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Sustained effort of field teams will help achieve revenue target : Chairman

We have an ambitious revenue collection target in front of us. Insha' Allah, we will meet it through sustained and diligent effort by our field teams.

This year, in addition to other routine tax collection strategies, FBR is embarking upon a major initiative to boost enforcement to higher levels. We know that no revenue collection target can be achieved without hard work by the FBR field offices. I expect all staff and officers to step-up their tax-collection efforts with diligence. I am confident of your professionalism and commitment, and that with team-work, all our targets will be achieved.

Message from Member FATE / Sr. Member IR-Policy

FBR's FATE Wing also focuses on facilitation efforts and redressal of taxpayers' grievances under section 7 of FBR Act; and promotes tax education by making available tax material on FBR's website where tax brochures and tax news are uploaded alongwith latest SROs and highlights of FBR. Our website is <http://www.fbr.gov.pk>

In the current issue of ReveNews, we have improved the layout with a new look that is easier to the eye. We have also included some new sections in

this newsletter. I hope these changes are liked by readers. ReveNews welcomes your views / suggestions for improvements. We also encourage officers and staff to write for ReveNews. Kindly send your writings / comments / views by email to chieffate@fbr.gov.pk or memberfate@fbr.gov.pk

Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf visits FBR Headquarters

Prime Minister of Pakistan Raja Pervez Ashraf visited FBR Headquarters on 4th October 2012.

During his visit, the Prime Minister was briefed on the working of FBR and on its revenue generation and collection performance as well as on upcoming initiatives including the draft tax registration scheme.

Finance Minister Mr. Hafeez Sheikh briefed the Prime Minister on the overall economic situation of Pakistan. He said that the economic indicators show signs of improvement which would support economic development. He further stressed that inflation and other price indices have remained in single digit and this, in itself, is significant.

Briefing the meeting, the Chairman FBR, Mr. Ali Arshad Hakeem said that Federal Board of Revenue has almost tripled tax collection in last ten years. He explained that he is redefining its revenue collection strategy to focus on tax enforcement, engaging institutional cooperation, promoting voluntary compliance and expanding the tax education and facilitation program.

He earlier briefed the Prime Minister on working of FBR and the steps being taken by FBR to improve revenue generation and tax collection.

The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts of FBR and suggested to further focus on effective revenue mobilization and improvements in the tax system. The Prime Minister said that taxes provide the economic base for any government's development program, and while FBR was doing good, we are confident to expand this base even further and have available more funds for the country's growth.

FBR to get new posts

Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf during his visit to FBR Headquarters, in November 2012, agreed in principle to upgrade Member-posts of FBR to BS-22. He also consented in principle for creation of 350 new posts in grades 19 to 21. (FBR has initiated proposals on this to the Ministry of Finance.)

The Prime Minister, while agreeing to proposal of Chairman FBR Ali Arshad Hakeem seeking 150 new posts from grade-19 to 21 for Customs Service and 200 posts for Inland Revenue Services, said he was pleased in giving these posts to FBR. FBR's proposals are currently under consideration by the Establishment Division.



FBR makes Parametric selection of cases for Audit

FBR conducted computer ballot on 13th November, 2012 to select cases for audit pertaining to tax year 2011, using risk parameters developed in consultation with stakeholders. While consulted before, the final parameters used are kept secret, as is done globally.



Mr. Zulfikar Khan, President Pakistan Tax Bars Association pressed the button for selection of cases. Representatives of All Pakistan Tax Bar Association, Islamabad / Rawalpindi Tax Bar Association, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rawalpindi chamber of Commerce and Industry, Members of Media and senior officials of FBR were present on the occasion.

Mr. Mustafa Ashraf, Member (Taxpayers Audit), while welcoming participants, stated that payment of tax is a national duty for all citizens, and particularly for those earning higher incomes. He informed the audience that FBR, through Universal Self Assessment has reposed full confidence in the taxpayers' community to file correct tax declarations. However, there are people who still shun their responsibility by not paying taxes or paying less than their due share. The computer generated ballot selects approximately 15% of LTU returns, 5% corporate cases and 2% non-corporate taxpayers in RTOs, which are to be audited. This is the bulk of cases under audit. RTOs also select a small number of cases for audit, based on their local information.

