

## ایف آئی اے کا تاجروں کو ہراساں کرنا باعث تشویش ہے، جنید ماگڈا

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# KCCI urges FIA not to 'harass' business persons

## Staff Report

**KARACHI:** Business community urged the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) not to harass the businessmen by sending them notices on the name of investigation about properties in Dubai or any other state.

Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) President Junaid Esmail Makda expressed deep concern over the harassment of businessmen by the FIA. He urged the FIA to refrain from such actions. He further demanded that the FIA share details of the accused individuals to KCCI before summoning them or issuing notices to them. "This way, the integrity of those

businessmen who previously declared their assets under the Amnesty scheme or have justifiable reasons for owning property overseas can be preserved," he stated in a letter he wrote to the FIA Director General Bashir Ahmed Memon.

In the letter, KCCI president urged the FIA to share details of the suspects so such cases could be thoroughly reviewed before being undertaken by the FIA. Makda mentioned in his letter that if the businessmen were found guilty, KCCI would not interfere in FIA's investigation process.

President KCCI pointed out that it had been brought to KCCI's notice that many individuals had been receiving FIA notices in which Suo

Moto CP. No. 02/2018 and U/S 5(2) of FIA Act 1974 were cited. He wrote that recipients of such notices were being summoned to the FIA office and were being constantly harassed on charges of owning property in Dubai or elsewhere.

He further mentioned that it was a matter of grave concern that a confidential list of such individuals had been leaked on social media platforms. He wrote that this created embarrassing situations for those businessmen who had already declared their overseas assets under the Amnesty Scheme announced in 2017-18. He reiterated that such actions were completely unacceptable since they went against the policy laid out in the Amnesty Scheme.

KCCI President Junaid Makda hoped that FIA would refrain from issuing such notices and consult with KCCI prior to initiating any legal action against anyone accused of owning properties abroad. He asserted that such actions discouraged many individuals from becoming a part of the tax net. He further wrote that in addition to triggering a trust deficit in the businessmen community, steps being taken by the FIA were keeping individuals from the tax net despite the government's steps to expand the tax net. He further wrote that even if the government offered an attractive amnesty scheme in the future, individuals would still choose to not avail it if such practices continued.

## تاجروں کو ہراساں کرنے پر کراچی چیمبر کا اظہار تشویش

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کے سی سی آئی کے ساتھ تفصیلات کا تبادلہ کر کے اعتماد میں لیا جائے تاکہ اُن افراد کی عزت نفس مجروح نہ ہو جنہوں نے ایمنسٹی ایکسپریس کے تحت اپنے اثاثے ظاہر کیے یا جن کے پاس دہائی یا کسی اور ملک میں جائیداد رکھنے کی مناسب وجہ موجود ہے۔ کے سی سی آئی کے صدر نے ڈی جی ایف آئی اے بشیر احمد مین کو بھیجے گئے خط میں کہا کہ ایف آئی اے کو ملزم کے بارے میں کے سی سی آئی کے ساتھ معلومات کا ضرور تبادلہ کرنا چاہیے تاکہ اس قسم کے کیسز کا مکمل طور پر جائزہ لیا جاسکے۔ اگر کوئی اس کا منکب یا غلط پایا گیا تو کراچی چیمبر ایف آئی اے کی تحقیقات میں مداخلت نہیں کرے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان سے باہر دہائی میں جائیداد رکھنے والوں کی فہرست افشاں ہونے پر تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس سے ایمنسٹی ایکسپریس سے استفادہ کرنے والوں کو شرمندگی کا سامنا ہے۔ اس قسم کی کارروائی ناقابل قبول ہے جو کہ ایکسپریس کے بالکل برخلاف ہے۔ صدر کراچی چیمبر نے امید ظاہر کی کہ ایف آئی اے کوئی بھی نوٹس جاری کرنے سے پہلے اور بیرون ملک جائیداد رکھنے والوں کے خلاف کارروائی سے قبل کے سی سی آئی کے ساتھ مشاورت کرے گی۔

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# KCCI urges FIA to refrain from harassing businessmen

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could be thoroughly reviewed and if the accused is found guilty of any wrongdoing, KCCI would not interfere in FIA investigation.

