

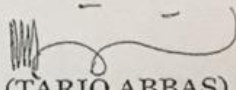


Election Commission Secretariat
Gilgit-Baltistan

No. ELC-1(1)/GBE/2020
Gilgit, dated the 21st July, 2020

SUB: CIRCULAR

I am directed to enclose herewith Circular bearing No. ELC-1(1)/GBE/2020 dated 21st July 2020 regarding ban on wall chalking, affixing of posters, banners, panaflexes, hoardings, and use of loudspeaker for canvassing, and hoisting of party flags in public buildings or any other public property for strict compliance and implementation, please.


(TARIQ ABBAS)
Election Officer
Gilgit-Baltistan

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13. The Returning Officer of all 24 constituencies.
14. The Director Press Information Department, Gilgit.
15. The Station Director, PBS, Gilgit/Skardu.
16. All provincial heads of Political Parties Gilgit-Baltistan. _____
17. PS to the Hon'able Chief Election Commissioner, Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit.

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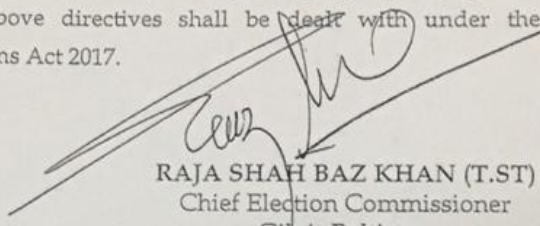
It is generally observed that as the Election draws closer, political workers belonging to different parties engage themselves in a frenzied wall chalking drives as part of their Election campaign. This not only spoils the beauty of public buildings and projects; a wrong image of the province but it is also a clear cut violation of Section 180 (3) of Election Act 2017. The said provision is reproduced as under:-

"180. Regulation of publicity. –

- (1) No political party shall run a publicity campaign in print and electronic media at the cost of public exchequer.
- (2) The Commission shall determine the size of posters, handbills and pamphlets, which the candidates or political parties may use for canvassing for an election.
- (3) No person or a political party shall –
 - (a) Affix or distribute posters, handbills, pamphlets, banners or portraits larger than the sizes prescribed by the Commission;
 - (b) Print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, any poster, handbill or pamphlet which does not bear on its face the names and addresses of the printer and the publisher;
 - (c) Affix hoardings or panaflexes of any size;
 - (d) Hoist party flag at any public building or any other public property;
 - (e) Do wall chalking for the purpose of canvassing for an election; and

(f) Use loudspeaker for canvassing except at election meetings."

In the light of above quoted provision of law, and in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 8 of the Election Act 2017, I Raja Shah Baz Khan (T.St), Chief Election Commissioner Gilgit-Baltistan do hereby impose complete ban on wall chalking, affixing of posters, banners, panaflexes, hoardings, and use of loudspeaker for canvassing, and hoisting of party flags in public buildings or any other public property. Any person found violating the above directives shall be dealt with under the provisions of the Elections Act 2017.



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