

Sindh Wildlife Dept opposes relocation of seized exotic monkeys

Urges federal ministry to uphold legal and scientific standards

The Sindh Wildlife Department has formally opposed the proposed relocation of illegally imported exotic monkeys—Capuchins and Marmosets—from Karachi to Lahore, urging the Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Pakistan, to reconsider the recommendation issued on May 8, 2025, and to instead adhere to due legal process and scientific standards. The animals were confiscated by Pakistan Customs at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi in December 2024 after being brought in from South Africa through forged documents in violation of national and international wildlife laws.

Following the seizure, the 26 animals were shifted on an emergency basis to a private animal welfare facility, the Ayesha Chundrigar Foundation (ACF), in Karachi. During this time, the Deputy Conservator of Wildlife, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad, issued directions for the monkeys to be relocated to Lahore. However, the matter remains sub judice before the competent customs court in Karachi, and any action in viola-

tion of legal oversight could undermine the integrity of the ongoing proceedings. Earlier, taking cognizance of the issue, the Chief Secretary Sindh convened a high-level virtual meeting in April attended by representatives of the Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan Customs, Sindh Wildlife Department, WWF-Pakistan, and other stakeholders. As an outcome of this meeting, a technical committee was constituted by the by federal secretary MoCC to assess the situation and propose recommendations grounded in legality, science, and animal welfare. The joint report submitted by the Sindh Wildlife Department and WWF-Pakistan (Karachi) concluded that relocating the animals to Lahore would not only be harmful to their health and welfare but would also defy sound scientific reasoning and established legal frameworks.

Despite this, the Ministry of Climate Change, through its letter dated May 8, recommended the transfer to Lahore without consulting the notified committee or reviewing its findings at the agreed forum. The Sindh Wildlife Department, in its formal communication, expressed serious concerns that such unilateral decisions made without collective review could be considered contrary to merit and existing statu-

ry obligations under both federal and provincial wildlife protection laws. It also noted with concern that no intimation of this recommendation was provided to the Honorable Trial Court where the case is under consideration.

The Department emphasized that all wildlife located in Sindh, regardless of origin, enjoys full legal protection under Section 21 of the Sindh Wildlife Protection Act 2020. Furthermore, Rule 43 of the Sindh Wildlife Protection Rules 2022 clearly stipulates that in cases where wildlife is intercepted without proper documentation, it is the legal responsibility of the concerned airline, shipping, or transport company to ensure lawful carriage, and the wildlife officer must advise deportation or lawful disposal as per the rule. On scientific grounds, the Department strongly opposed the transfer of these highly sensitive tropical primates to a facility that lacks adequate species-specific care. Capuchins and Marmosets are New World monkeys that require stable tropical climates, enriched enclosures, social housing, dietary precision, and veterinary expertise that is currently unavailable at the proposed destination. The report highlighted that the Lahore-based facility recommended by the federal ministry has previously documented failures in primate care,

including inadequate hygiene, poor animal husbandry, limited behavioral enrichment, and a record of animal stress and mortality.

The initial deaths of some animals at the temporary shelter were attributed not to local handling but to the cruelty endured during illegal transport and lack of immediate species-specific veterinary care. Any further relocation, especially over long distances, would impose another traumatic episode upon the already fragile primates and could result in additional fatalities. Moreover, there remains an unresolved public health concern as the monkeys were imported through illegal channels and may carry undiagnosed zoonotic pathogens, making their further movement without comprehensive screening a biosecurity risk. Speaking on the matter, a senior official from the Sindh Wildlife Department stated the Department has urged the Ministry of Climate Change to revisit the findings of the earlier committee constituted by the Ministry of Climate Change and to place the matter before the same high-level forum before any decision is finalized. The Sindh Wildlife Department maintains that the welfare of the animals, adherence to the law, and Pakistan's international reputation in wildlife conservation must not be compromised. **NEWS DESK**

2nd OIC-15 ministerial meeting concludes with Tehran Declaration on AI cooperation

The 2nd Ministerial Meeting of the OIC-15 Dialogue Platform concluded on Tuesday in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, with the unanimous adoption of the "Tehran Declaration" as a landmark document reaffirming the commitment of member states to work collectively towards the development and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Held under the theme "Trustworthy and Ethical Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development", the high-level meeting brought together delegations from Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Tunisia, Republic of Türkiye, and the State of Qatar.

