



## Inside Stories

- Visit of Commissioner, Karachi Division
- Visit of CEO, K-Electric
- Meeting with DG Rangers Sindh
- Visit of MD, SSWMB
- Meeting with SSGC officials
- Meeting with NUST officials
- Visit of NED University Officials
- Meeting with Chief Fire Officer
- Press Statements

Newsletter

# VOICE OF INDUSTRY

JANUARY - MARCH 2025

Issue # 52-53-54 / 2024-26

**Ahmed Azeem Alvi**

Managing Editor & President  
S.I.T.E. Association of Industry

**Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi**

Editor-in-chief  
Vice President & Chairman Publication Sub Committee SAI

Editorial Board

**Khalid Riaz (SVP)**

**Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi**

**Azeem Motiwala**

**Abdul Kadir Bilwani**

**Muhammad Hussain Moosani**

**Ahmed Zulfiqar Chaudhry**

**Aman Naseem**

## Publication House

📍 S.I.T.E. Association of Industry  
H-16, Textile Avenue, SITE, Karachi

☎ +92 21 32560704-5 | +92 21 32562883  
+92 300 203 3508

🌐 [sg@site-association.org](mailto:sg@site-association.org)

✉ [www.site-association.org](http://www.site-association.org)

Designed By **DIGITAL HYPERLINKS**

## Visit of Commissioner Karachi Division



**President Ahmed Azeem Alvi is presenting Shield to Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassan Naqvi on the occasion of his visit to SITE Association of Industry**

The Commissioner Karachi Syed Hassan Naqvi has ordered to launch anti-encroachment drive as soon as possible to permanently resolve traffic jam issues in the jurisdiction of District Central immediately after Siraj Kassam Teli flyover to Nazimabad underpass. He has advised the Deputy Commissioner Central and Keamari that push carts detained, should not be released before 30-days.

He was addressing members of SITE Association of Industry on the occasion of his visit on (29/1/25). He was accompanied by DC Keamri Raja Tariq Hussain Chandio, DC Central Taha Saleem and AC SITE Nida Saman. MD SITE Limited Syed Arif Ahmed Zaidi was also present in the meeting along with his senior officials.

The Commissioner directed the DC Keamari not to stop any repair work, particularly leakages of water lines, having SITE Limited NOC and requested SAI to make sure the repair team has the copy of NOC. However, action must be taken against illegal works.

The Commissioner also announced that we have asked the Police not to block roads due to cricket matches security. The Commissioner Karachi informed that almost 90pc time of Commissioner and DCs is spent in dispute resolution as there are as much as 127 different agencies / departments who are to be coordinated for civic amenities related works.

Earlier, SITE President Ahmed Azeem Alvi highlighted issues that can be tackled by the Commissioner Karachi office which in particular included traffic Jam from Siraj Kassam Teli Flyover to Nazimabad underpass due to parking of fruit vendors' push carts & vehicles, collection of trade license and property tax by the Town Municipal Corporation (Moriro Mirbahar), jurisdiction related matters and water shortage problem.

Mr.Alvi said that since SITE Limited is the owner of land, the two taxes viz. Trade License & Property Tax should be collected by SITE Limited. Seconding views expressed by President, Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala said that SITE Limited is responsible for infrastructure uplift of the area from its own resources. Since the purpose of collection of Property Tax is to provide civic amenities, it should be collected by SITE Limited. In response, the Commissioner assured to examine the matter in coordination with SITE Limited and Local Govt. Department officials and revert with working paper on priority.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh on this occasion, briefed the Commissioner that Rangers operation against water theft is going on since more than a year & half and the most recent one was done day before yesterday. Resultantly, the industries are without water since two days. President added that we simply want water. 99.8 to 100pc recoveries of utilities are done from industries. We are totally against water theft and want only water which unfortunately, the KWSC has failed to supply. Due to Rangers Operation, the sub-soil operators have gone on strike since two days. We are making efforts to resolve this matter at our level.



Former President Jawed Bilwani mentioned that an agreement has been signed by all concerned including the then Commissioner Karachi for the supply of 8 MGD water (in summer) and 9 MGD water (in winter) to SITE area and requested the Commissioner Karachi to implement the said agreement in letter & spirit.

Former Chairman Majyd Aziz drew attention of the Commissioner towards roads blocked for the security of cricket teams and requested to make security arrangements without blocking roads. Former Chairman Tariq Yousuf said that Commissioner is the custodian of the city and head of all civic amenities. He requested the Commissioner to exercise his powers for the resolution of issues being discussed in the meeting. Former Chairman Younus Bashir on this occasion said that Reiki is done at 'Jhopra hotels' where criminal minded people sit and misguide the labours and ask them to do unlawful acts.

Former President Jawed Bilwani drew attention of the Commissioner towards Trucks & Buses parked at various locations in SITE and remarked that parking space is available at many places such as Valika Hospital, Philips, Ahmed Foods and Labour Square where Trucks can be parked without creating hurdle in the flow of normal traffic. The Commissioner directed the two DCs to convene meeting of Traffic Management Board and make sure the meeting ends with an effective outcome.

Mr. Jawed Bilwani added that PC-I for funding for road works from the Infrastructure Development Cess. amounting to PKR 2 billion is already pending with the Government of Sindh and requested the Commissioner to use his good offices to release the funds as requested. The Commissioner assured members of his cooperation in this matter.

Other issues such as patch work of roads, nullah cleaning, formation of Liaison Committee, tilted electric poles, incidents of bite by stray dogs and political activities in industrial area also came under discussion in the meeting.

