

Order imposing Governor's Rule in Sindh

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The following Order is hereby published for general information:-

WHEREAS a Proclamation of Emergency issued under Article 232 of the Constitution is in force;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph (c) of clause (2) of Article 232 of the Constitution, the Federal Government is pleased-

(a) to direct the Governor of the Province of Sindh to assume on behalf of the Federal Government all the functions and powers of the Government of that Province and all the powers vested in or exercisable by, all bodies or authorities in the Province other than the Provincial Assembly.

Provided that the Governor may allow any or all bodies or authorities to function or continue to function subject to his control and superintendence;

(b) to make the following incidental and consequential provisions which appear to the Federal Government to be necessary for giving effect to the objects of the Proclamation, namely:-

(i) in the exercise of the functions which the Governor has been directed to assume, he shall act forthwith to restore peace throughout the Province, to take strict action against criminal elements irrespective of their political affiliations, to ensure that the ransom or motivated killing of innocent citizens shall cease, to take effective steps for the arrest and apprehension of terrorists, to suppress sectarian killings, to combat acts of subversion, whether external or internal, to eliminate internal disturbances, to protect vital national institutions against external and internal threats and dangers, to restore business confidence, and to create a peaceful environments in which ordinary citizens can conduct their day to day affairs in accordance with their constitutional rights and entitlement within the Province;

(ii) the operation of the following provisions of the Constitution shall stand suspended in relation to the Province of Sindh namely:-

Articles 130 to 136;

(iii) any reference in the Constitution to the Provincial Government or Chief Minister shall, in relation to the Province of Sindh, be construed as a reference to the Governor, and

(iv) the Chief Minister and Provincial Ministers of the Province of Sindh shall forthwith cease to hold office during the period this Order remains in force."

Signed

(A. W. Kazi)

Cabinet Secretary

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