The four-member delegation from COM-

STECH was led by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhry, Coordinator General, who emphasized AI's transformative potential in science, education, and economic development across the Muslim world.

Representing Pakistan's Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Mr. Shakil Arshad, Director, attended the meeting.

The Tehran Declaration sets a comprehensive framework for cooperation in AI across OIC member states.

It outlines key focus areas such as advancing AI education and capacity building, promoting collaborative research and innovation, enhancing AI governance and ethical standards, strengthening public-private partnerships, and facilitating knowledge exchange and technology transfer.

It also calls for the development of AI-ready ecosystems and supports the mobility of talent through fellowships, internships, and globally benchmarked training programs. The Declaration recognizes the role of entrepreneurship and investment in AI startups and advocates for structured innovation-focused forums across member countries.

The member states agreed to intensify joint efforts to address global challenges such as healthcare, food security, climate change, and water resource management through AI-driven solutions.

The Tehran Declaration is a strategic milestone in uniting OIC-15 countries under a shared vision to harness AI for inclusive growth, innovation, and sustainable development in the Islamic world. **APP**

Pakistan's retaliatory actions were a 'measured' response: envoy

Pakistani Ambassador to the UN, Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, told his counterparts of the Arab Group on Monday that Pakistan's response to the recent Indian aggression was "measured and proportionate", as he briefed them on the prevailing situation in the region.

Pakistan, he said, had acted in exercise of its right to self-defence under the UN Charter, and will abide by the May 10 ceasefire between the two South Asian neighbours, according to a press release of the Pakistani Mission.

Ambassador Asim also said that the Indian actions, including the unilateral suspension of the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty, were provocative and escalatory, and in gross violation of international law and the UN Charter.

He expressed Pakistan's commitment to upholding the ceasefire and taking all necessary steps towards de-escalation and regional stability. The Pakistani envoy pointed out that rhetoric from the Indian leaders was inflammatory.

At the same time, he made it categorically clear that there can't be lasting peace in South Asia without resolving the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in line with the UN Security Council resolutions and aspirations of Kashmiris.

Ambassador Asim thanked the Arab Group for their understanding of Pakistan's position during the recent stand-off, the press release added. **APP**

KP implements strict measures to protect tourist areas from pollution

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government has announced a temporary ban on new construction in key tourist destinations, including parts of Swat, Galiyat and Kumrat, to address environmental degradation.

The decision came during a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Shahab Ali Shah, who directed authorities to enforce building codes and environmental regulations strictly. Officials reviewed master plans and land-use policies for several development authorities, including those overseeing Galiyat, Kaghan, Kumrat, and Upper Swat.

The meeting highlighted concerns over illegal construction and poor waste management by hotels and restaurants, which have con-

tributed to pollution.

The Chief Secretary ordered immediate action against violators and emphasized that no compromises would be made on environmental laws.

To ensure sustainable tourism, the government will fast-track master plans for ecologically sensitive areas and enhance monitoring systems.

The Kailash Development Authority has already finalized its master plan, while the Galiyat Development Authority plans to engage stakeholders in implementing sanitation regulations. Chief Secretary stressed that these measures aim to balance tourism growth with environmental protection, ultimately benefiting local businesses and residents.

SBP issues guidelines for regulatory sandbox

In line with its Vision 2028, the SBP has issued the Guidelines for the Regulatory Sandbox (RSB) under Section 3 of the Payment Systems and Electronic Fund Transfers (PS&EFT) Act, 2007. The objective of these guidelines is to facilitate new and existing entities, including startups, to test their financial solutions under a controlled regulatory environment. The Regulatory Sandbox will follow a cohort-based approach centered around innovative themes. SBP will soon invite applications for participation in its first cohort. The theme(s) of the first cohort will be announced by end June after completing the market engagement, which is already underway. The Regulatory Sandbox will enable the participants to test their products and the associated operational models around innovative ideas and technologies. The Sandbox will also help SBP in refining and upgrading the regulatory environment in line with the evolving innovative technologies. SBP welcomes and encourages all the interested parties to use the RSB platform to test their innovative ideas and products and contribute to Pakistan's evolving Fintech landscape and digital financial ecosystem. **##**



PAKISTAN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In pursuance of Section 159(4) of the Companies Act, 2017, the members of the Company are hereby informed that the following persons have submitted notices of their intention to offer themselves for election as Directors at the Annual General Meeting of the Company scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 4:00 PM, at the Head Office located at 1649, Shopping Center #3, Aziz Shahed Road, Mall Plaza Chowk, Mall Road, Multan Cantt Commercial Area, Multan, Punjab.