SVP Khalid Riaz, VP Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Junaid Makda, Abdul Hadi, Riazuddin, Touseef Ahmed, Azeem Motiwala, Abdul Rehman Fudda, Muhammad Kamran Lakhany, Aman Naseem, Muhammad Tahir Goreja, Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Saleem Nagaria, Abdul Kadir Bilwani, Haris Shakoar, Shaikh Zafar Ahmed, Shehzad Arbi and others were present in the meeting.

As gesture of goodwill, Association's Shield was presented to the Chief Guest. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by SVP Mr. Khalid Riaz. Later, the Commissioner, DC Keamair, DC Central, AC SITE, Zubair Motiwala, Saleem Parekh, Jawed Bilwani, Ahmed Azeem Alvi, Khalid Riaz and Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi planted Coconut seedling in the premises of the Association under the Clean & Green SITE initiative of SITE Association of Industry.



## Visit of CEO K-Electric



**President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, along with Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala and Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, is presenting Shield to CEO K-Electric**

The Chief Executive Officer of K-Electric Syed Moonis Alvi, visited SITE Association of Industry and held detailed discussion with members of the Association on their issues related to K-Electric On (19/2/2025).

He was accompanied by high officials of his department namely Sheikh Humayun Saghir, Asmer Naeem, Farah Naz, Basit Sami, Manzoor Lodhi, Afzal Khan, Wajid Ali Memon, Zaheeruddin Memon and others. Syed Moonis Alvi assured the industrialists of SITE area to resolve their complaints on priority basis.

President SITE Association of Industry Ahmed Azeem Alvi welcomed the CEO K-Electric and his team to the Association and briefly stated issues being faced by industries which in particular included quality of power supply without fluctuations & breakdowns, higher tariff for Karachi consumers making industries uncompetitive in the international markets as well as locally, loadshedding in industrial areas due to common feeders and incremental package.

Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala raised various questions which were replied by Moonis Alvi. Mr.Motiwala in particular, highlighted a complaint of electricity theft from two feeders of SITE area and suggested to shift the PMTs inside factory premises. He asked CEO KE to study example of gas. When gas prices were increased again & again, the industrial consumers shifted to biofuels. The same may happen to K-Electric as its tariff is increasing and people are shifting towards solar, wind or some other cheaper energy solution as things are getting more modernize and more economical than K-Electric. He also discussed matters such as ISPA, Winter Package, QTA, FCA, Net Metering applications and wheeling charges etc. With the CEO KE in detail.

Mr.Motiwala further said that he believed K-Electric would not like to lose its best pay masters i.e. industrial consumes, so let us sit together and an amicable solution on which, both KE and Industrial consumers agree.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh briefed on the issues related to NEPRA such as Incremental Consumption Package, which was discussed at length and it was decided that K-Electric and consumers of Karachi, particularly the industrial consumers, should approach NEPRA jointly in the larger interest of all consumers of K-Electric. For this purpose, a Coordination Committee comprising high officials of K-Electric and representatives of SITE Association of Industry shall also be constituted.

Mr. Parekh added that it has been observed that NEPRA is more inclined towards K-Electric than its consumers which is not just. Why KE should not settle issues with industrial consumers instead of approaching NEPRA again & again?

KCCI President Jawed Bilwani said that our Patron-in-Chief Zubair Motiwala has helped the K-Electric in difficult times by convincing SSGC authorities to increase supply of gas to K-Electric to run their power plants and asked CEO K-Electric to stand with industry and plead the case of industries before the federal government. He also asked CEO K-Electric to share total amount of QTA during past ten years.

Former President Muhammad Kamran Arbi appreciated the response of K-Electric in the times of crises but demanded a timeline for the separation of residential consumers from industrial feeders.

Central Chairman of APTPMA Zulfiqar Chaudhry showed concerns over stop of electricity for few minutes which starts again. He questioned the CEO KE why it happens as few minutes break stops the machines and disturbs continuous process in textile industry which results in damage to the quality of fabric. He demanded uninterrupted and continuous supply of electricity.

Zonal Chairman APTPMA Anwer Aziz said that why it happened that KE asked 4.98 paisa per unit adjustment for November-2024 but NEPRA declined and approved only 1.32 per unit.

SVP Khalid Riaz while speaking on SMEs issues, said that if they want to enhance load, instead of asking to finance a bigger PMT, the KE should find a solution to fix the 2nd PMT in the premises of the industry so as to lessen the financial burden on the concerned industry.

VP Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi shared a list of 943 power breakdown complaints received in 15 days from SITE area industries to which, CEO KE Moonis Alvi expressed concern and assured to come up with a solution to decrease number of such complaints. He urged the KE SITE officials, present in the meeting, to take steps to reduce number of complaints.

On this occasion, former Presidents Majid Aziz, Abdul Hadi & Abdul Rasheed, EC Members Azeem Motiwala, Muhammad Tahir Goreja, Muhammad Kamran Lakhany and Aman Naseem, Asif Aziz, Saleem Nagaria, Haris Shakoor and others were also present.

## ● Follow-up meeting with K-Electric high officials

To follow up the matters discussed during the visit of CEO K-Electric Syed Moonis Alvi to SITE Association of Industry on 19th February 2025, a follow up meeting was held at the KE's Head office on 25th February 2025.

Issues discussed in this meeting included daily complaints, change of very old circuit breakers, poor maintenance of PMTs, separation of inter-connected feeders, load enhancement, loadshedding schedule during the holy month of Ramadhan-ul-Mubarak and complete restoration of Haroonabad Grid Station. SVP Khalid Riaz along with Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Anwer Aziz, Touseef Ahmed, Muhammad Kamran Lakhany, Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi and Muhammad Hussain Moosani attended the meeting.

