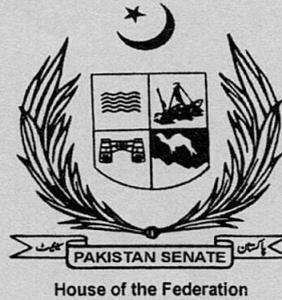


# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

ON

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE FOR THE MINISTER FOR FEDERAL EDUCATION  
AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING TOWARDS THE ISSUE OF HUNGER STRIKE OF  
ACADEMIC AND TEACHING STAFF OF THE BALUCHISTAN UNIVERSITY DUE TO  
NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES

RAISED BY

SENATORS AIMAL WALI KHAN & HIDAYATULLAH KHAN

ON 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2024

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT  
CHAIRPERSON SSC ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL  
TRAINING

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE FOR THE MINISTER FOR FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING TOWARDS THE ISSUE OF HUNGER STRIKE OF ACADEMIC AND TEACHING STAFF OF THE BALUCHISTAN UNIVERSITY DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES**

I, Senator Bushra Anjum Butt, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, have the honor to present report of the Committee on a Calling Attention Notice from Senators Aimal Wali Khan and Hidayatullah Khan regarding a hunger strike by Balochistan University staff over unpaid salaries on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

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

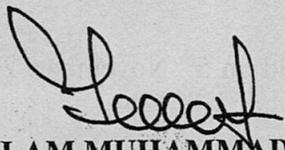
1. Senator Bushra Anjum Butt	Chairperson
2. Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi	Member
3. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
4. Senator Falak Naz	Member
5. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
6. Senator Sania Nishtar	Member
7. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
8. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
9. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
10. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
11. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the matter in its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 which was attended by the following Members:

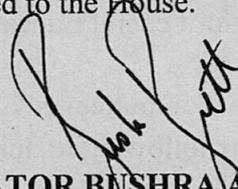
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5. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
6. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
7. Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan	Mover
8. Senator Hidayatullah Khan	Mover

4. The esteemed Committee addressed a Calling Attention Notice from Senators Aimal Wali Khan and Hidayatullah Khan regarding a hunger strike by Balochistan University staff over unpaid salaries. Senator Hidayatullah Khan urged that a good share of GDP be allocated for education, citing Balochistan's declining educational standards. The HEC Chairman acknowledged the impact of underfunding and over-reliance on private institutions, compounded by governance issues, such as appointing Acting Vice-Chancellors. The Chairperson of the Committee emphasized for a policy to limit acting VCs' privileges and urged timely appointment of permanent VCs, noting universities' struggles and complaints arising from frequent leadership changes in those universities. To address these concerns, she proposed that the next meeting provide a list of universities with appointed VCs, specifying any interim positions and their expected timelines. The Chairperson committee further emphasized the importance of involving the Planning and Finance Ministries in this serious matter, urging the Committee to take a strong stance. The Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) was directed to extend cooperation to the University of Balochistan in resolving the issue of the staff's hunger strike and addressing the non-payment of salaries. The Chairman HEC was further instructed to report the resolution of the matter to the esteemed Committee.

5. Thereafter, the agenda was disposed-off. Copy of the Calling Attention Notice as raised in the Senate is at **Annexure-A**. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.



(GHULAM MUHAMMAD SHAR)  
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT)  
Chairperson Committee