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property in Dubai or any other State, says a Press release.

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Amnesty Scheme announced in 2017-18. Such an action was unacceptable as it was purely against the policy defined in the scheme.

Junaid Makda hoped that FIA would refrain from issuing such notices and consult with KCCI prior to initiating any legal action against anyone accused of owning properties abroad.

He was of the view that such actions discourage many individuals who prefer to stay away from the tax net even though the government offers any attractive amnesty scheme in future, besides triggering trust deficit.

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دہلی میں جائیداد رکھنے والوں کی خفیہ فہرست کا افشاء ہونا باعث تشویش ہے، جنید ماگڈا

گئے ایک خط میں کہا کہ ایف آئی اے کو ملزم کے بارے میں کے سی سی آئی کے ساتھ معلومات کا ضرور تبادلہ کرنا چاہیے تاکہ اس قسم کے کیسز کا مکمل طور پر جائزہ لیا جاسکے اور اگر کوئی اس کا مرتکب یا غلط پایا گیا تو کے سی سی آئی ایف آئی اے کی تحقیقات میں مداخلت نہیں کرے گا۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ پاکستان سے باہر دہلی میں جائیداد رکھنے والوں کی خفیہ فہرست کا افشاء ہونا باعث تشویش ہے۔ انہوں نے امید ظاہر کی کہ ایف آئی اے کوئی بھی نوٹس جاری کرنے سے پہلے اور بیرون ملک جائیداد رکھنے والوں کے خلاف کارروائی سے پہلے کے سی سی آئی کے ساتھ مشاورت کرے گی۔

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**By Commerce Reporter**

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Junaid Makda hoped that FIA would refrain from issuing such notices and consult with KCCI prior to initiating any legal action against anyone accused of owning properties abroad.

He was of the view that such actions discourage many individuals who prefer to stay away from the tax net even though the government offers any attractive amnesty scheme in future, besides triggering trust deficit.—RT/Agency

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ایف پی سی سی آئی میں قابض گروپ کو نکال باہر کرے، سراج تیلی

فی اداہ 2007 کو دوبارہ بحال کرانے کیلئے حکومت کو قائل کرنے پر توجہ مرکوز رکھیں

اصل روح کے ساتھ عمل درآمد چینی بنانے کے لیے حکومت کو قائل کرنے پر توجہ مرکوز رکھیں جس کی پوری تاجر و صنعتکار برادری نے تائید کی تھی۔ کراچی ٹیمبر آف کارس ایڈوائزری (باقی صفحہ 3 بجہ نمبر 45)

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کر دارا دیا گیا انہوں نے کہا کہ کھلائی ڈسپلن کے ساتھ ساتھ اپنی نفس پر بھی بھرپور توجہ دیں، تیل ازمیں رانا کھال اسٹیزیم بلدیہ ٹاؤن کے سبزہ زار پر نورمانٹ کا قائل خیر مسلم اور آزادالیون کے درمیان کھلا گیا جسے ایک سنسنی خیز مقابلے کے بعد خیر مسلم نے ایک گول سے جیت کر قاع آفرینی اپنے شوکیس کی زینت بنائی وقت تک دونوں ٹیمیں بغیر کسی گول کے برابر تھیں وقت کے بعد دونوں ٹیموں نے برتری حاصل کرنے کے لئے سخت جدوجہد کی 42 ویں منٹ میں خیر مسلم کے جلال خان، جان محمد اور اسامیل کے درمیان ایک خوبصورت مومنٹ بنا جس میں جلال خان نے گیند کو چال کے حوالے کر کے ایشیم کو ایک گول کی برتری دلادی کھیل کے مقررہ وقت تک مزید کوئی گول اسکور نہ ہو سکا بعد ازاں مہمان خصوصی ڈائریکٹر اسپورٹس شہزاد پرویز نے ایڈمنسٹریٹو سندھ اسپورٹس بورڈ انچیم حسین زیدی انجینئر ابراہیم بلوچ، سیکریٹری ڈی ایف اے سندھ رحیم بخش اور صدر ڈی ایف اے طیر فتح محمد بلوچ کے ہمراہ کھلاڑیوں میں ٹرائف اور نقد انعامات تقسیم کئے، قائل کو سلیم فیض، محمد علی شاہ کا عدنان خان نے پرواز کیا جبکہ کچھ کھشہ کے فرائض اقبال منہاس نے انجام دیے۔

