

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**ORDER**
09-02-2024

Subject: **ILLEGAL PRACTICES / ELECTORAL OFFENCES BY CONTESTING CANDIDATE IN NA-242, KARACHI KEMARI-I.**

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, Provincial Election Commissioner, Sindh vide its letter dated 08.02.2024 informed that the contesting candidate of Pakistan Peoples Party namely Mr. Abdul Qadir Mandokhail from NA-242 Karachi Keamari-I interfered the counting process and damaged election material, ballot boxes and ballot papers at the Polling Stations.

AND WHEREAS, the matter was referred by PEC-Sindh to the concerned Returning Officer for taking necessary action and lodging FIR against the offenders.

AND WHEREAS, the matter has been discussed in the meeting of the Commission and detailed record including the number of Polling Stations of National and Provincial Assemblies and material destroyed, damaged and taken away by the culprit along with video clips has been perused.

AND WHEREAS, Provincial Election Commissioner-Sindh in its detailed report dated 09.02.2024 informed the Commission that the polling continued in the Polling Station smoothly and also mentioned that after inquiry of the relevant facts the Returning Officer informed him that at the time of the incident the process of compilation of the result has been completed and no vote was lost or mis-placed. The culprit destroyed the opened ballot boxes and other material which did not affect the result of the Polling Station or the constituency.

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 directs Regional Election Commissioner Karachi to conduct Fact Finding inquiry in the matter and submits its report within 3 days. After receipt of the report from the inquiry officer the matter




will be fixed for hearing before the Commission. In the meantime the result of the Constituencies may be announced.

Office to take follow up action accordingly.


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