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معزز اراکین چیمبر!

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

میرے لئے یہ امر انتہائی اطمینان و مسرت کا باعث ہے کہ آج سے تقریباً ایک سال قبل آپ نے مجھے اس پر وقار ادارے کا صدر منتخب کیا۔ جہاں یہ منصب میرے لئے عزت و وقار کا باعث تھا وہاں یہ عہدہ مجھ سے اس بات کا متقاضی بھی تھا کہ میں سیالکوٹ کی انڈسٹری کی فروغ اور کاروباری برادری کے مسائل کے حل کیلئے کوئی کسر نہ اٹھا رکھوں۔ میں نے اپنی ذمہ داریاں انتہائی خلوص اور ایمانداری سے سرانجام دیتے ہوئے ممبران کو بہتر سروسز مہیا کرنے اور ان کے مسائل کو حکومتی ایوانوں سے حل کروانے کیلئے بھرپور جدوجہد کی۔ میں نے چیمبر کی خدمت فرض سمجھ کر نہیں بلکہ ایک اعزاز کے طور پر کی۔ میں اس کوشش میں کہاں تک کامیاب رہا اس کا فیصلہ تو بہر حال آپ ہی کو کرنا ہے۔

جیسا کہ آپ سب جانتے ہیں کہ اس سال وطن عزیز پاکستان سمیت پوری دنیا وبائی مرض کو COVID-19 کا شکار ہے۔ اس وبائی مرض سے عوام الناس کو محفوظ رکھنے کیلئے حکومت کی جانب سے مارچ 2020ء میں پورے ملک میں لاک ڈاؤن کر دیا گیا، جس کی وجہ سے تمام کاروباری سرگرمیاں معطل اور مصنوعات تیار کرنے والی فیکٹریاں بند کر دی گئیں۔ ان نامساعد حالات میں سیالکوٹ چیمبر آف کامرس نے اپنے ممبران اور فیکٹریوں میں کام کرنے والے ملازمین کے روزگار کو محفوظ فرماہم کرنے کیلئے حسب روایت اپنا بھرپور کردار ادا کیا اور بروقت حکومتی اداروں کے ساتھ سخت لائنگ کے بعد اپنے کاروباری مراکز میں پیداواری سرگرمیاں بحال کروانے میں کامیاب رہے۔ اللہ کریم کے خصوصی رحم و کرم سے وطن عزیز پاکستان کو رونا پر قابو پانے میں تقریباً مکمل طور پر کامیاب ہو چکا ہے۔ الحمد للہ دنیا بھر میں موجود ممالک کے مقابلہ میں پاکستان کے حالات بہت بہتر ہیں۔ تمام فیکٹریوں میں پیداواری سرگرمیاں مکمل طور پر بحال ہو چکی ہیں۔

معزز اراکین چیمبر! درج بالا نامساعد حالات اور شدید ترین بحالی کی کیفیت کے باوجود ہم حکومت سے 900 ملین روپے کے کسٹمز ریٹ منظور کروانے، ایکسپورٹ پرفارمنس کے حصول کیلئے مقررہ مدت میں توسیع اور مقررہ ایکسپورٹ پرفارمنس کی مقررہ حد کو کم کروانے، ای ایف ایس کریڈٹ سیکموں کی مدت میں توسیع، لانگ ٹرم فنانسنگ فسیٹی (LTFF) کی شرط میں نرمی، Realization آف ایکسپورٹ پروسیڈ کیلئے مقررہ مدت میں توسیع، غیر مشروط ڈائریکٹ سپنٹ کی اجازت، پیشگی ادائیگیوں کیلئے مقررہ حد میں اضافہ، پنجاب انفراسٹرکچر سیس کا خاتمہ، EDF بورڈ میں نمائندگی، سرجیکل ماسک کی ایکسپورٹ کی اجازت، EPZ میں پلاسٹک کی منتقلی پر عائد 3% ٹرانسفر فیس کو کم کروا کر 1% کروانے سمیت دیگر کئی اہم اییشوز کو حل کروانے میں کامیاب ہوئے۔

آخر میں میں اپنے رفقاءے کار جناب خرم عظیم خان، سینئر نائب صدر، جناب چوہدری محمد جلیل اسلم، نائب صدر، اراکین مجلس عاملہ، ذیلی کمیٹیوں کے چیئرمین صاحبان، پریس، مقامی انتظامیہ اور چیمبر سٹاف کا بیحد مشکور ہوں جنہوں نے چیمبر مسائل کو حل کرنے میں میری بھرپور معاونت کی۔ میری دعا ہے اللہ کریم اس ایوان کو دن گنی رات چوگنی ترقی و استحکام عطا فرمائے اور یہ ادارہ آپ کے مسائل کے حل کیلئے مزید بہتر انداز میں اپنا کردار ادا کرتا رہے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ ہم سب کا حامی و ناصر ہو۔ (آمین)

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محمد انور قریشی مرحوم

بارے کچھ کہا جائے یہ ہمارے لئے اعزاز کی بات تھی ہم نے محمد انور قریشی کی شخصیت کے مختلف پہلوؤں پر اپنی قلبی کیفیت پیش کی جب ان کی بذلہ سنجی، خوش طبعی اور بے ساختہ پن کے بارے بات کی تو محفل کشت زار زعفران بن گئی۔ قریشی صاحب کے چہرے کی مسکراہٹ اور حاضرین کے گلناز چہروں سے ایک ایسا حوصلہ ملا کہ ہم دیر تک باتیں سناتے رہے۔ بعد میں جب کھانا شروع ہوا تو قریشی صاحب ہماری ٹیبل پر آئے اور گلے سے لگاتے ہوئے بولے

"داؤد۔۔۔ تم شرارت سے باز نہیں آئے"

ساگرہ کی تقریب میں نہ جانے کس کی نظر لگ گئی تھی کچھ ہی عرصہ بعد قریشی صاحب بیمار پڑ گئے۔ کہتے ہیں وہ زیادہ بیمار تو نہیں تھے محض Check up کی غرض سے انہیں لاہور لے جایا گیا تھا چونکہ ہسپتال آج کل تجارتی بنیادوں پر چل رہے ہیں اس لئے Check up کے بعد یہ تجویز ہوا کہ ان کا فوری آپریشن کر دیا جائے۔ چنانچہ بھاری فیس اور بل وصول کر کے محمد انور قریشی کا آپریشن کر دیا گیا ڈاکٹروں کی بلا سے مریض جیسے یا مرے۔ سیالکوٹ کا سپتول جلدی میں کئے گئے آپریشن سے جانبر نہ ہو سکا۔ ہمارے دوست ڈاکٹر محمد اکرم قریشی بڑے بھائی کی لاش پر تڑپے اور سخت احتجاج کیا۔۔۔ مگر پھر خاموش ہو گئے کہ مسلمان کے عقیدہ میں یہ بات اہم ہے کہ موت کا وقت مقرر ہے گھر کے لوگ تو زیادہ اس منظر پر آہ و فغاں کرتے رہ گئے کہ قریشی صاحب خود اپنے پاؤں پر چل کر گاڑی میں بیٹھے اور لاہور کیلئے روانہ ہوئے تھے۔۔۔ واپس آئے۔۔۔ تو کس حال میں۔۔۔ ان کا جنازہ گھر کے اسی گوشے سے اٹھا تھا جہاں کل ان کی ساگرہ کا ایک کٹا تھا۔