## Visit of MD, SSWMB



**President SITE Association Ahmed Azeem Alvi is presenting Shield to MD, SSWMB**

The Managing Director of Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) Tariq Ali Nizamani has assured full support & cooperation from SSWMB in making SITE area Clean & Green under the umbrella of SITE Association of Industry. He has stressed the need of close coordination among the signatories of the MOA to achieve this objective.

He was addressing members of SITE Association of Industry on the occasion of his visit on (23/1/25). He was accompanied by high officials of his department. The Managing Director of SITE Limited Syed Arif Ahmed Zaidi was also present in the meeting along with his team.

The Managing Director, SSWMB, further said that he has been associated with SSWMB for 6 years in various capacities and is very well aware of issues & problems being faced by industries of SITE area related to his department. He expressed the hope that like SITE, the solid waste lifting agreement will be signed with other industrial areas soon. The Sindh govt. passed Solid Waste Act in 2014 and phase-wise implemented from 2016 onward. He informed that solid waste generation from Karachi is around 14000 tons/day. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the matter, the honourable Lahore High Court last year ordered every organization to hold awareness sessions on environment & solid waste management. He quoted that waste management is included in syllabus of Japan schools and informed that modern GTS are being established this year.

The representatives of SSWMB complained about throwing of garbage into nullah and shortage of funds & required staff for nullah cleaning, to which, the representative of SITE Limited replied that since only 30pc solid waste is being lifted, the remaining goes to nullah. The only solution is to lift 100pc solid waste from the area for which, there is need to deploy more resources from the SSWMB. SSWMB representative requested SITE Limited to share details of small, medium and large industries to ascertain the quantum of solid waste.

The Managing Director of SITE Limited, present on this occasion, offered his relevant staff and machinery and added that whatever resources SITE Limited have, are available to SSWMB for the betterment of the area. He directed his staff to provide details of industries as requested to the SSWMB. He announced strict action and imposition of fine on those industries found throwing garbage in nullah or on road side. One of the representatives of SITE Limited said that there is need to make schedule for nullah cleaning, which should be done preferably on quarterly basis.

Earlier, SITE President Ahmed Azeem Alvi welcomed the MD SSWMB and MD SITE LTD to the meeting and said that today's agenda is to devise strategy to implement Clean & Green SITE drive. We are ready to facilitate SSWMB in the implementation of MOA signed among SITE Limited and SSWMB and SITE Association of Industry. Speaking on SSWMB bills payment, the President suggested that short payment or part payment should be allowed in the system instead of full bill amount and offered to send bills of SSWMB through the Association.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, while referring to earlier meeting held in Nov-2024 with the then MD, SSWMB said that there is need to reduce communication gap between the two key players i.e. SSWMB and SITE Limited. With the resources currently available to SSWMB, they are doing good job. Lifting of Municipal Solid Waste, domestic solid waste being dumped in SITE limits, debris lifting, door to door garbage collection and cleaning of nullah came under detailed discussion in the meeting and many members raised queries related to these which were responded by the SSWMB team. He suggested to discuss the agreement and emphasised the need to fix a timeline for every task so as to check progress.

SVP Khalid Riaz said that since SITE area is large, the workforce should be increased and suggested to increase resources from SSWMB. VP Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi said that solid waste is not lifted completely and requested to lift dry ash from the area. At this, the President added that each & every type of solid waste (non-hazardous) should be lifted by SSWMB to make area clean & green.

Former SVP Saleem Nagaria on this occasion suggested to discuss issues together with solutions. There was emphasis on controlling dumping of solid waste from the residents in the vicinity of SITE area and to increase dumping points for garbage lifting from identified more than 100 Roads. It was decided to form a Coordination Committee comprising 3 representatives each from SITE Limited, SSWMB and SITE Association of Industry for improved interaction and quick action on members complaints.

Those present in the meeting included Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Azeem Motiwala, Muhammad Kamran Lakhany, Aman Naseem, Muhammad Tahir Goreja, Haris Shakoor, Nazar Jatoi (SITE LTD), Faheemuddin Shaikh (SITE LTD), Saifullah (SITE LTD), Ghulam Nabi (SSWMB), Farhan Lodhi (SSWMB), Waheed-ur-Rehman (SSWMB), Raheel (SSWMB) and others.

## ● 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of SSWMB Coordination Committee

The 1st meeting of SSWMB Coordination Committee was held on 12th February 2025 at SAI office, attended by representatives of SSWMB, SITE Limited and SITE Association of Industry. Matters & decisions taken in the first meeting were discussed for follow up.



## ● 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SSWMB Coordination Committee

2nd Meeting of SSWMB Coordination Committee was held in the office of the Association on 15th March 2025 to follow up progress of work on cleaning of rainwater holes, provision of Map of SITE area to SSWMB, Cleaning of Nullah and Billing & Recovery related issues. The meeting was attended by Ghulam Nabi & Raheel Khawaja (from SSWMB), Faheemuddin Shaikh & Noman (from SITE Limited) and Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi & Azeem Motiwala (from SAI).

## Visit of NUST officials



**President Ahmed Azeem Alvi is presenting bouquet to Sana Maqbool (Director ICON, NUST) on the occasion of visit.**

Team from NUST Islamabad comprising Sana Maqbool (Director ICON, NUST) and Ambreen Munir visited SITE Association of Industry on 6th February 2025 and had detailed meeting with SAI members on NUST ICON related matter.

