

Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan (PILAP)

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PILAP'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Saad Amanullah Khan - Chairman

Mr. Ahmad Rafay Alam

Mr. Raheel Qamar Ahmed

Mr. Ashraf Adamjee

Mr. Maroof Syed

Mr. Imran Zia

Ms. Ayesha Khan

VISION

A Pakistan where fundamental rights are enjoyed by all.

MISSION

To work for the promotion & protection of fundamental rights of all Pakistanis through research, advocacy, lobbying and litigation.

VALUES

Transparency
Inclusion & Diversity
Accountability
Sensitivity
Commitment

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

I am very encouraged to share with you all that our Citizens' Assembly strategy launched in Jan 2022 is working well. I can see PILAP finally getting on the solid ground both on sustainability as well as strategy basis.



All this could not be achieved without your strong support, especially from citizens who have joined the Citizens' Assembly (CA) group and are helping influence PILAP strategy and giving support through their networking and contacts. We have had two voting sessions in January and in July in which CA members have passionately presented their public interest projects and put them up for voting. The top 5 highest voted projects get all of PILAP's resources and efforts applied on them for resolution – do read the section on **Citizens' Assembly Vote to Drive Strategy** to better understand this point.

We are still not yet out of the woods. To be fully sustainable we need 70 CA members, we are 23 members short which is not a huge number, and we should be reaching this target soon. We are also very selective on who we invite to join this elite Citizens' Assembly.

As I highlighted in my last quarterly letter, this country needs an institution of this nature. An institution that its citizens can approach if any of their fundamental rights are being violated. The current state of fundamental rights is very dire, basic facilities like water, clean air, energy, garbage, sewage, etc. are not available. Step by step we need to take on initiatives and address them.

Our modus operandi, for our new readers, is that once we take on an issue, first we carry out deep research, talk to experts, and then put together a strategy to address the issue. We first work on advocacy and lobby with relevant government agencies and ministries. If no traction or positive response, as a last resort we file a petition in the courts of Pakistan.

As you will see in this quarterly letter, we have and continue to make progress on many cases including these issues highlighted in the July CA Vote.

Our 3rd CA Voting will be taking place in January 2023, hopefully new issues will be highlighted and pursued. We really need to expand our CA base for which I need your help and support.

Saad Amanullah Khan

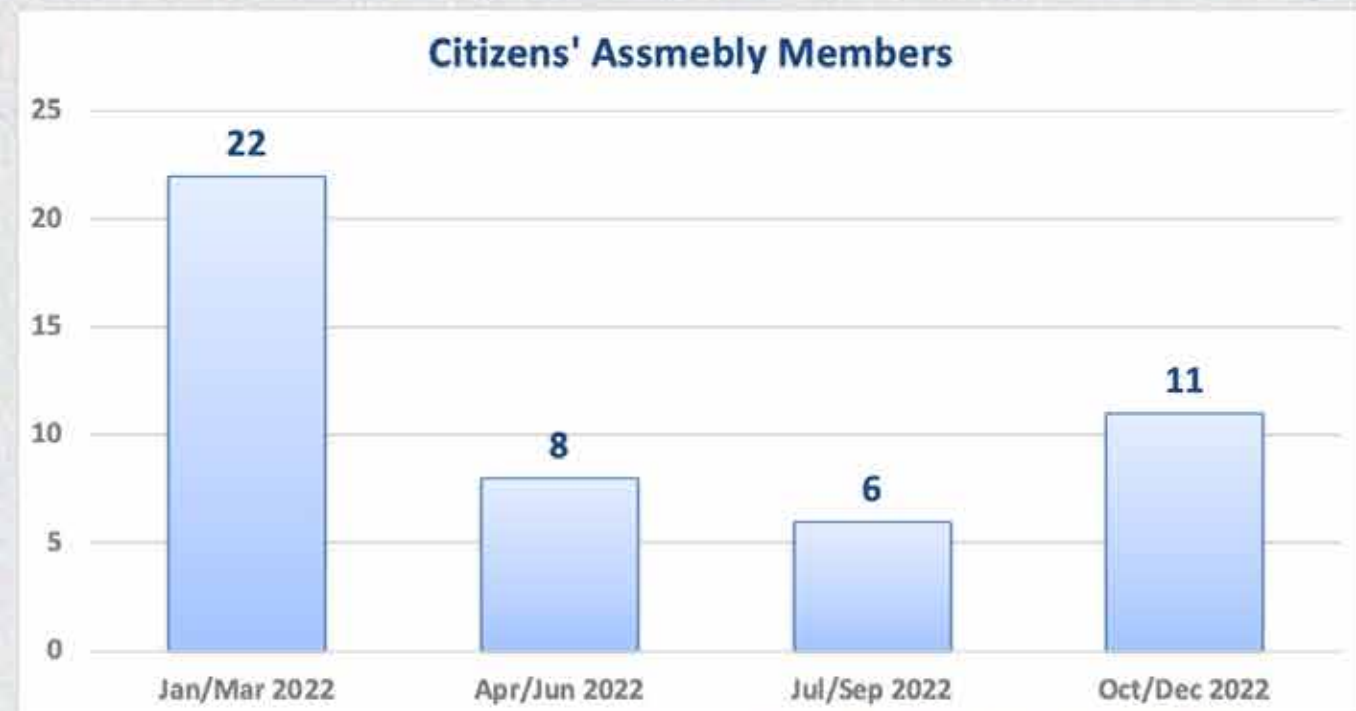
Chairman,

Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan.