چمن میں رونق فصل بہاراں دیکھنے والے

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باتیں ایوان کی

بات پر قائل کر لیا تھا کہ سر جیکل گڈز اور سپورٹس گڈز کی کم از کم قیمتیں fix کروانے میں چیئرمین ایسوسی ایشن سے تعاون کرے گا چونکہ بھٹے گروپ کی کامیابی کم وسائل والے ووٹرز کی کثیر تعداد کی مرہون منت تھی اور وہ سب Price Fixation کے خلاف تھے لہذا بھٹے گروپ جو پہلے ہی داخلی اور خارجی سازشوں کا شکار تھا Price Fixation کا مطالبہ مان کر چند سالوں میں اپنے انجام کو پہنچ گیا۔

1989ء میں چیئرمین کے سالانہ انتخابات میں محمد انور قریشی "اتحاد فونڈرز گروپ" کی جانب سے کامیاب ہو کر چیئرمین کی مجلس عاملہ کے ممبر منتخب ہو گئے۔ 1990ء میں خواجہ ذکاۃ الدین چیئرمین کے صدر بنے تو ہم ان کے ساتھ نائب صدر تھے ابھی کچھ ہی عرصہ گزرا تھا کہ حکومت نے چیئرمین پرائیڈنٹس ٹریڈ بٹھا دیا۔ خواجہ صاحب توج پر چلے گئے اور ذمہ داریاں ہم پر آن پڑیں۔ محمد انور قریشی دل کے مریض ہونے کے باوجود سینہ سپر ہو گئے اور چیئرمین کو بچانے کیلئے میدان عمل میں اتر آئے۔ حکومت اور چیئرمین کے درمیان مقدمے بازی کی فضا میں قریشی صاحب نے اپنی ہمت سے زیادہ کام کیا تھا ہم نے انہیں سخت گرمی میں Lift بند ہونے کی وجہ سے اسلام آباد سیکریٹریٹ کی کئی کئی منزلہ عمارتوں کی سیڑھیاں چڑھتے اور اترتے دیکھا تھا یہی وجہ تھی کہ رہبر سیالکوٹ شیخ ریاض الدین نے ہمیں 1991-1992 کیلئے چیئرمین کا صدر بننے کا جو عندیہ دے رکھا تھا ہم نے وقت آنے پر محمد انور قریشی کے احترام میں ان کا نائب صدر رہنا ہی ایک سعادت جانا۔

قریشی صاحب کے ساتھ ہماری دوستی نہایت ہی بے تکلفانہ رہی ہے ان کی ہمہ جہت شخصیت کا ذکر جاری رکھیں تو ایک ضخیم کتاب درکار ہوگی۔ ہمیں یاد ہے 2001ء میں محمد انور قریشی 75 سال کے ہوئے تو خاندان نے ان کی ساگرہ منانے کا اہتمام بڑے جوش و جذبہ سے کیا۔ دوست احباب اور رشتہ داروں کی کثیر تعداد کی شرکت سے گھر میں جشن کا سماں تھا ہم چیئرمین کے صدر تھے اور اسلام آباد میں ایک میٹنگ میں مصروف تھے اچانک خیال آیا کہ آج قریشی صاحب کی ساگرہ ہے ہم سب چھوڑ چھا کر تقریب سعید میں شرکت کیلئے بھاگے ہمیں دعوت دی گئی کہ اسٹیج پر آ کر قریشی صاحب کی شخصیت کے



تحریر: داؤد احمد چھٹہ ایم اے
سابق صدر ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ

یہ غالباً 1962 سے پہلے یا بعد کا زمانہ تھا۔ جناح پارک میں کرکٹ شائقین کے بیٹھنے کیلئے سٹیڈیم کا ایک کھر درسا بلاک بنا ہوا تھا۔ رات کے کھانے کے بعد ہم روزانہ جناح پارک کی سیر کو جاتے اور تھک ہار کر اس بلاک کی سیڑھیوں پر بیٹھ جاتے۔ ایک رات حسب معمول ہم سیر کو گئے تو جناح پارک جنگل میں منگول بنا دیکھا۔ سٹیڈیم میں برقی قمتے جگمگ جگمگ روشنی بکھیر رہے تھے ایک کونے میں بنے اسٹیج پر نصرت فتح علی خان کے والد فتح علی مبارک علی اپنی آواز کا جادو جگا رہے تھے ایک شخص اجلے اجلے کپڑے پہنے سٹیڈیم کی سیڑھیوں پر اکیلا ہی بیٹھا تھا اور سر دھن رہا تھا۔ ہم دیر تک اس شخص کے ذوق سماعت سے محظوظ ہوتے رہے۔ 1967ء میں گورنمنٹ پائلٹ سکول سیالکوٹ میں اولڈ بوائز ایسوسی ایشن کے اجلاس میں اس شخص کو دوبارہ دیکھا تو یوں لگا جیسے پروا چلنے لگی ہو۔ معلوم ہوا یہ شخصیت نامدار محمد انور قریشی ہیں جو Hope & Heal کمپنی کے مالک ہیں۔ Hope & Heal کا نام تو سن رکھا تھا مگر قریشی صاحب سے آشنائی نہیں تھی۔

Hope & Heal کا ایک زمانے میں بڑا شہرہ تھا۔ Surgical Instruments کی ایک سپورٹ میں کمپنی نے اپنا ایک مقام پیدا کر لیا تھا۔ سر جیکل ایسوسی ایشن میں بھی محمد انور قریشی کا ایک اہم کردار تھا۔ ایسوسی ایشن کی جانب سے وہ چیئرمین کے قیام پر تحفظات رکھتے تھے۔ اے ڈی بھٹے مرحوم نے 1984ء میں جب چیئرمین کا پہلا الیکشن منعقد کروایا تو بھٹے گروپ نے زبردست کامیابی حاصل کر لی جس کے نتیجے میں رویوں میں تبدیلی آگئی اور چیئرمین کے وجود کو تسلیم کر لیا گیا۔

قریشی صاحب سر جیکل ایسوسی ایشن کے چیئرمین تھے۔ چیئرمین اور ایسوسی ایشن کے درمیان قربت کی کوششیں انہی کے دور میں شروع ہو گئی تھیں۔ قریشی صاحب نے بھٹے صاحب کو اس

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES OF SIALKOT CHAMBER

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON GARRISON HQ/CANTONMENT BOARD AFFAIRS



Sheikh Zahid Hameed, Chairman Departmental Committee on Garrison HQ/Cantonment Board Affairs warmly welcomed the members in the meeting on June 26, 2020. He thanked the members and discussed the agenda of the meeting to discuss general issues related to cantonment area especially of fluctuation of electricity of supply of cantonment area due to pending tree trimming. He suggested that the Committee Members should generate a welfare fund for initiating new welfare projects. He also shared some of his suggestions regarding the arrangement of Oxygen Cylinders, establishing a mortuary in Cantonment Area, ambulance for the movement of dead bodies, patch work of roads in Cantonment Area etc. The Chairman also appreciated Mr. Ayyaz Chaudhery on successful running of welfare projects of Ambulance Service and mortuary services at Janazgah Shaheedan.

