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معزز اراکین چیمبر!

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

اڑسیال کا افتتاح یقیناً ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ کے ان کارہائے نمایاں میں ایک اور قابل ذکر اضافہ ہے جس پر سیالکوٹ کی بزنس کمیونٹی بجا طور پر مبارکباد کی مستحق ہے۔ ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ کے پلیٹ فارم سے پایہ تکمیل کو پہنچنے والے منصوبوں میں سیالکوٹ ڈرائی پورٹ ٹرسٹ، سٹی پکنج کے تحت شہر سیالکوٹ کی معروف شاہراؤں کی تعمیر، سیالکوٹ انٹرنیشنل ائیرپورٹ، سیالکوٹ ٹیری زون اور اڑسیال سرفہرست ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ علاقہ میں معیاری طبی سہولیات کی کمی کو پورا کرنے کیلئے سیالکوٹ چیمبر کے پلیٹ فارم سے ایک اور شاہکار منصوبہ "سیالکوٹ میڈیکل سٹی" تیزی سے اپنی تکمیل کی جانب گامزن ہے۔ یقیناً ان منصوبوں کی بدولت جہاں علاقہ میں کاروباری سرگرمیوں کو فروغ حاصل ہوا وہاں علاقہ کے رہنے والوں کو مثالی روزگار کے مواقع بھی میسر آئے۔ اہلیان سیالکوٹ کا شمار پاکستان کے ان خوش نصیب شہروں میں ہوتا ہے جہاں کاروبار کے ساتھ ساتھ روزگار کے وسیع مواقع موجود ہیں اور شہر اقبال کے باسیوں کو روزگار کیلئے دیگر شہروں کا رخ نہیں کرنا پڑتا بلکہ وطن عزیز کے دیگر اضلاع سے تعلق رکھنے والے افراد بھی روزگار کے حصول کیلئے سیالکوٹ تشریف لاتے ہیں۔

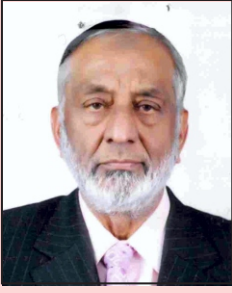
معزز حاضرین کرام! گزشتہ دنوں وزیر اعظم پاکستان عزت مآب جناب عمران خان صاحب ہماری دعوت پر "اڑسیال کی افتتاحی تقریب کیلئے سیالکوٹ تشریف لائے جو یقیناً اڑسیال کیلئے تاریخی لمحات تھے۔ اڑسیال کے افتتاح کے بعد میری قیادت میں سیالکوٹ کی سینئر بزنس کمیونٹی کی جناب وزیر اعظم صاحب کے ساتھ ایک اہم میٹنگ بھی ہوئی۔ میٹنگ میں سیالکوٹ کی برآمدی انڈسٹری کے فروغ سمیت جن اہم ایٹوز پر تبادلہ خیال ہوا، ان میں سیالکوٹ میں سینٹریل اکنامک زون کے قیام کا منصوبہ، سیالکوٹ ایکسپورٹ پراسیسنگ زون کیلئے خصوصی مراعات، ہیومن رییسورس کی تیاری کیلئے ایک مکمل اور جدید ٹیکنالوجی یونیورسٹی کی Pak-Austria Fachhochschule انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف ایپلائڈ سائنسز اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی، ہری پور کے ماڈل پر سیالکوٹ میں ایک تعلیمی ادارہ کا قیام اور سیالکوٹ تاجراچی کیلئے پیش کارگو ٹرین کا اجراء سمیت دیگر ایٹوز شامل تھے۔ جناب وزیر اعظم صاحب نے نہ صرف ہماری معروضات پر گہری دلچسپی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے سیالکوٹ کی بزنس کمیونٹی کو انتہائی شاندار الفاظ میں خراج تحسین پیش کیا بلکہ ان کی ملکی ترقی میں خدمات کو بھی سراہا۔ انہوں نے کمال مہربانی کا مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے سیالکوٹ میں ایک جدید ٹیکنالوجی یونیورسٹی کے قیام اور سمبولیاں تاجراچی کارگو ٹرین کے فوری اجراء کی یقین دہانی بھی کروائی۔ مجھے امید ہے کہ وزیر اعظم پاکستان عزت مآب جناب عمران خان کے دورہ سیالکوٹ سے سیالکوٹ کی بزنس کمیونٹی کے بیان کردہ ایٹوز کو حل کرنے میں مدد ملے گی۔

معزز اراکین چیمبر! مجھے یہ بات آپ کے ساتھ شیئر کرتے ہوئے خوشی محسوس ہو رہی ہے کہ سیالکوٹ چیمبر آف کامرس کی خصوصی کاوشوں کی بدولت FBR نے سیلز ٹیکس ایکٹ 1990 کے سیکشن 11(4) کے تحت غیر رجسٹرڈ افراد سے خریداری پر 5 فیصد ود ہولڈنگ ٹیکس کی کٹوتی نہ کرنے پر FBR کی جانب سے جاری نوٹسز کے تصفیہ کیلئے 31 مارچ 2021 تک توسیع کر دی گئی ہے۔ مزید برآں ممبر FBR (آئی آر آپریشنز) جناب ڈاکٹر محمد اشفاق احمد نے یقین دہانی کروائی ہے کہ آئندہ فنانس بل میں سیلز ٹیکس ایکٹ 1990 کے 11 ویں شیڈول میں ترمیم کے ذریعے اس مسئلہ کو مستقل بنیادوں پر حل کر دیا جائے گا۔ جس کیلئے ہم ان کے تہہ دل سے مشکور ہیں۔

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شیخ محمد اقبال صندل مرحوم

سخنی بتدریج کم ہوتی جا رہی تھی۔ کچھ ٹیکنیکل سوالات کرنے کے بعد وہ پوری طرح متاثر ہو چکا تھا۔ مجھے اڑھائی ہزار فٹ بال کا آرڈر دے دیا۔ L/C بھی کھول دی اور پاس بیٹھے دیگر ایکسپورٹرز کو کوئی آرڈر دینے بغیر چلتا کیا۔“

قارئین! -! عظیم کامیابی کی یہ خبر جب سیالکوٹ پہنچی تو شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کے والد نے بے پناہ مسرت کا اظہار کیا تھا۔ گھر میں جشن کا سماں تھا کہ ایک نوآموز بیٹے نے فٹ بال کا اتنا بڑا آرڈر اپنے پہلے ٹور میں حاصل کر لیا تھا۔

