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Chief Minister Punjab,
Lahore.

Sub: Obstruction of Public Road as Private Parking Space in Johar Town, Lahore.

Transparency International Pakistan would like to bring to your notice a complaint that has been filed by a citizen at TI Pakistan's Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC). The detailed complaint is enclosed for your ready reference and is self-explanatory.

The complainant has alleged that a section of public road has been illegally blocked by a resident (M. Arshad, retired Sub-Inspector Police) for usage as his private parking space. Complainant filed a complaint with Chief Minister's Complaint Cell which was then forwarded to DG LDA. Thereafter, LDA took the necessary action on September 3, 2019 and removed the illegal gate structure blocking public access to the road. However, as per the complainant, the resident (M. Arshad) has again blocked the road with benches, pots etc blocking the access to public road and also threatening the residents with serious consequences in case a complaint is filed or anyone tried to use that portion of the road.

A complaint was filed again by the residents with Police Helpline 15 on September 5, 2019 however, as per the complainant, the police unit visited the site, had a tea with Mr. M. Arshad and took no legal action. In the above circumstances, the residents of G-4 Block, Johar Town, have placed a request with TI Pakistan to highlight this matter to restore public access to the road and also provide safety to residents of this area.

Transparency International Pakistan would request you to look into this matter on a priority basis and if the allegations are found true, pertinent action should be taken on this matter so that no public place is encroached upon by any powerful person and no citizen's life is threatened as per **Article 9 (Security of Person)** and **Article 15 (Freedom of Movement)** in the constitution of Pakistan.

TI Pakistan is striving for the Rule of Law in Pakistan, which is the only way of eliminating corruption and have good governance in the country.

Dr. Justice (R) Ghous Muhammad
Trustee
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Copies forwarded for the information with respect to take action under their mandate to:

1. The Chairman, Lahore Development Authority, Lahore
2. Inspector General of Police Punjab Office, Lahore
3. Registrar Lahore High Court, Lahore