WELCOME MESSAGE FOR INCOMING CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

We had eleven new Citizens' Assembly members join us this quarter. Welcome! Members who joined in this quarter are: 1) Maleeha Bangash; 2) Shahid Anwar Tata; 3) Naseer Ahmed Akhter; 4) Iqbal Ali Lakhani; 5) Zafar Iqbal Sobani; 6) Mohammad Murtaza Saleem; 7) Syed Veqar Islam; 8) Amina Aijaz; 9) Muhammad Omair Khan; 10) Khayam Husain; 11) Obaid Chawla



Thank you for joining and supporting PILAP's mission. We look forward to your continued support and engagement with our ongoing cases. It is people like you who add to PILAP's dynamism and diversity.

Total Membership on December 31, 2022, stands at 47 members strong. We need help to gain new members, as our only income is membership fees which keeps us sustainable and being able to hire more and handle more projects. Please talk to like-minded friends and recommend joining PILAP's Citizens Assembly.



CURRENT CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY MEMBER OF PILAP

Shan A. Ashary Chairman, K Electric	Saad Amanullah Khan Chairman, Pakistan Innovation Foundation	Raheel Qamar Ahmad CEO, Orix Modaraba	Murtaza Ahmed Ali CEO, Allied Rental Modaraba
Ashraf Adamjee Trustee, Adamjee Foundation	Dr. Amjad Waheed CEO, NBP Funds	A. Husain A. Basrai Chartered Accountant (Ex Sr. partner-KPMG)	Anwar Kashif Mumtaz Advocate/Tax Consultant, CEDR
Athar Osama CEO, STEMx	Shamsuddin A. Shaikh CEO, National Resource Limited	Mazhar Valjee Vice Chairman, Habib Group	Sohail Ahmed Director Marketing, M.N.Textiles
Ashraf Ali Sayeed Ex-President, Abad	Maroof Ali Syed President, CERP	Iqbal Adamjee Chairman, Childlife Foundation	Imran Zia Head, Analytics - CERP
Imran Zaffar Founder Baltoro Capital	Noman Mustafa Zuberi CEO, Plus Consultants	Afia Salam Journalist Social Activist	Jawad Khan Senior Partner, Mckinsey
Fatima Asad CEO Abacus International	Ayesha Tammy Haq Executive Director, Pharma Bureau	Azam Shafquat Cardiologist, NICVD	Irfan Khan Owner Cutera Aesthetics
Farid Jaffer CEO, Jaffer Brothers (Pvt) Ltd.,	Mahmood Elahi Faruqi CEO, First Floor Floorings	Sajjad Mustafa Syed Chairman ExD Group	Inam ur Rahman CEO, Dawood Hercules
Ayesha Khan Country Director, Hashoo Foundation	Syed Jawaid Iqbal President & CEO, CMC	Muhammad Aminuddin CEO, TPL Insurance	Feroz Khan CEO, Omar Jibran Engineering Ltd.,
Nadir Jaffar CEO, Jaffer Group of Companies	Jameel Yusuf, S. St. Chairman, TPL	Mohammad Hussain Hashim Director, Mehran Sugar Mills Ltd.	Arif Masud Mirza Head of ACCA Pakistan
Maleeha Mimi Bangash IFC Technical Expert Consultant	Shahid Anwar Tata CEO, Tata Pakistan Group	Naseer Ahmad Akhtar President Infotech (pvt.) Limited	Iqbal Ali Lakhani Chairman Lakson Group
Zafar Sobani Managing Partner Think Direct	Mohammad Murtaza Saleem CEO, Pearl Energy Solutions	Veqar Islam CEO, Jaffer Business Systems	Amina Aijaz Khan lawyer, Samdani and Qureshi
Muhammad Omair Khan Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, GEO Entertainment Television	Mr. Khayam Husain Chairman, Automobile Corporation of Pakistan	Obaid Chawla CEO, Food Valley	

Welcome the New 2023 PILAP Board

I would like to welcome the new 2023 PILAP board which takes over as of January 1, 2023. We have a well represented and diversified board in terms of gender, professional background and is pan Pakistan.

