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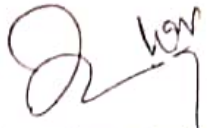
Karachi, dated 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

To

1. The Commissioner in Sindh (All).
2. The Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi Range
3. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Sindh (All).
4. The Deputy Commissioners in Sindh (All).
5. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sindh (All).

SUBJECT: SOPs / ZABITA-E-IKHLAQ FOR SAFE CONDUCT OF EID-MILAD-UN-NABI DURING COVID-19

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that the SOPs / Zabita-E-Ikhlaq for safe conduct of Eid-Milad-Un-Nabi communicated by NCOC vide their letter No.801/A/NCOC-01 dated 15.10.2020 (copy attached) is forwarded for necessary action and implementation.

 29/10/2020

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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Director General Rangers Sindh, Karachi.
2. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi
3. The Additional Inspector General of Police, Hyderabad/Sukkur Range
4. The DS (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi
5. The DS (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi
6. The PSO to ACS (home), Sindh, Karachi

SOPs / ZABITA-E-AKHLAQ - EID MILAD-UN-NABI (PBUH)General

1. Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) is celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> of Islamic month of Rabi-ul-Awal every year to mark birth anniversary of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). It is celebrated across the country by masses from every walk of life. The celebrations start from 1<sup>st</sup> Rabi-ul-Awal and last till 12 Rabi-ul-Awal. Mehfil-e-Milad, Serat Conferences and Processions are organized particularly on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Rabi-ul-Awal with healthy participations of masses.
2. Though Pakistan has controlled positivity; however celebrations of Eid Milad-Un-Nabi (PBUH) involving mass participation by public under COVID environment is a challenge per se which has potential to substantially increase the positivity at National level. Following SOPs / guidelines are to be followed for safe conduct of Rabi Ul Awal celebrations: -

SOPs / Zabita-e-Akhlaq3. Mehfil-e-Milad and Serat Conferences

- a. Venue for conduct should be open and spacious with proper ventilation arrangements.
- b. Social distancing of maintaining 6 feet is mandatory; as already done in mosques.
- c. Thermal scanning of all individuals at entry points.
- d. Wearing of masks be made mandatory for all throughout the sessions, availability of masks and sanitizers / hand washing arrangements at entrance be ensured by organizing committees / event organizers.
- e. COVID Negative test of Ulemas and Naat Khawan is mandatory to prevent disease spread. Health desks be established to help segregate symptomatic individuals; those with signs of cough, flue / fever must not be permitted to enter.
- f. Capacity of the venues be ascertained according to social distancing protocols and number of participants exceeding the established capacity may not be permitted.
- g. Strictly regulating the entry and exit (avoiding overcrowding at the time of arrival and dispersal) from venue.
- h. Mehfil-e-Milad and Serat sessions where SOPs cannot be effectively implemented such as homes and private gatherings should be discouraged.
- i. Elderly above 65, children, co-morbid and relatives of index person (IPs) may be sensitized to attend serat conferences / Milad etc through live streaming / SMN.

- j. **Lengthy activity be avoided;** timings must be strictly adhered to.
- k. **Food if any only be distributed in parcels** (availability of disposable utensils).
- l. **Miscellaneous Aspects**
  - (1) **Cleaning/ washing** of floor before and after the sessions including disinfection of commonly touched surfaces.
  - (2) **Display of COVID SOPs** and precautions at prominent places (both in English and Urdu).
  - (3) **Intimate coordination between event organizers, administration and LEAs.**

#### 4. **Rabi-ul-Awal Procession**

- a. **Traditional procession** be allowed only, while adhering to proper COVID protocols.
- b. **Focus on essential activity only** - avoidance of prolonged activities / extended procession duration.
- c. **Use of masks mandatory for all participants;** participation without masks will not to be permitted.
- d. Possible maintaining of **social distance** during procession through **innovative means.**
- e. **Availability / use of sanitizers at multiple spots** during procession.
- f. **Elderly above 65, children, co-morbid and relatives of IPs** may be sensitized to stay at home.
- g. **Number of participants be kept reasonable** and procession timings should be curtailed / reduced.
- h. **The movement of one Procession to another one** and the accumulation of the procession is one of the factors that is highly effective in corona transfer and **should be avoided.**

#### **Areas of Focus**

- 5. Some of the aspects meriting necessary actions at Federal level and by Federating Units include are: -
  - a. **Messaging by religious clerics** for uniform implementation of SOPs / guidelines proposed by NCOC.
  - b. **Apt media campaign** for awareness of masses for safe Eid Milad-Un-Nabi (PBUH).
  - c. **Requisite measures against traditional security threats** to guard against terrorist activities.
  - d. **Strict enforcement of SOPs** by civil administration.
  - e. **Monitoring firebrand Speakers** and restricting their movement, if required.