Mr. Ijaz Hussain, Member (Inland Revenue) addressing the audience said that FBR has ensured transparency in process of selection of cases for audit. The list of cases selected for audit is placed on FBR's website showing taxpayers' National Tax Number only (without displaying their names).

FBR launches facilitation E-Mail service for taxpayers

FBR set yet another milestone in taxpayer facilitation by introducing electronic information system for taxpayers to discharge their tax liabilities more conveniently. The initiative was taken by FBR's Facilitation and Taxpayer Education (FATE) Wing. The project was successfully launched by Chairman, FBR, with a click of a computer button in a simple launching ceremony held at the office of Member FATE, FBR.

First batch of facilitation e-mails were sent to 1,028 taxpayers, which was sent over the next 24 hours to about 200,000 taxpayers whose e-mails are registered with FBR. Following this first regular e-mail from

FBR's FATE Wing, FBR now continues to send e-mail messages to taxpayers to remind them of upcoming deadlines on tax payments, changes in taxation law and procedures, and other useful information for helping them in their tax matters. These e-mails however, do not replace the statutory responsibility of paying taxes, which lies under statutes, with the taxpayer. FBR has e-mail addresses of about 281,241 taxpayers. Subsequently this facility will be extended to more taxpayers by FATE Wing.

CREST-Risk-based "Whistle-blower" system launched

FBR Chairman Ali Arshad Hakeem, using his IT background, has got developed a risk identifying system which will interact with taxpayers. Whenever another person tries to use another taxpayer's particulars (as done in flying / fake invoices) this multipurpose system will scrutinize monthly returns and would, as a "whistle blower", inform the compliant taxpayer of the fraud attempt in tax returns.

An introductory workshop on CREST for senior tax officers was held at Lahore on 21-12-2012 and in Karachi on 30-12-2012 on this system.

Welcoming participants to the workshop, Senior Member Mr. Asrar Raouf advised senior management to take advantage of this system to expand transparency and efficiency. He appreciated this initiative of the team led by Commissioner Mr. Shafiqat Mehmud under new Member (Reforms) Mr. Nisar Muhammad.



Supreme Court helps FBR in tax recovery

FBR started recovery drive of more than Rs. 50 billion after Supreme Court's directive that courts will not grant interim relief of more than six months to taxpayers seeking stoppage of assessment or recovery of their due taxes. These revenues were stuck in litigation in various courts because of extension in stay orders given over past years.

The landmark observation by the Chief Justice at the concluding session of the International Judicial Conference held in April 2012 was in light of a decision made by Islamabad High Court in a tax related case after 13 years of litigation.

The Supreme Court observed that courts would have to decide assessment or collection of tax cases within six months and avoid further grant of stay orders. It was also observed that in case court did not give order within six months, any stay would automatically stand vacated, making it legal for tax officials to start recovery or assessment of due taxes.

This decision makes the task of tax officials easier. Three Cheers for the Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan!



Tax Reforms Coordination Group meets

A day-long meeting of Tax Reform Coordination Group (TRCG) was held in 2012 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Hafeez Shaikh. The TRCG members who attended included: Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Dr. Nadeem-ul-haq, Chairman, SECP Mr. Muhammad Ali, Tax Reform Core Group Members Mr. Abdullah Yusuf, Mr. Arshad Zuberi, Mr. Shabbar Zaidi, Mr. Ashfaq Tola, Mr. Ali Jameel Yousuf and Mr. Mohammad Arshad Chaudhry and FBR's top officials.

During the meeting, FBR performance was reviewed and budget proposals were deliberated on. The Group recommended that the tax base be broadened, documentation increased and gradual shift away from presumptive tax regime with increase in rate for presumptive tax regime towards eventual reduction in tax rate under normal tax regime. Revenue performance of FBR was also reviewed in detail.