We have 3 new board members in Dr. Athar Osama, Maleeha Bangash, and Afia Salam. We have 2 board members from Lahore namely Maroof Ali Syed and Ahmad Rafay Alam. We have Ayesha Khan based in Islamabad and the balance is from Karachi.



Saad Amanullah Khan
Chairman



Raheel Qamar Ahmed
EC Member



Athar Osama
EC Member



Ayesha Khan
EC Member



Ahmad Rafay Alam
EC Member



Maroof Ali Syed
EC Member



Maleeha Humayun Bangash
EC Member



Afia Salam
EC Member

I also wanted to thank the outgoing board members who helped and guided us in making 2022 successful. I wanted to personally thank both Zia Imran and Ashraf Adamjee for the invaluable contribution to PILAP and hope they will continue to remain involved and help turn PILAP into a sustainable institution.

CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY STRATEGY VOTE

As part of the PILAP updated Articles of Association, our strategy is driven by our Citizens' Assembly (CA). Twice a year, in January and July, we ask all CA members if they want to



suggest what PILAP should be working on. For which they are requested to formally submit their ideas which are then voted upon. The top 5 ideas from the voting then become PILAP's strategy for the next six months and beyond.

JULY 2022 CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY STRATEGY VOTE: The Citizen's Assembly held its second meeting in July 2022. Members presented and voted on public interest issues and the top 5 voted were:

1. **Enforcement of Article 25A of the Constitution for provision of free and compulsory education for all children between the ages of 5 and 16 by Provincial and Federal Governments.**

Strategy: A Writ Petition on the enforcement of Article 25A instituted by PILAP is already pending before the Sindh High Court. Following the filing of the petition, the court appointed a commission to come up with an education plan for the Province of Sindh. PILAP plans to file similar petitions in other Provinces.

2. Water pollution in the Arabian Sea and adjoining rivers in Karachi.

Strategy: PILAP is preparing to file a court petition in an attempt to address this serious public interest issue. We also hosted an online informational session with our lawyer and member, Ahmad Rafay Alam, who will be representing PILAP in Sindh High Court.

3. Justice for Sanitation Workers

Strategy: PILAP has written RTIs to various Government bodies asking about the treatment of sanitary workers. Many of them are not paid the minimum wage, are not registered with EOBI or even have access to safety equipment or other measures when unclogging sewers. We have joined a country-wide campaign against these injustices. PILAP held an informational session with Naeem Sadiq for its members to better understand the issue and come up with possible solutions. We are also in the process of developing a prototype robotic sewage cleaner, in collaboration with NED University, to minimize the need for sewage drains to be cleaned manually.

4. Countering bureaucratic "red tape"-- making government departments accountable for policies and decisions, and demanding their overall efficiency.

Strategy: Bureaucratic red tape in Pakistan often leads to inefficiency and tends to become a nuisance for the common citizen.

PILAP plans to conduct a survey amongst its community to get a sense of how this issue affects the common citizen, and then systematically write to the agencies that are voted to be most inefficient.

5. Implementing occupational health and safety measures for miners

Strategy: Most miners in Pakistan risk their lives during unregulated and dangerous mining operations, and hundreds are killed each year. PILAP has set up a Sub-Committee whose members are Citizens' Assembly members as well as mining industry experts, whose mandate is to come up with a comprehensive policy document on safety and security of miners and we plan to present it to the Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights when ready. You will be shocked to hear that the existing "Miner Safety Policy" is dated 1922 or is 100 years old. In addition, PILAP has written multiple RTI's to various Government Ministries and Departments, inquiring into the occupational health and safety measure taken for minors. We plan to continue communicating with concerned authorities to address this serious issue.