President Mr.Ahmed Azeem Alvi stressed the need to take the local faculty on board for better results. He said that industry has lot of issues which need to be tackled, particularly we need to be energy efficient and expressed the hope for a fruitful discussion. Ms.Sana Maqbool assured to plan visit of local faculty and invited SAI team to visit NUST-PNEC so see their Labs and work they are doing.

President Mr.Ahmed Azeem Alvi said that since industry is facing utilities related issues, it is right time to engage in projects like water recycling to benefit all industries. Solution of gas shortage should also be explored.

Mr. Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi said that despite resistance from members, we have facilitated NUST by providing rent-free room which is being used for one year. He suggested daily visit to factories by BDO of NUST Icon Centre and requested to monitor their performance on daily basis.

Mr. Muhammad Hussain Moosani suggested to contact industries sector-wise like pharma, food, textile etc., to which, Ms.Sana Maqbool agreed.



SVP Mr.Khalid Riaz suggested to re-send introductory circular of NUST Icon Centre for information of general members.

Mr. Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi stressed the need to fully activate Whatsapp Coordination Group which was mutually agreed.

Mr. Muhammad Rizwan Lakhany said that Italian and European machines are now obsolete and also unaffordable. We face technical issues in Chinese machines on daily basis. No doubt, cost and production wise Chinese machineries are good but still these machines are behind in many functions than German machines and lot of improvement is required. He requested engagement of NUST team in troubleshooting these machines.

Mr.Muhammad Kamran Lakhany briefed on the matters discussed with BDO of NUST Icon Centre on the occasion of his visit to his factory and said that I have asked the BDO to meet again with a Technical Person to discuss the technical problems. He requested NUST to appoint a Technical Person at the NUST Icon Centre who understands technical matters of industry as a whole. He suggested to use this office as R&D Cell for SITE area industries.

Vice President Mr.Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi informed that we need to renew the MOA signed on 24th November 2023 between SAI and NUST for the setting up of ICON Centre.

It was decided to arrange a visit of NUST PNEC sometime in February and of NUST Islamabad after Eidul Fiter holidays. Ms.Sana Maqbool informed that Mr.Bilal Mehmood of NUST-PNEC will come to meet SAI President first.

Concluding the meeting, President Mr.Ahmed Azeem Alvi stressed the need to introduce new ideas. He quoted that Pakistan Navy needs electrical components & camouflage paint in huge quantity.

## Visit of SSGC SITE officials

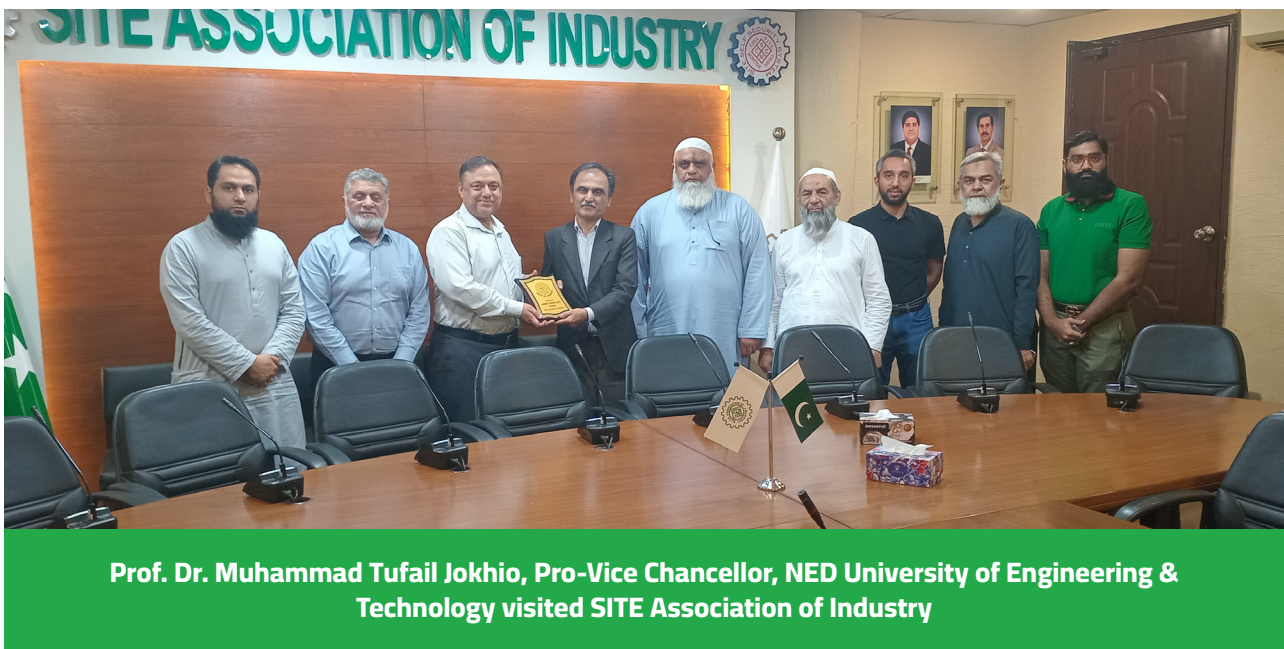


**Officials from SSGC SITE office visited S.I.T.E. Association of Industry**

Officials from SSGC SITE office namely Muhammad Aleem Khan (GM), Amir Idrees (DGM) and Saeed Memon (UFG DSM) visited SAI on 24th Feb 2025 and met office bearers & members of Executive Committee. Issues related to gas supply, low pressure and related matters etc. came under discussion in the meeting. The meeting was attended by Saleem Parekh, Ahmed Azeem Alvi, Khalid Riaz, Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Muhammad Hanif Tawakkal, Abdul Rasheed, Members of the Executive Committee and others.



