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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HOME DEPARTMENT

Dated: Lahore, the 1st April, 2026

To

1. The Provincial Police Officer/IGP, Punjab, Lahore.
Attention:
 - i. **AIG (Operations), Punjab.**
 - ii. **CCPO, Lahore.**
 - iii. **DIG (Operations), Lahore.**
 - iv. **RPO Gujranwala, Sheikhupura & Rawalpindi.**
 - v. **CPO, Gujranwala**
 - vi. **DPOs, Nankana Sahib, Sheikhupura, Attock and Narowal.**
 - vii. **SP(Security), Lahore.**
2. The Inspector General of Police, Pakistan Railways, Lahore.
3. The Additional I.G (Special Branch), Punjab, Lahore.
4. The Divisional Commissioners, **Lahore, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi.**
5. The Deputy Commissioners, **Lahore, Gujranwala, Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib, Narowal, and Attock.**

Subject: - **SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING 327th VAISAKHI FESTIVAL W.E.F 10th TO 19th APRIL, 2026**

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that Vaisakhi Festival will be celebrated from **10th to 19th April, 2026** and about 3,000 Sikh Yatrees from India are likely to visit Pakistan for the event via JCP Wagah. About, 20,000 local Sikhs and Nanak Nam Lewa Hindu Yatrees will also participate in the event from Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, on special trains and buses; while about 3,000 Sikh diaspora are also expected to participate in the subject event. A copy of the **tentative visit programme** of Indian Sikh Yatrees is enclosed herewith.

2. For this purpose, complete security arrangements at Gurdawaras, all venues of stay and along the routes must be ensured. Moreover, necessary coordination with all stakeholders/Departments must be made for foolproof security and allied arrangements. I have been directed to request that the following instructions, inter alia, may kindly be complied with:

ARRANGEMENTS/SUPERVISION

1. ETPB shall ensure **necessary coordination** with Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Parbandak Committee (PSGPC) and with their counterparts in India to secure list of Sikh Yatrees in advance. Complete list of Sikh Yatrees arriving from aboard shall be shared with Special Branch by the ETPB.
2. The ETPB shall endeavor to constitute **proper groups** of Sikh Yatrees and dedicated **Group Leader** shall be nominated to be responsible for overall movement and coordination.

3. Special **Reception Desk and help desks** with presence of volunteers shall be established to facilitate Yatrees.
4. Places where "**Langar**" is arranged at Wahga Border for Yatrees would be properly cordoned to restrict the entry of any unauthorized person.
5. **Coordination** with D.G. Protocol Punjab, District Administration and Law Enforcement Agencies for reception and safe passage/travel of Yatrees arriving at Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore shall be ensured.
6. Adequate **arrangements** of lighting, drinking water, air conditioning and washrooms shall be ensured at the marquees/ venues.
7. ETPB shall provide **luggage scanners** at all Gurdwaras.
8. It shall be ensured by ETPB that no **unprotected convoy** of Yatrees is allowed to move.
9. Complete record of **private buses** shall be maintained to be used for transportation enroute. Names of owners, drivers and supporting staff of the buses shall be shared with Special Branch for clearance.
10. There shall be at least one **extra bus** with each convey to substitute any out of order bus. Each bus shall have valid **fitness certificate** and **route permit**.
11. Rescue 1122 and ETPB shall establish their **camp offices** at place (s) of stay of Sikh Yatrees.
12. ETPB to establish a **Central Control Room** as a focal point for coordination. Control Rooms of IGP/CCPO Lahore, Commissioner Lahore, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, DCs/DPOs, Lahore, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Gujranwala, Attock and Narowal and Special Branch of concerned districts shall be operational.
13. ETPB to make **telephone directory** with details of Control rooms and focal persons and nominate a Chief Communication Officer for better coordination.
14. Coordination with State Bank of Pakistan, National Bank of Pakistan and Bank of Punjab shall be ensured to establish maximum number of **currency exchange** counters at Wagah Border. There shall be no unauthorized currency exchange counter or agent.