والد گرامی شیخ اللہ دین غفوری کی وفات کے بارہ سال بعد 1992ء میں شیخ محمد اقبال صندل نے DURUS کے نام سے علیحدہ کمپنی بنالی۔ DURUS شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی زندگی بھر کی عرق ریزی کا کمال ہے۔ ایک برگد کا درخت ہے جس کے گھٹے سائے میں اقبال صاحب کی آئندہ نسل زمانے کے ہر الاؤ سے محفوظ رہ سکے گی۔

شیخ محمد اقبال صندل جامع کمالات شخصیت ہیں۔ مجموعہ اوصاف ہیں۔ اپنی کامیابیوں پر نازاں نہیں ہیں، سمجھتے ہیں سب کچھ تو فقیہ خدا سے ممکن ہوا۔ جناح انسٹیٹیوٹ ہسپتال کے وائس چیئرمین ہیں اور اپنی جیب خاص سے غریب مریضوں کے اخراجات برداشت کرتے ہیں۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل فطرتاً شکفتہ مزاج ہیں۔ ایک زمانے میں گورنمنٹ ہائی اسکول سیالکوٹ کی ”اولڈ بوائز ایسوسی ایشن“ کے سالانہ اجلاس بڑی اہمیت کے حامل ہوا کرتے تھے۔ ہم نظافت کے فرائض ادا کرتے تو شیخ صاحب کو خصوصی طور پر اسٹیج پر بلاتے۔ وہ ”بیوی کے مظالم“ پر اپنی مذاق نظم سناتے تو حاضرین ہنس ہنس کر لوٹ پوٹ ہو جاتے۔

پچھلے دنوں شیخ محمد اقبال صندل نے اپنی گاڑی بیچی کہ ہم ان کے گھر ان سے ملاقات کریں۔ ملاقات پر انہیں بہت مضطرب پایا۔ نیک سیرت زوجہ 57 سال کی رفاقت کے بعد انتقال فرما گئی تھیں۔۔۔۔۔ شیخ صاحب سراپا بہار بیوی کے بچھڑنے کے بعد عذراؤں کی بے رنگی کا ذکر کر رہے تھے تب ہمارے لیے یہ اندازہ لگانا مشکل نہ تھا کہ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی شاداب اور تہمتوں سے بھرپور زندگی کس قدر بے کیف ہو چکی ہے۔۔۔۔۔ وہ کہتے رہے کہ چائے کے ساتھ ”لوازمات“ سے سٹی ٹرالی میں سے بھی کچھ کھا جائے مگر ٹرالی کی کسی بھی چیز کو چھوئے بغیر جو جھل قدموں سے گھر واپس آ گئے۔

باتیں ایوان کی

میٹرک کا امتحان گورنمنٹ ہائی اسکول سیالکوٹ سے پاس کر کے مرے کالج سیالکوٹ میں داخل ہو گئے۔ ایف ایس سی میں کم نمبر آئے تو محمد اقبال صندل نے آئندہ پڑھائی کا سلسلہ روک دیا اور 1955ء میں والد صاحب کی کمپنی ”لائل سپورٹس“ جائن کر لی۔ والد محترم سے فٹ بال بنانے کے مختلف مرحلوں سے آگاہی حاصل کی چونکہ دل میں ترقی اور کچھ بننے کی اُمنگ تھی چنانچہ INNOVATION میں آ گئے اور پاکستان کے مختلف اداروں سے لیڈر ٹیکنالوجی میں ماہرانہ تربیت حاصل کر لی۔

”ابھی عشق کے امتحان اور بھی ہیں“ کے مصداق شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کو فٹ بال فروخت کرنے کے خارزاروں سے بھی گزرنا تھا چنانچہ 1963ء میں شیخ صاحب کو سری لنکا بھیج دیا گیا۔ سری لنکا میں ”لائل سپورٹس کمپنی“ کا ایک ہندو پارٹنر ”رام چند“ ہوا کرتا تھا۔ شیخ محمد اقبال اسی رام چند کے پاس پہنچ گئے۔ رام چند روزانہ کچھ فٹ بال شیخ صاحب کے حوالے کرتا اور کہتا ”جاؤ ان فٹ بالوں کو سری لنکا کے بازاروں میں گھوم پھر کر بیچو“۔۔۔ ایسا کرنا کوئی پھولوں کی بیج نہ تھا مگر شیخ محمد اقبال صندل طوفانوں سے لہجھنے کا تہیہ کیے ہوئے تھے۔ نہ جانے کون سی طاقت نے شیخ صاحب کو بے خوف بنا رکھا تھا، کس جذبے نے انہیں سری لنکا کے گرم اور مرطوب موسم میں فٹ بالوں کا گٹھا اٹھائے سڑکیں ناپنے کا حوصلہ دے رکھا تھا۔ گا کبوں کے تلخ اور ہنک آمیز جملے بھی سننے پڑے مگر شیخ محمد اقبال صندل مستقل مزاجی سے آگے بڑھتے چلے گئے۔

1965ء میں شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کو باقاعدہ کاروباری ٹور tour پر ملائیشیا، سنگا پور اور آسٹریلیا بھیج دیا گیا۔ اس پہلے ٹور میں شیخ صاحب کو رام چند کی تربیت کا عملی مظاہرہ کرنے کا موقع مل گیا۔۔۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل نے چائے کا کپ ہونٹوں سے جڈا کرتے ہوئے کہا ”چھٹھ صاحب! مجھے اپنے پہلے ٹور کا یہ منظر کبھی نہیں بھولتا“ اور پھر ماضی کے درپچوں سے جھانکتے ہوئے یوں گویا ہوئے:

”میں آسٹریلیا میں اپنے پہلے کاروباری ٹور پر تھا قریہ با قریہ سفری صعوبتیں برداشت کرتا ہوا فٹ بال کے گا کبوں کی تلاش میں تھا کہ ایک گا کپ تک رسائی ہوئی گئی۔ فٹ بال کے کئی اور ایکسپورٹرز بھی گا کپ کے پاس بیٹھے تھے۔ میں نے اپنا تعارف کرایا اور ملاقات کا مقصد بیان کیا تو پاکستان کا نام سنتے ہی وہ چڑ گیا۔ سخت لفظوں میں مجھے یہ تک کہہ دیا کہ آئندہ مجھے اپنا چہرہ نہ دکھانا۔ میں نے کہا محترم میں اپنا چہرہ دکھانے نہیں اپنے فٹ بال دکھانے آیا ہوں۔۔۔۔۔ وہ کچھ توقف کے بعد بولا۔۔۔ اچھا دکھاؤ!۔۔۔ میں نے فٹ بال کے samples اس کے سامنے میز پر پھیلا دیئے۔ گا کپ ہر فٹ بال کو خوب خوب جانچ رہا تھا۔ اس عمل کے دوران اس کے چہرے کی



