

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

ORDER
09-02-2024

Subject: **ILLEGAL PRACTICES / ELECTORAL OFFENCES BY MISCREANTS/ MOBS IN NA-88, KHUSHAB-II.**

WHEREAS, the Election Commission of Pakistan (hereinafter referred as the "Commission") is a Constitutional body constituted under Article 218(2) of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973 (hereinafter referred as the "Constitution"). The Election Commission of Pakistan is mandated under Article 218(3) of the Constitution to organize and conduct the election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law, and that corrupt practices are guarded against.

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of the notification dated 15.12.2023 under Section 57(2) of the Elections Act, 2017 the poll has been conducted on 08.02.2024 on all the National and Provincial Constituencies.

AND WHEREAS, District Returning Officer, Khushab vide its letter dated 08.02.2024 has forwarded the incident reports of Returning Officer, NA-88 Khushab-II and District Monitoring Officer Khushab whereby violations of provisions of the Elections Act, 2017 and Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan for General Elections-2024 have been pointed-out.

AND WHEREAS, the Returning Officer informed the Commission through his report that around two thousand armed persons with batons/ Lathis attacked the camp office of Returning Officer which was established at Govt. Associate College for Women Roda Tehsil and District Khushab. He also mentioned that at that time Presiding Officers were submitting Form-45 and Form-46 to him, where Returning Officers of PP-83 and PP-84 were also present there along with him.

AND WHEREAS, the mob physically assaulted them, the Returning Officers of PP-83 and PP-84, the Presiding Officers and the staff. He further, mentioned in his report that the mob made them hostage and prevented them from discharge of their official duties of retrieval of Election material and preparation of Form-47.

AND WHEREAS, the mob burnt the polling bags of the Polling Stations which were received in the camp office of the Returning Officer and the entire system of EMS was destroyed by them. They also stole all the laptops provided by the Commission for EMS, however, the Returning Officers, Presiding Officers and polling staff escaped from the place to save their lives.



AND WHEREAS, the matter has been discussed in the meeting of the Commission. All the relevant record including the reports of the Returning Officers and District Monitoring Officer have been perused.

AND WHEREAS, it is observed from the record that FIR has been lodged against the culprits with No. 53/24.

AND WHEREAS, all the acts done by the mob are offences which come under the definition of corrupt and illegal practices and are punishable in terms of Section 174 and 183 of the Elections Act, 2017 with imprisonment of two & three years or with fine of one hundred thousand rupees or with both along with major consequences including disqualification of the candidates.

AND WHEREAS, detailed report regarding mob attack at the camp office of Returning Officer NA-88, PP-83 and PP-84 Khushab has been obtained from Returning Officer NA-88 Khushab-II in which he has highlighted 26 Polling Stations of National Assembly whereby the polling material including polling bags were snatched and destroyed by the mob, the detail of the polling stations is given below:-

Sr. No	Polling Stations No.	Names of Polling Stations
1.	72	GBHS Choha
2.	73	GGMS Choha
3.	83	GGMS Golewali
4.	111	GGHS Quaidabad
5.	126	GGPS Chak 22/MB
6.	128	GBPS Chak 24/MB
7.	133	GBPS Chak 32/MB
8.	139	GGPS, Bardar Jamali Sultan
9.	142	GBPS Girot
10.	150	GBPS Mangoor
11.	157	GBES Luku
12.	158	GBES Luku
13.	170	GBPS Dera Dost Muhammad Awan
14.	171	GGBS Dera Awanwala
15.	176	GBHS Roda
16.	177	DBPS Soharywala
17.	188	GBPS 50/MB
18.	189	GGMS 50/MB
19.	192	GBPS 48/MB
20.	213	GBES Dravi
21.	218	GBPS 19/MB
22.	243	GGPS Borana
23.	266	GBPS Dhok Muzaffar
24.	301	GGHS Rangpur (High Portion)
25.	302	GGHS Rangpur (Middle Portion)
26.	307	GBHS Rahdari

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission in exercise of its powers under Article 218(3) and 220 of the Constitution read with Section 4, 5 and 8(c) of the Elections Act, 2017 and all others powers enabling in this behalf decides to declare re-poll on all the above mentioned Polling Stations. The poll date for re-polling is fixed as 15th February, 2024. Furthermore, fact finding inquiry committee is constituted which will be headed by Regional Election Commissioner-Sargodha with District Election Commissioner-Khushab and Deputy Commissioner-Khushab as



members. The committee shall submit fact finding inquiry report within three days for further action. Moreover, DPO-Khushab is directed to take action in the matter in accordance with law and inform the Commission accordingly. In the meanwhile the process of consolidation shall not be carried out.

Office to take follow up action accordingly.

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