Dr. Hafeez Shaikh, while addressing the meeting, said that the guiding principles of Pakistan's Federal Budget should be to continue with the simplification of taxes, avoidance of increase in taxes or tax rates, fiscal incentives for growth and generation of investment and employment. He emphasized the need for an accelerated drive for direct tax collection while providing relief for the existing taxpaying citizens.

The Federal Minister for Finance stressed the need of increasing the momentum of revenue collection to achieve the revenue target. He expressed confidence and hope that the assigned budget targets would be achieved through sustained efforts. He desired that the detailed collection under various heads be sent to him on daily basis. The day-long meeting continued till late evening.



Chief Commissioners Conference (Southern Region)

The Chief Commissioners Conference (Southern Region) held in Karachi on 6th Oct, 2012, was presided over by Chairman FBR, Mr. Ali Arshad Hakeem. Also present were Senior Member (IR), Mr. Asrar Raouf, Karachi's 3 Chief Commissioners and officers from RTO Hyderabad, Sukkur and Quetta and of LTU Karachi as well as Director General (I & I) Karachi.

All the Chief Commissioners presented Quarterly performance and explained their future strategy to achieve targets. The participant also explained measures to Broaden the Tax Base (BTB).

The Chairman directed to adopt a focused approach and target major revenue spinners. He emphasized on the need for close liaison between Customs and Inland Revenue on flow of information. He also desired that data be sought from NADRA in cases of prominent individuals seemingly not fulfilling their tax obligations. He directed RTOs / LTU to view sector wise input / output ratio analysis while conducting audits.

The Chairman shared his vision of improving the working environment and efficiency of FBR and to instill positive changes for optimal utilization of human resource and effectively improve revenue collection.



Tax Education and Facilitation Workshops with GIZ

Brainstorming session on Tax Education and Facilitation:

To chalk out requirements for collaboration in 2013 with German Development Cooperation (GIZ) in taxpayers' education and facilitation, a brainstorming workshop was held at FBR headquarters on 9th October 2012.

The workshop was attended by field officers manning the facilitation desks and centers at FBR's TFCs as well as officials of FBR and representatives of GIZ. Ms. Bianca, consultant of GIZ, flew in from Nepal to conduct the workshop.

The extensive and fruitful session discussed existing weaknesses in taxpayer education and facilitation system and explored possible areas of intervention by GIZ. The formal report by GIZ is being finalized and will assist to form the future action plan of collaboration between FBR and GIZ.

Addressing the workshop senior member IR-Policy, and member FATE, Mr. Asrar Raouf said that this workshop is a positive initiative that would help align the future course of action for better public service delivery.

Planning Workshop on Tax Reforms:

Following the first workshop, GIZ arranged a larger Planning Workshop on Tax Reforms in collaboration with Federal Board of Revenue and the Ministry of Finance at a local hotel on 13th - 14th Nov, 2012. Senior officials of different wings of FBR and the Ministry of Finance attended the interactive workshop.

The workshop, conducted by Dr. Nico von der Luehe, utilized different techniques to develop possible areas of cooperation between the FBR, Ministry of Finance and the GIZ. The participants in five working groups came up with suggestions in different



areas. The final recommendations were recorded by GIZ and constitute the basis for the upcoming program of cooperation starting from 2013. FATE wing came up with mechanism-design that allows both FBR and GIZ to perform better on delivering agreed-to targets during the program.

Simplified Income Tax Return Form for Tax Year 2012

FBR took yet another taxpayer facilitation measure by simplifying income tax return forms which include; Return Form for Individuals and AOPs (IT-2 Form), Corporate Return Form for Companies (IT-1 Form), Wealth Statement Form (WS1/2 Form), and Wealth Reconciliation Form (WS 2/2 Form). The new simplified Income Tax Return Form (IT-4) for Individual Retailers will facilitate small traders in filing returns. FBR placed the revised Form on its website for taxpayers' convenience and invited their suggestions in making tax return forms user friendly.



Orientation training—Cross border business taxation

FBR's HRM Wing and GIZ organized a 3-day orientation training programme titled "Cross Border Business Taxation and Tax Treaties" from 9th April to 11th 2012 at Directorate of Training (IR), Lahore.