Committee Members were discussed the above-suggested points by the Chairman Committee; members endorsed the point of view of the Chairman and emphasized on the regular follow-up regarding the issues discussed in the Committee meetings. It was also emphasized that all the issues related to Cantonment Board should be taken up with the Station Headquarter. Members discussed about the newly established drain system of Cantt area which had not been functional; so that such projects should be focused and working should be started with proper planning. Mr. Ansar Aziz Puri, Senior Vice Chairman Committee invited attention of the members toward Clock Tower Feeder where electricity was fluctuated and creating lot of problems

for the consumers. In the end of the meeting, it was discussed all the issues would be taken up with the Station Headquarter through written letter.

ONLINE MEETING WITH GOVERNOR STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

Mr. Reza Baqir, Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, convened a meeting on July 2, 2020, to inform the Trade Bodies and Chamber of Commerce and Industry, on a project of online collection of Duty and Taxes that was in the transition and before the launch of the same, SBP wanted to know the feedback from the industry. He added that the purpose of gathering the recommendations of Trade Bodies and Chamber of Commerce and Industry to make the initiative more productive and business-friendly. Governor SBP added that the newly designed atomized system would help in paying the taxes and duties by utilizing the RTGS (Real-Time Gross Settlement) system that was in the practice of Commercial bank, to collect taxes through the internet and mobile banking.



Mr. Saleem Ullah, Executive Director, FRM said that in total 14 types of levies and taxes would be collected from the facility by utilizing mobile and internet banking of any commercial bank. Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Chairman Departmental Committee Banking and Finance Committee lauded the initiative of Governor State Bank of Pakistan and said that recommendations would be shared by the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry in written. He mentioned that the services would help many Small and Medium Businesses across Pakistan.

VISIT OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER SIALKOT DR. NASIR MAHMOOD BASHIR

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On July 03, 2020, Friday, a meeting Chaired by Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI was held with Dr. Nasir Mahmood Bashir, Deputy Commissioner Sialkot, wherein Honorable Mr. Muhammad Usman Dar, Advisor to Prime Minister on Youth Affairs, and Chairpersons All Associations Sialkot, were also present. President SCCI said that the lockdown was relaxed by the Government of Pakistan and permission to operate under compliance with SOPs, was given to the export-oriented businesses across Pakistan, from Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. He further added that with limited manpower the majority of exporters of Sialkot were facing difficulty while completing their export orders, therefore the Industry of Sialkot should be allowed to work on Saturdays as well.

Dr. Nasir Mahmood Bashir, Deputy Commissioner Sialkot, said that as per the notification only 5 days would be allowed to businesses with compliance to the SOPs, however, only those companies which were opened during the lockdown after getting Exports Order verified from TDAP Sialkot, would be allowed to work for production purposes only. He clarified that the permission would remain in the verbal agreement and would not be brought in writing at any flat form until notification was issued by the Government of Pakistan. He also requested to share the list of manufacturers of PPE's who were willing to operate on Sunday.

MEETING WITH MR. USMAN JAMIL DIRECTOR MARKETING, LIAISON OFFICE FOR MESSE DUSSELDORF

Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq, Chairman Committee welcomed Mr. Usman Jamil (Director Marketing, Liaison Office for

Messe Dusseldorf), MEDICA's regular exhibitors from Sialkot at SCCI on July 06, 2020. He briefed about the restrictions imposed on Pakistan to enter in the European countries due to COVID-19; therefore the whole scenario was much confused for an exhibitor to take decision either they withdraw their application or to wait for some improvements in the said condition. He said that there were two types of exhibitors from Pakistan either exhibit privately or through TDAP; he asked about the requirements and other policies for both types of exhibitors in 2020. He said that generally there were limited visitors who used to visit on Pakistani booths in MEDICA and also shared the expectation of limited visitors would be allowed this year due to pandemic.

Mr. Usman Jamil, Director Marketing, Liaison Office for Messe Dusseldorf thanked SCCI representatives for inviting him on Zoom Meeting and said that Pakistan was also one the significant countries and on 17th number in all participating countries in MEDICA. Shared the efforts were made by the Fair Organizer to organize MEDICA with all possible arrangements specially focusing on security/safety measures; therefore, business activities should be promoted with all positive & possible endeavors. "Messe Dusseldorf is in liaison with the Government, Exhibitors, Visitors and other relevant organizations to finalize the arrangements with all possible efforts" he added. He told that Messe Dusseldorf had also been contacted to different countries around the globe in order to get their feedback regarding the said event and optimistically work on it to make this event possible in 2020. He told about the postponement and cancellation of some international events in current year due to some emergent situation; so that there would be the possibilities of postponement of MEDICA at the eleventh hour due to any tragedy; therefore the situation would be dependent on many other factors.

Regarding the discussion on cancellation charges, Mr. Usman Jamil, Director Marketing, Liaison Office for Messe Dusseldorf stressed that it was the corporate decision by Messe Dusseldorf to charge 860 Euros from the participants to cancel their participation. He told that TDAP had been withdrawal their participation in MEDICA due to some uncertainties; therefore,

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interested participants would participate privately in current year. Members discussed all the points & possibilities to make consensus as the whole situation was unclear due to pandemic and it was also sure that EU would not show any flexibility for Pakistan in current circumstances; therefore, it would be suitable to withdraw this year and to wait for the next year.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN



Mr. Reza Baqir, Governor, State Bank of Pakistan convened a meeting on July 9, 2020, to inquire about any issue members of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry had been facing in availing the facility of Rozgar Scheme introduced by State Bank of Pakistan, during Covid-19 crisis. Governor SBP said that State Bank of Pakistan had established helpdesk at Chambers of Commerce and Industry across Pakistan, including the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He added that SBP wanted that the information of the Scheme of State Bank of Pakistan should reach to the maximum people. He further inquired that no queries were received from the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry and whether any query had been raised by the member. Governor State Bank of Pakistan said that 23 cases of Corporate/ SME sector were received and PKR 232 Billion was released to the applicants.

Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI, acknowledged Governor State Bank of Pakistan on decreasing the Long term investment rate to 2 % and also on the business-friendly initiated by State Bank of Pakistan in the Covid-19 crisis. He clarified that a few members of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and

Industry including Sialkot International Airport had availed the Rozgar Scheme Facility and the majority of the members Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry were owned by Small Businesses, who avoided to taking loans from banks due to high-Interest rates. He further added that SCCI would keep sharing the Schemes launched by SBP, from time to time.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Travel and Tourism was held on July 14, 2020 at SCCI. Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Chairman Committee welcomed the members and discussed about the lockdown, which resulted in the closure of businesses and commercial activities across Pakistan. He said that the concerns related to the Travel & Tourism Industry would be discussed in the meeting, and the resolution would be sent to the competent authorities. He said that after \ ease in the lockdowns across the country, a few special flights carrying the passengers were allowed; however, the Committee would propose the Government to revisit the policies and should start flight operations to the countries which had eased their lockdowns. He discussed about the new traveling policies from U.A.E and Saudi Arabia.

Members also discussed the travelling policies of UK, USA and U.A.E after COVID-19 and said that policies of many countries were still not clear. For traveling to the U.K. 14 days quarantine policy was in practice and test from accredited Lab, was also mandatory before leaving from Pakistan; furthermore, every country had been practicing their policies according to the Covid-19

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situation. It was also suggested that Sialkot Chamber members should negotiate with airlines for getting discounts while traveling abroad during exhibitions season. It was also discussed that Government was not supporting the travel industry in COVID-19 situation in reviving International traveling; while traveling to European countries, a test of COVID-19 was mandatory on the International traveler. It was proposed that guidance should be provided to the members to avoid rejection of Visa to Europe during hotel booking and air ticketing. After the detail discussion, it was decided that the Committee would also write emails to the Embassy of U.A.E and Saudi Arabia to seek the latest travel advisory by their Government.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN, FBR, AND PRAL

Mr. Qader Bakhsh, Additional Director, State Bank of Pakistan-Karachi welcomed the participants from FBR, PRAL, Customs and Chambers of Commerce on Joint Video Conference on July 21, 2020. Mr. Bakhsh told that SBP had designed a project of submitting Taxes and Duties online through the online banking system by utilizing the RTGS (Real-Time Gross Settlement) system that was in the practice of Commercial banks. He added that the newly designed system would also help in getting a refund without human intervention and make the system more efficient. Mr. Saleem Ullah, Deputy Director-SBP shared the progress of the project that was initiated in light of the problems arising in claiming the Duty Draw Backs. He added that the joint meeting with Chambers would help in addressing the ambiguities of the business community. He said that an Exporter had to update the details of his Commercial Bank, on WeBOC profile, where the refund would be made, once export proceeds were matured.

Mr. Habib Ahmad, Additional Director Exports, Pakistan Customs shared that once the export process had been matured and on receipt of remittances into the account of the exporter, the concerned bank would intimate the SBP as well as FBR, on completion of the exports process, thereafter refunds into the account of exporter would be made. Whereas, Mr. Saleem Ullah, Deputy Director, SBP, shared that the system was developed the make payment of Taxes and Duties, as well as,

receipt of refunds. He further added that 10% Post Audit, would be opted by the system, and also clarified that SBP was devising the refund of pending claims, and a solution would be made very soon.

Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Chairman SCCI's Departmental Committee on Banking and Finance said the initiative taken by SBP was commendable and also highlighted issues related to reporting of the appeal of problems, into the system. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI appreciated the State Bank of Pakistan, FBR, and PRAL on designing the new project. He stressed that the three departments should have a strong liaison with each other to make the system error-free. Mr. Malik also sought the information of the Post Refund Audit condition of PRAL and also inquired for resolution of pending DLT cases of the year 2014 from SBP.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SURGICAL/DENTAL/VETERINARY INDUSTRY



Mr. Ikram-ul-Haq, Chairman welcomed the members in the meeting of SCCI's Departmental Committee on Surgical/Dental/Veterinary Industry on July 27, 2020. He explained the working of Amazon had done with the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan to get the names of Pakistani firms interested to start business on Amazon. He encouraged the surgical industry to start doing online business through different platforms and elaborated about Online Business, Eligibility criteria, Guidelines/Steps to Start Online Business, Payments system, direct service of Amazon, other Direct & Indirect Services, Delivery cost using Amazon Direct & Indirect Services, Direct Shipment from Pakistan and Business Model suitable for Amazon Direct

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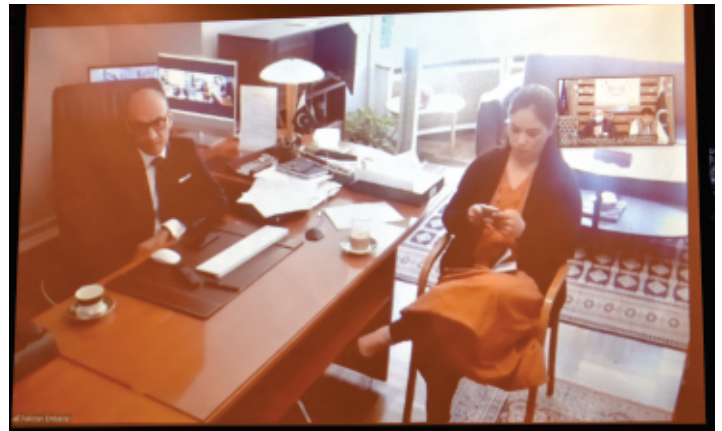
Services in detail. Industry should explore the different ways of businesses in international market to grow.

Mr. Naeem Anwar Qureshi, Mr. Omer Khalid, Mr. Zahid Rafique Towne, Mr. Salman Sheikh, Mr. Zaid, Dr. Gohar Iqbal and other members participated in discussion about the said agenda. The dynamics of Online Business especially through Amazon, scope of surgical instruments on Amazon, process/requirements to do business on Amazon, payment terms & technicalities, taxation system imposed on such payments etc. Amazon as a giant platform having their large team to maintain the working and to keep check on the trend of sale of all the products; it became a buyer of a most trending product and sold the said product on its platform to the direct customer. Sialkot Industry should also move forward to cater many un-tapped markets around the globe via online business platforms. It was suggested that an online web-portal (as a marketing & selling platform) could be established for providing a virtual space to the Sialkot based surgical instruments manufacturers. Chairman Committee mentioned the export share 1.67% of Sialkot Surgical Industry in total exports, decreasing trend in international trade and emphasized that Sialkot Surgical Manufacturers suffered due to the pandemic and should search out the new business mediums to survive in the market. He said that there was global drift of businesses towards the online platforms and to connect the world through online trade; therefore, it was highly recommended that Sialkot Industry should learn about the shift and adopt the new modes of businesses.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN TO DENMARK H.E. MR. FAROOQ AHMAD

Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI welcomed H.E. Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Ambassador of Pakistan to Denmark for the video conference on July 27, 2020. He congratulated him on assuming the charge. H.E. Mr. Farooq Ahmad, Ambassador, of Pakistan to Denmark, thanked and said that the Embassy of Pakistan in Denmark surveyed the local markets of Denmark, wherein they had found that China, Bangladesh, and India were acquiring the majority of the shares related to Textile Products. He told about the mechanism for the trade of surgical instruments through Germany and

also added that the Danish markets also had the potential for Footwear and Sports Goods. He said that the Commercial Section would share the details of potential importers of Danish markets, and would also help in organizing the B2B webinar session for Pakistan Exporters.



Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, Mr. Khurram Aslam Butt, Ch. Jalil Aslam, Mr. Muhammad Umair Mir, Miss Syeda Shabina Gillani and other members appreciated the honorable guest on his working and assured to provide “Made in Sialkot” product to the Embassy of Pakistan in Denmark for display. It was added that the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry also had a history of organizing CSR and Sustainability projects for the welfare of society, “the list of the same would be shared”. Scope/market of the products made from organic cotton and organic leather produced by Sialkot's Industry were discussed. Commercial Section was also requested to help in organizing B2B meetings with local distributors, buyers, and importers, through webinars, during the times of Covid-19, and also share the list of importers of Denmark markets as well as the details of famous Trade Fairs and Exhibitions related to the Industry of Sialkot.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FBR, CUSTOMS, SALES TAX AND FEDERAL TAXATION

Meeting of Departmental Committee on FBR, Customs, Sales Tax and Federal Taxation held on August 6, 2020 at SCCI. Ch. Ahmed Zulfiqar Hayat, Chairman Committee welcomed the members and informed that FASTER had been operational since July-19. He urged the members to file Annexure-H in sequence i.e. first for the month of

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July-19 and then for the subsequent months in sequence. He informed that by elimination of sequential gaps, processing of claims could be expedited. Moreover, refund amount claimed should strictly match the consumption reported as per Annexure-H. In case of any mismatch between the two, the refund claims would be deferred. He also shared the guidelines for the claimants in detail.



Members highlighted the several issues/concerns including the issue of partial/non-payment of Sales Tax refunds (for the period of January and March, 2020) etc. Issue of non-payment of Duty Drawback Claims on Eid-ul-Adha due to payment of Custom refunds during Covid-19 pandemic situation from the Government's General Account instead of Revenue Account was discussed in detail. Problem faced by exporters in obtaining Export Oriented Unit license under SRO327 (I)/2008 dated March 29, 2008 and the issue of notices received from Punjab Revenue Authority PRA were also discussed with the house.

In addition to the main agenda of the meeting, following matters were also discussed during the meeting; delay in payment of Income Tax refunds, issue of payment of PESSI and EOBI contribution and surcharge for the period of lock down of the economy during Covid-19 pandemic situation and issue of 5% Withholding Sales Tax on Exporter Companies, under 11th Schedule to the Sales Tax Act, 1990. After due deliberation, it was decided that letters would be sent to The Chief (Sales Tax), Commissioner PESSI and Chairman EOBI in order to discuss the above mentioned concerns related to their jurisdiction.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE/TELECOMMUNICATION



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Post Office/ Telecommunication held on August 11, 2020 at SCCI. Mr. Zaheer Amir, Chairman Committee welcomed Mr. Muhammad Arshad (Deputy PMG, Pakistan Posts-Sialkot Region) and Mr. Abid Mehmood (Chief Post Master GPO Sialkot) with the appreciating remarks for the services of Pakistan Post. In his address, he discussed the complaints, delays/impediments in receiving the parcels containing export samples and told about rates of EMS (ISP) Service offered by Pakistan Post was higher than other private companies like DHL, UPS, FedEx, etc. He shared the frequent complaint by the members about not receiving the Chamber Bulletin. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik (President SCCI), Mr. Atif Raza, Mr. Naeem Akhtar, Mr. Muhammad Ejaz Ghauree and Mr. Jalil Aslam (VP of SCCI) shared their views and discussed the related matters. It was stressed that some fraudulent activities should be checked by the department as well as some improvements in system were also required like upgrading the official website of Pakistan Post, better tracking system, improvements in their services and staff training etc.



73rd INDEPENDENCE DAY AUGUST 14, 2020



The Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry celebrated the 73rd Independence of the beloved motherland with great glory and patriotism.

Keeping on the tradition, Sialkot Chamber celebrated the "Independence Day" with high spirit of Freedom and dedication. The Independence Day Ceremony took place at Sialkot Chamber premises, where the National Flag was hosted by Sialkot Chamber's President Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, Mr. Khurram Azim Khan,

Senior Vice President, Ch. Muhammad Jalil Aslam, Vice President, senior members and Executive Committee Members.

The Celebrations were followed by the Cake Cutting Ceremony by the Office Bearers of SCCI. After the Cake Cutting Ceremony, prayers for the prosperity of our beloved country and wellbeing of the Nation were made. The celebrations ended with cheers and well wishes for the success of the beloved Homeland.



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among the Sialkot Industry. Similar to the private companies, it was stressed that Pakistan Post should also be focused on its marketing to approach customers and to enhance system. Vice President of SCCI shared his comparative analysis of services & rates of Pakistan Posts and other private companies; he also said that EMS was a reliable option but most of the business community was shifted toward other Courier companies due to its reliability.

Mr. Muhammad Arshad, Deputy PMG, Sialkot Region, Pakistan Post thanked and endorsed the above-discussed points; and shared his previous experience of working with the Sialkot Business Community. He assured to discuss the various matters related to custom department, Sialkot Dryport Trust and Pakistan Post with the respective authorities. He told that GPO was providing its services to the Chamber mainly & regularly for the distributing the Chamber's monthly bulletin; he assured to minimize the complaint by the members. Regarding the website and GPO's rates fluctuation, he assured to discuss the said matter with directorate and would recommend the directorate to add a representation in the board from Sialkot as a major customer. Mr. Abid Mehmood, Chief Post Master-GPO Sialkot told certification required for the safe international carrier.

He also told about the EMS Plus service of Pakistan Posts and assured that the above discussed points were noted down and would communicate to the higher authorities.

PROGRAMME ON "CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY" (JASHN-E-AZADI)



An event to celebrate "National Independence Day" held at Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry on August 13, 2020 under the management of Departmental Committee Garrison H.Q / Cantonment Board Affairs. Sh. Zahid Hameed, Chairman Committee welcomed the honorable guests, committee members and speakers of different schools, colleges and universities in the event. In his address of welcome, he shared few sentences in the honor of beloved country and role of the nation for the country's growth & development. He shared all the segments of the event, especially the cake cutting ceremony. He invited the guests and speakers for their performances and speeches regarding the said occasion.