# Non-filers restricted from buying property, heavy cars

Finance Supplementary (Amendment) Bill, 2018 passed by 158 to 120 votes with retrospective effect; Asad Umar issues warning to non-filers; subsidy for import of urea, plants run on LNG

By Muhammad Anis

ISLAMABAD: The federal government announced restrictions on the purchase of property and vehicles by non-filers while exempting the overseas Pakistanis from acquisition of inherited property and purchasing vehicles with engine capacity less than 200CC.

Winding up debate on the supplementary budget passed by the National Assembly (NA) on Wednesday, Finance Minister Asad Umar said the government had decided to withdraw the relaxation given to the non-filers to purchase property and vehicles as announced in his budget speech earlier. The minister said a fine would be imposed if a property or vehicle is purchased by a non-filer in vio-

lation of Clause 4 (a) and 4 (b) of Section 227C.

The House, while passing the Finance Supplementary (Amendment) Bill, 2018, accepted the amendments moved by the finance minister and rejected the opposition's amendments. The revised Finance Bill was passed by 158 to 120 votes. The Finance Bill was put to voting on the demand of the opposition, which observed that voice of 'No' was louder than 'Yes'. According to an amendment in Clause 3 of the Finance Supplementary Bill, the government decided to reduce the regulatory duty from 30% to 10% on imports and local supplies of imported LPG.

According to an insertion in Clause 4 of the Finance Supplementary (Amendment) Bill,

where any manufacturer of a motor vehicle accepts or processes any application for booking or purchase of a locally manufactured vehicle from a non-filer, a fine of 5% of the value of vehicle would be paid by such person. And in case of imported vehicle, the fine would be 3% of the total value of the vehicle. In case of immovable property, the non-filer would have to pay penalty of 3% of value of the property to the authority responsible for registering, recording or attesting the transfer of such property.

While winding up the debate on the supplementary budget, the finance minister opposed the amendments of the

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opposition members and the recommendations from the Senate that the supplementary budget should not have a retrospective effect from July 01, 2018. "The Finance Supplementary (Amendment) Bill has retrospective effect as the fiscal year starts from July 01," he said.

Asad Umar told the House that the government has decided to go after non-filers and in this connection, a campaign was started from Tuesday with notices to 169 big non-filers, adding the number would reach in thousands in coming days. He appealed to the non-filers to start filing tax returns as the date for this purpose was extended. He said the prime minister has already promised that tax received from taxpayers would be spent on people. "If you are not still ready to pay taxes, the incumbent government is not so weak that it cannot get the money recovered from you," the finance minister warned the non-filers.

He said as far the bank accounts information is concerned, the banks have been directed to furnish information about withholding tax, which they had collected from transactions. The minister while talking about Rs6 to Rs7 billion subsidy on fertilizers said the subsidy would be given in case of import of urea and for plants being run on LNG. About the attitude of opposition in the National Assembly, the minister said those critical of PTI government's commitment to run the country on the pattern of Madina, should remember that there was justice in that state and even the Caliph was accountable to the masses.

According to amendments in the Finance Supplementary (Amendment) bill, 2018 presented by the finance minister, motorcycles having engine capacity of less than 200cc, motorcycle rickshaws, auricular tractor or any other motor vehicle having engine capacity of less than 200cc, a legal heir ac-

quiring inherited property and persons holding a national identity card for overseas Pakistanis, would be exempted from the restrictions imposed on the non-filers. However, the overseas Pakistanis would have to produce a certificate from the scheduled bank for receipt of foreign exchange remitted from outside Pakistan through normal banking channels during a period of 60 days prior to the date of registering or transferring a property or date of booking or purchase of the motor vehicle.

