

SINDH SITUATION

ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE

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1. The All Parties Conference expresses its grave concern over the deteriorating law and order situation' in Karachi and other cities of Sind province and the consequent political, economic and other disastrous consequences of the situation.
2. The conference further affirms that political and socioeconomic problems can be solved only through political and socioeconomic arrangements. Use of force is justified only against criminals and those who pose a threat to the lives and property of innocent peaceful citizens. But it must be realized that military operations during the last 2 years have not been successful in producing the results that were promised, nor has military action being accompanied by the socio-economic package that was promised in 1992;
3. The conference declares that half hearted, piecemeal and short sighted actions cannot resolve the crisis which has engulfed Karachi and other cities of Sind. The challenge is very grave and multi- dimensional and calls for a comprehensive negotiated solution;
4. The conference also declares that the political ground realities must be accepted and peace and tranquility in the province would be ensured only if the political leadership of urban and rural Sind arrives at mutual understanding and a working relationship is achieved. It is the moral duty of all political forces to play their part in bringing about this;
5. While the conference affirms the principle that all those responsible for any criminal activity, irrespective of their political affiliation and position, must face the judicial process, the conference strongly condemns any effort to use the judicial process for political victimization and discrimination. Misuse of law is as much a crime as violation of law, and selective justice is no justice at all. Confidence on the judicial system should be restored and demands of justice fulfilled without fear, favour and discrimination;
6. The political problems have to be solved through political process and there are peace-loving well-meaning people in every part of the province and the government must take initiative to open up genuine political dialogue and try for reconciliation.
7. The real problems of the urbans, who have been crying for solution for the last decade, have to be taken up earnestly and immediately. Social-economic packages have been promised, but nothing has been done to ameliorate the ever worsening economic, educational and environmental situation. Urban Sind which contributes to the financial strength not only of the province but the entire country has been denied even the minimum that is required to maintain basic civic facilities. Doors of new industries are closed for the last two decades, while influx of the population from all parts of the country and abroad has continued. Lack of economic

opportunities, educational facilities and civil infra-structure has made life hellish and given rise to crime and violence. This is a situation which is being exploited by local vested interests and our external enemies and, unless these problems are resolved, no permanent solution can be sought.

8. The conference further demands that those who are arrested should be immediately released, proper compensation should be paid for those who have lost their lives and property and those who are injured or incapacitated should be immediately looked after.
 9. An All Party Peace Committee should be formed in every area, local administration should be neutral and through peoples' participation, representing all walks of life and shades of opinion, the political process should be advanced.
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