



## GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Subject:

## REGISTRATION OF 600 ENROLLED STUDENTS OF NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES OF BALOCHISTAN

Students from the new medical colleges Balochistan have submitted a complaint (copy attached) to National Commission for Human Rights expressing their concerns and grievances regarding the recent decision of the PMC issued vide letter No F.2 Sec-PMC-2021/03.col.Stds-Baloch/226 dated 13 January 2022.

Entailed impact of this decision can cause uncertainty to the future of 600 students enrolled in the new medical colleges of Balochistan namely Loralai Medical college, Jhalawan Medical College Khuzdar and Makran Medical college Turbat. Along with the aforementioned written complaint, the entangled students have also been protesting against the decision through sit-ins and protest marches in Quetta.

Considering the sizeable number of complainants and the stated consequences for each individual coupled with the situation of protests, the issue falls within the jurisdiction of The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR).

The National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) is a statutory body set up under the NCHR Act XVI of 2012, in accordance with the Paris Principles. Amidst others, the primary functions of the NCHR include investigating into allegations of human rights abuses and advising the Government on legislative, policy and administrative matters pertaining to the situation of human rights in the country. Within its powers as a civil court, the Commission can call for public records and review safeguards provided under the Constitution and laws of Pakistan and recommend the adoption and/or amendment of laws and policies.

It is paramount to have the complete picture of the issue to ascertain the facts. And for this purpose, all the involved parties are being approached to provide the details.

In light of foregone; please appraise the Commission on the following:

- (a) On what basis has PMC taken the decision to not register the students of the 03 new medical colleges of Balochistan.
- (b) What has PMC decided to do with the colleges in the future?

To expedite the process, the information be shared with the Commission at the earliest.

Sincerely,

(Rabiya Javeri Agha)

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