NO. SO(IS)HD-MISC/2025
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT
Karachi, 16th October, 2025

NOTIFICATION

No. SO(IS)HD-Misc/2025: In pursuance to the approval accorded by the Provincial Cabinet Meeting held on 06.10.2025, the Government of Sindh has been pleased to approve the **Surrender Policy for Dacoits in Katcha (Riverine) Area of Sukkur and Larkano Divisions**, with immediate effect

1. Background

The Government of Sindh has successfully conducted security operations against dacoit gangs in the Katcha area of Sukkur and Larkano Divisions. This has significantly reduced the capacity of the criminal gangs to operate there. The Government of Sindh, under the directives of the President of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, at a meeting held in Sukkur on 24th May 2024, has also proactively worked towards resolving tribal feuds in the areas, thereby eliminating a key factor contributing to the creation of dacoits.

Besides, the Government of Sindh under the leadership of Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah and Home Minister Sindh, Mr. Zia ul Hassan Lanjar has engaged communities in the Katcha areas in extensive and intensive negotiations to win over their trust and confidence in the Government of Sindh to remove incentives for the criminals to continue to operate. Consequently, a large number of dacoits have now expressed willingness to surrender voluntarily. To consolidate peace, uphold the writ of the state, ensure sustainable stability in the region, and provide socio-economic opportunities to local populace, the Government of Sindh has formulated this **Surrender Policy**.

2. Objectives

- To provide a clear, transparent, and humane mechanism for the voluntary surrender of dacoits in the Katcha area.
- To ensure surrendered individuals face due process of law.
- To prevent harassment of their families and safeguard their lawful property and livelihood.
- To create conditions for long-term peace by promoting social and economic development in the Katcha area.

3. Guiding Principles

i. **Accountability:** Surrender does not mean pardon or immunity. All surrendering individuals shall face the prevailing law of the land.
ii. **Safety:** Surrendering dacoits shall not be harmed by law enforcement agencies (LEAs).
iii. **Disarmament:** All weapons must be handed over to police by surrendering dacoits.
iv. **Family Protection:** Families of surrendering individuals shall be protected from harassment or reprisals.

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v. **Livelihood and Property Rights:** Families shall be allowed to continue their lawful occupations. No unlawful confiscation of harvest, land, or property shall be permitted. Besides, they shall be supported through initiatives to provide financial assistance like Benazir Income Support Program and Benazir Hari Card etc. provided they fulfil the eligibility criteria.

vi. **Development Commitment:** The Government of Sindh shall prioritize socio-economic uplift in the Katcha area to consolidate peace including the revival of closed education, health and veterinary facilities and undertake livestock related projects.

4. Surrender Mechanism

(See Annex-A)

i. **Designated Surrender Points:**

- The Sindh Police, in coordination with district administration and other relevant agencies, shall notify safe and secure locations for surrender.

ii. **Process of Surrender:**

- Individuals must voluntarily present themselves to police.
- The process of surrender shall be governed by Criminal Procedure Code, 1898 and Sindh Criminal Prosecution Service (Constitution, Functions and Powers) Act, 2009 (amended).
- All weapons, ammunition, and explosives must be deposited with Sindh Police.
- Surrendering individuals, including those not in having valid CNICs, shall undergo biometric verification and documentation. In cases where a valid CNIC is not available, the concerned authorities shall initiate the process for issuance of CNICs after due verification. A formal declaration of surrender shall be recorded before competent authorities.

iii. **Categorisation of Surrendered Individuals:**

- Surrendered individuals shall be categorised by the Sindh Police, in consultation with Prosecution Department, in accordance with the nature and gravity of offences committed.
- Such categorisation shall form the basis for determining the applicable course of action, including prosecution or reintegration measures.

iv. **Legal Proceedings:**

- All cases shall proceed as per law.
- Courts may consider voluntary surrender as a mitigating factor where legally permissible.

iv. **Collaborators of Criminals:**

- The fate of collaborators of dacoits shall be determined on the basis of actionable evidence.
- All proceedings shall remain subject to due process of law.

5. Protection of Families

- No harassment, unlawful detention, or eviction of families shall be permitted.
- Basic livelihood activities, including cultivation on lands by their lawful owners, shall continue without interference.
- Families shall be provided access to public services including healthcare and education.

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Livelihood and Reintegration Support

- Technical and vocational training opportunities shall be provided to surrendered individuals and their families.
- Agricultural support, including protection of harvests, shall be ensured.
- Surrendered individuals, upon completion of due process of law, along with their families, may also be eligible for consideration for employment opportunities in development projects undertaken in the Katcha region, subject to suitability, merit, and availability.