## Meeting with NED University officials



**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail Jakhio, Pro-Vice Chancellor, NED University of Engineering & Technology visited SITE Association of Industry**

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail Jakhio, Pro-Vice Chancellor, NED University of Engineering & Technology along with Dr. Asad-ur-Rehman Khan, Dean Faculty of Civil and Petroleum, NED, visited SITE Association of Industry on 27/2/25 and had discussion with Members of the Association on enhancing industry-academia interaction.

NED officials were informed that under PSDP (Prime Minister directives) schemes, 27 roads and 28 drains in SITE area are being constructed. NED team was invited by Mr. Saleem Parekh to involve in this project with the industry representatives by engaging their testing services and fresh graduates on full time basis which will create a win-win situation for all stakeholders. They were also requested to study project documents and give their valuable input.

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, Former President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Muhammad Farooq Arbi, Saleem Nagaria, Haris Shakoor and Aman Naseem attended the meeting. Officials from SITE Limited namely Nazar Jatoti, Faheemuddin Shaikh and Mehmood were also present on this occasion.

# Meeting with DG Rangers Sindh

A meeting of Executive Members of SITE Association of Industry was held with Major General Muhammad Shamraiz, Director General, Pakistan Rangers Sindh, in his office on 28/2/2025 to discuss issues being faced by SITE area industries. Brig. Muhammad Kabir Ahmed, Sector Commander Rangers, was also present in this meeting. Issues discussed with DG Rangers Sindh included:

- FORMATION OF SITE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
- DIGITALIZATION OF LAND RECORD OF SITE LIMITED
- ISSUANCE OF NOCs
- ONE WINDOW OPERATION
- COLLECTION OF TRADE LICENSE AND PROPERTY TAX
- MAKING OF RAILWAY LINE OPERATIONAL FROM KARACHI PORT TO HAWKS BAY
- UPCOUNTRY BUSES STOP AT NAZIMABAD
- BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS
- ACTIVITIES OF LABOUR LEADERS
- FBR REFUSING TO ACT ON FTO VERDICTS
- AND SOME OTHER RELATED ISSUES

From SAI, Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Jawed Bilwani (Former President), Ahmed Azeem Alvi (President), Khalid Riaz (SVP) and Abdul Hadi (Former President) attended the meeting.



## Visit of Chief Fire Officer, Karachi



**On the occasion of visit of Chief Fire Officer Muhammad Humayun Khan to SITE Association of Industry**

Chief Fire Officer Muhammad Humayun Khan visited SITE Association of Industry on 15th February 2025 and had discussion with office bearers & EC members. President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, SVP Khalid Riaz, VP Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, EC Members Abdul Rehman Fudda and Muhammad Tahir Goreja and Abdul Rahim Baig (Incharge, SITE Fire Station & SITE Association Fire Station) were present on this occasion.

Following the meeting, President Ahmed Azeem Alvi handed over firefighting equipment & accessories for the fire tenders of SITE Association Fire Station.

## Visit of team from NUST, Islamabad

A team from NUST, Islamabad, led by Rabia Abbas Malik (Lead Advancement) and comprising Abeera Atif (Lead Projects) and Ameer Hamza (Lead Alumni Relations) visited NUST ICON at SITE Association of Industry on 9th January 2025 and discussed fund raising for deserving students of NUST. Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, SVP Khalid Riaz, VP Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Immediate Past President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Former VP Muhammad Farhan Ashrafi (Liaison Committee Member) and Muhammad Rizwan Lakhany (Liaison Committee Member) were also present in the meeting.

## Meetings with Wing Commander

A meeting was held with Wing Commander, 63-Wing, Col. Haroon at 63-Wing office on 10th January 2025 to discuss important law & order related matters, attended by Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Ahmed Azeem Alvi (President) and Abdul Hadi (Former President). To follow up matters, another meeting of Col. Haroon was held with President Ahmed Azeem Alv on 15th January 2025 in the office of the Association.

## Introductory meeting with new SESSI director

An introductory meeting was held with Mr.Nadir Hussain Kansaro, Director, SESSI East Directorate on 15th January 2025 in the office of the Association. SVP Khalid Riaz, Chairman Labour Committee Muhammad Tahir Goreja, Member Labour Committee Syed Zaheer Ahmed and officials from SESSI were present in the meeting.

## Meeting regarding World Peace Jirga Program

The office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Keamari, convened a meeting to discuss support of arrangements of meeting for World Peace Jirga Program (WPJP) establishment of Committees in Central and Keamari districts. VP Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi represented SITE Association of Industry in this meeting.

## Visit of KE's IBC SITE officials

A meeting was held with K-Electric's IBC SITE officials on 27th January 2025 in the office of the Association. KE's team was headed by Mr. Zaheer Memon, GM, IBC-SITE. KE officials requested the Association in the matter of increasing electricity theft on Bawany Chali and Faizur Rehman feeders. They also sent letter dated 27th January 2025 in this regard. SITE Association's members assured them help to liaise with law enforcement agencies to make sure, there is no more electricity theft from the feeders while the suggestion of loadshedding was outrightly rejected by Members. The KE team was also apprised that complaints of fluctuation and breakdowns have increased in SITE area. It was decided to maintain a log of all complaints for future reference and discussion. M/s. Khalid Riaz, Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Abdul Rehman Fudda, Haris Shakoor and others were present at the meeting.

## Meeting regarding Phase-II of the plantation campaign

The Commissioner, Karachi Division convened a meeting regarding Phase-II of Plantation campaign in the Karachi Division on 30th January 2025 in his office. President Ahmed Azeem Alvi attended the meeting on behalf of SAI.