Taking exception to criticism of the opposition members, the finance minister questioned as to why they (opposition) criticise the PTI government for not fulfilling promises in 40 days when they could not do the same in 40 years. He pointed out that during the last one year, the circular debt has increased by Rs453 billion, which has now surged to Rs 1,200 billion. "There is deficit of Rs154 billion in gas sector and the IPPs are refusing to generate electricity," he said. He regretted that in the past, transmission lines of electricity were not provided in the less developed and far-flung areas. "It was said that the residents of the KP and Balochistan were not given electricity because they do not pay the bills," he said. The minister said the exemption from payment of tax for Fata and Pata would continue for five years.

Referring to criticism from Opposition Leader Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, the finance minister said he was using the phrase mentioning cat because the tiger has been reduced to a cat.

He said the opposition leader was wrongly shifting all the blame of little use of the Public Sector Development Programme to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). He said the ECP had imposed restrictions on announcement of new development schemes once the schedule of the general elections was announced.





# PKR under pressure amid regional currency turmoil

ISLAMABAD: Emerging markets currency turmoil and higher oil prices are putting increasing pressure on State Bank of Pakistan to devalue the rupee for a fifth time in a year, analysts said on Wednesday.

The rupee is down 20 percent since December as dwindling foreign currency reserves paired with a widening current account deficit prompted successive devaluations by the State Bank of Pakistan.

On Wednesday, the rupee closed at 124.2 per US dollar in the official interbank rate and 127.50 on the open market.

Any significant difference between the rates encourages transactions outside the formal banking system.

The central bank aggressively hiked its policy interest rates by 100 basis points to 8.5 percent last week, but that won't be enough to prevent another depreciation, research agency

Fitch Solutions said in an investors note. "We remain bearish on the Pakistani rupee as the currency is likely to remain under depreciatory pressures with weaker external finances," it said. Pakistan's economy has been wobbly for months, triggering speculation that Prime Minister Imran Khan's new government may request the country's 13th International Monetary Fund (IMF) bailout since late 1980s, though the administration calls that a last resort. The foreign reserves were down to \$9 billion in the week ending Sept. 19, only State Bank's about two months' worth of imports and down some \$300 million from the previous week, according to official statistics. Now, rising oil prices are draining foreign reserves in emerging markets dependent on imported petroleum. Pakistan's neighbour India saw its currency fall to a record low of 73.40

rupees per dollar this week.

The external pressure has ramped up pressure on Pakistan's thinly traded rupee, widely considered to be under a managed float.

It's unlikely the central bank can defend the rupee at current levels for much longer, said Saad Hashemey, research director for Pakistani brokerage Topline Securities.

"Given the foreign exchange reserves in the state bank, I don't think the state bank has the fire power to bring the rate down," he said. He added he expects "a slight devaluation at this point, and then eventually a 135-140 level in the next eight to 12 months". Khan's new government has been seeking alternatives to going back to the IMF, but so far visits by Chinese and Saudi delegations have not yielded any new bridge loans or deferred-payment deals on oil.

—Reuters

# Nepra notifies Rs1.16 raise in power tariffs for Discos

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has notified Rs 1.1635 per unit increase in electricity tariffs for Discos except lifeline consumers for August 2018 under monthly Fuel Component Adjustment (FCA).

According to the determination, the Authority has gone through the information provided by CPPA-G seeking monthly fuel adjustment and due diligence has been done accordingly. From perusal of the information provided by CPPA-G, the actual pool fuel cost for August 2018 was Rs 6.2483/kWh, against the reference fuel cost component of Rs 4.7752/kWh as indicated in the Authority's determination pertaining to the Discos for FY 2015-16.

The actual fuel charges for August 2018, as reported by CPPA-G, increased by Rs 1.4931/kWh as compared to the reference fuel charges. As per data submitted by CPPA-G the Discos purchased 57.99 GWh from small and captive power plants during August 2018. CPPA-G claimed Rs 397.22 million fuel cost of this energy which was slightly higher than Nepra working of Rs 397.09 million.