Ms. Rayela Maryam, Ms. Hajra, Mr. Nawaz Khan, Mrs. Zeenat Saleem, Ms. Asma Liaq, Ms. Pakeeza, Ms. Anum and Dr. Mamoona individually, lauded and admired the efforts of Qaid-e-Azam and the Martyrs who laid down their lives during Tehreeq-e-Azadi for establishment of a separate country. Participants of the event discussed about the current circumstances, national level issues, societal issues/concerns and required revolutionary changes for the economic betterment of the country. Ch. M. Jalil Aslam, Vice President SCCI appreciated the Chairman Committee for the tireless efforts for organizing the event to celebrate "Jashn-e-Azadi" with the business community of Sialkot. In the end of the event, Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI shared his remarks on that special day and appreciated the committee's efforts. President SCCI also had honored the Cake Cutting Ceremony arranged by the Committee.

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WEBINAR ON SASO SABER TESTING CERTIFICATION BY TTI LABORATORIES, LAHORE



Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI attended a webinar under the chairmanship of Mr. Hamed K. Lateef, CEO Tti Testing Laboratories - Lahore. Chairman PGMEA Mr. Asad Naseer Malik and representative of Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMEA) Mr. Ejaz A. Khokhar also attended the meeting on August 18, 2020. The CEO, Tti Testing Laboratories, Lahore thanked the participants and highlighted the importance of Certification. He said that Certification was a trade barrier for the countries like Pakistan wherein most of the manufacturing concerns were SME's.

Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI appreciated the efforts of Tti Testing Laboratories and PGMEA for arranging the session for the Industry of Sialkot. He shared that SASO SABER Certification was for the Exporters who would like to export their products to Saudi Arabia. He further shared that as part of the national transformation programme 2020 and 2030 vision of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, SASO was designed under the Saudi Product Safety Programme. He also shared the objectives of the programme in detail. He also hoped that Tti would continue arranging sessions of such kind for the information of the Sialkot Industry and render its services for its Compliance.

Mr. Asad Naseer Malik, Chairman PGMEA thanked and said that Cotecna had been accredited by SASO, in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa regions, to ensure the compliance to the applicable standards of all regulated products imported into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He

shared that their mandate lies in undertaking conformity assessment activities for importers and exporters and issuing relevant Certificates in SABER platform for regulated products that comply with Saudi requirements. Whereas, Mr. Ejaz A. Khokhar (PRGMEA) appreciated the positive move of Tti Testing Laboratories to get people informed about the importance of SASO SABER Testing Certification and emphasized that Manufacturers and Exporters of Pakistan should focus on the quality of the products even more than the previous and maintain their market share.

MEETING TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROJECTS FOR SIALKOT'S INDUSTRY TO BE INITIATED THROUGH EDF



Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI welcomed the participants of the meeting on August 21, 2020 and said that the Chamber had once again, been included in the Board of Administrators of the Export Development Fund after the year 2013. He informed that through this facility, Sialkot Chamber would be able to better pursue the projects for the development and growth of the Export Sector of Sialkot and get necessary approvals. He was also thankful to Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood, Advisor to PM for considering the proposal and ensuring representation of this Chamber in the EDF Board. Whereas, Syed Ahtesham Mazhar, Chairman Sialkot Tannery Zone congratulated President SCCI upon his inclusion as Board of Administrators of EDF for one year and said that this was an opportunity for the Export Industry of Sialkot to get approval of its workable projects from the Board. He suggested that all the Associations should be taken on board, so that a single

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voice of the City could be raised. He shared that Sialkot Tannery Zone already received funds from EDF twice for different projects; and informed that the PLGMEA got approval of its Design Center & Common Facility Center from EDF recently.

Mr. Muhammad Atif, Project Director STZ shared that he was also a member of the Board of Administrators of EDF in the past and also shared that value-added Leather products Industry and Surgical Instruments Manufacturing Industry were moving toward tough and stiffer competition including REACH & Leather Working Group (LWG) and Medical Device Regulation (MDR). He suggested that for the Compliance of these Standards, support of EDF could be demanded in terms of International Consultancy Experts. He also suggested that subsidized rates on certification like, REACH, CE Mark, etc., were also requested from EDF fund to the Export Sector of Sialkot.

Dr. Khurram Anwar Khawaja, Mr. Majid Raza Bhutta, Mr. Zahid Rafique Towne and Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar appreciated the objective of meeting and shared their recommendations for adding projects in pipeline under EDF. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Malik, President SCCI concluded the meeting with the following projects to be taken up through EDF e.g. CLEP, Made in Sialkot Expo, Road Infrastructure of the city and Exhibitions & Delegation.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SPORTS ACTIVITIES



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Sports Activities was held on August 21, 2020. Mr. Asif Ali, Chairman Committee welcomed the members and

appreciated the members for their maximum cooperation regarding the events held during his tenure. He shared the highlights of previous events and performance of the committee; he said that the number of planned sports events could not be held due to COVID-19. The Chairman proposed to play a Cricket Match with Gujarat Chamber on September 06, 2020 at Sialkot. He also told that District Football Cricket Association Sialkot had planned to organize "Sialkot Chamber of Commerce Football Cup 2020"; for the said purpose, he shared the requested contribution to the members.

Mian Muhammad Khalil and the members appreciated and acknowledged the efforts done by Mr. Asif Ali, being Chairman of the Committee. In the end of the meeting, The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation for a cricket match with Gujarat Chamber of Commerce.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION/UNIVERSITIES

Meeting of Departmental Committee on Education/Universities held on August 21, 2020 in order to discuss the renewal and new cases of scholarship for the next six months. Dr. Khurram Anwar Khawaja, Chairman Committee welcomed all the committee members and share the agenda of the meeting. He told about the objectives of the committee to facilitate the deserving students in their studies and appreciated the overall performance of the committee in recent years.

He discussed the cases for renewal cases of students and new applications for scholarships; after reviewing the progress/results of the scholarship candidates, the six students were found eligible for renewal of scholarship for the next 6 months. The Committee received 3 new applications for scholarship; after reviewing results & documents, the 2 students were found eligible for awarding scholarship for the next 6 months.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Meeting of Departmental Committee on Religious & Cultural Affairs held on August 21, 2020. Mr. Mohsan

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Gull, Chairman Committee welcomed the members in the meeting and said that the meeting was called to discuss a very sensitive issue. He shared that Sialkot Chamber had received a letter from one of the member firms of the chamber; in which, they revealed about a Sialkot based football manufacturer company producing footballs with the mono/logo similar to the name of Allah and the Holy Prophet (S.A.W).



The member firm (sender of the letter) requested the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry to investigate the said matter and to take serious action against such

condemnable act; it was also requested that Chamber should form a special committee including the renowned religious scholars to discuss and denounce the issue.

