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Subject:

STREAMLINING CORRECT USE OF PAKISTAN POLITICAL MAP

Your kind attention is invited regarding the *Surveying and Mapping* (*Amendment*) *Bill, 2020*, passed by the Parliament on September 16, 2020. The Surveying and Mapping (Amendment) Bill, 2020 is targeted at preventing the printing, displaying, dissemination of or use of an incorrect and unofficial map of Pakistan. The official Political Map is attached as *Annexure*.

According to the Surveying and Mapping (Amendment) Bill, 2020

Amendment of section 16 (6): No one can print, display, disseminate, use or circulate incorrect and unofficial version of map of Pakistan or any part of Pakistan in hard or digital form. All individuals' firms, organizations or departments shall get their maps vetted and cleared from Survey of Pakistan before use, publication, dissemination or circulation.

Amendment of section 3 (3): Survey of Pakistan shall be technical department for all activities involving surveying, mapping, geographic information system or remote sensing and geospatial information technologies in the country.

Amendment of section 20 (vi): Any individual, firm, organization or department involved in printing, displaying, disseminating, using or circulating incorrect and unofficial version of map of Pakistan or any part of Pakistan in hard or digital form shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term which may extend up to five years or a fine of five million rupees or both.

- In view of the above, it is hereby informed to ensure desired projection of map and to attain the intended objectives; the following actions need immediate attention; Ensure that all government and privately owned educational institutions display Pakistan Political map at their websites' homepage.
 - a. Availability of different templates of maps by the concerned offices for usage of different educational and professional purposes in cyber domain.
 - b. Issuance of instructions for revision of maps in newly printed text books and to superimpose the new political map in the already published books.
 - c. Hold awareness programs in educational institutions (public/private) on the vitality of projection of Political Map of Pakistan.

3. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned officers, departments, subordinate offices under your administrative domain to refocus their efforts for internal/worldwide projection/ circulation of Pakistan's Political Map to achieve the desired objectives as envisioned by the worthy Parliament of Pakistan.

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