RESEARCH

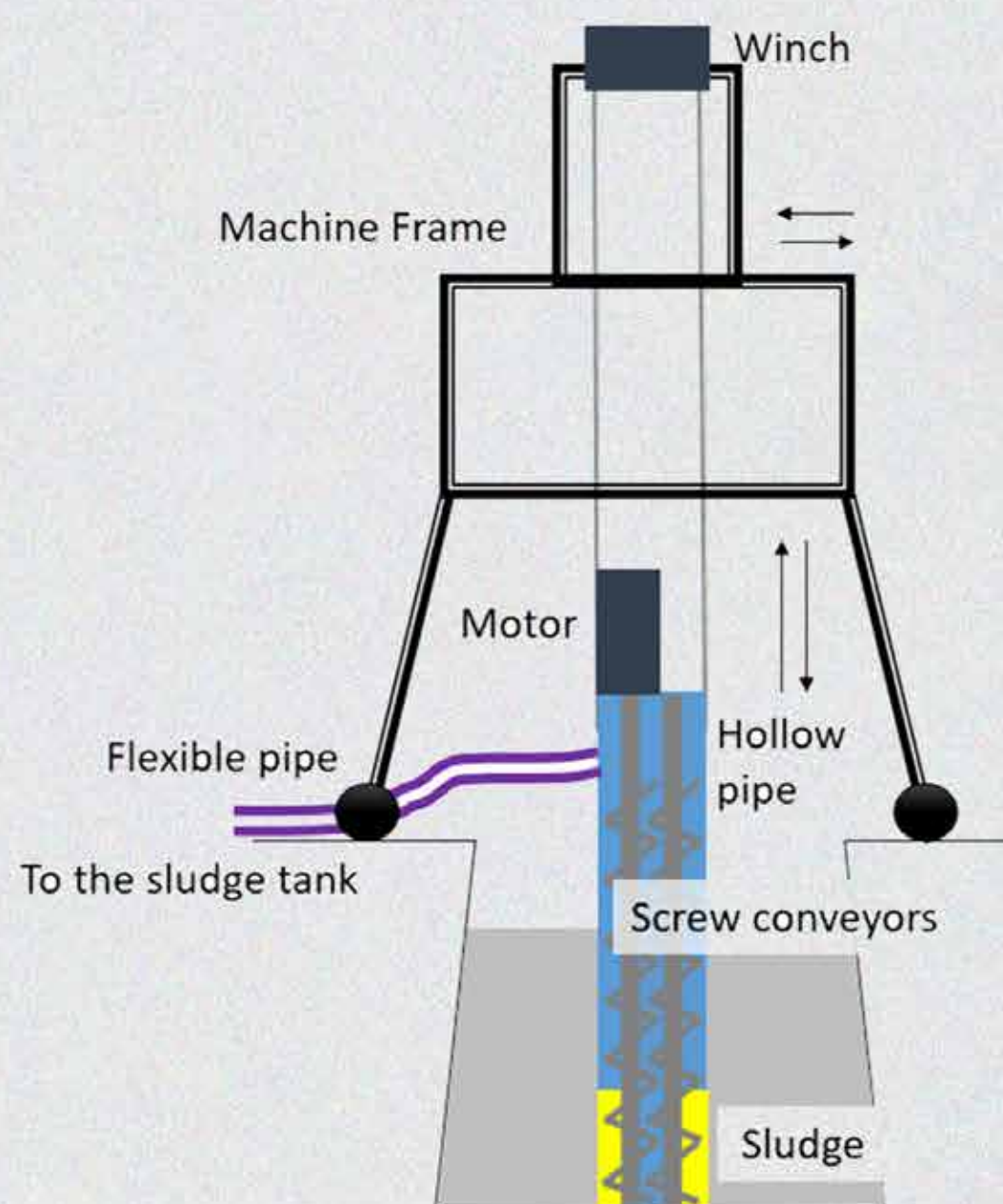
Robotic Sewage Cleaner (FUNDING BEING COLLECTED)

Given the dangers faced by sanitation workers, including the risk of death and serious injury, PILAP, as part of its Justice for Sanitation Workers project, as voted by the Citizens' Assembly, is working towards reducing these dangers.

Many sanitation workers are killed or seriously injured while manually cleaning sewage drains. They are not provided any safety gear, there are no safety measures in place, and neither are their emergency medical services on hand should there can an accident on the job.

Their deaths usually go unreported, no inquiries are made, and the unfortunate cycle continues. We, at PILAP, have collaborated with NED University to create a prototype robotic sewage cleaner which will significantly reduce the need for the sanitation worker to go into the muck to clean the drains — the contraption will pick garbage, solid waste and help reduce the danger the sanitation worker faces.

While we wholeheartedly believe in the project, PILAP, by itself is unable to fund it by itself. We need support in the form of funding contributions. If you have contributed to the project already then please help us by passing the word around.



Design Concept of Sewer Jetter (Phase-I)

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ADVOCACY

Miners' Safety Initiative

CONTEXT: This is amongst the top five cases voted upon by the Citizens' Assembly in July 2022. Hundreds of miners are killed in mining accidents each year due to inadequate safety regulations. According to a fact-finding mission conducted by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, 176 miners were killed and another 180 injured in mining accidents in 2021 alone. The most recent tragedy to have occurred was on November 30, 2022, when nine coal miners were killed and four suffered severe injuries in a mine blast caused by a build-up of methane gas in the Orakzai region of KPK. This is just one of many that occur each year. Coal mining is deemed to be "hazardous work" by international labor standards of the International Labour Organisation.

It is made all the more hazardous when safety measures are not implemented, and miners are not trained for their own safety. Article 9 of the Constitution guarantees the most basic rights of life and liberty for all.



PILAP ACTION: PILAP has written RTIs to the Minerals Development Department of the Government of KPK and the KPK Chief Minister's Secretariat asking about mine safety measures taken, as required by law. We also ask about policies formulated and implemented in this field. Additionally, we are forming a committee of experts who will draft policy recommendations for the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights.