The course was attended by Commissioners IR Mr. Muhammad Muzaffar Khan Lashari, Mr. Imran Raza Kazmi, Mr. Kh. Adnan Zahir, Mr. Manzoor Hussain Shad, Mr. Ghulam Mujtaba Bhatti and Mr. Zulqarnain Tirmizi. The training was also attended by Additional Commissioners of IR Mr. Muhammad Tahir, Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Arif, Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmed Khan, Dr.



Muhammad Sarmad Qureshi, Ms. Nabeela Iqbal Butt, Mr. Muhammad Irfan Raza and Mr. Abdul Jawad. The Deputy Commissioners of IR attending the course were Mr. Jibran Masroor, Mr. Waqas Aslam, Mr. Mati Ur Rehman Mumtaz, Mr. Atif Bashir, Ms. Amna Naeem and Ms. Shazia Gul, Secretary HRM Mr. Muhammad Masood Ahmed and Secretary FBR Mr. Rashid Imtiaz.

Another Trekker System Launched

New version of Trekker system was launched by Intelligence & Investigation wing of FBR at Directorate of Training Lahore. The software provides technical support for broadening of the Tax Base and enhancing revenue collection. The Directorate General I&I also arranged training on the software for revenue officers from across the country. This software improves on the earlier Trekker launched at Lahore RTO around 2005.



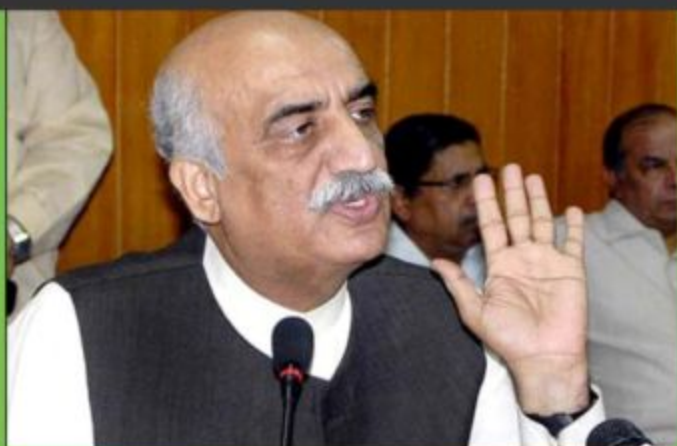
FBR employees call off strike

Employees of FBR on strike in May 2012 called off their strike after assurances by Federal Minister for Religious Affairs

Sayed Khurshid Shah.

The Minister visited FBR Headquarters on his own initiative to take up the employees' demands of upgradation of Inspectors from BS-14 to BS-16 and de-freezing of allowances, and look into the demands of Grade III and IV officials. The veteran Minister said that FBR is the backbone of Pakistan's economy and solely responsible for collection of revenues required for national development.

The President of the Staff Union Mian Abdul Qayyum applauded the initiative of the Minister and called off the strike instantly.



Finance Minister Reviews FBR's Performance

A meeting on FBR's performance was held under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Finance Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh and was also attended by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission, Chairman FBR, Secretary Finance, Secretary Planning and officials of the Finance Ministry and FBR.

During the meeting performance figures and administrative revenue efforts of FBR were thoroughly scrutinized. The administrative review focused on audits, broadening of tax base, and collection from demands created, stuck-up arrears and recovery of illegal sales tax adjustments. A detailed presentation on broadening of direct tax base was made to the Finance Minister.

During his comments, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh emphasized the need of continued focus on broadening of tax base, tax compliance and enforcement of tax returns. He directed that the tax system should be kept simple, transparent, consistent and predictable.

Farewell party of Mr. Muhammad Riaz Chief Commissioner

Officers of Regional Tax Office, Sukkur hosted a lunch in the honour of Mr. Muhammad Riaz, outgoing Chief Commissioner, on his transfer from RTO, Sukkur. His successor Chief Commissioner Mr. Sartaj Yousuf Mohmand, presented a shield on behalf of Officers of Regional Tax Office.