تحریر: ڈاؤد احمد چٹھہ ایم اے
سابق صدر ایوان صنعت و تجارت سیالکوٹ

شیخ محمد اقبال صندل شہر اقبال کی معروف صندل فیملی کے چشم و چراغ تھے۔ تمام عمر جہد مسلسل میں گزری۔ کاروبار کے سلسلہ میں غیر ممالک کے بے شمار دورے کئے۔ ہر سفر میں جہاں آرڈرز حاصل کرنے کی اُمنگ ہوتی وہاں گھر والوں کی جدائی کے احساسات کا ایک طوفان بھی دل میں چھپائے رکھتے، جونہی سفر کا مقصد حاصل ہو جاتا فوری گھر لوٹ آتے۔ خدا کا شکر ادا کرتے کہ ایہوں سے آن ملے ہیں۔ آہ اقبال صندل، اب کے جس سفر پر روانہ ہو گئے ہیں۔ واپسی ممکن نہیں۔ شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی نماز جنازہ 7 مارچ 2015 کو ”محمد اشرف کھوکھر جنازہ گاہ“ میں ادا کی گئی تھی۔ شدید بارش اور بجلی کی کڑک کے باوجود لوگ جوق جوق نماز جنازہ میں شریک ہوئے۔ ہر شخص گہرے کرب میں نظر آتا تھا بہت سی آنکھیں نم تھیں۔۔۔ بارش تھی کہ تھمے کا نام نہیں لے رہی تھی، لگتا تھا جیسے اقبال صندل مرحوم کی موت پر آسمان بھی نوحہ کرناں ہو۔ مرنے والے تو سکھ کی نیند سو جاتے ہیں مگر ایہوں کو آنسوؤں اور سکئیوں کے تلاطم میں چھوڑ جاتے ہیں۔

شیخ اقبال صندل کی وفات کے دوسرے دن سیٹھ محمد پونس غریب خانہ پر تعریف لائے اور کہا چٹھہ صاحب۔ اقبال صاحب کی موت سے میں انتہائی پریشان ہو گیا ہوں، رات بھر سو نہیں سوں، وہ میرے محسن تھی۔ سیٹھ صاحب کی آواز بھرا گئی تھی۔۔۔ پھر گویا ہوئے۔

”جب جی ٹی سرجیکل زوال پذیر ہو گئی اور ہماری فیملی پوری طرح مصائب و مسائل کے گرداب میں پھنس گئی، تو ایک اقبال صندل صاحب تھے جن کے مخلصانہ مشوروں سے مجھے نہ صرف حوصلہ ملا بلکہ کاروبار بھی دوبارہ ترقی کے زینے طے کرنے لگا۔

ہمیں یہ اعزاز حاصل ہے کہ اقبال صاحب کی زندگی میں ہم نے ان کی شخصیت پر کالم لکھا تھا۔ کالم پڑھا تو فون کیا۔۔۔ ڈاؤڈ! وعدہ کرو کہ تم نے تحریر کا جو اسلوب اپنایا ہے، جاری رکھو گے۔

قارئین کرام! - شیخ محمد اقبال صندل کی وفات حسرت آیات سے چند ماہ پہلے لکھے گئے کالم کا ایک حصہ پیش خدمت ہے۔ شیخ اللہ دین غفوری کے گھر 1934ء میں جس بیٹے نے جنم لیا اس کا نام محمد اقبال تھا۔ اقبال صاحب نے ابتدائی تعلیم ”گنڈا سنگھ اسکول سیالکوٹ“ (موجودہ گورنمنٹ کالج یونیورسٹی برائے خواتین) سے حاصل کی۔ اسلامیہ ہائی اسکول سے مڈل پاس کیا اور پھر 1950ء میں

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MARITIME AWARENESS SESSION BY COMMODORE NAIMATULLAH SI (M) STATION COMMANDER NAVY, LAHORE



Mr. Khuram Aslam, Senior Vice President welcomed the honorable guests Commodore Naimatullah SI (M), Station Commander Navy, Lahore on October 26, 2020 for his visit to spread awareness regarding an important segment and appreciated the armed forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) of Pakistan for their extra ordinary and tremendous services. He said that Pakistan Armed Forces were always alert not only for the security of the country but they also served the nation at the time of emergencies, natural disasters and crises. Commodore Naimatullah SI (M), Station Commander Navy, Lahore thanked the office bearers and members of Sialkot Chamber for their warm welcome. He started his presentation by elaborating the passion and determination of the Armed Forces of Pakistan for the nation and its development.



He said that the on-duty officers were also had the same feelings/passions for the country like civilians but they were in a specific circle to serve this nation. He shared the importance and value of strategic location of Pakistan and shared that how Pakistan could take benefits from its location and sea areas. He described Maritime potential, challenges and opportunities. He explained about the Maritime Zone of Pakistan; continental shelf of a coastal nation extends out to the outer edge of the EEZ max up to another 150 NM. He told about SLOC as Sea lines of Communication was the primary maritime routes between ports used by ships. 70 % of the earth's surface covered by water; 80% of the world's population lived in the 100 miles whereas Sea transport backbone of Global economy. He elaborated that Maritime security was both multi-dimensional & multifaceted; environment in Indian Ocean was complex, Continuous presences of ERF compounds Pakistan's maritime security matrix. Importance of maritime security of Pakistan needed to add focus of the politico-military hierarchy.

VISIT OF SECRETARY/CHAIRMAN PAKISTAN RAILWAY



Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry welcomed Mr. Habib-ur-Rehman Gilani, Secretary/Chairman Pakistan Railways, distinguished guests on October 26, 2020 and shared with Chairman the proposals related to Inclusion of

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Sialkot-Baddomalhi-Lahore Route in ML-1 Project, establishment of New Cargo Express Train, and development of an alternate Route for Muzaffarpur/ Adalat Garh Railway Crossing on Ugoki Road Sialkot & Widening of Muzaffarpur/ Adalat Garah Railway Crossing on Ugoki Road Sialkot . Mr. Habib-ur-Rehman Gilani, Secretary/ Chairman Pakistan Railways said that basic purpose of Pakistan Railways was to facilitate businesses and encouraging exports. He also appreciated the US\$ 2.2 B exports of Sialkot City. He praised the exceptional work of the Business Community of Sialkot in Social Sector Development and initiation of major projects like SDPT and SIAL. He informed that Pakistan Railways was working on the new model of Train Outsourcing and Sialkot Chamber could collaborate with Pakistan Railways. He informed that as per the statistics shared by Sialkot Chamber, Pakistan Railways would require 388 wagons for the movement of the Cargo from Sialkot, which were almost 13 trains per month for this particular route. He said that Sialkot was an important market for Pakistan Railways. He informed that Pakistan Railways would like to transform its Railway Stations into Commercial Hubs not only for the passengers but also for the Cargo movement. He requested that a feasibility (unsolicited proposal) could be formed for the said project in private sector under PPP would be very helpful and Pakistan Railways would also prepare a feasibility in order to put the project in actualization.



