

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR ON INTERIOR ON 'THE NATIONAL DATABASE
AND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2026, MOVED BY SENATOR AZAM NAZIR TARAR, MINISTER
FOR LAW AND JUSTICE, ON BEHALF OF SENATOR SYED
MOHSIN RAZA NAQVI, MINISTER FOR INTERIOR AND
NARCOTICS CONTROL, IN THE SENATE'S SITTING HELD
ON 3RD MARCH, 2026**

**PRESENTED BY:
SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the National Database Registration Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026 moved by Senator Azam Nazir Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, on behalf of Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control, in the Senate in its sitting held on 3rd March, 2026 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Syedaal Khan	Member
3.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Sabzwari	Member
4.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
6.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
7.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
8.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
9.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
10.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
12.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
13.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
14.	Senator Abid Sher Ali	Member
15.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the bill during its meeting held on 26th March, 2026 which was attended by the following Members:

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
3.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
4.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member

5.	Senator Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
6.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
7.	Senator Sarmad Ali	Mover
8.	Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Mover
9.	Minister of State for Interior & Narcotics Control	Ex-officio Member

4. The Committee considered the Government Bill titled "The National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026." The Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control supported the Bill. The Chairman thereafter sought the views of the Members, who unanimously agreed to the proposed legislation.

5. The Committee, thereafter, recommended that the National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026, as introduced, be passed. (The Bill, as introduced in the Senate, is placed at Annexure-A).

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(SARA SALEEM)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the 15th April, 2026.

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TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

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Bill

further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority
Ordinance, 2000

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (Ordinance No. VIII of 2000) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 18, Ordinance No. VIII of 2000.- In the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000, in section 18,-

(a) in sub-section (1), in the proviso, for the full stop at the end a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following new provisos shall be added, namely:—

“Provided further that the Authority may provisionally impound a card pending for verification report for a maximum period of sixty days:

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The CNIC is a critical national security instrument; any misuse of which directly threatens Pakistan's internal security, destabilizes its economy, and undermines its international standing.

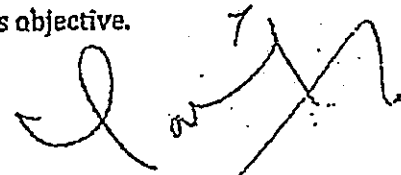
2. In practice, NADRA has faced serious operational constraints, particularly in:

(i) Provisional impounding of CNICs pending verification reports, where the absence of explicit statutory cover has limited swift action.

(ii) Blocking CNICs of individuals engaged in criminal offence who are willfully evading legal proceedings despite being provided an opportunity to be heard by the appropriate Authority.

3. The proposed amendments do not confer unfettered authority. They are narrowly tailored, strictly time-bound, and anchored in due process requiring written notice, opportunity of reply, and defined maximum timelines thereby ensuring both state security and citizens' procedural rights.

4. The proposed amendment aims to achieve this objective.



Minister-in-Charge