Accordingly, for the purpose

of instant adjustment of August 2018, cost of Rs.397.02 million has been considered. CPPA-G claimed adjustment of Rs 2.073 billion for QATPL (Bhikki), owing to difference in the actual rates approved by the Authority and the rates claimed by CPPA-G from March 2017 till June 2018.

CPPA-G also submitted its working in this regard, however, based on the information submitted by CPPA-G, an amount of Rs 594 million could be verified which has been included in the FCA of August 2018. CPPA-G also included Rs.2.142 billion for JPCL owing to determination of FCC on RLNG by the Authority however the actual claim works out as Rs 1.380 billion. Out of the claimed amount of Rs 1.380 billion, an amount of Rs 631 million has been verified, which was allowed in FCA of August 2018. The remaining amount is under verification by Nepra's technical section and once verified, the Authority may consider allowing the same in subsequent monthly FCA.

CPPA-G further requested an amount of Rs.354 million for Port Qasim Power Plant along with its working.

This has been verified as Rs 349 million, which is hereby

allowed in the FCA of August 2018. CPPA-G has also claimed Rs 622 million for Haveli Bahadur Shah along with its working from May 2017 till June 2018.

However, based on the information submitted by CPPA-G, an amount of Rs.210 million could be verified.

Accordingly, the amount of Rs 210 million has been included in the FCA of August 2018. CPPA-G also claimed adjustment of Rs 1.087 billion for Balloki, owing to difference in the actual rates approved by the Authority and the rates claimed by CPPA-G from July 2017 till June 2018.

CPPA-G submitted its working in this regard. However, based on the information submitted by CPPA-G, an amount of Rs.381 million could be verified, which has been allowed in the FCA of August 2018.

CPPA-G in its claim included an amount of around Rs 706 million along-with additional energy of 85.77 GWh pertaining to the months of July 2017 and February 2018.

The Authority noted that CPPA-G in its monthly FCA data for July 2017 and February 2018 submitted earlier did not report this energy and its cost from Balloki Power plant. The Authority therefore

directs CPPA-G to explain the reasons for not reporting this energy and its corresponding cost in the referred months.

CPPA-G reported NTDC transmission losses of 374.80 GWh i.e. 2.67% during August 2018 on overall generation of 14,017 GWh including energy generated and delivered at 132kV level directly to Discos. However, NTDC, through its metering data, reported T&T losses of 368 GWh i.e. 2.98% during August 2018 based on energy of 12,337 GWh transmitted through NTDC network at 500kV and 220kV level. As per the determination of NTDC, for the FY 2015-16 & FY 2016-17 of April 11, 2017 and notified on August 27, 2018 the Authority has determined annual losses target of 2.80% for NTDC for its 500 KV and 220 KV network only. The losses reported by NTDC for August 2018 are 2.98% based on the energy delivered through NTDC system, which results in cumulative losses of NTDC from July 2018 to August 2018 as 2.98% based on allowed losses from July 2018 to August

2018, which are higher than the allowed threshold of 2.80%.

Accordingly, for working out FCA for August 2018, losses of 2.80% were used to calculate FCA of August 2018.

The Authority also in its previous FCA decisions had been directing CPPA-G to provide the monthly FCA data on a specified format in addition to the format on which CPPA-G is currently submitting its FCA requests. However, this has not been provided with currently monthly FCA data.

The Authority took serious notice of this non-compliance by CPPA-G and again directed CPPA-G to submit the monthly FCA data in a specified format in addition to the format on which CPPA-G is currently submitting its FCA requests.

Nepra, after incorporating the adjustments, reviewed and assessed an increase of Rs 1.1635/kWh in the applicable tariff for Discos on account of variations in the fuel charges for the month of August 2018.—**MUSHTAQ GHUMMAN**

# Tax experts doubt FBR's capacity of taxing 169 'big fish'

HAMID WALEED

LAHORE: Tax experts doubt the capacity of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) in taxing 169 'big fish', saying that the spirit of doing so will die down soon after passing through a string of legal pre-requisites.

While defending the government's amended finance bill on Wednesday, Finance Minister Asad Umar announced that the action has begun against those 'big personalities' who have still not bothered to become tax filers. "As many as 169 such people have been issued notices," he said. "No one should think that they will escape unscathed. This state is not so weak that it cannot catch you. Those who have conservable funds in banks, their details will be obtained," he added.