## Meetings of the committee constituted under the "Business Facilitation & Coordination Committee" (BFCC)

Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, on 14th February 2025, attended the meeting of Committee constituted under BFCC held at the Chief Minister House.

Another meeting of the Committee constituted under Business Facilitation & Coordination Committee (BFCC) was held on 26th Feb 2025 in the Committee Room of Energy Department, chaired by Minister for Planning & Development and Energy Department Syed Nasir Hussain Shah to discuss matters related to industries. From SAI, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, President Ahmed Azeem Alvi and Former President Jawed Bilwani attended the meeting.

## Workshop on human rights due diligence

The Govt. of Sindh, Human Rights Dept, arranged a workshop on Human Rights Due Diligence: Challenges & Opportunities, on 20th February 2025 at local hotel, which was attended by VP Mr. Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi.



## Meeting regarding infrastructure development of industrial zones of Karachi

The Govt. of Sindh, Industries & Commerce Dept, convened a meeting on 24th February 2025 at Sindh Secretariat to discuss infrastructure development in industrial zones of Karachi. representatives from all town associations were invited. From SAI, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh and Immediate Past President Muhammad Kamran Arbi attended the meeting. As discussed & decided, three PC-I as mentioned below were delivered to the Secretary Industries the next morning.

I. Improvement of the water supply network at SITE Area, Karachi – **Estimated cost: Rs. 1,484.815 million**

II. Rehabilitation/construction of 22 roads in SITE Industrial Estate, Karachi – **Estimated cost: Rs. 2,301.55 million**

III. Construction of 2 flyovers at SITE Area, Karachi – **Estimated cost: Rs. 6,343.303 million**

## Meeting of the reconciliation committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of Reconciliation Committee of SITE Limited was held on 24th February 2025 in the office of the Association to discuss and resolve members complaints related to NUF and sub-letting charges. From SITE Limited Khusheed Dharaj, Faheemuddin Shaikh, Anam Siddiqui and Rehan and from SITE Association, Saleem Nagaria, Abdul Kadir Bilwani and Muhammad Hussain Moosani attended the meeting.

## Seminar on environmental governance

Environmental Protection Agency, Sindh (SEPA) organized a Seminar on Environmental Governance and Sustainability Challenges on 25th February 2025 at local hotel. The Seminar was held to discuss environmental challenges, explore solutions and plan a way forward as the environmental landscape in Sindh is experiencing numerous governance and sustainability challenges including air, fresh & marine water, noise pollution, improper disposal of solid waste and growing menace of plastic pollution. M/s. Saleem Nagaria, Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Haris Shakoor and Abdul Rehman Fudda represented SAI in this Seminar.

## Meeting regarding cleanliness activities during Ramadhan

DC Keamari convened a meeting on cleanliness activities during the holy month of Ramadhan-ul-Mubarak on 25th February 2025 in his office. The agenda included overall cleanliness activities in District Keamari, water & sewerage issues, plan for the month of Ramadhan-ul-Mubarak and issues related to SITE Limited. President Ahmed Azeem Alvi attended the meeting on behalf of SITE Association of Industry.

## Meeting with lawyer Mr. Zaheer Minhas

Federal B Area Association arranged a luncheon meeting with lawyer Mr.Zaheer Minhas on 27th February 2025 at the Association. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent judgement of Peshawar High Court on the EOBI matter. The honorable Peshawar High Court in its landmark judgement has held that EOBI can only demand / collect monthly contributions from companies at wage rate of Rs.30,000/- and not beyond that. From SAI, Abdul Kadir Bilwani and Muhammad Tarhir Goreja were present in this meeting.

## Meeting with FTO advisor

On 28th February 2025, SVP Mr.Khalid Riaz had a meeting with Mr.Badaruddin Ahmed Qureshi, Advisor (Sales Tax), FTO office, on the matter of members complaints related to Sales Tax.

## Meeting with RSG officials on rate increase

A meeting was held on 3rd March 2025 in the office of the Association with RSG officials namely Brig. Saleem Raza and DSR (r) Muzaffar Khan to discuss increase of service charges for RSG services. It has been decided to accommodate their request and revise the rates to the best possible level. From SAI President Ahmed Azeem Alvi and Former President Abdul Hadi attended the meeting.

## Meeting of sub-soil suppliers with MD KWSC and Rangers

On 3rd March 2025, a meeting of sub-soil water suppliers was held with MD KWSC & Wing Commander at SITE Association of Industry to discuss their issues which in particular, included installation of water meters, shortage of water, quality of underground water being supplied to industries, per gallon rate, fixed charges and operation against water theft. From SAI, Saleem Parekh (Chief Coordinator), Ahmed Azeem Alvi (President) and Abdul Hadi (Former President) were present in this meeting.

## Meeting of the Works Committee of SITE Limited

A meeting of Works Committee of SITE Limited was held on 15th March 2025 in the office of the Association, attended by the Members of the Works Committee.

## Webinar on energy efficiency potential in the textile industry

DANISH EMBASSY, ISLAMABAD, organized a Webinar on the Energy Efficiency potential in the Textile Industry of Pakistan, on 18th March 2025. President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, SVP Khalid Riaz, EC Member Muhammad Tahir Goreja and Junaid-ur-Rehman participated in the Webinar along with other members of the Association.

At the webinar, Danish Energy Management A/S (DeM) together with its local partner PITCO Private Limited shared their findings of a study that is funded by the Royal Danish Embassy to identify the Energy Efficiency potential in the Textile Industry of Pakistan. The study has been commissioned in view of the increasing interest of Danish textile companies to source textile products from Pakistan and their focus on sustainability.