Failure to Pay Minimum Wage at National Savings

CONTEXT: It is unfortunate that the most underprivileged citizens who also perform the most essential of services are not paid the national minimum wage. Sanitation workers, janitors, security guards usually belong to the lowest segments of society and yet their most basic human rights are not met by the very people they work for. The minimum wage is set by law and all full-time employees are entitled to at least this minimum amount. It came to our knowledge that National Savings does not pay the minimum wage to its security guards. Additionally, they are neither registered with EOBI or Social Security.

PILAP ACTION: PILAP wrote to the Prime Minister's Secretariat asking it to hold Director General National Savings accountable for this grave failure, to pay the correct wages, as well as arrears for the past three years.

Failure to Pay Minimum Wage by Cantonment Boards

CONTEXT: PILAP has written to various public bodies demanding that sanitation workers be paid the minimum wage. One of these is the Military Lands and Cantonments Department of the Ministry of Defense. A copy of the letter had been sent to the National Commission for Human Rights, which wrote to us expressing its concern, in addition to supplying us with a response from the ML&C Department.

PILAP ACTION: Since minimum wages are not paid throughout all Cantonment Boards, PILAP was not satisfied with the response from the Department and wrote to the NCHR expressing this concern.

LITIGATION

Ravi Urban Development Authority

Strategy: The Ravi Urban Development Authority (RUDA) was set up under the Ravi Urban Development Authority Act, 2020 to undertake urban development activities on the floodplains of the Ravi River. The plan is to create a mega-city on the outskirts of Lahore. There are many problems with the RUDA project.



For one, it is environmentally unviable as it will adversely impact the environment given its planned on a flood-plain. This is especially so given that an authentic environmental assessment has not been undertaken by appropriate consultants. Secondly, the project takes over fertile farmland without paying adequate compensation to farmers who have been tending the land for generations. It, therefore, contributes to already rising food insecurity, while also depriving farmers of inter-generational farmland.

PILAP ACTION: PILAP filed a writ petition before the Lahore High Court to put a stop to these development activities. The Lahore High Court, in a lengthy judgement, was pleased to declare RUDA's parent statute unconstitutional and thereby put a halt to all development activities under the RUDA project. The Punjab Government challenged this order of the LHC before the Supreme Court of Pakistan, which put a stay on the operation of the LHC order, but at the same time, only allowed RUDA to continue development activities on the land it had already acquired up until the date of the SC order i.e., 31.01.2022.

In flagrant violation of this order, RUDA continued to acquire more land in the area. The Punjab Government also enacted a RUDA Amendment Act, 2022 which was retrospective and gave legal cover to RUDA's earlier activities. PILAP then filed another petition before the LHC, challenging RUDA's violations of the SC order.

Additionally, RUDA has been acquiring farmland in the area, again in violation of the SC order. PILAP has challenged this acquisition through a contempt petition.

Discharge of Untreated Waste into the Arabian Sea (FUNDING BEING COLLECTED)

CONTEXT: The Arabian Sea receives vast quantities of unfiltered municipal and industrial waste each year. This water travels through the rivers in Karachi and ends up in the sea. Not only is it adversely impacting the environment, but exposure to heavy metals, industrial chemicals and human waste is extremely harmful to human health.

