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Dated: 15 Dec, 2015

Mr. Pervez Khattak,
Chief Minister KP.
Chief Minister House Peshawar.

SUBJECT: PETITION FOR SHIFTING OF IRANIAN CONSULATE FROM UNIVERSITY TOWN IN VIEW OF THE SECURITY THREATS EMINATING FROM IMMINENT FUTURE TERRORIST ATTACKS.

The University Town Peshawar is a planned residential community that was established in 1952 in association with the Peshawar University. According to its original Master Plan provisions for commercial activities were made in the shape of shops and markets on the main Jamrud Road and Jamal ud Din Afghani Road. However, over the course of time a number of Violations of master plan took place when instead of residential houses other activities began to be conducted in violation of its bye-laws.

One such violation was the establishment of the consulates of the U.S and Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has become a permanent nuisance and a source of grave threat to life and property of the residents of University Town.

The recent attack on a market in Parachinar 12-12-15 where more than 20 persons died and countless were injured clearly indicates that a larger sectarian conflict is likely to occur in this region and the Iranian Consulate located in the residential area will become a target of terrorists in which innocent residents will likely suffer loss of life and property damages. The responsibility for exposure to threats to the life and property shall rest upon federal and provincial governments, who have been humbly warned.

The Iranian Consulate has also illegally forcibly blocked two main roads of University Town by erecting sand barriers thereby causing serious blockage in the smooth flow of traffic through the area. The local residents have ever since been facing daily hardships in going for work and carrying out their normal daily routines.

One such life threatening event occurred earlier on 24.02.14, when the Iranian Consulate was targeted by a group of suicide attackers on the fateful day there were a series of huge and powerful blasts culminating in a final car bomb blast so that threw down walls, blew out windows frames and doors of the surrounding houses. At least 8-9 security personnel and civilians died in the attack. The blast caused cracks in the structures of a number of houses. Children and people were psychologically shaken and scarred by the occurrence. It has left permanent traumatic scars on of the minds of the residents of the Town

Secondly residents have claims of loss as and damages resulting from the attacks on the Iranian Consulate have never been paid.

Iran is a friendly and brotherly state for which the residents of University Town have great respect and only wish that this relationship flourishes on the basis of mutual respect and cooperation. However as cited above the presence of the Consulate in the University Town area has become a cause of grave and present danger to the lives of the local residents.

Ensuring the security of lives of its citizens is the responsibility of the government as laid down in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Constitution guarantees security of life and property of the citizens of Pakistan. The presence of the Iranian Consulate with its concomitant threat violates our rights to security of life and property, the U.S Consulate has since shift the consulate to another safe location.

All the undersigned being respectable and law abiding citizens of Pakistan and residents of University Town are threatened by the presence of the Consulate in the neighborhood. They therefore urge you to look kindly into this serious issue and implore you to make alternate arrangements for shifting the premises of the Iranian Consulate to a suitable alternate location.

We once again reiterate that we deeply value the cultural and historic relations existing between Pakistan and Iran and hope that governments of both countries may look at this issue from a humanitarian perspective and accept our request above.

1. Mr. Chaudhry Nisar; Minister for Interior; Room # 409, 4th floor R-Block Pak Secretariat Islamabad, Capital territory.
2. Mr. Sartaj Aziz; Advisor for Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Copy forwarded to:

1. Chief Secretary, Establishment Department KP
2. Mr. Bakir Beigi, Iranian Counsel General
3. Home Secretary, Home & Tribal Department KP
4. Mr. Nasir Durrani IGP KP
5. Mr. Muhammad Ali Arbab, Nazim Town-3

Citizens (Residents)

10 Signature on behalf of UTP residents

University Town Peshawar.