

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
(PUBLIC RELATIONS WING)

PRESS RELEASE

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Subject:- SCHEDULE FOR BYE-ELECTIONS AGAINST VACANT SEATS OF GENERAL MEMBERS IN LOCAL COUNCILS OF BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE

The Election Commission issues the Schedule for election to fill the vacant seats of General Members in Union Councils and Wards of Twenty Nine (29) Districts of Balochistan Province and calls upon the electors of wards and union councils to elect their representatives as per following dates:-

S.No.	Activity	Date
1	Public Notice to be issued by the Returning Officers on	15-04-2017 (Saturday)
2	Filing of Nomination papers with the Returning Officers by the Candidates	18-04-2017 to 19-04-2017 (Tuesday to Wednesday)
3	Publication of notice of all the nomination papers received on	20-04-2017 (Thursday)
4	Objection to the nomination papers	21-04-2017 (Friday)
5	Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officers	22-04-2017-24-04-2017 (Saturday to Monday)
6	Last date for filling of appeals against decisions to the Returning Officers (accepting/ rejecting the nomination papers) by	26-04-2017 (Wednesday)
7	Last date for deciding appeals by Appellate Authorities by	28-04-2017 (Friday)
8	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	29-04-2017 (Saturday)
9	Publication of revised list of candidates along with symbols	29-04-2017 (Saturday)
10	Poll Day	12-05-2017 (Friday)
11	Consolidation and Declaration of result by the Returning Officer by	13-05-2017 (Saturday)
12	Issuance of Notification of Returned Candidates by ECP on	22-05-2017 (Monday)
13	Oath of elected members of aforementioned Councils	26-05-2017 (Friday)

2. To ensure that elections to the Local Government are conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 218(3) of the Constitution, the Election Commission of Pakistan directs that:

- (a) All Executive Authorities in the Federation and in the Provinces shall not use State Resources in Local Government By-Elections calculated to influence the elections in favour of a particular candidate or a political party.

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- b. If any person in government service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of elections, he shall be liable to be proceeded against under Section 60 of the Balochistan Local Government Act, 2010.
- c. No transfers / postings of the civil servants shall be made after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local Government By-Elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results.
- d. No leave of the civil servant will be granted after the issuance of Election Schedule of the Local government elections without prior approval of the Commission till the publication of election results. In case leave has already been sanctioned, the officer will not relinquish his charge without the approval of the Hon'ble commission.
- e. After the issuance of Election Schedule, the President, Prime Minister, Chairman/Deputy Chairman Senate, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal Ministers, Ministers of State, Advisors to the Prime Minister another Public office holder shall neither openly nor in secret give any subscription or donation or make promises for giving such subscription or donation to any institution, nor shall inaugurate, commit to undertake or announce any development project therein for the advancement of the campaign of a candidate of his choice and thereby influence the results of elections.
- f. No Deputy Commissioner / District Coordination Officer shall perform protocol duty with the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Federal Ministers, State Ministers, Provincial Ministers, Advisors to the Prime Minister and Chief Minister or any person on their behalf till conclusion of the electoral process.
- g. Any holder of public office, who is found to have violated any provision of election laws or the instructions issued by the Election Commission, shall be proceeded against as mandated in law.

Note: *The offices of the Election Commission as well as the offices of District Returning Officers and Returning Officers shall remain open on all public holidays during the schedule period:*

All electoral activities mentioned in the aforesaid schedule shall be undertaken during office hour (08:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.) and the said timing will also be followed on public holidays fixed for any electoral activity of the schedule.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.