Mr. Abrar Ahmed Cheema
Mrs. Nuzhat Ul Zahra (Female Director)
Mr. Muhammad Asad Jaweed
Mr. Ali Shahzad
Chaudhry Muhammad Naeem
Mr. Muhammad Shahzad Habib
Mr. Abdul Haseeb Fakih
Sheikh Aftab Ahmed

In accordance with Section 159(1) of the Companies Act, 2017, the number of directors fixed by the Board of Directors is seven (7). Since the number of candidates who have offered themselves for election is more than the number of directors fixed, the election of Directors shall be conducted at the said Annual General Meeting through voting by the members of the Company, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2017, applicable SECP regulations, and the PSX Rule Book. The elected Directors will hold office for a term of three (3) years, commencing from May 28, 2025.

Multan
May 21, 2025

By Order of the Board
Muhammad Mushtaq
Company Secretary



PAKISTAN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

POSTAL BALLOT PAPER

Ballot paper for voting through the post for the Special Business at Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Company's Head Office located at 1649, Shopping Center #3, Aziz Shahed Road, Mall Plaza Chowk, Mall Road, Multan Cantt Commercial Area, Multan.

Pakistani Account Number	
Name of Shareholder	
Registered Address	
Number of Shares Held	
CNIC/Passport No. (in case of foreigner) (copy to be attached)	
Additional information and enclosures (in case of representative of body corporate, corporation and Federal Government)	
Name of Authorized Signatory	
CNIC/Passport No. (in case of foreigner) of Authorized Signatory (copy to be attached)	

Agenda Item #05
RESOLVED THAT the authorized share capital of the Company be and is hereby increased from Rs. 500,000,000/- (Rupees Five Hundred Million Only) divided into 50,000,000 (Fifty Million) shares of Rs. 10/- each to Rs. 1,500,000,000/- (Rupees One Billion Five Hundred Million Only) divided into 150,000,000 (One Hundred Fifty Million) Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each, each ranking pari passu in every respect with the existing ordinary shares of the Company."

Instructions for Poll

1. Please indicate your vote by ticking (✓) the relevant box.
2. In case if both the boxes are marked as (✓), your vote shall be treated as "Rejected".

We hereby endorse my/our vote in respect of the above resolution through ballot by conveying my/our assent or dissent to the resolution by placing tick (✓) mark in the appropriate box below:

Resolution	I/We assent to the resolution (FOR)	I/We dissent to the resolution (AGAINST)
Agenda Item #5:		

Sr. No.	Name of Directors	Number of Votes Casted
1	Mr. Abrar Ahmed Cheema	
2	Mrs. Nuzhat Ul Zahra	
3	Mr. Muhammad Asad Jaweed	
4	Mr. Ali Shahzad	
5	Chaudhry Muhammad Naeem	
6	Mr. Muhammad Shahzad Habib	
7	Mr. Abdul Haseeb Fakih	
8	Sheikh Aftab Ahmed	
	Total:	

NOTES:

1. Only filled ballot paper should be sent to the Chairman at SA, Bank Square, Lahore or email: shahid@pgi.com.pk.
2. Copy of CNIC / Passport (in case of a foreigner) should be enclosed with the postal ballot form.
3. Ballot paper should reach the Chairman office within business hours by or before Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Any postal ballot received after this date will not be considered for voting.
4. The signature on the ballot paper should match the signature on CNIC / Passport (in case of a foreigner).
5. Incomplete, unsigned, incorrect, defaced, torn, mutilated, over-written postal paper will be rejected.
6. In case of a representative of a body corporate, corporation or Federal Government, the Ballot Paper Form must be accompanied by a copy of the CNIC of an authorized person, an attested copy of Board Resolution / Power of Attorney / Authorization Letter etc., in accordance with Section(s) 138 or 139 of the Companies Act, 2017 as applicable. In case of foreign body corporate etc., all documents must be attested by the Counsel General of Pakistan having jurisdiction over the member.