## Zoom meeting with SIFC on business-related matters

An online meeting was held with SIFC officials on 21st March 2025 to discuss Discrimination Against Karachi Bases Industries. The meeting was attended by President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, Immediate Past President Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Zonal Chairman APTPMA Anwer Aziz and Abu Bakar Ismail (from Amreli Steel). The matter of incremental consumption package funds came under discussion in the meeting.

## Complaint filed with FTO by SAI on sales tax-related issues

Mr. Muhammad Kamran Arbi, Honorary Coordinator to FTO (Business Liaison) filed a complaint with FTO office on the issues being faced by taxpayers in the IRIS system of FBR, due to which, the taxpayers were unable to file their monthly sales tax return for the tax period February-2025 on time. Honourable Advisor to FTO Mr. Abdul Majid Yousfani issued hearing Notices to concerned FBR officials but no one turned up to attend the hearing on 26th March 2025. From SAI, Secretary General Muhammad Faheem attended the hearing. Next date for hearing was fixed as 15/4/2025.

## Balloting for 'Umrah' at SITE Limited

On 27th March 2025, VP Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi attended balloting ceremony organized at SITE Limited to select employees who will have the opportunity to perform 'Umrah'.

## EOBI & SESSI helpdesks

To facilitate members of the Association in resolution of their issues related to EOBI and SESSI, the following Helpdesks were held during the period under review.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ● EOBI Helpdesk was held on 7th January 2025   | ● EOBI Helpdesk was held on 4th February 2025   |
| ● SESSI Helpdesk was held on 14th January 2025 | ● SESSI Helpdesk was held on 11th February 2025 |
| ● EOBI Helpdesk was held on 21st January 2025  | ● EOBI Helpdesk was held on 18th February 2025  |
| ● SESSI Helpdesk was held on 28th January 2025 | ● SESSI Helpdesk was held on 25th February 2025 |



# PRESS STATEMENTS

## ● Severe shortage of water in SITE brings industrial production to a halt (30/1/25)

President of SITE Association of Industry Ahmed Azeem Alvi, has in a press statement, said that no water has been provided to industries of SITE area Karachi since past 4 days, which has brought the industrial production to a halt. Resultantly, the workers are sitting idle and the export orders are getting delayed.

He said that factories are closed since last 4 days and the industrialists have no option left but to close down industries and lay off the workers.

Referring to the ongoing strike of sub-soil water suppliers as a result of operation by KWSC, Mr. Alvi said that to run industries, we need water at our doorstep and the concerned department viz. KWSC should ensure it. We are not concerned with KWSC and sub-soil water suppliers disputes, which they should resolve amicably without disturbing water supply to SITE industries.

Mr. Alvi said that we fear not only the cancellation of export orders secured at Heimtextil, but also of massive layoffs as a result of our inability to continue production due to unavailability of a basic and primary industrial necessity.

At a time when Karachi's industrial sector is already teetering at the edge due to rising cost of production even compared to the rest of the country, such apathetic and high handed behavior by all parties concerned in this matter is certain to deal a lethal blow to our already fragile confidence.

SITE President has demanded all concerned authorities, including but not limited to Mayor Karachi Barrister Murtaza Wahab, MD KWSC, MD SITE Ltd, relevant LEAs, etc. to resolve our issues once and for all. or inform us if they are unable to do so, so that we can explore our options regarding shifting our businesses elsewhere.

## ● SITE Association condoles the sad demise of AQ Khalil (14/2/25)

Karachi: The Patron-in-Chief of the SITE Association of Industry (SAI), Zubair Motiwala, along with President Ahmed Azeem Alvi, Chief Coordinator Saleem Parekh, Senior Vice President Khalid Riaz, Vice President Muhammad Riaz Dhedhi, former presidents Jawed Bilwani and Yunus Bashir, and members of the Managing Committee, have expressed their heartfelt condolences on the passing of AQ Khalil, a prominent businessman, Secretary General of BMG, and former President of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI).

In a statement, SAI leaders emphasized that his demise is an irreparable loss to the business community, and AQ Khalil will always be remembered for his contributions. They prayed the Almighty Allah to grant strength to the bereaved family to bear this profound loss with patience and for the departed soul to rest in eternal peace.

# PRESS STATEMENTS

## ● **SITE Association slams Sindh government over unregulated trailers (25/2/25)**

A devastating accident on the ICI Bridge claimed the lives of a well-known industrialist and his son when their car was struck by a speeding trailer.

The tragic incident has sparked outrage among the business community and raised concerns over the unchecked movement of heavy vehicles in the city.

The SITE Association of Industry Karachi expressed deep grief over the unfortunate deaths of industrialist father & sons who were heading toward the SITE industrial area when a reckless trailer crashed into their vehicle. Ahmed Azeem Alvi, President of the SITE Association, lamented the recurring dangers posed by these heavy transport vehicles and called for urgent reforms to regulate their movement.

Governor Kamran Tessori and Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah have been urged to take immediate action against the growing menace of trailers speeding through the city. Alvi emphasized that these vehicles pose a continuous threat to Karachi's residents, and authorities must enforce strict controls, including banning trailers from entering urban areas during peak hours.

The SITE Association President has called upon law enforcement agencies to actively address this issue and ensure that Karachi's roads are safe for commuters. He has also demanded an emergency meeting with government officials to devise a plan for controlling reckless trailers and preventing further loss of life.

Despite existing restrictions on heavy traffic movement, trailers continue to violate regulations, moving through the city at all hours with little to no oversight. Alvi criticized authorities for their lack of enforcement, stating that unregulated trailer activity contributes to severe accidents and endangers countless lives. He stressed that if these violations persist, Karachi could face a significant law-and-order crisis.