7. Economic & Social Development of Katcha

The Government of Sindh commits to sustained investment in the Katcha areas, including:

i. **Education:** Revival of closed schools, construction and upgrading of schools, literacy programs, and teacher recruitment.
ii. **Healthcare:** Revival of closed healthcare facilities, new hospitals, mobile health units, and improved access to basic health services.
iii. **Veterinary Services:** Revival of closed veterinary facilities.
iv. **Infrastructure:** Better Communication services to be provided.
v. **Community Welfare:** Programs for women, youth engagement (sports, vocational centers), and poverty alleviation.

8. Oversight & Monitoring

- The **Monitoring Committee,** already notified, shall monitor the implementation (notification annexed).
- The **Joint Committee**, already notified, shall submit recommendations to Honourable Chief Minister Sindh regarding socio-economic development plans for the Katcha Area.
- The **Implementation Committee,** already notified, shall implement the decision made by the Monitoring Committee (notification annexed).
- The **Divisional Level Committee**, which is already notified for Sukkur and Larkano Divisions, shall suggest proposals for socio-economic development in Katcha Area of Sukkur and Larkano Divisions (notification annexed).
- The **Divisional Committee**, which is already notified for Sukkur and Larkano Divisions, shall assist the Monitoring Committee to achieve its mandate (notification annexed)
- The **District Committee**, which is already notified for districts of Sukkur and Larkanao Divisions, shall assist the Monitoring Committee to achieve its mandate (notification annexed).
- **A Redressal Cell** shall be established at Home Department to address grievances of surrendered individuals and their families regarding harassment, illegal confiscation, or any other complaint arising out of implementation of this policy.

9. Communication Strategy

- Public announcements shall ensure transparency and build trust with local communities.

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- Media campaigns shall highlight that surrender is a path to peace and development, not impunity.

10. Review

A review shall be conducted **every month** by the Home Department to make adjustments in the Surrender Policy based on ground realities.

11. Saving and Amendment

This Policy is a living document and shall remain subject to amendment, modification, or revision, as necessitated by prevailing ground realities in the Katcha region. Nothing contained herein shall limit, restrict, or prejudice the authority of the Government of Sindh to make such changes, alterations, or additions as may be deemed appropriate from time to time.

(MUHAMMAD IQBAL MEMON)
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
2. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
3. The Senior Member Board of Revenue Sindh, Karachi.
4. The Secretary, Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Criminal Prosecution Services Department, Karachi.
5. The Secretary to Government of Sindh, Finance Department, Karachi.
6. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
7. The Sector Commander, ISI Headquarters, Sindh Region, Karachi,
8. The Headquarters 5 Corps, Karachi.
9. The Headquarters Pakistan Rangers Sindh, Karachi.
10. The Divisional Commissioners (All in Sindh).
11. The Additional Inspector General of Police (All in Sindh)
12. The Deputy Inspector General of Police (All Ranges in Sindh).
13. The Deputy Commissioners (All in Sindh)
14. The Senior Superintendents of Police (All in Sindh)
15. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
16. The Coordinator to Minister for Home Department Sindh, Karachi.
17. The PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Karachi.
18. Office Order File.

16.10.25

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Annexure-A

SURRENDER FORM

(Under the Surrender Policy for Dacoits of Katcha Area, 2025)

Part-A: **Personal Particulars of Surrendered individual**

1) Full Name: _____

2) Father's Name: _____

3) CNIC No: _____

4) Date of Birth: _____

5) Permanent Address: _____

6) Current Address: _____

7) Union Council, Taluka, District: _____

8) Contact No: _____

9) Educational Qualification: _____

10) Occupation (if any): _____

Undertaking: I fully and completely understand the surrender policy of Government of Sindh and shall abide by its obligations. I shall extend my full cooperation to the authorities to ensure its successful implementation.

Date: _____

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Signature / Thumb Impression of the Surrendered Individual

Part – B: **Criminal Record (to be filled by Police)**

Details of criminal activities the surrendered individual is involved in:

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

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arachi, dated the 11th November 2023

Medical Examination Conducted by:_____

ii. Findings:_____

Part E: **Verification by Authority Receiving Surrendered individual**

i. Name & Rank of Authority:_____

ii. Signature with stamp:_____

iii. Date:_____

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Cases registered against the surrendered individual (if any):

FIR details along with Police Stations and Districts: _____

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Criminal Case(s): _____

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Name of Court(s): _____

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Status of case(s): _____

3. Details of surrendered arms and ammunition

i. Make, Type of Weapon and Number : a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

ii. Ammunition: _____

_____

_____

iii. Remarks: _____

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Part C: **Surrender Details**

i. Date and Time of Surrender: _____

ii. Place of Surrender: _____

iii. Surrender Before: _____

iv. Witness 1: _____ Signature _____

v. Witness 2: _____ Signature _____

Part D: **Medical & Biometric Verification**

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