochistan Police should submit a detailed report on law order in Balochistan to the Committee within 15 days.

7. Regarding ex-FATA Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar stated that with the integration of erstwhile FATA in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa law and order has been handed over to Police but there was no improvement in law order situation there. Honorable Senator pointed out that several months had passed since Arif Wazir was assassinated but, so far, the Police had not been able to catch his killers. Similarly, incidents of target killing, he stated, happened in the merged areas on weekly basis and militants were roaming freely there. In short he expressed serious concerns on the poor law and order situation in ex-FATA region. Senator Aurangzeb also raised questions on the authority of Police. He referred to a particular incident in Orakzai district and stated that the people of four different tribes wanted to register FIR against the mastermind of the incident but the DPO did not register the FIR without the consent of the IG. This showed that Police had a limited authority.

8. Responding to the concerns shown by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and other members of the Committee, the representative of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police stated that the integration FATA with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was a challenging task. Extending Police Act into areas where there was no such law in the past was a difficult process but, despite tough challenges, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police achieved certain milestones in short period of less than two years. For instance, almost 29,000 Khasadars and Levy Force personnel have been integrated in the Police force of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The situation, he admitted, was not ideal but things were moving in the right direction. He stated that Police was fully active in the merged districts now and reacted

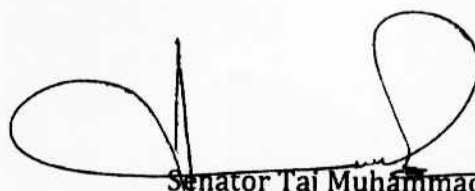
promptly to any threat in these areas. He also expressed hope that in the coming days things will further improve as the requirements of the force are gradually met.

Recommendation

The Committee unanimously expressed dissatisfaction over the prevailing law and order situation in Balochistan and the Merged Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and recommended that Police must be given full operational autonomy in 'A' areas of Balochistan and the merged districts and must be provided with necessary equipment to combat any threat within their areas of operation.



Muhammad Tariq Mahsood
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Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi
Chairman (Committee)