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To
✓ The Honorable Chief Minister of Sindh
Sindh Secretariat
Karachi, Pakistan

Subject: **Urgent Attention Required on Rising Extortion Threats to Karachi's Business Community**

Respected Chief Minister,

السلام علیکم ورحمۃ وبرکاتہا للہ

I am writing to express deep concern over the alarming resurgence of extortion activities targeting Karachi's business community — a matter that demands your immediate attention and decisive action.

In recent weeks, several leading businessmen and traders of Karachi — the country's primary economic engine — have reported receiving extortion slips, some accompanied by bullets, creating widespread fear and insecurity. The Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has consequently issued a high-alert security advisory to its members and the wider business community, underscoring the gravity of the situation.

This resurgence of the extortion mafia not only endangers lives but also threatens the very stability of Karachi's economy, which contributes significantly to Pakistan's overall financial health. The business community's trust in the government's ability to ensure safety and law enforcement is being severely tested.

As you are aware, Karachi's traders, industrialists, and entrepreneurs already operate under immense economic pressures. Any perception of lawlessness or lack of protection further discourages investment, undermines employment generation, and weakens public confidence in the rule of law.

In this context, I would also like to draw your attention to the Karachi Safe City Project, which, if implemented effectively, could play a transformative role in enhancing surveillance, monitoring criminal movements, and assisting law enforcement agencies through real-time data and facial recognition systems. Unfortunately, despite repeated announcements over the years, the project has not progressed to a level where it can deliver meaningful impact. I strongly urge that the Safe City Project be prioritized and accelerated to cover all major commercial and industrial zones of Karachi as a matter of public safety and economic necessity.



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I urge your office to take the following immediate measures:

1. Constitute a high-level task force comprising senior officers of Sindh Police, Rangers, and intelligence agencies to investigate and curb this wave of extortion threats.
2. Increase patrolling and surveillance in commercial zones, industrial areas, and markets identified as high-risk.
3. Establish a dedicated helpline and rapid response cell for the business community to report extortion attempts confidentially.
4. Coordinate closely with KCCI and traders' associations to ensure community-police cooperation and confidence-building.
5. Ensure prosecution of arrested suspects to demonstrate zero tolerance for such criminal networks.
6. Fast-track the Karachi Safe City Project with transparency, clear timelines, and inter-departmental coordination to strengthen preventive policing.

Sustained, visible, and coordinated action from the provincial government is essential to restore confidence, protect livelihoods, and ensure the continuation of commercial and industrial activities in a secure environment.

As the party having the public mandate of Karachi, Muttahida Qaumi Movement (Pakistan) assures you of its full cooperation in supporting all genuine efforts to protect the lives and livelihoods of Karachi's citizens, to strengthen law enforcement, and to restore a secure and business-friendly environment conducive to trade and investment.

Yours sincerely,
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