Customs Mobile Squads and Car Cells



While not guardians of our geographic frontiers, our men in the customs mobile squad are certainly guarding our economic frontiers.

These stalwart men in the Directorate General of Customs Intelligence work in anti-smuggling mobile squads and car cells.

Talking to the Customs inspector Syed Najam Abbas, Havaladar Mohammad Hanif and Driver Muhammad Suleman of the Customs Mobile Squad Islamabad and Car Cell Islamabad (both work under the Directorate General of Customs Intelligence) we came to know that Customs Mobile Squad and Car Cell Islamabad covers the area located within and including Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Jehlum and some area of Chakwal.

During calendar year 2012, the Customs Mobile Squad Islamabad has registered 183 cases of smuggling and has confiscated miscellaneous smuggled goods valued more

than Rs. 69 million, that is about 01 case every second day. While during the same period, the Islamabad customs Car Cell has impounded about 80 illegal vehicles worth more than Rs. 143 million.

The Customs Mobile Squad Islamabad monitors movement and transportation of smuggled goods. The squad has 02 superintendents, 03 dy. superintendents, 05 inspectors and 30 staff members including drivers and sepoys. The cell works 24/7 in two shifts and has two vehicles to perform duties.

The Car Cell Islamabad (01 deputy superintendent, 02 inspectors, 04 sepoys, 01 Havaladar and 01 driver with 02 cars) checks stolen / smuggled or tampered vehicles in the same geographical area.

They say that:

"we put our lives at risk every day. The focus is on preventing smuggling of drugs and vehicles. We believe we are performing a great service to the country and we will keep on doing our best, despite limited facilities"

We are thankful to these brave and dedicated men, in Islamabad and elsewhere, working in mobile squads and car cells, who perform duty with most diligence despite difficulties.



FATE Wing launches TFC procedures standardization workshops

FATE Wing launched workshops for standardizing of Operational Procedures of Taxpayers' Facilitation Centres.

The Initiative, launched by the then Member FATE Wing FBR Mrs. Riffat Shaheen Qazi, strategically aimed to bring uniformity in existing processes and strengthen Tax Facilitation and Education. (Mrs. Riffat Shaheen Qazi is currently Secretary Capital Administration & Development Division-CADD)

The first Workshop at Regional Tax Office, Rawalpindi on 05-04-2012 was lead by Chief FATE Wing FBR Mr. Nadeem Dar. Participants included Commissioner TFD, Additional Commissioner TFD and Tax Facilitation Officers from Rawalpindi, Chakwal, Jehlum, Attock and Wah.

Mr. Shahid Anwar Khan, Chief Commissioner, RTO, Rawalpindi inaugurated the workshop. He reiterated that education of Taxpayers is key element to achieve National Revenue Targets as it promotes voluntary compliance to tax laws. He added that applying standard procedures throughout the TFCs will go a long way in strengthening of TFCs.

The workshop identified procedural irritants to Taxpayers and enumerated functions for the TFCs/TFDs.



Officers of 96th National Management Course visit FBR Headquarters



Senior bureaucrats undergoing the 96th National Management Course visited FBR headquarters on 24th April, 2012. The 61 officers and 11 faculty member group was led by Rector of National School of Public Policy (NSPP) Mr. Ismail Qureshi.

FBR's then Member (SP&S) Ms. Azra Mujtaba briefed the visiting officers on history, structure, significance and working of FBR. This presentation was followed by an interactive question and answer session.

Rector (NSPP) Mr. Ismail Qureshi thanked the senior officers of FBR for providing this opportunity for exchange of ideas, suggesting that this be a continuous process. He added that we should continue



working with zeal and to keep on contributing towards nation building. The Rector Mr. Ismail Qureshi presented a commemorative shield to FBR which was received by Member (IR).



On 15th November 2012, another group of senior bureaucrats undergoing the 97th National Management Course also visited FBR headquarters. The group of officers and faculty members of National School of Public Policy (NSPP) was led by Rector Mr. Ismail Qureshi.

