

## ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

**WHEREAS**, the Election Commission of Pakistan had issued comprehensive election schedule for General Election 2018 in response where to, all the Political Parties as well as independent candidates had joined political arena and the election process has completely reached the final stage, including the printing of ballot papers etc and ;

**WHEREAS** only two days are left to the conduct of poll when Mr. Hanif Abbasi, a potential candidate from NA-60 Rawalpindi-IV has been disqualified which has resulted into heated debate in the media and political circles rendering the atmosphere as fully and negatively charged and;

**WHEREAS** the serious criticism is afloat qua the provision of level playing field in the General Elections, 2018; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Election Commission of Pakistan having taken cognizance of all the attending circumstances is bound to provide level playing field to the contestants, under the Constitution and the law, particularly Section 4 of Election Act, 2017 read with Article 218(3) of the Constitution and the powers of the Commission defined by the August Supreme Court of Pakistan in famous Workers Party Case reported in PLD-2012 SC 681, and further, in order to do complete justice between the contestants and the parties;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby directs that the General Election in NA-60 Rawalpindi -IV is postponed, to be conducted after the scheduled General Elections, along with other postponed elections in the country.

Islamabad, the  
22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018