Mr. Faraz Akram Awan, Member SCCI said that Train would be a viable media for the Transportation Services, if proper workings could be done then it would be the cheapest form of Transportation and also much financially beneficial for the Pakistan Railways as well. He suggested that Pakistan Railways could devise a mechanism keeping in view the WeBOC system of Customs, through which things were quite easy to manage. He said that while taking an export order from the buyer, every additional expense would add to the cost of the product and very difficult for the exporter to be competitive in the market. He informed that Sialkot was a market of 300 Containers per month and most of the cargo was in the form of LCL.

MEETING WITH MR. AZHAR HAMEED, CHAIRMAN, EMPLOYEES OLDAGE BENEFITS



Mr. Qaisar Iqbal Baryar, President, welcomed Mr. Azhar Hameed, Chairman, Employees' Old Age Benefits Institution, officers of the Department, distinguished guests and members of Sialkot Chamber on November 12, 2020. He invited the attention of guest towards following issues including Harassment and inconvenience to members due to unnecessary visits of the EOBI officers to the business premises and issuance of notices for production of obsolete record, Problems faced by the secured employees in availing EOBI pension due to non-availability of online record

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of service prior to the year 2011 and determination of tenure of service on the basis of affidavit of the employer and Establishment of linkages through Social Media Channels between the employers and the officers of the Department to discuss and resolve routine issues efficiently and effectively. Mr. Azhar Hameed, Chairman, Employees' Old Benefits Institution, thanked the President and the members for their warm welcome and uttered that there had been absolutely no tolerance towards harassment by the EOBI officers and any instance of harassment should be brought to his knowledge to take appropriate disciplinary action against the officer indulged in objectionable activities. He, however, requested to make a differentiation between harassment through unnecessary visit to the industrial units and genuine call for record / information from the employers to perform duties under the law.



Mr. Ammar Faisal Al-Assad showed concern on shortage of staff at Regional Office Sialkot and emphasized to depute necessary human resource to expedite approval of pending pension cases and to clear the backlog. He discussed the contents of checklist of documents for processing / approval of pension or survivor's pension under the EOBI Act and stressed to simplify the procedures and reduce documentation to assess the claim transparently, accurately and swiftly at the same time. Being Chairman of the

Departmental Committee on Labour Laws, he offered intellectual input of the Committee to minimize documentation and simplify verification of age / identification etc. by relying on document of identification issued by NADRA i.e. CNIC of the employee. He requested to hold consecutive meetings to opt for digital identification instruments and simplification of identification procedure / requirements. He also emphasized the need to hold awareness sessions at Sialkot Chamber to educate members on EOBI requirements. He highlighted the need to include a representative of SCCI in the Board of Trustees of EOBI to give representation to the SME sector.

VISIT OF SECRETARY TDAP, MR. AHSAN ALI MANGI TO SCCI



Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President SCCI welcomed Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi, Secretary TDAP, Ms. Nudrat Hussain Khan, Director General, TDAP Lahore Office and Mr. Zahid Qadir, Director TDAP, Sialkot Office, to Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) on November 04, 2020. Mr. Baryar discussed and proposed that decision pertaining to the policy matters should be made after having feedback of Trade Bodies. Mr. President discussed about the policies regarding Participation in Exhibition & Trade Delegation, Nomination of SCCI as member of TDAP board, facilitating SCCI Self-Financed trade Delegations through Commercial sections of Pakistan's Missions

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abroad, Subsidizing the Trade Delegations and to increase number of International Exhibitions in coming future. It was imperative for any exporter to continue participating into an Exhibition, for retaining their existing customers, as well as to fetch new ones. Mr. Baryar also told that Sialkot Chamber was also planning to conduct a "Made In Sialkot Expo" of 3 days in Pakistan-China Friendship Center, and proposal of the same would be submitted to EDF, and he also requested Secretary TDAP to endorse the initiative of SCCI within Government Quarters; SCCI would solicit the support of the Commercial Sections to bring in traffic from their designated Countries in the event. He further recommended that Office of TDAP Sialkot should relocate to a more approachable location. He stressed that the performance of Trade Sections of Pakistan's Missions abroad should be enhanced, in organizing Webinar and Virtual conferences with local importers, distributor and buyers.



Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi, Secretary TDAP praised Industry of Sialkot, on their achievements and also acknowledged the transformation Industry of Sialkot, had made in recent past. He mentioned that lethal COVID-19 had affected businesses across world due to instable economic conditions caused due to prolonged long down and closure of businesses operations and transaction across the World. He added it was the will and proactive approach of

Business Community of Sialkot that had survived from the crisis, even with lockdowns. TDAP was planning to start Virtual Exhibitions from January 2021 onwards; He also told that TDAP would also assist the exhibitors to in developing their Graphical contents for Virtual Exhibitions. He also told about the TDAP's initiative& investment projects that were in pipeline. TDAP is keen to make positive interventions which would facilitate in increasing exports of Pakistan. He also encouraged exporters to look in to the possibilities of import substitution in Sialkot Economic Zone and also encourage participating in exhibitions that were being scheduled in Sudan.



SEMINARS ON E-COMMERCE



On November 04, 2020, a session was arranged under the platform of the Departmental Committee on SME/Training and Young Entrepreneurs. While presenting to the members of SCCI, Mr. Fizan Akbar, Chairman

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Departmental Committee, demonstrated the critical pillars of the E-Commerce website and tools that are utilized to enhance the performance, bringing traffic and running an audit of a Website. He also urged the members to transform their existing business on E platforms and promote worldwide. Mr. Akbar also answered the queries of the members and taught them the E- skills to promote their businesses online.

On 10 November 2020, a training session was arranged at SCCI on "Role of Youtube in Export Business," where Mr. Fizan Akbar explained to the participants importance of youtube in Export Business. While stressing the content, he said that the Script of the content should be rational and appealing. Mr. Fizan added that a few seconds of video clips could help to get substantial business from existing as well as new customers. He shared his experience of getting success from making videos of handmade armaments and promoting it online. He also presented the demo of establishing a YouTube in minutes.

