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**BY SPECIAL MESSENGER**

Dy. No. 647/2023-Lit-I  
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
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Islamabad the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: - **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DELIBERATE UPON POLICY ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES**

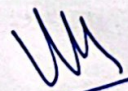
The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that pursuant to the constitution of Ministerial Committee by the Federal Government to deliberate policy on Enforced Disappearances, a meeting under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Interior was held on 20.11.2023 in the Committee Room of the Ministry.

2. Enclosed are the Minutes of the meeting duly approved by the Chairman of the Committee. It is requested to kindly initiate further action on the part of your department as indicated at recommendations / decision mentioned at Sr. No. III of Minutes of the Meeting.

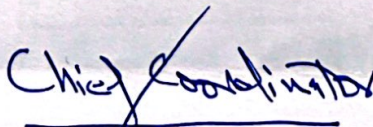
3. The action taken on the decision referred to above may kindly be shared with this Ministry for further necessary action.

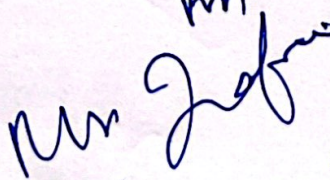
  
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✓ National Commission for Human Rights,  
Chairperson,  
Government of Pakistan,  
**Islamabad**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Subject: **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DELIBERATE UPON POLICY ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES**

A Meeting of the Ministerial Committee constituted by the Federal Government to deliberate policy on Enforced Disappearances under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Interior was held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 in the Committee Room of Ministry of Interior "R" Block Pak Secretariat, Islamabad. List of the participant is at Annexure-A. The agenda of the meeting was as under: -

- a) Presentation by the Secretary Law and Justice Division on the Akhtar Mengal Commission Report.
- b) In depth discussion on the recommendations contained in the Commission report.
- c) Deliberation on formulation of policy on Enforced Disappearances.

2. Meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran by the Minister for Interior, followed by a warm welcome extended to all participants. Afterward, Secretary Law and Justice Division delivered a presentation on the Akhtar Mengal Commission Report. He gave a concise overview of the Commission's formation, tracing its origins to the Writ Petition No. 794/2022 in the Islamabad High Court. Upon direction of Islamabad High Court a commission, chaired by Mr. Akhtar Mengal, Ex-MNA was established to investigate and address the grievances of Baloch students.

3. The Commission convened multiple meetings and presented its findings to the Islamabad High Court. On September 19, 2023, the Court issued directions to submit a concise report after consultation with the Federal Government. The Ministry of Human Rights submitted a Summary to the Prime Minister to seek appropriate instructions. The Prime Minister directed that the report of the Commission be placed before the Committee already constituted to deliberate in the matter.

4. After thoroughly discussing the recommendations put forth by the Commission, the Committee resolved to promptly adopt and implement the following recommendations in the first instance.-

Sr. No	Recommendation	Decisions	Action By
(i)	The National Security Policy 2022-2026 shall address the racial profiling and disappearance of Baloch students.	National Security Division shall take steps in implementation of relevant sections contained in the National Security Policy 2022-2026.	National Security Division
(ii)	The Federal and Provincial Governments should issue policy guidelines prohibiting the sharing of personal information of Baloch students with outside organizations.	Higher Education Commission shall take necessary action in coordination with Provincial Governments.	Higher Education Commission

(iii)	The National Commission on Human Rights should handle ethnic-profiling and enforced disappearance complaints, register FIRs and monitor investigations.	The National Commission for Human Rights will be requested to look into the issue of ethnic profiling etc.	National Commission on Human Rights ✓
(iv)	The Ministry of Interior should establish a national database to record disappearance cases.	The Cell established in the Ministry of Interior shall undertake the activity and present report before the Committee in its next meeting.	Ministry of Interior
(v)	Higher education Institutions should do all out efforts for elimination of racial profiling, harassment, and disappearance of Baloch students.	Higher Education Commission will do needful in this regard and present its report before the Committee during its deliberation in future.	Higher Education Commission
(vi)	The HEC and Pakistan's Higher Education Commissions (PHECs) should establish an "Office of Inclusion" to promote student-friendly administration and dialogue. Adopting affirmative action policies for Baloch youth can provide them with opportunities to pursue education outside Balochistan and equal opportunities for employment.	The inclusion policy should be adopted to promote student friendly environment across the board for all students irrespective of Province or ethnic base.	Higher Education Commission

5. The Committee decided to revisit the remaining recommendations during its upcoming meetings for further consideration.

6. The Committee also deliberated on the formation of Policy on Enforced Disappearance with reference to Islamabad High Court directions in case No. 696/2021 titled Rana Muhammad Akram Vs Federation of Pakistan dated 22.04.2022. It was decided that in-depth discussion will be made in the consequent meetings of the Ministerial Committee to conclude its report at the earliest. Islamabad High Court, Islamabad may be provided all out assistance in disposing of the case.


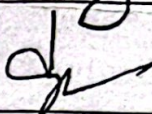
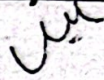

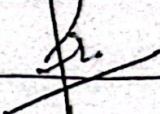
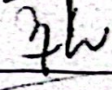
7. The Committee decided to submit a compliance report to this effect in the Islamabad High Court based on above decision well before the date of hearing i.e. 22.11.2023.

6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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## ATTENDANCE SHEET

Subject: - MEETING REGARDING MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DELIBERATE UPON POLICY ON ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES ON 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023 AT 11:00 AM IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, PAK SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE ROOM 'R' BLOCK

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01	A. D. Khawaja	Sec MCHR		
02	Brig Sajid Anam	181		
03	Khushtul Khan	AS - Interior.		
04	Asst. Comdr. Ahsan Ali	Secy Gen		
05	Minister Defense	MO.D		
06	Minister Law, Justice	MOLJ		
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