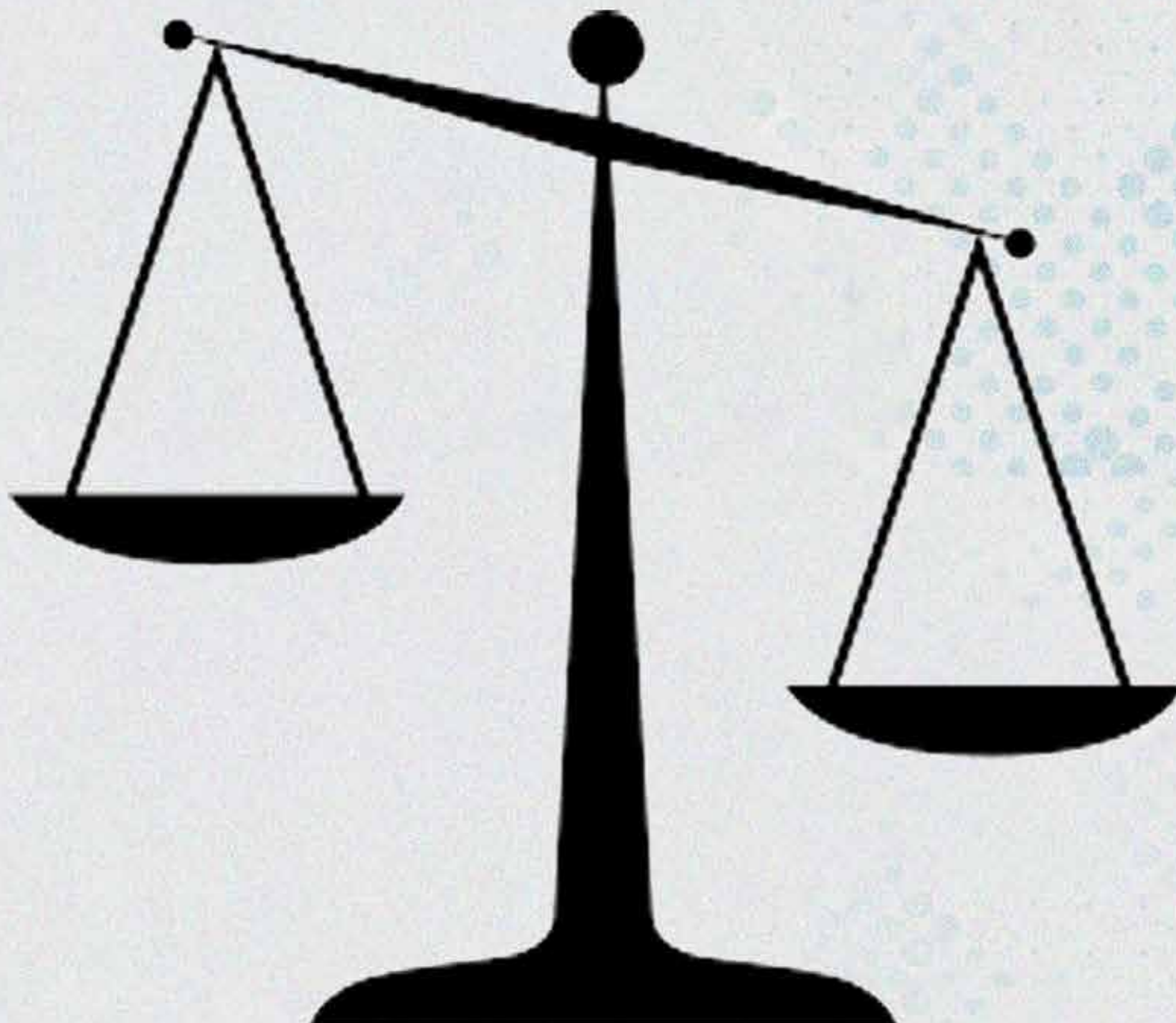


PILAP: In an effort to claim Karachi back, PILAP is preparing to file a writ petition before the Sindh High Court in December 2022 against these dangerous levels of water pollution. Please support us in this endeavor by contributing to our Arabian Sea fund.

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PILAP recently launched its Legal Advisory Committee (LAC) which consists of lawyers who will help PILAP to understand the legal implications of any of PILAP strategy and may also be engaged to represent PILAP as counsel in its public interest litigation.

The LAC includes stellar lawyers from across Pakistan, adding diversity to the organisation and ensuring access to a diverse pool of lawyers. The lawyers on the committee will additionally provide advice on various cases being pursued by PILAP, whether through advocacy or otherwise. Below are the names and profiles of our LAC lawyers.



- **Ahmad Rafay Alam (Lahore):** Ahmad Rafay Alam is an environmental lawyer specializing in the energy, water, natural resources, and urban infrastructure sectors.

He is a Yale World Fellow and has served as the Chairman Lahore Electric Supply Company and Lahore Waste Management Company, as Vice Chairman of the Punjab Urban Unit and as a Member of the Pakistan Climate Change Council and Punjab Environment Protection Council. He currently serves as Advisor to Air Quality Asia and as a Member of the Hisaar Foundation Think Tank on the Rational Use of Water.

- **Fahad Malik (Lahore):** Fahad Malik is an Advocate of the High Courts with expertise in constitutional and environmental laws. Along with his regular practice at his all-service law firm Praxis Legal, Mr. Malik also undertakes strategic public interest litigation, dealing with a host of matters relating to enforcement of fundamental rights. He was appointed part of a Commission by the Supreme Court of Pakistan to undertake a review of laws related to potable water and conduct site inspections of water filtration plants operating in the Province of Punjab. Mr. Malik has also undertaken litigation seeking prioritization of vulnerable road users in urban development projects, as well as seeking mandatory access to public spaces for the differently abled. Mr. Malik has also been appointed as an amicus by the Lahore High Court on numerous occasions, most notably for the smog crisis in 2017 and the interpretation of the Harassment Against Women at the Workplace Act in 2021.