Above-mentioned letter and enclosed pictures of the football were discussed by the house in detail to examine the authenticity of the matter, it was jointly agreed that there was no such similarity. Committee stressed that as a Muslim Ummah, if any such act would be conducted in Sialkot Industry that would not bearable and should be highly condemned by all. It was emphasized that committee should scrutinized such matter consciously in future and also should avoid the fake conspiracies.



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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND THE GLOBAL OUTBREAK OF COVID – 19



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), essentially refers to the equipment that provides protection from infections or injury. Exposure to workplace hazards such as chemical, radiological, physical, electro-mechanical, or other risks including biohazards and airborne particulate matter can lead to such infections and injuries. PPE is addressed in specific OSHA standards for General Industry, Maritime and Construction. And it requires that PPE must meet the standards developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). It includes items such as protective clothing, helmets or hard hats, gloves, gowns, face shields, safety goggles and shoes, earplugs or muffs, face masks or respirators, coveralls, vests and full body suits or other specific equipment particularly designed to provide protection. As defined by OSHA and ANSI, PPE can be used by the employees working in a sensitive environment for occupational safety and health purposes and for sports and other recreational activities.

The sole purpose of PPE is to minimize the effects of hazardous accidents or infections that might occur at a workplace. Improper use of PPE or equipment failure may result in an unwanted exposure to danger. To arrest such eventualities, employers must provide proper PPE and ensure its correct usage workers. It also directs to a need of employees' training with enough emphasis on addressing risks present at work place and in selection, maintenance and usage of PPE.

Although PPEs are categorized last in hazard control ladder yet it proved the only effective shield against the novel Corona Virus. The sudden outbreak of COVID-19 caught the professionals and experts unprepared in terms of effective arrangements for its elimination or substitution or even bringing in engineering or administrative controls. As a matter of fact, this pandemic took the world by surprise and challenged the existing infectious outbreak prevention procedures. With each passing day, PPE was becoming the one and only way forward to deal with COVID-19. The slightest mishandling of PPE could make a person from being safely covered to

dangerously exposed. Regular and continuous use of PPE (gowns, full body suits, gloves, face masks and respirators) laid down the basis of safety of paramedic staff, nurses and doctors busy in handling COVID-19 patients in hospitals, clinics and labs. And in COVID-19 environment, PPEs became the requirement for paramedic and general public alike instead of choice or luxury.

The threatening COVID-19 spread assured the mandatory use of PPE in health care settings such as hospitals, doctor's clinics/ offices and clinical labs. When used properly, PPE acts as a barrier between infectious materials such as viral/ bacterial contaminants and skin, mouth, nose, or eyes (mucous membranes). PPE have the potential to block transmission of contaminants from blood, body fluids, or respiratory secretions. PPE also protects the patients who are at higher risk for contracting infections through a surgical procedure or having a medical condition, such as immunodeficiency, from being exposed to potentially infectious material brought in by visitors and healthcare workers. The proper usage along with the other infection control measures such as hand-washing, using alcohol-based hand sanitizers, and covering mouth while coughing and sneezing minimizes the spread of infection from one person to another. The proper disposal of used PPE is equally important to prevent germs and viral spread.

Handling of COVID-19 by Government of Pakistan met due recognition at all forums in the world. In addition to, enforced usage of PPEs by professionals and general public alike, implementation of SOPs such as social distancing, self-isolation also known as quarantining of positive cases, smart lock down i.e. sealing of virus concentration areas and above all awareness campaigns run on tele-social media, set the ground for effective control where the world has generally suffered a lot at the hands of COVID-19. When an infection outbreak affects a broad population, such as current pandemic COVID-19, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) is responsible for making specific recommendations for infection control measures in different circumstances and settings. In COVID-19 environment DRAP pursued the government for ensuring use of relevant PPEs (surgical masks, N95 respirators, medical gloves, and full body suits/ gowns) and implementation of SOPs. DRAP also ensures that PPEs intended to be used as a Medical Device in Pakistan must follow its regulations and should meet voluntary consensus standards for protection. These standards and DRAP's requirements may vary depending on the specific type of PPE. However, when these standards and regulations are followed, they provide reasonable assurance that the device is safe and

effective. DRAP has an authority to put any PPE on review under Pre-market Notification or 510(k) Clearance before making it available in the market for general use. PPEs are supposed to meet specific criteria for performance, labeling, and intended use to demonstrate substantial equivalence. Voluntary consensus standards may also be used to demonstrate sterility (when applicable), biocompatibility, fluid resistance, and flammability. PPE approved and cleared by relevant authorities such as FDA/ANSI and NIOSH for use in EU and USA have market access in Pakistan market as well.

COVID-19's curve in Pakistan started flattening by mid of July. As of today, Pakistan has about 6000 deaths due to COVID-19 against total reported cases of about 200,000.00. This was only possible due to implementation of stringent policies and relevant SOPs. The severely affected areas were sealed to avoid mixing of carriers with the normal population. The medical and law enforcement authorities remained vigilant throughout this global hit. Off the late, life is coming back to its normal routine. Offices and Education Institutions are going to get started as usual. Keeping in mind this fact, that the virus is not completely eradicated, and it takes nothing but a slight carelessness to initiate the unending chain, the proper use of PPE still continues without exception and SOPs being strictly followed. The only way forward to get life and economy on the right track.

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STARTLING -- DEVELOPMENTS



(by: Prof. Safdar Sandal)

China and Iran have drafted a comprehensive military and trade partnership. The deal will make way for about \$400 billion worth of Chinese investment into Iran's key sectors i.e. energy and military developments, for the next 25 years.

This agreement would lead to closer military relations between Beijing and Tehran, including joint military exercises, weapons developments and intelligence sharing. It would also increase Chinese investments in Iranian banking, telecommunications and transportation. The reported agreement also includes that China would help in building infrastructure for 5G telecommunication network in Iran. It is reported that the deal had been first proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping during his 2016 visit to Tehran, and the proposed draft was approved by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif over the last couple of weeks. The Iranian officials have publically acknowledged that there is a 'pending agreement with China' which hopefully will be approved by their Parliament because of its high utility and bilateral enhancement of trade relations. Beijing is also still to disclose its terms; Iranian

government has meanwhile approved the draft of 25-year deal with China on economic and political cooperation; the deal being of more importance for the whole region. Iran's foreign ministry spokesman, Abbas Mousavi, said it was a proud moment for the Iranian diplomatic history.

Tehran has not revealed yet, the full details of the agreement, but a previous report by the Petroleum Economists suggest that Iran is set to grant huge concessions to China, including significant discounts on oil and gas, and the ability to delay payments for up to two years. It has also allowed China to pay in soft currencies. China's more pronounced interest in Iran should alert the US to review its past approach to Tehran. The deal comes at a time when the Iranian economy has been completely damaged by US sanctions, which reproached that any country in the world that deals with Iran would be cut off from global financial system. Presumably this stance will change soon, owing to the Iran-Chinese joint ventures.

