



**IMMEDIATE**

**GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA  
HOME & TRIBAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

No.SO (Security-II)/HD/1-2/HD/2023

Dated Peshawar the 31.07.2023

Phone No. 091-9210078, Fax No.091-9210201

To

The Provincial Police Officer,  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
Peshawar

Subject: **PUBLIC SAFETY-REGULATION OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND  
GATHERINGS (POLITICAL AND OTHERWISE)**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that in wake of current law & order situation all the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners have been directed to ensure "Public Safety" in all processions and gatherings (Political and Otherwise) vide this department letter No. SO (Security-II)/HD/2022 dated 30.07.2023 (copy enclosed).

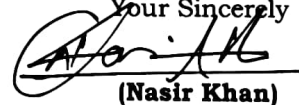
2. It is pertinent to mention that there is also provision in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Act, 2017 regarding maintenance of public order or preventing public nuisance. According to Section-84 of the act abide;

- (1) The head of District Police or Assistant or Deputy Superintendent of Police may as occasion require, direct the conduct of assemblies and processions on public road or in public streets or thoroughfares and prescribe the routes by which and the times at which, such processions may pass.
- (2) He may also, on being satisfied that it is intended by any persons or class of persons to convene or collect any assembly in any such road, street or thoroughfare, or to form a procession which would, in his judgment, if uncontrolled, be likely to cause a breach of the peace, require by general or special notice that the persons convening or collecting such assembly or directing or promoting such processions shall apply for a license.
- (3) On such application being made, he may issue a license specifying the names of the licensees and defining the conditions on which alone such assembly or such procession is to be permitted to take place and otherwise giving effect to this section:  
Provided that no fee shall be charged on the application for, or grant of any such license.

In view of the above, It is therefore, requested to kindly directed RPOs/DPOs to ensure security measures for maintenance of public order as per law, in their areas of responsibility, please.

**Encl: As Above**

Your Sincerely

  
(Nasir Khan)

Section Officer (Security-II)

31/7/23

**Endst No. even date**

**Copy forwarded to the: -**

1. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
2. All Divisional Commissioners/Deputy Commissioners Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
3. PSO to Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
4. PS to Secretary Home Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

  
Section Officer (Security-II)



**MOST IMMEDIATE BY FAX  
GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA  
HOME & TRIBAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

No. NO.SO (Security-II)/HD/2022  
Dated Peshawar the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023

To

1. All Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
2. All Deputy Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Subject: **PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATION OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND GATHERINGS (POLITICAL AND OTHERWISE)**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above noted subject and to state that in the current situation it is of extreme importance that to ensure "public safety", all processions and gatherings (political or otherwise) are strictly regulated with stringent security measures set in place, or otherwise not allowed.

2. In this regard it is essential that the provisions of Section-14 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Administration (Public Service Delivery & Good Governance) Act, 2020 are implemented in letter and spirit.

**Section 14:**

***"Public processions.----- Any public meeting, procession, assembly or gathering in public park, stadium, road, public pathway, hall or as the case may be, for any purpose, shall not take place in a District without prior permission from the Deputy Commissioner who upon receipt of an application from the organizers, may forward it to police, and other relevant Public Agencies for opinion, and after making such enquiry as may be necessary, approve or regret the grant of permission to hold such public procession or gathering:***

***Provided that while granting permission to hold such public gathering, the Deputy Commissioner may set certain conditions to be observed by the Organizers or may requisition the assistance and resources from a Public Agency for smooth and safe conduct of such public gathering."***

3. You are therefore, accordingly, directed to:

- (i) immediately take action & implement provisions of the above Section.
- (ii) Frame local SOPs in consultation with Police and other relevant public agencies and stakeholders.
- (iii) Inform and communicate these provisions & resultant procedures/SOPs to responsible office-holders of all political parties and other groups.

Yours faithfully,

f. Section Officer (Security-II)

Copy forwarded for information to:

1. The Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

2. The Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
3. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
4. All Regional Police Officers & DPOs of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
5. The PSO to Secretary Interior, Islamabad
6. HQ 11 Corps Peshawar

  
Section Officer (Security-II)

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