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Ghulam Qadir Thebo,
Chairman,
Enquiries and Anti-Corruption,
Government of Sindh,
Karachi.

Sub: Allegation of Illegal conversion/tempering of records by Land Mafia on many of
1061 Heritage buildings in Karachi protected under the provincial,
Sindh Cultural Heritage (Protection) Act 1994.

Dear Sir,

Transparency International Pakistan has received a complaint on the of Illegal Construction of Apartment Building/shops on many of the 1061 Heritage buildings in Karachi protected under the provincial, Sindh Cultural Heritage (Protection) Act 1994.

The complainant has informed that:

1. Builder Mafia, under the protection of unseen Godfather of Sindh, in collusion with Sindh Heritage Department, BOR, Ministers, SBCA and lawyers have made fool of everyone and are illegally constructing new Buildings on protected building and selling hundreds of thousands units to public.
2. As per Sindh Cultural Heritage (Protection) Act 1994, in no case new construction is allowed on protected sites, which are about 1061 according to 2011 notification, in Karachi.
3. But famous builders/businessmen have fraudulently found a system to circumvent Sindh Cultural Heritage (Protection) Act 1994, most of the time by forging documents make commercial projects on protected building sites. Few such illegal projects are quoted below;

Note: The property identity has also been changed by illegal subdivisions of properties. .

- a. Heritage Property No 4 Survey Sheet No RB-7 at M.A. Jinnah Road, Karachi.
- b. Heritage Building Plot no-20, RB-6, Ram Bagh Quarters Saddar town zone-2, G+5+Shops
- c. Heritage Plot no-16, MR Sheet no-3, market Quarters ,
- d. Plot no-45, BR Sheet no4, Bunder Quartets Saddar town-1,
- e. Heritage Plot no-4, & Plot no 5, Sheet no BR-2 Bander Quarters
- f. Plot no-44, BR Sheet no-4, Heritage Building
- g. Heritage Building Plot no-21, RC Sheet no-2,
- h. Heritage Plot no 145 146 147 MR-1



- i. Heritage Plot no 143 MR-1
- j. Heritage Building Plot no-19, MR-1,
- k. Heritage Building Plot no 3/A, SR -11,
- l. Heritage Building Plot no-13,MR Sheet no-2,Saddar town zone-1.
- m. Heritage Building Plot no-20, RB-6, Ram Bagh Quarters Saddar town zone-2.

Transparency International Pakistan has examined the complaint. It has also noted such illegal act in the most recent case of Jufelhurst School which was established in 1931 by Sybil D'Abero who had also built her 500-yard residence within the school boundary, and the building was also declared a heritage site by the Sindh Culture Department.

Another such illegal exemptions/ deletion is the case of Protected Hotel Metropole, in which a state agency is beneficiary.

On 14 February 2016, the than Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Nasirul Mulk, took Suo Moto Notice on a story published in the press saying that Ladies Club in Larkana loses portion to land mafia. The building was built in 1934 and hence is protected under Sindh Heritage laws, and ordered to file SMC Case.

The Chairman, Enquiries and Anti-Corruption is requested to look into this complaint and allegations. And if the allegations are found correct, to take notice of this alleged illegal act of corruption of building a commercial project on heritage sites, against those who are held responsible for 'Corruption and corrupt practices'.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption.

Regards,


Sohail Muzaffar
Chairman

Copy forwarded for necessary action as per rules to,

1. Secretary to the Prime Minister , Islamabad.
2. Chief Justice Sindh High Court, Karachi,
3. Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.