Mr. Khuram Aslam, Senior Vice President SCCI appreciated Mr. Faizan Akbar for conducting back to back seminars on E-Commerce. He added that Chairman Departmental Committee on SME/Training Committee and Young Entrepreneurs was an asset as he had been educating the members to practice Digital skills and establish their business from scratch and play their part to increase exports of Pakistan.

MEETING WITH DR. REZA BAQIR, GOVERNOR STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President SCCI welcomed Dr. Reza Baqir, Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Ms. Seema Kamil, Deputy Governor, Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan, MD BSC, Mr. Arshad Bhatti, Director Exchange Policy Department, distinguished guests from State

Bank and members of Sialkot Chamber. He expressed his gratitude to the Governor SBP for visiting Sialkot Chamber on November 07, 2020. President SCCI said that Dr. Reza Baqir was considered to be one of the finest economists of Pakistan having international acclaim and appreciated the role of the State Bank of Pakistan in leading the nation in the global pandemic of COVID-19. "We are especially thankful for State Bank's special initiatives towards the Export Sector of Pakistan including the introduction of special refinance schemes, slashing the interest rates by several points, and other relief measures to the exporters in managing their businesses" the President added. He briefed the guests on the entrepreneurial dynamism of Sialkot. He shared with the Guests that Sialkot, being an important exporting hub of Pakistan, was exporting 99% of its products to the global markets earning a foreign exchange of USD 2.2 (B). Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar also gave a presentation on the CSR Projects of the Sialkot Chamber.



Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, also briefed the dignitaries on the vision for the future pertaining to the Industry of Sialkot explaining the projects like Sialkot Special Economic Zone and Technology University in the future. The president chamber requested the kind consideration of governor SBP on the key points for resolution e.g. clean lending facility of the SBP should be implemented in letter and spirit

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by the commercial banks, formal announcement of EXIM bank, back to back letters of credit facility for 05 export oriented sectors, facilitative role in resolution of DLTCL time barred cases in collaboration with the ministry of commerce, implementation of a swifter mechanism based on faster plus system for clearance of DLTCL claims, introduction of special financing scheme for Sialkot tannery zone, alternate payment gateway in Pakistan, capacity and capability enhancement of trade offices of commercial banks and opening of trade offices in Sialkot.



Dr. Reza Baqir, Governor State Bank of Pakistan thanked Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar for his welcome and appreciated the dynamics of SCCI as well as City Sialkot. He assured his all-out support to the Exporters and said that his team would always be there to enhance linkages and to resolve the issues of the Industry. He said that SME Financing and Export Promotion were his biggest priorities and that the State Bank of Pakistan would always strive to facilitate the Industry. Dr. Baqir emphasized that Sialkot Chamber and the SBP Sialkot should further enhance their liaison to facilitate the Exporters at large. He also gave a briefing on various facilitative measures taken by the SBP to protect the Industry amidst the COVID-19 crisis. The Governor sought support from the business community in the promotion of initiatives/schemes of the Government in the shape of

Construction and Housing Finance, and Kamyab Jawan Program.

The Governor said that loans under TIER 1 of the Kamyab Jawan Scheme would solve the issue of the absence of clean lending financing for young entrepreneurs. He also stressed the exporters to utilize Temporary Economic Refinance Facility (TERF) which would be applicable till March 30, 2021, incentivize the investors pursuing BMR projects at a maximum spread of 5% for financing tenor up to 10 years subject to the opening of L/C for machinery import before March 30, 2021.

A detail discussion among the SCCI Members and team of SBP was held to share information and concerns of the Industry for their timely solutions.



VISIT OF TRADE COMMISSIONER MR. ABID HUSSAIN FROM EMBASSY OF BELGIUM IN PAKISTAN

On November 11, 2020, a team of Commercial Section, Embassy of Belgium in Pakistan visited Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Khuram Aslam, Senior Vice President welcomed Mr. Abid Hussain Trade Commissioner and Mr. Shaukat Niazi Trade Officer, to Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and said that Pakistan and Belgium had been enjoying a good bilateral relations, under GS Plus status with a trade volume over 775 Million USD per annum. He added that due

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to COVID-19, outdoors activities were not allowed, which resultantly decreased the exports of Sports wears, however, indoor activities had compensated for exports of Sports Goods. Mr. Aslam mentioned industry of Sialkot had the unique capacity adopt product diversification and majority of renowned manufacturer cum exporters were exporting Personal Protective Equipment, including Face Masks, Shields, Overalls, Gloves and other equipment that were being utilized to combat patients of Corona-Virus. He further sought that Trade Section of share the details of certain NGOs similar to SGS that were active in Belgium, with Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Mr. Abid Hussain, Trade Commissioner, acknowledged the uniqueness and entrepreneurial spirit of Industry of Sialkot. He mentioned that Belgium carried a unique importance for country which were exporting goods to the Europe countries, as the countries had zero tax agreements and also had routes for trades. He mentioned that Belgium was a member of European Union, which was famous for Hi-tech machineries, Service Industry, Diamond, Carpets, Glass, Eggs, Vehicles and Sugar. Mr. Hussain said that Embassy of Belgium can play the role in organizing B2B meetings with local trade bodies within Belgium.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF BOOK "7th CENTURY MADINA ECONOMICS"

Inauguration Ceremony of a Book "7th Century

Madina Economics" was held at Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry on November 14, 2020 under the umbrella of Departmental Committee on Religious & Cultural Affairs. The event was chaired by the worthy President SCCI; he told that the book had been written by the former Chief Manager State Bank, Mr. Muhammad Munir Ahmed. Mr. Zeeshan Javed, Deputy Commissioner Sialkot and Mr. Tahir Anjum Sheikh, C.E.O M/S SIX-B were the chief guests of the said event. Mr. Mohasan Gull, Chairman Committee started & thanked the guests of the event. Whereas, a well-known bureaucrat & Analyst, Mr. Orya Maqbool Jan was also joined the event through Zoom App and addressed the audience and shared his remarks about the book.



President SCCI admired the life of Holy Prophet S.A.W and the political, social, cultural, and economic system He S.A.W had been introduced in Madina & Makkah. He added that society would become strong with the strong base of Justice and Economic System; we as a Muslim society should follow the base of Islam in all the matters of our lives to make it successful in this world and hereafter. Mr. President and other participants were also admired the remarkable effort of Mr. Muhammad Munir Ahmed in shape of this book. The content & concept of the book was highly appreciated by the audience. In the end of the event, Mr. Mohsan Gull, Chairman

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Committee thanked again the guests for their healthy participation.

