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Lieutenant Colonel for Inspector General, Headquarters Frontier Corps (South) Balochistan, Balochistan.

Subject: Violation of PPRA Rules 2004, Lieutenant Colonel for Inspector General Frontier

Corps (South) Balochistan, Headquarters Frontier Corps (South) Balochistan's Tender Notice

for Purchase of Items.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in daily 'Express' newspaper on 30th January, 2024. The said advertisement is in violation of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Rules 2004, Rule 28 'Opening of Bids'.

In the said tender notice, the date of receiving of tenders in on 14.02.24 while the date for opening of tenders is on 15.02.24. As per PPRA 2004, Rule No. 28, the opening and the closing of bids should be on the same day. Hence, it is a violation PPRA Rule No 28.

The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

28. Opening of bids.- (1) The date for opening of bids and the last date for the submission of bids shall be the same. Bids shall be opened at the time specified in the bidding documents. The bids shall be opened at least thirty minutes after the deadline for submission of bids.

Lieutenant Colonel for Inspector General Frontier Corps (South), Balochistan is requested to rectify the violation and issue corrigendum in accordance with PPRA 2004 to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 50.

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

Regards,

Advocate Danival Muzaffar,

Trustee/Legal Advisor

Transparency International Pakistan

Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Chairman, Prime Minister Inspection Commission, PMIC, Islamabad.

2. Managing Director, PPRA, Islamabad.



Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

"What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution"