FBR's Senior Member Mr. Asrar Raouf briefed the visiting officers about FBR with the help of a

presentation. He talked in details about the role of FBR and the major initiatives undertaken by the Board for enhanced revenue generation and collection. The presentation was followed by an interactive Q&A session.

Rector (NSPP) Mr. Ismail Qureshi thanked the FBR's for providing an occasion for exchange of ideas. He appreciated the new wing added to FBR Headquarters since his last visit.



Probationary officers of 39th Specialized Training Program of IRS visit FBR Headquarters

The officers of 39th STP under training at Directorate General of Training & Research (Inland Revenue), Lahore visited FBR Head Quarters on 18th December 2012. The batch comprised (37) officers and (02) faculty members.

Officers of HRM Wing, FBR welcomed the group. Mrs. Raana Seerat, Member (HRM) and Syed Ijaz Hussain Shah, Member (Inland Revenue) Operations also spoke to the officers of the 39th STP and shared their experiences.

Muhammad Masood Ahmad, Secretary (HRM-II) gave a presentation on the role and functions of the HRM Wing and tax reforms in the FBR. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Chief (Inland Revenue) Policy gave a presentation on the functions of Inland Revenue Wing. It was followed by a question answer session.



The officers also visited the new Audio-Video conferencing facility at FBR. The officers later had lunch with Mr. Asrar Raouf, Sr. Member (Inland Revenue) Policy.

An exchange of souvenirs and a group photograph of visiting officers with the Member (HRM) and her team concluded the visit.



FBR officer completes Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship



Ms Rezwana Siddiqui has completed advanced studies in Public Policy, at Maxwell School of Public Policy, Syracuse University, USA under the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program in 2012.

During the fellowship, Rezwana presented a lecture on Pakistan to South Asia Study Center. She was also a speaker at Peer-to-Peer session on the Educational Front about 'Youth-Capital' of Pakistan, in an Aging World.

This very candid discussion was viewed by the 25 USA diplomats with great interest and keenness.

On May 16th 2012, Rezwana also attended a dialogue with US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as part of Strategic Dialogue with Civil society (SDCS) to underscore the U.S.'s continued commitments in supporting and protecting civil society around the world.

She recalls her experience in these words:

"This proved to be an evolutionary process awakening a 'can-do' attitude in me which is one of the major take-aways from the program".

Rezwana is currently posted as (Secretary Management Reforms & Welfare) at FBR Headquarters.

Members' Messages

Hafiz Muhammad Anees

Member (Enforcement & WHT)

We as a nation are striving to emerge as a prosperous developing nation. However due to certain issues faced by the country we have to work hard to achieve the desired results. In this scenario the responsibility of the FBR becomes much more important to generate the revenue as per Targets even more if possible so that the needs of the country are met and resources so collected be diverted to the development of areas which are essential for development.

Nation is looking after us for better performance, commitment and results as in this era of survival of the fittest we may not lag behind and drive our country towards prosperity, development and self sufficiency.



Mohammad Riaz

Member (Customs)

It is immense pleasure to convey through The ReveNews my appreciation of the Customs officers and staff for surpassing the revenue target for the first quarter of the current financial year by more than 20 per cent. The Customs Administration is expected to keep up the good work and sustain the momentum during the coming months also. Moreover, while keeping the revenue optimization efforts on, taxpayer's facilitation must not be compromised. Continue taking FBR forward on the path of becoming a responsive, progressive, automated and taxpayer friendly organization.



Mustafa Ashraf

Member (TPA)

Audit is an effective instrument of promoting voluntary compliance culture. We are striving to put in place an efficient and professional audit system based on transparent and automated selection process. FBR has also established "Tax Audit Management System" (TAMS), which is constantly reviewed and improved. We urge our field officers to conduct audit in transparent and professional manner with highest standard of integrity. We also request the taxpayers, in the greater national interest, to cooperate with the department for smooth audit process. FBR encourages taxpayers, tax consultants and tax collectors to send periodic feedback to help us improve the overall service delivery.