Shareholder / Proxy holder Signature/Authorized Signatory
(In case of corporate entity, please affix company stamp)

Date: _____

WB team visits uplift schemes in Badin

Bilal Khalid, task leader of World Bank during inspection of district headquarters 1122 Badin, directed that since rescue building was complete in all respects it needs to be handed over to Emergency Service 1122 without any delay for service of local population.

The district headquarter is built to effectively manage affected communities during emergent situations relating to health, fire and road accidents in the jurisdiction of said district. The building is constructed over a plot size of 36000 sqft and has a covered area of 14430 sqft including offices and residential rooms.

The team also visited the water supply scheme situated in village Kario Ghanwar of Taluka Shaheed Fazl Rahu district Badin and was briefed by project officials that water storage from this scheme was discontinued due to heavy rains as water ponds were damaged badly and people forced to use contaminated water from other sources. Water storage ponds with 1.5 million gallons capacity have now been rehabilitated to ensure uninterrupted water supply to local community of 2000 households with a population of 14000 people.

The road rehabilitated at village Peeru Lushari to Machari village measuring 11 KMs with the beneficiary population of 25000 was also visited by the mission. During the briefing to the team, it was informed that level of road was raised by 1 meter keeping in view the future flood level. The shoulders of 2 meters have been provided on each side of the road for better traffic management. It may be pointed out that rehabilitation of this road would improve the economic uplift of the area through better traffic to market access. The project director Mr. Muhammad Aslam Leghari, Mr. Waheed Mangi and other senior officials accompanied World Bank team. **##**

CIVIL SERVICES ACADEMY

INVITATION TO e-BID

(Tender No.11)
[Procurement of Inverter Air Conditioners for CSA Hostels Rooms]

Civil Services Academy, Lahore, invites electronic bids on E-Pak Acquisition & Disposal System (EPADS) from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) / authorized distributors/contracting firms registered with PEC (category C-04 or above having license codes ME-01, EE-04, EE-05). Bidders must be registered with Income Tax & Sales Tax Departments who are on FBR Active Taxpayers List for "Procurement of Inverter Air Conditioners for CSA Hostels Rooms".

1. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 26.05.2025 in the Committee Room, DG Block, Civil Services Academy, Lahore at 11:00 am.
2. E-Bidding documents as per regulations, containing detailed terms and conditions, etc. on EPADS at <https://eprocure.gov.pk> and PPRA website <http://www.ppra.org.pk>
3. Bidders are required to submit their electronic bids through PPRA EPAD System (www.eprocure.gov.pk). Manual Bids shall not be accepted. However, all the interested bidders are advised to bring one hard copy of their bid with original bid security at the time of opening of bid.

Bid Submission Date & Time	04 June, 2025 @ 11:00 AM
Bid Opening Date & Time	05 June, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

Note: Notification of the QRC constituted in terms of Rule-48 of PPRA rules, 2004 is provided on EPADS & PPRA Website.

Additional Director (Admin), Head, Procurement Cell,
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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Tender for Hiring of HR Consultant for Recruitment & Selection

HBFC invites sealed bids from reputable HR Consultants for its recruitment & selection.

Bids will be evaluated in terms of Rule 36 (b) of Public Procurement Rules-2004 i.e., "Single stage-two envelope procedure". Tender Notice along with Tender Document containing complete Scope of Work with terms and conditions are available for the registered suppliers on E-Pak Acquisition and Disposal System (EPADS) <https://eprocure.gov.pk> and HBFC website i.e., www.hbfc.com.pk. This IFB is also available at PPRA website www.ppra.org.pk.

Bids prepared in accordance with the instructions in the bidding documents containing Technical and Financial Proposal, must reach at address given below on or before **June 05, 2025 at 11:00 am**.

The Bids along with Fixed Bid Security amounting to **PKR 200,000/- (Rupees Two Hundred Thousand Only)** in shape of a Pay Order / Bank Draft (Scanned copy) along with required documents must be submitted by using **EPADS** electronically through **PPRA EPADS Portal**. Original Bid Security must be submitted (hard form in a sealed envelope) on or before the submission deadline mentioned above.

All Bids will be opened through **EPADS** in the presence of HBFC Procurement Committee and representatives the bidders who may wish to attend.

HBFC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with relevant clause of Public Procurement Rules (PPR-2004).

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