

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## BULLETIN NO. 5 OF THE ASSEMBLY (1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION 2024)

<b>Date and Time</b>	Friday, the 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
<b>Commenced at</b>	5:27 P.M.
<b>Adjourned at</b>	6:31 P.M.
<b>Total working hours</b>	01 Hour 04 Minutes
<b>Presided by</b>	<b>Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker</b> , National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
<b>Attendance</b>	221

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

- *Tilawat and Hadith* by Qari Ikhtlaque Madni
- *Naat* by Ali Raza Arshad
- National Anthem

### QUORUM

Soon after the National Anthem, at 5.36 p.m. Mr. Shahid Ahmad, MNA belonging to Sunni Ittihad Council (SIC) / Independent, invited attention of the Chair towards the lack of quorum, count was made, the House was found in order.

### MAKING OF OATH AND SIGNING OF THE ROLL OF MEMBERS

The following members-elect made oath before the House under Article 65 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the form set out in the Third Schedule of Constitution and signed the Roll of Members as required by rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007:-

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Members</b>	<b>Constituency No.</b>
1.	Mr. James Iqbal	R.S (Non-Muslim), (JUIP)
2.	Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki	R.S (Women), PPPP
3.	Ms. Neelam	R.S (Non-Muslim), PML(N)
4.	Ms. Natasha Daulatana	R.S (Women), PPPP

### POINTS OF ORDER

<b>Name of members</b>	<b>Brief Subject</b>
Mr. Omar Ayub Khan 5.44 p.m. to 5.49 p.m. (0:05) 6.08 p.m. to 6.09 p.m. (0:01)	Objected that new members could not make oath due to Stay Orders of Peshawar High Court.
Mr. Gohar Ali Khan 5.50 p.m. to 5.54 p.m. (0:04) 5.59 p.m. to 6.01 p.m. (0:02)	
Mr. Mansoor Usman Awan, Attorney General for Pakistan 5.54 p.m. to 5.59 p.m. (0:05)	Responded the points raised by Mr. Omar Ayub Khan and Mr. Gohar Ali Khan, MNAs, and informed in detail that the Orders of the Peshawar High Court, specifically applied on the Members elected from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. <b>“Mr. Speaker informed the Members that National Assembly Secretariat has not received any stay orders or notice from any Court or Election Commission of Pakistan.”</b>

## **DIRECTIONS MADE BY THE HON. SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker made following directions that:-

- (i) first time in the Parliamentary history of National Assembly of Pakistan, a member smoked a cigarette on the floor of the House during proceedings, Members should maintain the decorum of the House,
- (ii) social media activity and making videos are totally prohibited in the visitor's galleries, such act will not be tolerated in future;
- (iii) the Lobbies are also the part of the House, only members are allowed to visit lobbies irrelevant individuals are requested to avoid going into the lobbies; and
- (iv) guests are not allowed without security passes due to security reasons.

## **LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

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

## **MOTION**

Syed Naveed Qamar, MNA moved the following motion, which was unanimously adopted by the House:-

“that under rule 288 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 that the requirements of rules 51, 55, 57 and 158 of the said Rules in respect of ballot of Private Members’ Resolutions Order of the day and notice of Resolution for today may be suspended in order to take up the resolutions.”

## **RESOLUTION**

Ms. Sehar Kamran, MNA moved the following motion, which was adopted by the House:-

“Joining global community in celebrating International Women’s Day 2024.

Recognizing the significant potential and contributions of women in all spheres of life.

Honouring the memory of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, the first elected female Prime Minister in the Islamic world, and twice elected Prime Minister of Pakistan, as an icon of women’s struggle, courage, and resilience in the face of challenges.

Acknowledging the accomplishments and contributions of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto as Leader of the House and Leader of Opposition, and her unwavering dedication to democracy, women empowerment, human rights, social justices and an equitable society.

Realizing the need for increased efforts, resources, and focus on women and girls in fulfilling their potential.

Taking note of this year’s UN theme “Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress”.

The National Assembly of Pakistan expresses deep appreciation and pays tribute to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto as a role model for women and mothers in general, and women politicians and parliamentarians in particular. Emphasizes the importance of continued and sustained efforts to remove barriers and obstacles that hinder the realization of women’s full potential.

Calls upon governments, the private sector, and families to invest more in women and girls, enabling them to make even greater contributions to progress and development.

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Assembly of Pakistan Recognizes the importance of International Women's Day in fostering gender equality, commemorating women's accomplishments, and advocating for women's rights. Expresses appreciation and Pays Tributes to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto for her extraordinary leadership, bravery and commitment to advancing women's empowerment.

Pledges to uphold her legacy by championing policies that empower women, ensure equitable opportunities, and eradicate gender-based discrimination. Encourages all citizens to actively engage in building a more inclusive and just society.

Strongly Condemns the growing incidences of violence and harassment against women in general and women politicians in particular. Directs all concerned departments to show zero tolerance towards the perpetrators and inciters of crimes against women. Resolved, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of march, in tribute to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, we reaffirm our dedication to advocating for women's rights and nurturing a society where every woman's voice is valued and honored.

Further resolves to promote gender equality through legislative measures, education and awareness campaigns to eliminate gender-based violence, discrimination, and stereotypes.

Calls upon all stakeholders, including government bodies, civil society organizations, and the private sector, to work collaboratively in promoting women's empowerment and creating an environment that enables women to thrive in all spheres of life. Urges the inclusion of women in decision-making processes at all levels, ensuring their meaningful participation in shaping policies and programs that impact their lives.

Commits to providing equal access to education, healthcare, economic opportunities and social protection for women, particularly those in marginalized communities.

Resolved, on this International Women's Day, let us honor the legacy of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto who sacrificed her life for restoration of democracy, courageously challenged terrorism and promoted politics of reconciliation, and strive towards a future where women are truly empower, valued, and respected, contributing to the progress and prosperity of our nation.”.

At 6.13 p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the sitting of the Assembly, to meet again on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 2.00 p.m.

**Note:** In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007, the Honourable Speaker was pleased to call sitting of the Assembly on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 4.00 p.m. instead of 2.00 p.m.

**Islamabad, the  
8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**TAHIR HUSSAIN  
Secretary General**