

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  
**BULLETIN NO. 31 OF THE ASSEMBLY**  
**(51<sup>st</sup> SESSION)**

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, the 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2023
<b>Commenced at</b>	2:58 P.M
<b>Adjourned at</b>	4:11 P.M
<b>Total working hours</b>	1 Hour 13 Minutes
<b>Presided by</b>	Raja Pervez Ashraf, Speaker, National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
<b>Attendance</b>	121

1. **TILAWAT, HADITH, NAAT AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

- *Tilawat and Hadith* by Hafiz Naseem Mehmood Khalil
- *Naat* by Ali Raza Arshad
- *National anthem*

**POINTS OF ORDER**

	Name of Member	Brief Subject
	Dr. Mahesh Kumar Malani 3.06 p.m. to 3.07 p.m. (0:01)	Requested the Chair for observance of one minute silence in respect of five people died and several persons who got injured due to heavy rain, wind and thunderstorms in Hyderabad.

**OBSERVANCE OF ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

At 3.07 p.m., The House observed one minute silence to pay respect to the people who died due to heavy rains and thunderstorm in Hyderabad.

**QUESTIONS**

2.	Questions entered in a separate list to be asked and answers given.	Question Nos. 19, 132, 136, 165 and 186 were asked and answers were given.
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**WELCOME**

Mr. Speaker welcomed the group of Peace Leaders from National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, who were witnessing the proceedings of the House from visitors' gallery.

**POINTS OF ORDER**

	Name of Member	Brief Subject
	Mr. Salahuddin 3.08 p.m. to 3.16 p.m. (0:08)	Criticized worst condition of Electricity in Hyderabad and staged token walk-out along with other Members of MQM (P) in protest.
	Dr. Nisar Ahmad Cheema 3.27 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. (0:03)	Pointed out that awareness campaigns may be launched by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to discourage the use of tobacco products and soft drinks which are injurious to human health.

### LEAVE APPLICATIONS

The leave applications of the Members who requested for grant of leave were read out by the honourable Speaker and the leave was granted.

### CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

3.	<b>DR. NAFISA SHAH</b> <b>MS. JAVAIRIA ZAFAR AHEER</b> <b>MR. MOHSIN DAWAR</b> to invite attention of the Minister for Finance and Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance regarding uncontrolled hike in Dollar rate in the open market in the country, causing grave concern amongst the public.	Dropped
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### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

4.	<b>SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD</b> , Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, to move that the Bill to regulate the system of moon sighting for commencement of Islamic Hijri Calendar months [The Pakistan Ruet-e-Hilal Bill, 2022], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.	Motion was adopted  Clause by clause consideration of the Bill was made;
5.	<b>SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD</b> , Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, to move that the Bill to regulate the system of moon sighting for commencement of Islamic Hijri Calendar months [The Pakistan Ruet-e-Hilal Bill, 2022], be passed.	Bill was passed

### REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE- PRESENTATION OF:

6.	<b>SYED NAVEED QAMAR</b> , Minister for Commerce/Convener of the Parliamentary Committee to present a Report of the Committee "to examine the amendments proposed by the Election Commission of Pakistan in the Election Act, 2017".	Report was presented
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## MOTION

<b>7.</b>	<b>MR. AAMIR TALAL GOPANG</b> , Chairman Standing Committee on Energy (Petroleum Division) to move that the delay in the presentation of the report of the Standing Committee on the Bill to amend the Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016 [The Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) (Amendment) Bill, 2023], till today be condoned.	Motion was adopted
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### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE-PRESENTATION OF:

<b>8.</b>	<b>MR. AAMIR TALAL GOPANG</b> , Chairman Standing Committee on Energy (Petroleum Division) to present the report of the Standing Committee on the Bill to amend the Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016 [The Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) (Amendment) Bill, 2023].	Report was presented
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## MOTION OF THANKS

<b>9.</b>	<b>Discussion</b> on the following motion moved by <b>MR. MURTAZA JAVED ABBASI</b> , Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2022:-  “This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both Houses assembled together on 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022.”	Left-over
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## MATTERS OTHER THAN POINTS OF ORDER

<b>10.</b>	Raising matters under Rule 18 which are not Points of Order.	
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## CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

<b>11.</b>	<b>MS. WAJIHA QAMAR</b> <b>MS. ALIYA KAMRAN</b> <b>MS. ASIYA AZEEM</b> to invite attention of the Minister for National Food Security and Research to a matter of urgent public importance regarding expected acute shortage of food in the country as reported by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP), causing grave concern amongst the public.	Attention was invited by Ms. Aliya Kamran, MNA Ch. Tariq Bashir Cheema, Minister for National Food Security and Research made a brief statement followed by a question asked by Ms. Aliya Kamran, MNA, and answer was given.
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**POINT OF ORDER**

	Name of Member	Brief Subject
	Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali 4.09 p.m. to 4.11 p.m. (0:03)	Expressed gratitude to Islamabad High Court and Ministry of Foreign Affairs on steps taken for arrangements of meeting of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui a Pakistani National in imprisoned in USA, with her sister Dr. Fouzia Siddiqui after twenty long years. Demanded that Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs should take necessary steps for release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui.

At 4.11 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the sitting of the Assembly to meet again on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, at 4.00 p.m.

**Islamabad, the  
31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023**

**TAHIR HUSSAIN  
Secretary**