To set a strong precedent, Alvi demanded that the driver responsible for this fatal trailer crash be given the harshest possible punishment. He further questioned why heavy vehicles, which are supposed to operate only during designated night-time hours, are frequently seen speeding through the city during the day. "The Sindh government's inability to control these killer trailers raises serious concerns about its authority," he remarked.

Alvi condemned the Sindh government for leaving Karachi's business community and citizens at the mercy of these dangerous trailers, asserting that urgent action must be taken. "The lives of Karachi's people are not disposable. The government must take decisive steps to prevent further tragedies caused by reckless trailers," he declared.

# PRESS STATEMENTS

## ● **SITE Association chief terms 12% policy rate decision as disappointing (11/3/25)**

Karachi: Ahmed Azim Alvi, President of SITE Association of Industry Karachi, has termed the State Bank of Pakistan's decision to maintain the policy rate at 12% against the expectations of the business community as disappointing. In a statement, he said that the business community had hoped that the central bank would reduce the policy rate by at least 2% considering the gradually decreasing inflation in the country, but this did not happen, causing concern among the business community.

SAI chief further stated that the continuous reduction in inflation and the country's progress towards improvement are positive signs that the central bank should have considered. The business community has consistently demanded that the interest rate be brought down to single digits, but the Monetary Policy Committee does not seem to take our demands seriously. He emphasized that industrial growth is crucial for the country's development, and easy access to loans on favorable terms can certainly set the country on the path to progress.

Ahmed Azim Alvi appealed to the State Bank of Pakistan to support the government's efforts to promote industries and contribute to the realization of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's vision. He urged the central bank to gradually reduce the policy rate and bring it to a single-digit level so that loans can be accessed at lower rates, enabling faster economic activity.

## ● **Issues in IRIS: Businesses failed to file sales tax return on time SITE President demands a two-week extension in sales tax return filing date (16/3/25)**

President of SITE Association of Industry Ahmed Azeem Alvi has, in a press statement, expressed serious concerns over issues being faced & reported by users in the online IRIS system of the Federal Board of Revenue.

He mentioned that taxpayers are facing multiple issues with IRIS system of FBR such as change of HS Code regime, unit of measurement not being accepted either, Annexure upload problem etc. due to which, they are unable to file their monthly sales tax return on time.

He further said that this is the situation being faced by everyone. The sudden inclusion of 8 digit HS code and also non-acceptance of units of measurement amongst various other problems. The whole supply chain is stuck to initiate any return.

SITE President has appealed the honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Finance Minister and Commerce Minister to take cognisance of the situation and issue immediate orders to remove the hurdles in the way of sales tax return filing and allow date extension for the filing of sales tax returns by at least two weeks.





# S.I.T.E. Association of Industry

## (Benefits of Membership)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We request you to kindly get your New membership or renewed to avail following facilities.

SITE Self Security Systems (SSSS) & SITE Crime Monitoring Cell (SCMC) are working day and night to improve law and order situation in the area by providing guards service to collect/deposit cash, placements of rangers & police guards, rangers and police patrolling, construction of pickets and security walls, installation of surveillance cameras.

Register your complaints against CRIME or any other issues at SITE CRIME MONITORING CELL (SCMC).

- Employee data verification
- Fire brigade service
- Ambulance Service
- Anti Encroachment drive Monitoring
- Nala cleaning Monitoring
- Road carpet Monitoring
- GST, Excise & direct taxes issues
- Exports, Imports, customs & trade policy matters.
- Helping in the matters of Water, infrastructure and Energy (Fuel, Power & Gas)
- Helping in EOBI, SESSI & labour matters
- Environment, ecology & Effluent treatment plant issues.
- Coordination for Solid Waste Lifting & Cleaning
- Coordination for S.I.T.E. LTD matters.



It is pertinent to mention here that membership of SITE Association of Industry is mandatory for all the tenants of SITE limited which requires the proof of membership of the Association whenever they approach SITE limited for any purpose .

Please cooperate and join hands to strengthen your own Association.

Sincerely,

**Aman Naseem**

Chairman Membership Development Sub Committee (SAI)

Cell: 0332-8200754

### SCMC CONTACTS

SCMC Tel: 021-32565959 / 021-32568989

SCMC Mobile 0300-8265462

SCMC Whatsapp 0300-2022115

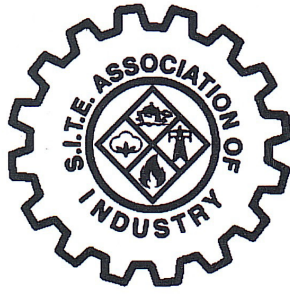
### S.I.T.E Association of Industry

Aiwan-e-Sanat, H-16, Textile Avenue,  
SITE, Karachi-75700, Pakistan

Tel: +92-21-32560704 - 5

Cell: +92 300 2033508 (Secretary General)

Email: [sg@site-association.org](mailto:sg@site-association.org) Website: [www.site-association.org](http://www.site-association.org)



# **SITE ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRY**

## **SITE CRIME MONITORING CELL**

**IS COMMITTED TO HELP  
INDUSTRIALIST AND WORKERS  
AGAINST ALL CRIMES**

**IN CASE OF ANY ACCIDENT  
OR STREET CRIME  
IMMEDIATELY REPORT FOR  
INSTANT ACTION**

### **HELPLINE NUMBERS**

**Tel : 021-32565959**

**021-32568989**

**Cell : 0300-8265462**