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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HOME DEPARTMENT

Lahore, the 30th March 2026

To

1. The Provincial Police Officer / IGP, Punjab, Lahore.
Attention:
 - i. **Addl. I.G of Police (Operations), Punjab.**
 - ii. **Addl. I. G of Police (South Punjab), Multan**
 - iii. **CCPO, Lahore/All RPOs/CPOs in the Punjab.**
 - iv. **All DPOs in the Punjab.**
2. All Divisional Commissioners in the Punjab.
3. All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
4. The Director Punjab Civil Defence, Resilience Corps (PCDRC)

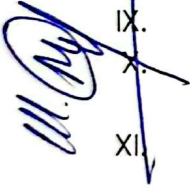
Subject: **SECURITY GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF GOOD FRIDAY (03.04.2026) AND EASTER (05.04.2026)**

I am directed to refer to the subject captioned above and to state that the Christian community is going to celebrate "**Good Friday**" on **03rd April 2026 (Friday)** followed by "**Easter**" on **05th April 2026 (Sunday)**. The Holy Week is celebrated all over the world, starting on 03rd April 2026 with Good Friday, 04th April 2026 as Holy Saturday, and 05th April 2026 as Easter Sunday and 06th April 2026 as Easter Monday. The "Good Friday" services are generally practiced in a subdued manner, mostly late in the morning. Whereas, on the day of Easter, prayers are offered in churches in the morning and later during the day. The Christian families visit parks, public recreational places, cinema houses, theater halls, bazaars and other entertainment venues to celebrate the event. In view of the sensitivity and importance of the event, it is imperative to ensure heightened security arrangements to prevent any untoward incident. All necessary measures must be adopted to ensure foolproof security and to conduct the events in a peaceful and secure manner. I have been directed to request that the following instructions, inter alia, may kindly be complied with:

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

- I. **Foolproof security** arrangements of Churches, Christian residential areas and all other places, where congregations and religious gatherings of Christians are scheduled, must be ensured.


- II. Meetings of **Divisional and District Intelligence Committees** must be convened immediately to review security and administrative arrangements.
- III. **Peace Committees & Interfaith Harmony Committees** shall hold meetings with missionaries to discuss the security aspects and devise a combined mechanism for the security of churches, including participation of volunteers of the Christian Community in the overall security plan.
- IV. **Heightened security measures** need to be taken to ensure security in the areas frequently visited by Christians, including public parks, shopping centers, busy markets, urban centers, amusement parks, zoos, cinema halls, bazars, theater halls, public recreational centers, and other places of entertainment, in relation to subject celebrations.
- V. **Security of foreigners** (especially Christians) and foreign missionary establishments needs to be enhanced.
- VI. **Security near Chinese residences** where such events are held must be ensured.
- VII. **Leaders of Christians Community** need to be sensitized to observe care and caution.
- VIII. All **LEAs officials on duty must be briefed about the threat perception/** lurking threat by the supervisory officers and SOPs/ guidelines devised by the Home Department, Punjab in this regard shall be followed strictly.
- IX. **Anti-Riot force** should strategically be deployed at the key points.
Mock exercises must be carried out near churches and public places.
- XI. **Additional police force**, if required, may be demanded from the IGP, Punjab.
- XII. **Local disputes**, if any, between communal factions should be resolved immediately.
- XIII. Snap checking, **combing operations, and IBOs** will be conducted near churches and residential areas of the Christian community.
- XIV. High-resolution **CCTV cameras** should be installed around the churches, 2-3 CCTV cameras where gathering is expected to be around one hundred, 5-6 CCTV where gathering is expected to be around 250 and so forth.
- XV. **Control rooms** must be functional around the clock, throughout the celebration.
- XVI. **Vantage points** need to be established and augmented by local police.
- XVII. All **hotels / sarais** near churches must be thoroughly checked/combed to deny space to any miscreants.
- XVIII. Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies are required to be on "High Alert".
- XIX. District Administration and Police must prepare and implement **Security/Contingency, Rescue Plan and Traffic management Plan** for


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the maintenance of Law and order during Good Friday and Easter 2026.

- XX. Entry shall be allowed into churches and places where prayer gatherings are to be held, only after thorough **checking and screening**. Walk-through gates and metal detectors must be provided at places where large gatherings are expected.
- XXI. Proper **lighting** arrangements need to be ensured at places where people are expected to gather.
- XXII. **Close coordination** among all intelligence agencies shall be ensured, along with **timely sharing** of information.
- XXIII. **Police personnel in plain clothes** must be deployed at sensitive places and Churches for intelligence gathering.
- XXIV. Meetings of **District Emergency Boards** should be convened to ensure that Rescue plans are in place.
- XXV. Security staff must be deployed at **roof tops** around important Churches on the said occasions.
- XXVI. **Round-the-clock patrolling** around the Churches from commencement till closing of ceremonies shall be carried out.
- XXVII. Police shall ensure **sweeping and searching** of sensitive churches before religious gatherings in coordination with the Special Branch and Civil Defense.
- XXVIII. **Parking** shall be allowed at a safe distance from churches and places where religious gatherings are to be held and no vehicle shall be allowed entry in the immediate vicinity.
- XXIX. No **abandoned vehicle** shall be parked at any place and same must be removed if found parked anywhere.
- XXX. **Police pickets** at vital points must be deployed to deter miscreants.
- XXXI. **Fire Brigade and Ambulance** cover shall be ensured for all Churches and sensitive places.
- XXXII. **Hospitals** to remain on "**High Alert**" to deal with any untoward incident or emergency.
- XXXIII. Special measures to discourage any acts of teasing by **anti-social** elements during the celebration.
- XXXIV. DCs and CCPO/CPOs/DPOs shall **personally supervise** security arrangements at the churches.
- XXXV. **Joint Monitoring Teams** of ACs and SDPOs must be in place to ensure arrangements at all churches.
- XXXVI. **Management of Churches** and sensitive places needs to be engaged and sensitized over the security requirements/situation.
- XXXVII. Necessary **traffic arrangements** shall be ensured around main Churches to avoid traffic jams.
- XXXVIII. **Elected representatives** and representatives from minority must be involved in the security arrangements and specific duties need to be assigned to ensure their effective participation.
- XXXIX. **Security Audit of Churches** shared by Home Department shall be analyzed and loopholes must be addressed immediately.

- XL. **Peaceful dispersal** must be ensured after the conclusion of events.
- I. Any other security measures, as deemed appropriate, may also be taken.


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CC:

1. The Secretary, Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad.
2. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, SHC&ME Department.
3. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Health & Population Department.
4. The Secretary, Auqaf & Religious Affairs Department, Punjab.
5. The Secretary, Human Rights & Minorities Affairs, Department, Punjab.
6. The Secretary, Punjab Emergency Services Department.
7. The Additional Secretary (L&O), Chief Minister's Office, Punjab, Lahore.
8. The Chief of Staff, 4-Corps HQ, Lahore.
9. The Addl. IG of Police, Special Branch, Punjab, Lahore.
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11. The Sector Commander, ISI, Punjab, Lahore.
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