**A Job
Well
Done**



Mr. Abdul Waheed
Inspector (IR)
Regional Tax Office, Rawalpindi



Mr. Zaki ur Rab
Examining Officer
MCC Exports Customs Karachi



Mr. Muhammad Rehman
Naib Qasid
Dir. General Training & Research, Lahore

FBR commemorates Pakistan Resolution and the Quaid

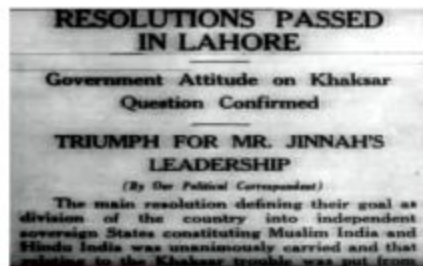
"....No constitutional plan would be workable or acceptable to the Muslims unless geographical contiguous unites are demarcated into regions..."

(Excerpt from the statement of the Lahore Resolution)

The importance of Pakistan Resolution of 1940 in history's annals needs not be reiterated.

That is a part of history.

The single individual whose charismatic and focused personality brought to life this Resolution of 1940 into the 1947 reality of Pakistani nationhood is, as we all know, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the Quaid-e-Azam.



As a tribute to our Quaid, LTU / RTO Islamabad inaugurated the display of a copy of a painting that its a reminder to both Jinnah and the Lahore Resolution. The original (in oils), designed and commissioned by the then Chief of tax reforms Mr. Nadeem Dar, hangs at LTU Lahore. It was also displayed at FBR House for one day. The ReveNews team lauds the effort and hopes to see more such treasures at FBR's offices.

"My message to you all is of hope, courage and confidence. Let us mobilize all our resources in a systematic and organized way and tackle the grave issues that confront us with grim determination and discipline worthy of a great nation".

Quaid-i- Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah (24th Oct, 1947)

"...As my bureaucratic experience increases, my touchstone towards work is Quaid's words of wisdom..."

Aiysha Khalid,
Secretary FBR



Activities of Directorate of Post Clearance Audit

Pakistan Customs PCA team visits Philippines Bureau of Customs

JICA Pakistan took a team of PCA officers to visit the Philippines Bureau of Customs in Manila to study Post Clearance Audit.

Working papers were forwarded to FBR with recommendations. The Board has approved these Recommendations and PCA is to develop its systems.

Visit of World Customs Organization Experts to Directorate of PCA

JICA arranged visit of WCO experts to Pakistan PCA. As a result, in July 2012, two WCO experts, Mr. Shigeaki Katsu and Mr. Koji Yamashita visited Pakistan for a week. During their stay the WCO experts visited PCA offices in Karachi and Islamabad and observed our



auditing system. The WCO experts deeply appreciated Pakistan's post clearance audit system and especially admired development of Central Data Processing Center and Regional Data Processing Centers at PCA. These twin software programs will work to automatically run Risk Management System and spot undetected mistakes during clearances.

Mr Katsu expressed his satisfaction over PCA's modernization, use of banks to confirm transaction histories and the system of standardized valuation rulings to discourage group under- invoicing by businesses. Mr. Koji Yamashita expressed his intention to share with Philippines Bureau of Customs Authorities the PCA Pakistan automation and rationalization of audit techniques.

The experts recommended shifting of transaction based audit to entity based audit in the near future.

The DG Post Clearance Audit, Mr Humayun Khan Sikandari thanked the WCO experts and said that their policy proposals would be soon implemented.



FBR congratulates its officers promoted to grade-22



Malik Abdul Samad
IRS



Shahid Rahim Sheikh
Customs



Ansar Javed
IRS



Munir Qureshi
Customs

Silver Lining

Officers who joined FBR Headquarters since Jan, 2012

Ali Arshad Hakeem	Chairman	11-Jul-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Haroon Muhammad Khan Tareen	Member	17-Oct-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Fiza Muzaffar	Member	17-Aug-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Mustafa Ashraf Tabassum	Member	15-Aug-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Asrar Raouf	Senior Member	09-Aug-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Syed Ijaz Hussain	Member	08-Aug-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Muhammad Riaz	Member	13-Jul-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Muhammad Younas Khan	Member	31-Mar-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Shahid Nasim	Director General	17-Feb-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Nisar Muhammad Khan	Member	18-Oct-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Gholam Kazim Hosein	Director General	10-Aug-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Husnain Ahmad	Member	25-Jul-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Noor Ahmad	Chief	08-May-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Nadeem Dar	Chief	24-Jan-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad
Najeeb ur Rehman Abbassi	Chief	09-Jan-12	FBR (Hq) Islamabad

