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The Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

Subject: OBJECTIONS OVER INCLUSION OF DISTRICT LEHRI OF NASIRABAD
DIVISION IN PB-8 DISTRICT SIBI CONSTITUENCY OF PROVINCIAL
ASSEMBLY OF SIBI DIVISION

Sir,

We, some of the prominent residents of Sibi District belonging to different tribes and communities representing almost all shades of public opinion respectfully submit as under;

1. That on 01-01-2001 vide notification No. 240 A-14 Bolan District of Nasirabad Division which included Tehsil Lehri as its integral part was merged in Sibi District without ascertaining the consent of the residents of Sibi District (Annex-A).
2. That this unilateral decision caused great unrest among the people of Sibi and Bolan Districts and the Government of Balochistan vide notification No.240 A-14 dated 05-07-2001 had to detach Bolan District from Sibi District. The amended notification (Annex-B) specified territorial limits of Sibi District as Sibi sub-Division and Harnai sub-Division.
3. That despite the clear legal position Lehri Tehsil of Bolan District was treated as part of Sibi District.
4. That sequel to illegal inclusion of Lehri Tehsil in Sibi District, the E.C.P added Tehsil Lehri to Sibi Provincial Assembly Constituency in the General Elections 2002 and onwards vide notification No. F 10 416/2002 dated 28-06-2002 in complete disregard of resentment of the people of Sibi constituency. It may be clarified that Lehri Tehsil was always part of Kachhi/Bolan constituency since the inception of Electoral Process.

5. That some of the residents of Sibi filed a writ petition before the High Court Balochistan against the illegal inclusion of Lehri Tehsil in Sibi District.
6. That the Honorable High Court Balochistan vide its judgment dated 25-07-2006 declared the merger of Tehsil with Sibi District **as discriminating, illegal and arbitrary** (Annex-C).
7. That an appeal was filed against the above decision in the Supreme Court of Pakistan who vide judgment dated 08-04-2013 set aside the order of High Court holding that **“the issued appeared to be more political than administrative and the remedy lies in the delimitation of the constituency in the District for which the appropriate forum would be the Election Commission of Pakistan”** (Annex-D).
8. That much prior to the above judgment of the Supreme Court we had filed an application with the Election Commission of Pakistan in June 2012 wherein we had requested for the restoration of Sibi Provincial assembly constituency as it existed before the inclusion of Tehsil Lehri of Kachhi/Bolan constituency. We were not informed of any action taken thereon.
9. That the Board of Revenue Balochistan vide notification No. 274 A 13 created a new District namely Lehri District constituting of Lehri sub-Division and Bhag sub-Division with Head Quarter Bakhtiarabad in **Nasirabad Division** (Annex-E). As a consequence Lehri was detached from Sibi District.
10. **That historically Lehri has been part of Kalat state with formidable and primitive Sardari system whereas Sibi for more than 100 years has been an integral part of former British Balochistan with considerably advanced system of administration and civil and criminal system.**
11. **That the people of Lehri are subjects of a powerful Sardar where the writ of the provincial Government is minimal. No common person dares contest election against the Sardar family who by virtue of monopoly and weak writ of the state**

can get cast maximum number of votes from Lehri to ensure electoral success. It is because of this reason that Sardar Domki of Lehri or his sons/cousins have always been elected MPA from their safe constituency.

12. In this environment, we the law abiding people of original Sibi constituency have no chance to ever win the election against the Sardar of Lehri. Here we find it appropriate to refer to the H.Q 12 Corps Quetta Cantonment letter dated 16-02-2005 addressed to the Chief Secretary Balochistan (Annex-F) which fully endorses our sentiments.
13. That according to the fresh delimitation notified by the Election Commission Pakistan vide notification No. F-8(3)/2018 ELEC-1 the entire Lehri District has been included in Sibi Provincial Assembly Constituency despite the fact that it is a separate District and falls within the limits of Nasirabad Division whereas Sibi District is in Sibi Division.
14. That as per Para 8 of the Notification No. F-8(3)/2018 ELEC-1 a fraction of 0.5 and above was generally taken as one seat but in case of Sibi District with a fraction of 0.56 this has not been done whereas this concession has been extended to Jhal Magsi, Dukki and Shaerani District which is discriminatory.
15. We request that Sibi District should also be given a separate seat as it had one before inclusion of Lehri Tehsil when the population was comparatively smaller.
16. That in case the proposal does not find favour with the Election Commission of Pakistan then alternatively we would suggest that Harnai District instead of Lehri District may be included in Sibi Constituency. It may be explained that historically Harani has been part of Sibi District since the accession of Sibi in British Balochistan more than a century ago. It was made a separate District only in 2006 and is in Sibi Division. The area is compact and socially and culturally homogenous.

17. That in view of the common administrative heritage, geographic contiguity, much lesser distances and better transport facilities it is logical and natural that Harnai District should form part of Sibi constituency instead of Lehri District. It is also convenient for the people of Harani. The combined population of Sibi and Harnai Districts is 2,32,000 which is in accord with the yardstick of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

As regards Lehri District we suggest that it should be included with the lesser populated Jhal Magsi District constituency. It may be clarified that these areas were part of Kachhi District and people are much familiar with each other. Besides, they are physically contiguous and ethnically and linguistically homogenous.

We also request the Chief Election Commissioner to kindly give us personal hearing at his convenience.

Map of the proposed constituency are enclosed.

We are;

- 1. Mr. Fateh Khan Khajjak
(Retd. Federal Secretary)
- 2. Mr. M.A.Resheed
(Justice Retd.)
- 3. Mr. Abdul Rasheed Luni
(Retd MBR Balochistan)
- 4. Mr. Qaim Deen Dehpal
Chairman District Counsel Sibi
- 5. Mr. Mir Muhammad Chandio
Vice Chairman District Council Sibi
- 6- Mr. Mir Asghar Marri
Ex Tehsil Nazim Municipal committee Sibi
- 7- Dr. Allah Dad Luni
Ex- Member District Council Sibi
- 8- Mr. Ch. Muhammad Asif
Ex- Chairman Municipal Committee Sibi

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9- M.r. Haji Ghulam Rasool
President PPP District Sibi

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10- Mr. Yar Mohammad Bangulzai
President National Parti

11- Mr. Mohammad Saleem Rind
President Bar Council Sibi

12- Mr. Shahid Baloch Advocate
Central Finance Sectary BNP Awami

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13- Mr. Ahmed Khan Lune
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14- Mr. Mulvi Mohammad Adrees
District Finance Sectary Jamiat Ulema-e Islam (F) Sibi

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15- Mr. Sheikh Rashid Khajjak
Sectary Tehreek Ansaf

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16- Mr. Haji Mohammad Qasim
District Ameer Jamiat Ulema-e- Islam Nazarati Sibi

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17- Mr. Malik Ghulam Sawar Marghzani
Councilor Municipal Committee Sibi

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18- Mr. Mujtaba Khajjak
President ANP

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19- Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Domki
Vice Chairman Awami Ithad Lehri

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20- Mr. Amanullah Marri
Member District Council Sibi

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21- Mr. Zaffar Sultan
Member District Council Sibi

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22- Mr. Mohammad Hussain Khajjak
Ex- Chairman Dist: Union Council

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23- Mr. Malik Faqir Mohammad Marghzani

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24- Mr. Jai Ram Das Injuman-e-Tajran Sibi

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25- Mr. Muhammad Ayub Dehpal

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26- Ahmed Jam 8/0 Hassan Icham

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