- **Syed Ibrahim (Peshawar):** Ibrahim is a Partner at Ibrahim & Nawaz Advocates & Legal Consultants based in the Firm headquarters at Peshawar, and he handles multifarious litigations before the Peshawar High Court and its various benches, Islamabad High Court, Intellectual Property Tribunal Islamabad, Environment Protection Tribunal Peshawar, Consumer Court Peshawar, Gas Utility Court Peshawar, the Civil & District Courts Peshawar/Mardan, Family Courts & Appellate Tax Tribunals/Forums. He routinely advises and represents Firm clients including Pak Telecom Mobile Limited (Ufone), Pakistan Mobile Communication Limited (Jazz), United States Embassy, Inter Board Committee of Chairmen, Peshawar Electric Supply Company, Security Organizing System Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd amongst many others. Ibrahim has LL.b (Hons) from the University of Liverpool and has an LLM in International Energy Law and Policy from the University of Stirling, Scotland. He is an Advocate of the High Court and has cumulative experience of more than 6 years including work experience in UK.
- **Suleman Zeb (Peshawar):** Suleman an advocate of the High Courts and a graduate from the University of Sussex where he received an LLM in International Human Rights. He has worked on a variety of cases including death penalty matters and Pakistani prisoners repatriated from overseas.

Previously, Salaar worked as an Associate to the Attorney-General for Pakistan. Notable reported cases include the matter of the disqualification of the Prime Minister before the Supreme Court, and proceedings before the Supreme Judicial Council in the matter of a judge of the High Court. He also worked with the international disputes wing on various international arbitrations, including 'Tethyan Copper' (Reko Diq) and 'Karkey Karadeniz' before the ICSID; and the Kishenganga-Ratle water dispute under the Indus Water Treaty.

He is a member of the visiting faculty for the University of London's External LLB Program, where he has taught Public International Law; a self-designed seminar on the Pakistani legal system; and supervised final year dissertations. Salaar writes columns on law and politics for The News, and regularly appears as a legal analyst on national and international media platforms such as BBC World. He is also a member of the Government of Khyber Pukhtunkhwa's Youth Development Commission.

- **Zubair Abro (Karachi)**

- **Legislation drafting** – Drafted a bill to be presented in Provincial Assembly of Sindh on Water Regulatory Framework in Thar Coalfield Area for Sindh Coal Authority. Acted as resource person for stakeholder's consultation on Non-Muslim Marriage Bill, 2015 tabled in Provincial Assembly of Sindh.

Part of team drafting Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)– Multi-Sectoral Action for Nutrition Program UNDP.

- **PIE Litigation** – Representing indigenous people of Tharparkar district of Sindh province in Sindh High Court in a Constitution Petition challenging construction of effluent disposal site for a coal power plant by Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC); challenged approval of a coal yard in Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) in Sindh Environmental Protection Tribunal, inter alia, on the ground that a coal yard requires EIA approval.
- **Pleading and Conveyancing drafting** – Drafting of pleadings, inter alia, writ petitions, leave to appeal applications, winding-up petitions, complaints, written statements, applications, counter affidavits. Drafting of Build, Operate and Transfer (BOTs), Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs), Agreements; legal opinions, legal notices, and vetting of legal documents.
- **Salahuddin Ahmed (Karachi):** Salahuddin Ahmed is a barrister practicing in the High Courts and the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He specializes in civil and constitutional law. He has remained President of the Sindh High Court Bar Association and the Karachi Bar Association.

CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY ENGAGEMENT

PILAP's future is dependent on a vibrant and active Citizens' Assembly. Members have the opportunity to intervene every January and July to recommend pressing public interest issues.

To keep the Citizens' Assembly engaged and informed we put together an engagement calendar where we invite specialists and experts to speak on PILAP's on-going public interest concerns. This provides perspective, solutions, and helps members better understand the idiosyncrasies and challenges related to the public interest issue in question.

ONLINE INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

(All are available on our PILAP website)

PILAP has been hosting online information sessions since September. After the success of our first two sessions in 3rd quarter, one on the Right to Information and the other on Rights of Sanitation Workers, the 4th quarter we have organized a two more, namely:

Date	Topic	Pilap Strategy
August 2022	Right to Information Speaker: Anwar Kashif Mumtaz	Engage with Government authorities to make RTI more robust in practice.
September 2022	Justice for Sanitation Workers Speaker: Naeem Sadiq	Under the Research, Writing and Advocacy (RWA) approach.
October 2022	Problems with the Malir Expressway and urban planning in Karachi	PILAP is attempting to raise public awareness on the issue through a social media campaign.
November 2022	Water Pollution in the Arabian Sea Speaker: Ahmad Rafay Alam	A court petition will be filed on this issue before the Sindh High Court.

1. **Environmental Impact of the Malir Expressway with Arif Belgaumi:** The construction of the Malir Expressway is a disaster in the making. The reasons for this are many. For one, it will block the natural flow of rainwater hence compounding the effects of flooding. If the super floods of summer 2022 have taught us anything it is allow free passage of rainwater along its natural course. Secondly, the Expressway cuts through Karachi's largest green space and precious agricultural farmland. Not only will it eat into the "lungs of the city", scarce though they may be, but it will also contribute towards growing food insecurity in the country.

Arif Belgaumi is an architect, teacher, and environmental activist. His talk on the environmental impact of the Malir Expressway was eye-opening and informative. He pointed towards possible alternatives that could be used by government authorities in place of the Expressway and the importance of parks, green spaces, and farmland in any urban setting.