Gold Watch

Officers who left FBR Headquarters since Jan, 2012

Rifat Shaheen Qazi	Secretary	25-Sep-12	CADD Division, Islamabad
Shahid Hussain Asad	Additional Secretary	19-Dec-12	Ministry of Production, Islamabad
Azra Mujtaba	Additional Secretary	10-Sep-12	Finance Division, Islamabad
Khalid Mahmood	Director General	13-Aug-12	Directorate General of I&I, FBR, Isbd
Mustafa Ashraf Tabassum	Chief Commissioner	21-Dec-12	Regional tax Office-II, Lahore
Aftab Ahmad	Chief Commissioner	16-Feb-12	Regional Tax Office, Sargodha/ Rawalpindi
Mirza Nadeem Munawar Baig	Commissioner	15-Jun-12	Regional Tax Office II, Lahore
Nadir Khan Hoti	Chief Collector	07-May-12	IR (Appeals-IV), Islamabad
Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah Kazmi	Collector	03-Aug-12	Model Customs Collectorate, Peshawar
Muhammad Raza Baqir	Chief Commissioner	07-Aug-12	RTO Lahore / LTU Islamabad
Rozi Khan Burki	Member (Technical)	12-Jan-12	Appellate Tribunal Customs, Peshawar
Fateh Muhammad Shaikh	Director	06-Jun-12	Input Output Coefficient Org, Karachi
Muhammad Nazim Saleem	Director General	07-Dec-12	Dir. Gen. Internal Audit (Customs), Isbd

FBR adds new data-centre and video conferencing facility



Video Conferencing, FBR HQ

FBR inaugurated two new facilities this year: a new state-of-the-art Data-Center and a new Video Conference facility. Both facilities are located at FBR Headquarters and connected to regional offices.

The Data Centre is of a Tier-3 category, the most modern in Public sector. The new FBR Data Centre can operate around the clock, and monitors FBR's IT systems across Pakistan on a 24/7 basis. It allows FBR to host its own e-mail services. FATE Wing has started using its e-mail services for facilitating taxpayers.

It is hoped that these new facilities will improve communications and also reduce tours.

After cutting the tape ex-Chairman FBR talked to different MCCs, LTUs and RTOs across Pakistan and also held a joint video conference with them.

There are 29 video conferencing points at major tax offices across the country. The new facilities will increase the effectiveness of the FBR. If FBR can improve the video-conference facility to make it accessible from office PCs, it will improve work at incredible pace.



New Data Center, FBR HQ

Pictorial





Have you filed your **Annual Income Tax Return?**

Who is to submit Income Tax Returns;



**Registered
Taxpayers**



**Persons with Annual Business
Income of Rs. 3 Lac and others
with Annual Income of Rs. 350,000**



**All Companies with
financial closing before
31st December, 2011**



**Anyone charged to Tax in
Tax Years 2010 or 2011**



**Owners of land 250sq yards or
any sized flat in Cantt/
Municipal/ICT limits**



**Owners of land over
500sq yds (outside Cantt/
Municipal/ICT limits)**



**Flat-owners of 2000sq feet
covered area**



**Commercial or Industrial
Electricity Connection Holders
with annual bill over Rs. 10 Lac**



**Owners of Vehicles
over-1000cc**



**Welfare Institutions or NPO
defined in Section-114
(Income Tax Ordinance)**



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notice to file return**

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To be a modern, progressive, effective, autonomous and credible organization for optimizing revenue by providing quality service and promoting compliance with related tax laws.

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