SECURITY MEASURES

1. The Provincial Police Officer/IGP, Punjab will provide **security cover** to the convoy of buses on the roads, Gurdawaras and places of stay
2. Complete **scanning/vetting** of staff deployed on duty shall be ensured by Special Branch.
3. Security of **parking places** near the Gurdawaras where buses of Sikh Yatrees are to be parked shall be ensured. No abandoned vehicle shall be allowed to be present in such areas.
4. Concerned DPOs/CPOs in coordination with DCs and Special Branch shall ensure foolproof **security arrangements of all Gurdawaras** including installation of walkthrough gates, installation of CCTV Cameras for inside and outside coverage of the Gurdawaras and installation of search lights.
5. **Security plans** by DPOs and DCs of the respective districts will be implemented in letter and spirit.
6. A **dedicated officer** not below the rank of SP would be nominated throughout the event at the respective places.

7. Special Branch shall issue **security passes** to authorized reporters and only those visitors mentioned in the list provided by the ETPB.
8. Special Branch shall deploy their maximum personnel in **plain clothes** around the Gurdwaras for security purposes.
9. Special Branch must conduct **security audit** of all the places and ensure sweeping of buses, screening of drivers and conductors of the buses.
10. **Identification cards** of all sweepers / workers/employees to be issued and cleared by Special Branch.
11. **Scanning** of the houses in the vicinity of Gurdawaras and designated places of stay of Sikh Yatrees must be done. Coordinated Combing operations are to be executed around gurdwaras, Wagah JCP and all the travel routes.

IMMIGRATION/CUSTOMS CLEARANCE:

1. FIA shall ensure sufficient **counters**, equipped with advanced biometric devices, to expedite the immigration process at Wagah JCP to avoid long queues and discomfort to the guests.
2. FIA shall ensure that no **unauthorized agent** establishes currency exchange counter at any point.
3. **Separate counters** for old age citizens and ladies at Wagah must be established.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS:

1. Concerned DCs provide **reasonable accommodation** and coordinate with ETPB well in time so arrangements can be completed timely.
2. Respective District Administrations shall coordinate with concerned power supply companies and SNGPL for ensuring **uninterrupted power and gas supply** of every venue/site. ETPB would provide backup generators for all site/venue/premises with sufficient fuel.
3. All **encroachments** around venues of Gurdawaras and places of stay shall be removed.
4. Immediate and regular meetings of concerned **Divisional and District Intelligence Committees** shall be convened to review the entire program, on ground deployment, security and allied arrangements including removal of all irritants.
5. All the concerned DCs must ensure presence of **bomb disposal squad** at the designated sites.
6. **Punjab Food Authority** Teams must be present at all the designated places where food is served.
7. All the concerned DCs shall ensure duty of dedicated **Suthra Punjab** personnel at all the routes, places of stay and gurdwaras.

MEDICAL AND RESCUE SERVICES:

1. 06 **ambulances** (2 with each convoy) shall be provided that will move along with the convoy.
2. **Field hospitals and Clinic on Wheels** in concerned districts having necessary medicines must be ensured by the Health Department.

3. A team of adequate Healthcare Professionals and ambulances including doctors and para-medical staff shall move along with the convoy.
4. A hospital in every concerned district and along the route must be notified for any emergency.

3. In addition to the foregoing, it is requested that any other measures deemed appropriate, depending upon the exigencies of the location and situation, may also be ensured.


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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Chairman, Pakistan Railways, Lahore.
2. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, P&SH Department.
3. The Secretary, Punjab Emergency Service Department.
4. The Director General, Pakistan Rangers, Punjab, Lahore.
5. The Additional I.G (CTD), Punjab, Lahore.
6. The Additional Secretary (L&O), Chief Minister's Office, Punjab, Lahore.
7. The Additional Secretary (Shrines) Evacuee Trust Property Board), Lahore.
8. The Sector Commander (ISI), Lahore.
9. The Sector Commander (MI), Lahore.
10. The Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, Lahore.
11. The Director (FIA), Lahore.
12. The Managing Director, Tourism Development Corporation, Punjab.
13. The General Manager (Railways), Railways Headquarters, Lahore.
14. The Collector (Customs), Custom House, Lahore.
15. The Manger Civil Aviation Authority, Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore.
16. The General Manger (Ops), LESCO, WAPDA House, Lahore.
17. The Section Officer (India-I), Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad.
18. PS to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
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