

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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## NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015

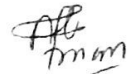
**No.F.6(1)/2015-LGE(S):** In view of the prevailing law and order situation as well as the requests made by the Provincial Government Sindh, District Returning Officers and endorsed by the Provincial Election Commissioner, Sindh for deployment of Pakistan Rangers (Sindh), the **Election Commission, in exercise of its powers under Article 220 and Article 245 of the constitution** has desired that Pakistan Rangers Sindh to make necessary security arrangements to assist the Election Commission to conduct elections by deployment of adequate force to monitor elections by deployment inside / outside Polling Stations in Sanghar, Badin and Khairpur Districts, Army troops be deployed as 3<sup>rd</sup> tier responder in a QRF mode, under Article 245 (inclusive of all clauses and sub-clauses) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the constituencies where Local Government Elections in Sindh being held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The responsibility of the conduct of the Local Government Elections will remain with the Election Commission of Pakistan and that of Law and Order with Police. **Any member of the Army / Rangers (Sindh) who is present or deployed in any area under this order shall exercise powers under Section 4 & 5 of Anti Terrorism Act (1997) as amended for the entire duration of deployment.**

2. The Election Commission of Pakistan, in pursuance of Article 218 (3) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan read in conjunction with sub-rule (1 & 2) of Rule – 33 of Sindh Local Councils (Elections) Rules, 2015, hereby ***authorizes that each designated officer-in-charge of Army / Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) (Gazetted as well as Junior Commissioned Officer) of an area, deployed inside / outside polling stations shall exercise powers of Magistrate First Class on the polling day and take cognizance of any such offences in a summary way in accordance with the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedures 1898 (Act No.V of 1898) in terms of section 59 and section 60 of the Sindh Local Government Act 2013. Powers of the Magistrate First Class shall be exercised in respect of the offences punishable under section 48 to 56 of the Sindh Local Government Act 2013.***

3. **Pakistan Rangers Personnel will be deployed inside / outside polling stations on the day of polls in the constituencies in Sanghar , Badin and**

**Khairpur Districts on 17 December 2015. Pakistan Rangers Personnel deployed, while performing their duties *are authorized to move into Polling Stations and take preventive actions like Arrest / Detention in case breakdown of Law and Order is imminent.***

4. The troops so detailed shall also be governed by **Article 245** of the constitution of Pakistan (inclusive of all clauses and sub-clauses) and **Sec 4 & 5 of Anti Terrorism Act (1997) as amended for the duration of deployment.**



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