VISIT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR AND SEMINAR OF STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN



On November 18th, 2020, Wednesday, Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan, Managing Director, State Bank of Pakistan, visited SCCI to conduct a seminar on SBP Refinance Schemes and Alternate Delivery Channel for payment of Duties and Taxes that had being developed by State Bank of Pakistan. Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar President, Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry, lauded the efforts of Governor State Bank of Pakistan, especially for the support of SME business across Pakistan, in COVID-19 Crisis. He stated that the visit of Managing Director Muhammad Ashraf Khan, was a follow up meeting after the visit of Governor State Bank of Pakistan to SCCI. He mentioned that seminar would help SME in getting information related to efforts being made by both SCCI and State Bank of Pakistan, in reach of finance to the SME sectors of Pakistan.

Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan, Managing Director, said that Governor State Bank of Pakistan had the vision to ease the access of finance to the SMEs, and help them in recovering from COVID-19 crisis. He mentioned that monthly meeting would be conducted with Commercial Banks and State Bank of Pakistan within SCCI to take progress of

utilization of Refinance Schemes and address the issues being faced by the Industry of Sialkot. He added that with the facility of ADC every Commercial Bank would be able to collect the taxes and duties.

Mr. Ghulam Ahmed Phul, Director, shared the details on the alternate delivery channels being developed by the SBP, for facilitation of the exporter. He presented the key functionalities of the systems introduced by State Bank of Pakistan, and ease created through payment of Duties and Taxes through mobile apps and Internet Banking, other than National Bank of Pakistan and SBP. Whereas, Mr. Kashif, gave the presentation on Refinance Scheme being offered by State Bank of Pakistan including those that were introduced after COVID-19 and Temporary Economic Refinance Facility (TERF) that would help exporters to get finance from Commercial Banks for import of Machinery and Construction of premises.

MEETING WITH COLLECTOR, MODEL CUSTOMS COLLECTORATE, SIALKOT



Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President SCCI welcomed Mr. Faiz Ali, Collector, Model Customs Collectorate, Sialkot, Mr. Ali Zeb Khan, Additional Collector, to Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) on November 20, 2020. He informed that the meeting had been organized to discuss operational issues at

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MCC Sialkot to streamline the activities for extending maximum facilitation to the business community. Mr. Faiz Ali, Collector, Model Customs Collectorate, Sialkot, thanked the President and the members for their warm welcome. He said that there had always been a mutually beneficial relationship between the Chamber and the Customs Department. While highlighting the recent drive of the Customs Department against the menace of smuggling, he informed that smuggling had a far-reaching negative impact on the economy and had a tendency to discourage genuine business activities. Mr. Faraz Akram Awan highlighted the pricing issues due to high duties and taxes at import stage. He further highlighted the issues of Maximum / Minimum import values that were creating problems for the manufacturers at the import stage.



He requested to arrange awareness seminar for dissemination of information on facilities available under the EPZ scheme. Ch. Ahmed Zulfiqar Hayat requested that a regular monthly or fortnightly meetings be held between representatives of MCC Sialkot and SCCI for resolution of day-to-day issues, Checklist of requirements to obtain WeBOC registration be shared with the Chamber for necessary guidance of SCCI's members, Audit objection regarding non-deduction of Withholding Tax on returned goods be addressed by reporting to Board to treat returned goods u/s 22 of the Custom Act, Time period for issuance of license

under SRO 327 be defined and Details of pending duty drawback claims and claims that have been cleared recently be shared with SCCI. Mr. Waqas Akram Awan requested to expedite movement of TP shipments. He also highlighted the issue of consolidation of goods produced in EPZ with goods of the tariff area. He said that there was no permission for consolidation of EPZ and Tariff Area goods at that moment, which was a great hurdle in smooth business operations of units situated in EPZ. He also proposed to consult exporters and cargo agents to resolve valuation issues.

VISIT OF DR. SHOAB SUDDLE HST, HI, PRESIDENT SHAHRE IQBAL FORUM



Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President SCCI welcomed Dr. Shoaib Suddle (President-Shahre Iqbal Forum) his team, Executive Committee of SCCI, other members and participants to attend the meeting on October 24, 2020. Mr. President shared about an authoritative status of the honorable guest Dr. Shoaib Suddle in the field of Police, Law & Justice and told that Dr. Shoaib Suddle had the PhD in "white collar crime" from the Cardiff University, London. Dr. Shoaib Suddle had also received Pakistan Civil Awards from the Government including Hilal-e-Shujaat (in 1996) and Hilal-e-Imtiaz (in 2008) in regard of his services. President SCCI also acknowledged the positions & Services of all the delegates. He told about the City "Sialkot" and its legacy to produce many big names e.g. Poets, Saints, Writers, Scholars, and Players etc.

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and "Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal" was one of those, who was renowned all over the world due to his poetry and unforgettable contributions in "Tehreek-e-Pakistan" to establish a country for the Muslims of Subcontinent. He also shared about the remarkable projects of SCCI and the Industry of Sialkot and the sectors including Sports, Sportswear, Bags, Surgical Instruments, Medical & Beauty Instruments, Leather Goods, Gloves, Musical Instruments, Uniform and badges etc. He shared some of the relevant concerns of Sialkot with the honorable guests and his delegation, therefore, they could raise the voice of Sialkot Industry; Establishment of Technology University in Sialkot, Establishment of Special Economic Zone to grow the Sialkot's Industry, Provide facilities in Sialkot Export Processing Zone, and Establishment of Material Testing Laboratory.

Dr. Shoaib Suddle HST, HI, QPM, PSP, President Shahre Iqbal Forum thanked the Office Bearers & Members and the Sialkot Chamber of

Commerce & Industry for the warm welcome and hospitality. He appreciated Sialkot City as one of the most dynamic city and applauded Sialkot's Industry for their remarkable achievements and foreign exchange contribution to country's economy. He acknowledges the importance of a Technology University, economic zones, and Material Testing Laboratory for the industrial city like Sialkot; he mentioned the significance of quality standards/certifications and branding, through which the other countries purchased our products and again resale with the high profit margins. He also shared the idea to establish a "Display Center" in Islamabad where all the Sialkot made products would showcase and that would depict the real potential of the city; proposed display center would be visited by the Ambassadors, Dignitaries, Government Officials, and Foreign Delegates, etc. He stressed that the Sialkot Chamber should work on the proposed projects to increase the projection of the Sialkot Oriented Industry.

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- **Qualification:** MBA/M.COM/ will be preferred
- **Experience:** 4-5 Years' Experience in well reputed organizations.