The estrangement between China and America owing to COVID-19 had peaked, as Trump named this COVID-19 as 'Chinese Virus'. There are also irritants in the south Chinese sea between China and America and highly objectionable sanctions imposed on Iran thereafter, quite arrogantly. Clashes between China and India due to their Ladakh dispute have disrupted peace in the region. Nascent tensions have engulfed Iran and India too, because of the Chabahar port and railway track to develop from

Chabahar to Zahidan, as was agreed between them. The project was started by both India and Iran, to extend trade opportunities to Afghanistan, Central Asia and Europe. But Modi's recent enchantment with US and his anti-Islamic Hindutva- (Hindu nationalist) based foreign policy isolating it in the world, has lost a



project which was more beneficial for India itself. Iran will now complete its Chabahar project with the help coming from China. China has provided 400 billion dollars for this project, as the relations between China and Iran are fast growing in the form of trade and financial policies and India owing to its fallacious policies with every country of the region, has lost its metal. Both Iran and China have expelled India, in a way strategically. This happens to go in favour of Pakistan which is consistently pursuing a balanced foreign policy and is better placed due its CPEC-BRI collaboration and the US's need of Pakistan to help resolve its Afghanistan imbroglio.

In its efforts to destabilize Pakistan and divert its attention from Kashmir and the LOC, India has activated Pakistan's western front, in order to engage it militarily. India had ostensibly invested in Chabahar Port too and other projects in Iran to create an alternative-trade- corridor to Afghanistan and CARs states, thus

bypassing Pakistan. However the cover of Chabahar Port was also exploited to establish its spy and terrorism network against Pakistan. Kulbhushan Yadav, a serving Indian Navy Commander, was settled in Chabahar as the spymaster to organize terrorist activities in Baluchistan to target CPEC-BRI and Karachi, to threaten Pakistan's economy like it had helped MQM based in London.



Yadav was picked up by Pakistani intelligence on one of his forays into Baluchistan. The Indians are also sponsoring dissident elements like BLS, BRA to carry out terrorist activities. Their operations are controlled from New Delhi and are RAW engineered and sponsored with voluminous money.

Prime Minister Khan's regime has initiated the Diamer Bhasa Dam construction. India has come up with the tactical assumption to sabotage this move by Pakistan. A report disseminated on Indian media that the dam would induce the ecological catastrophe in the region and intensify the number of earthquakes by 300 in one month. On the contrary, Pakistan dismissed the inadequate report as it was based on fallacious features. Pakistan is constructing the dam with the help of China and India does not appreciate this. Beyond that, India also feels alone on the global stage as Iran expelled it in the Chabahar Port project which

will now be construed by China. India had committed another folly and that was its intrusion in the Eastern Ladakh which brought embarrassment to India with heavy casualties and loss of its strategically important territory besides a bashing-humiliation in the eyes of the world. Trump has now realized that he had betted on a wrong horse.

PM Modi is on record having stated earlier that CPEC does not suit India. Obviously he meant by his last month's military action taken, to obstruct the CPEC route via Gilgit-Baltistan. Modi is known for his abrupt and unwise steps like his mentor Trump, because of which his army men in Ladakh got a bashing and a humiliation by having been beaten by Chinese soldier's military boot-kicks, the scene which went viral throughout the world. Modi had attacked eastern Ladakh, on the directions of his masters, to engage China in the mountains and then attack Gilgit - Baltistan to cut off the CPEC route; a thinking much larger than his physical and mental size and capability. He had to change the plan soon after receiving an unforgettable thrashing of his soldiers on the Chinese border and sensing the great unity between China and Pakistan that he could face both China and Pakistan's armies on its triangular borders;

he has immediately receded to his aukat (worth) and preferred to continue shelling the civilian houses in the Azad Kashmir border villages; a timid Hindu specific approach.

According to the 'Pakistan Economic Survey 2019-20' the installed electricity generation capacity reached 37,402 MW in 2020, whereas the total demand of Pakistan is 25,000 MW. This huge surplus is due to CPEC's 17 energy projects which have been installed in various cities in Pakistan and 13,000 MW energy added in the national grid stations. So the question is this: if Pakistan's maximum energy demand is 25,000 MW and the installed capacity is 37,000 MW, so is there really an energy crisis or is it just an incompetency on the part of the government institutions? Another part of the Economic Survey 2019-20 says that the transmission and distribution capacity is stalled at approximately 22,000 MW. Some simple math will help understand this anomaly.

So, we have the capacity to meet our demand, but the problem lies in the part of transmission. Every new government installs new power plants and increases the installed capacity, but no government has focused on improving the transmission and distribution capacity. Pakistan's energy problem can easily be solved if experts are given the authority and distribution capacity, and efficiently so, if the government (any government) is serious enough in addressing and handling this issue faithfully, rather than focusing on building more power plants. It is important to work on transmission. Once Pakistan gets uninterrupted light, its economy will boost and attract more foreign investors.

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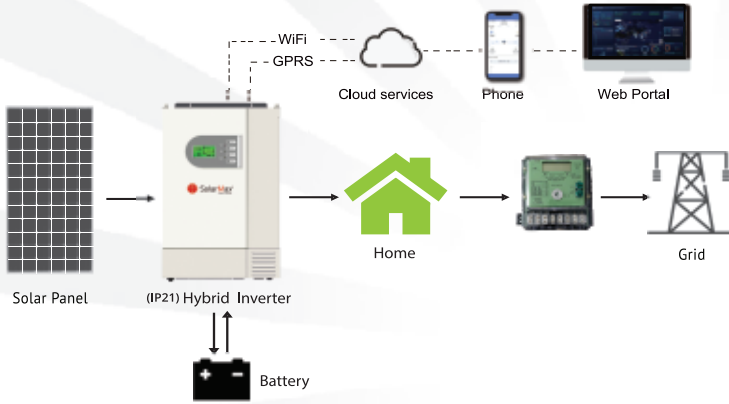
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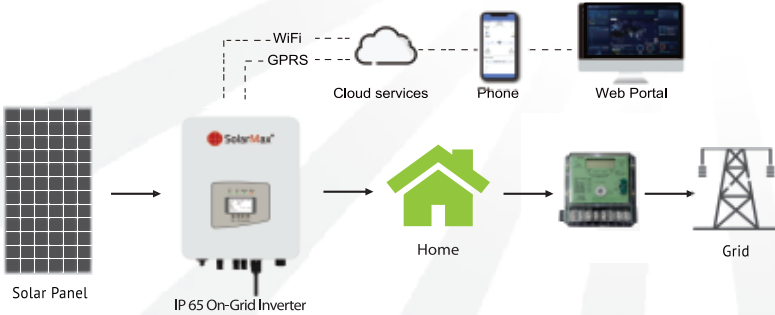
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