Tax practitioners wondered as to how the government can bring in more people into the tax net when it has miserably failed to issue notices to the National Tax Number (NTN) holders who are not filing their returns for years. They blamed the automated tax system for

the failure, saying that the data operators are non-technical staff with no clue as where the job should start from. Prior to automation, they added, the manual record was well-maintained the record keepers and the concerned units had exact idea of return filers and their assessments. Meanwhile, a separate file was maintained under the title of 'miscellaneous' carrying order sheets and other relevant documents of a taxpayer. However, a hotchpotch centralization of the data has played havoc with the system, which has not been overcome till date. The FBR was fully automated in 2005 during the regime of President Pervez Musharraf.

Similarly, they pointed out that any easy access to the centralized data has opened up another window of corruption for black sheep of the Board, who threaten taxpayers of issuing notice, a trick that works and taxpayer grease the palm to avoid a notice.

Commenting on issuance of notices to 169 rich non-filers, they said the objective of amplifying this information is

to play to the gallery and no tangible effect is likely to take place on ground. As a matter of fact, only the average taxpayers and industries file their returns regularly, otherwise the FBR collects over 70 percent of its revenue through indirect taxes.

Meanwhile, tax practitioners have also criticized the government's retreat on its earlier announcement of letting non-filers to purchase cars and properties. The Finance Minister, during his speech, has also announced that the restriction on non-filers on the purchase of cars and land is being reinstated. The only exemption would be extended to the Overseas Pakistanis, buyers of motorcycles and rickshaws within 200cc engine capacity, and widows only to the extent of inherited properties.

They said anyone purchasing a car worth Rs2 million is charged with a tax of Rs 300,000 and the government should immediately charge it on any purchase until the buyer proves that he is a filer of tax return.

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## آئیڈیاز 2018 عالمی برادری سے تعلقات مستحکم کریگی، مراد علی شاہ

وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس میں دفاعی نمائش کی تیسری اسٹیئرنگ کمیٹی کی میٹنگ، تیاریوں کا جائزہ

جائزہ لے کر انہیں مزید تیز تر کرنا تھا۔ اجلاس میں حکومتی نمائندوں کی جانب سے صوبائی وزراء، سعید غنی، سید سردار شاہ، چیف سیکریٹری، مرتضیٰ وہاب، میئر کراچی، ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی اور متعلقہ صوبائی سیکریٹریز شریک ہوئے۔ آئیڈیاز 2018 سے متعلق شہر میں سڑکوں کی مرمت، صفائی ستھرائی اور خوبصورتی کیلئے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے خصوصی احکامات جاری کئے اور تیسری اسٹیئرنگ کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں انتظامات کی منظوری دی۔ اجلاس میں وفاقی وزارتوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے نمائندگان، حکومت سندھ کے افسران، مسلح افواج، امن و امان قائم کرنے والے ادارے اور پرنٹ اور الیکٹرانک میڈیا سے تعلق رکھنے والے افراد نے شرکت کی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے وزیر اعلیٰ مراد علی شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ دفاعی ساز و سامان کی عالمی نمائش آئیڈیاز 2018 کے انعقاد سے پاکستان کے تعلقات عالمی برادری سے مستحکم ہوں گے اور عالمی امن، استحکام اور توازن کو فروغ ملے گا۔ انہوں نے ان خیالات کا اظہار 10 ویں عالمی دفاعی نمائش آئیڈیاز 2018 کی تیسری اسٹیئرنگ کمیٹی میٹنگ کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کیا جو وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس میں منعقد ہوئی۔ ڈیفنس ایکسپورٹ پرموشن آرگنائزیشن کے تحت آئیڈیاز 2018 کا انعقاد 27 نومبر سے 30 نومبر تک کراچی ایکسپو سینٹر میں کیا جائے گا۔ تیسری اسٹیئرنگ کمیٹی میٹنگ کے اجلاس میں نمائش کے حوالے سے جاری تیاریوں کا