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Experience: 2 years minimum in Screen Printing Positives and Sublimation

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SEMINAR - EXECUTIVE COURSE ON SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION



On 25th November 2020, an Executive Course Seminar was arranged at SCCI on "Search Engine Optimization" where Mr. Fizan Akbar share an importance of Search Engine Optimization, in E-Commerce Website. He shared the tips of Website Development, web hosting and getting desired Domain Name Registration for the business website. Mr. Akbar explained the Contents, Story and Copy writing concepts to the participants and also shared that the products photos and video play a key role in E-Commerce. He further explained that lighting and a good camera was important to click right photos and videos for the E-Commerce. He recommended that Entrepreneurs should avoid copy pasting the photos of their competitors, and rather prefer to have their own. While stressing the SEO, he said that the On-Page SEO, Off-Page SEO and Technical SEO Script should be properly gauged with the E-Commerce, to avail maximum outcomes from E-Commerce business. He advised that Entrepreneurs should avail all available platforms of Social media including Google ads, LinkedIn adds and Social Media Adds to make maximum reach of your products/services to the prospects.

VISIT OF AMBASSADOR OF YEMEN TO PAKISTAN

On November 26, 2020, Ambassador of Yemen to Pakistan H.E. Mohammed Motahar Alashabi, Ambassador, visited Sialkot Chamber. Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President SCCI welcomed the Ambassador and said that unfortunately the trade numbers of Pakistan with Yemen were not good, because the majority of Pakistani products were routed to Yemen from surrounding countries of Yemen and a route of direct export was not established. Mr. President added that Yemen and Pakistan can have avenues of Trade with an

ease in Visa regime and exchange of Trade delegations. Mr. Baryar added that Pakistan can be a good Trade option for Yemen in terms of exports, as China is getting expensive and the Government of Pakistan was also trying to facilitate the exporters to improve the exports. He mentioned that all products that were being made in Sialkot were 99% exported worldwide and the Industry foresee Yemen as a trade opportunity.



H.E. Mohammed Motahar Alashabi, Ambassador, said that he had seen the products made in Sialkot, in Europe and America. He mentioned that He had completed his postgraduate education in Pakistan and considered Pakistan as his second home. Mr. Ambassador added that Pakistan had good ties with Yemen and both countries should find routes for direct trade. He also praised the Government of Pakistan for announcing special support during COVID-19 crisis. He also shared that 2002 onward no direct flight was available from Pakistan to Yemen and vice versa, and the Government of Yemen was keen to resolve the issue. He assured that his Office will ensure maximum support to the SCCI on behalf of his Government of Yemen.



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SESSION ON "SME CLINIC"



Ms. Shabina Gillani, Vice Chairperson and Mr. Shafiqur Rehman, Chairman Committee welcomed the guests from the State Bank of Pakistan-Sialkot Office, teams from five different commercial banks, women members of Sialkot Chamber and other participants on December 15, 2020. They acknowledged & appreciated the strength, capability, potential and hard work of women in every field of life; therefore, they deserved the complete support by the society, authorities and government. It was emphasized to work hard by joining hands together as a nation to achieve the vision of Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Mr. Ansar Iftikhar Butt, Chief Manager SBP-Sialkot thanked SCCI and organize the session in collaboration with SBP. He welcomed the female members of SCCI, teams of Commercial banks and all other participants; he applauded the WRC Department to arrange the session successfully with high participation. He appreciated the dynamics of Sialkot's cottage industry & SME sector. He acknowledged the efforts of Business community and their human resource to compete in international market with their quality products and contributing in the national exchequer. He said that State Bank was also eager to support and facilitate the business community and export sector for the growth & development of economy; therefore, SBP was organizing such awareness sessions to share information about the facilities, policies and schemes for the businesses.

Ms. Kashifa Nousheen, Assistant Chief Manager SBP-Sialkot started discussion on the facilities available for the SMEs. She gave a detail presentation on the overview of

SME Financing in Pakistan and also shared the issues & challenged on demand side and supply side. She explained all the features of SBP's schemes; she elaborated the purpose, eligibility criteria, PFIs, financing limit, tenure, Shariah compliance, and terms & conditions of all the above-mentioned schemes in detail. Dr. Mariam Nouman, Chairperson welcomed acknowledged the facilities, schemes/policies framed by the State Bank but on the other hand, actual results & realities were very discouraging. She shared some of the reservations and concerns/issues facing by the SMEs & female business community with banking systems. She stressed that SBP should identify the hurdles and gaps between the banks & customers and tried to lessen the concerns of business community. Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President SCCI shared his thanking remarks.

VIRTUAL MEETING HELD WITH CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE USA, LAHORE



On December 18th, 2020, an online meeting was held with Consulate General of the USA, Lahore, wherein Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President, welcomed Ms. Catherine Rodriguez, U.S. Consul General, to the meeting. Mr. Baryar shared data on Trade volume between the USA and Pakistan and stressed to avail the potential of trade between both of the countries. He elaborated the facilities Government of Pakistan was giving to the export-oriented SME Industry of Sialkot and the role of Chamber in playing the role of facilitator in getting the relief for the industry. He also added that on the visit of Prime Minister of Pakistan to Sialkot, he had announced the establishment of an Industrial Zone and a Technology University for Sialkot which would play an important role in bringing the product diversification and open up

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avenues of joint ventures with foreign counterparts. He stressed that Industry of Sialkot would foresee Joint Ventures, Transfer of Technology and collaboration with US companies, in the area of Sports Goods, Sport wear, Leather goods and products, Gloves, Surgical, Dental, and Beauty Instruments, Veterinary, and Musical Instruments etc.



During the meeting Mr. Khuram Aslam, Senior Vice President, Mr. Ansar Aziz Puri, Vice President, Mr. Fazal Jilani, Chairman AirSial Limited and Former President SCCI, Mr. Majid Raza Bhutta, Former President, Mr. Nadeem Anwar Qureshi, Former Chairman Sial International Airport, Mr. Waqas Akram Awan, Former

Senior President were also present and shared their views. President SCCI also added that SCCI would keen to collaborate with US Companies for projects like Waste to Energy, Water Treatment Plant, Solar Energy project and Marketing companies.

Ms. Catherine Rodriguez, U.S. Consul General, introduced herself and the experience she had while representing the United State of America as a diplomat. She inquired about the role of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and praised the achievements SCCI accomplished through self-initiated project. She also sought future planning of AirSial Limited and the scope of Industrial Zone being planned in Sialkot. Mr. Qaiser Iqbal Baryar, President SCCI, shared that Industrial Zone would help in managing the environmental issues, import substitution of raw materials and joint ventures through various incentives. Mr. Fazal Jilani, Chairman AirSial Limited responded to the Consul General on the future strategies of AirSial Limited and distinctive service the Airline would be offering to the nation.