2. **Arabian Sea Water Pollution with Ahmad Rafay Alam:** The Arabian Sea receives vast quantities of unfiltered municipal sewage and industrial waste each year. This water travels through the rivers in Karachi and ends up in the sea. Not only is it adversely impacting the environment, but exposure to heavy metals, industrial chemicals and human waste is extremely harmful to human health.

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2. Support PILAP in other Initiatives: PILAP has created a “Citizenship Rights Education”, a curriculum in collaboration with the Teachers’ Resource Centre (TRC). PILAP’s Citizens’ Rights Education project aims to teach students about their rights to create responsible citizens. One of the root causes of systemic intolerance, discrimination and even violence stems from citizens being uninformed of their own rights and hence their duties and the rights of others

To accomplish this, a teacher’s curriculum has also been developed for teachers of classes 1-10, which will enable students to learn about citizenship rights. The 4 themes chosen were Ethics, Environment, Country, and Digital Citizenship. Based on these themes, 12 activities for each level, from Class 1 to 10 were designed.

We need champions to find ways to get this curriculum incorporated into schools so that our future generation is well versed on their rights, as well as the obligations of the state.

You can view excerpts of these “Teacher Manuals” in the PILAP’s website at <https://pilap.pk/citizenship-rights-education/>

PARTNERSHIPS

PILAP has partnered with diverse and varied institutions and organisations to share ideas, and to mutually promote each other's objectives. We have signed Memoranda of Understand with the following organisations and institutions.

1. **Pakistan Innovation Foundation:** PIF is a private-sector-driven and donor-supported non-profit organization charged with promoting innovation across the Pakistan Society, particularly within the Corporate Sector of Pakistan. It delivers through a three-pronged strategy of awareness-building, reward and recognition, and research and advocacy.
2. **CEJIBA:** The Centre for Excellence in Journalism was set up in 2014 under a grant from the US State Department with the intention to set up a state-of-the-art training centre to be used by journalists and journalism students at the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi.
3. **FACULTY OF LAW. Politics and Governance Ziauddin University:** Over the course of 20 years, Ziauddin University has earned the place of being one of the leading institutions of Karachi. This status has been earned due to the administration's constant effort to introduce new programmes and faculties.

4. **Health Oriented Prevention Education:** It is an NGO providing health and education services for the underprivileged in Pakistan. It's major activities include provision of health care through hospitals, and maternal and child health centres. In addition, child education is provided through formal and informal schools. Vocational centers provide computers and vocational training for youth.
5. **I AM KARACHI:** Concerned citizens and civil society organisations of Karachi have come together to initiate a city-wide movement called IAK. I AM KARACHI aims to collectively rebuild the diverse social and cultural fabric of the city by providing a platform for like-minded organisations and individuals committed to promoting socio-cultural activities and campaigns as vehicles for peace building through the arts, culture, sports and dialogue.
6. **Courting the Law:** Courting the Law is a one-of-a-kind online platform for all things related to Pakistani law. From providing free legal advice, analysis and commentary on various laws, conducting workshops, Courting the Law is an all-encompassing resource for the Pakistani legal system.

If any organization find our mission inspiring and would like to sign an intellectual MOU where we support each other in our work, please contact us or write to PILAP.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

This quarter PILAP has focused on two projects that require fundraising, and for which we need your help and support.

Robotic Sewage Cleaner: We have collaborated with NED University to develop a mechanical prototype which will robotically clean sewage drains. The idea is to develop a prototype which may eventually do away with the need for sewage drains to be cleaned manually, a risky and dangerous operation which has taken the lives of many sanitation workers. We are unable to embark on this project without a certain amount of funds and have, therefore, started a fundraising campaign through social media. Please help us and spread the word for this worthy cause.



PLEASE HELP the poorest and most downtrodden of citizens - **GUTTER CLEANERS**. They are denied basic safety measures and doing the most dangerous of jobs in our society.

PILAP in partnership with NED Mechanical Engineering is creating a contraption to clean gutters

We need help to fund this prototype:

Send cross check in name of Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan at the address:
Office No 202, Building No.18-C, 2nd Floor,
Zamzama Commercial Lane, No. 2, Phase 5,
DHA, Karachi

Or deposit in our account in Allied Bank Clifton
Branch, Shaheen Centre, Karachi.
IBAN # PK11 ABPA0010005118670010
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Branch Code: 0134
Payee: Public Interest Law Association of Pakistan

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Water Pollution in the Arabian Sea: Karachi is a city without strong ownership. Currently all untreated sewage and industrial effluence is dumped in the Arabian Sea. We plan to file a court petition on this serious public interest concern. We want to make it a landmark case about making Karachi a clean city. Since we need support in terms of funding, we have launched a social media campaign for the project. Please contribute and pass the word around.

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