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Human Rights: 'Lebensraum of Cashmere'

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A Businessman - analyst

Today, when I write this article, it is the middle of the 'International Human Rights Day' (year 2020) and also amidst an unprecedented in Human History of violations, trampling down of Human Rights in India. The readers will automatically feel and refer it, to the treatment meted out to the people of Kashmir, Muslims, Christians and Dalits (and other low castes of Hindus) as widely acknowledged by the world opinion.

To be more contentious, I wish to lament over, that in Indian held Kashmir, the Modi government unilaterally lifted the special status of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019, and sent an additional force of 35,000 soldiers to the already well-armed area. Instead of letting Parliament to vote on it, he had his decision to delete two relevant articles in the Indian constitution enforced by President Ram Nath Kovind. The announcement put senior politicians in Kashmir under house arrest, closed schools and shops and curfew imposed on the entire population. In addition, all lines were cut – telephone, Cell-phone network, Internet, television and radio, were no longer working. Despite these bans, there were protests and riots in the valley. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir called on pilgrims and holidaymakers to leave the region. Pakistan responded by announcing the expulsion of the Indian Ambassador, limiting diplomatic relations with India and calling on the International Court of Justice. It was not only a violation of the Indian Constitution itself but also a clear abuse of the resolutions passed by

United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and a devastation of Human Rights - structure. Kashmir had been defined as a disputed territory. The Indian National Congress plans to appeal to the Constitutional Court of India, over this unconstitutional act of the BJP. Article 35A was designed and integrated in 1954 as a presidential decree to empower the state law to define permanent residents of the state and their special rights and privileges; Indian nationals from other states could not acquire land or property in J&K, take up work or take



advantage of other government benefits such as higher education and health care.

'BJP' - the political arm of the Hindu terrorist organization RSS, has caused Articles 370 and 35A to be repealed. The RSS, which inspired the Norwegian white supremacist Andreas Breiivik, among numerous other anti-Islamic events in democratic Europe, for his attack in Norway-he killed 77 people in 2011. BJP admired in his manifesto, the transformation of society in India into a purely Hindu one. The RSS was founded in 1925 as a paramilitary organization at a time when Hitler published his book "Mein Kampf". With attacks on Muslims and under the influence of National Socialism, 'RSS' had developed into a hardliner - fascist organization and 'BJP' being its offspring, unlawfully deleted the Article 370 from the Indian

Constitution, which had given Indian-occupied Kashmir a special and autonomous status. Pakistan which also claims the region, based on rules of conduct set at the time of Partition, condemned the move as haughty, one sided and thus unconstitutional and contrary to the UN resolutions. As a party to this international conflict, Pakistan has the right to use all possible options to counter these illegal steps, claimed the 'Pakistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs'.

Before proceeding further on the matter and quite relevantly; I like to state some personal experiences and complaints over religious intolerance existing worldwide. During my numerous trips of Europe and lastly in April 2019 (Covids have stopped further trips meanwhile), I was leisurely walking in the beautiful 'walking street' (Schiller Strasse) of the most advanced city Munich of a civilized country, Germany.

Nearly in the middle of the street in a square was formed a stage and on it stood nearly a dozen people (probably clergy). One of them was delivering a speech criticizing and desecrating 'Quran' by holding the Holy Book in his hand and obviously insulting it, in German language. Despite having a little knowledge but not mastery over German language, I did understand as to what he meant. I dared ask a man standing next to me, as to what the speaker with the mike was saying. The good German fellow replied to me; 'forget him', but to be honest, I was badly hurt. After that I strolled my way. There were about 50-60 people listening to the speech unintentionally. I do not call it (being a student of Political Science) a 'Freedom of Speech' which hurts the sentiments and beliefs of other people. (to be contd.....)

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN H.E. MR. IMRAN KHAN TO SIALKOT



Visit of Prime Minister of Pakistan H.E. Mr. Imran Khan to Sialkot Meeting with the Business Community and Inauguration Ceremony of AirSIAL

GLIMPSES OF DIFFERENT OCCASIONS



Meeting of Department Committee on Religious & Cultural Affairs



Meeting of Department Committee on TMA



Meeting of Department Committee on Beauty/Single Use Instruments



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Meeting of Department Committee on Garrison HQ/Cantonment Board Affairs



Meeting of Department Committee on Sports Activities



Meeting of Department Committee on Accounts & Finance



Meeting of Department Committee on Special Economic Zone, SIE/EPZ/SIC



Meeting of Department Committee on Post Office/Telecommunication



Meeting of Department Committee on Martial Arts/Fitness & Gloves Industry



Friendly Cricket Match between Golden Economic Triangle Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Sialkot Chamber, Gujrat Chamber and Gujranwala Chamber



GLIMPSES OF DIFFERENT OCCASIONS



Visit of Ambassador of Yeman to Pakistan H.E. Mohammad Motahar Alashabi, to Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry



MOU Signing Ceremony of GC Women University of Sialkot with Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & M/s. Dr. Frigz SURgical



Meeting with Tax Bar Association

Seminar on Role of Youtube on Export Business organized by SME Committee



Meeting of Departmental Committee Sports Industry/ Sports Wear/ Bags

Meeting of Department Committee on Engineering

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Executive Committee Meeting held on Dec 28, 2020



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Health, Personal Care & Allied Industries



Meeting of Ahtesham Gillani With Rep. of CAG, Environmental Waste Management Company



Meeting of Departmental Committee Military Apparel/ Military Uniform & Badges Industry



Meeting of Business Advisory Council at SCCI



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Garrison HQ/ Cantonment Board Affairs



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Dry port / Airport

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Meeting of Departmental Committee on SME



Meeting of Dep. Committee on Women Entrepreneurs



Meeting with a Delegation From Cutlery Association



MOU Signing Ceremony Between SCC&I WRC and FCC&I WRC at Faisalabad Chamber



President SCCI meeting with Chief Commissioner FBR



Online meeting with Dr. Atta ur Rehman at SCCI



Meeting with Representative of Punjab Rozgar Scheme at SCCI



Quaid-e-Azam Birthday cake cutting ceremony at SCCI

GLIMPSES OF DIFFERENT OCCASIONS



Seminar of State Bank of Pakistan on Woman at SCCI



Visit at Sundas Foundation Office, Sialkot



Meeting of Departmental Committee on Engineering



Visit of Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan, Special Assistant to CM Punjab for Information at SCCI



Visit of Wagah Border, Lahore

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