

Observation of GBLA 21st Session 2nd Sitting

The 2nd sitting of the 21st session of Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative assembly held today on October 11, 2017, and chaired by the Speaker GBLA. The members of the assembly were scheduled to sit in the assembly lobby at 11:00 AM. Session started at its scheduled time and adjourned at 01:40 PM till next day. There was no bill placed in the order of the house. One resolution was presented in the house.

Bills and Resolutions

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General Observation on representation

- Session started at its scheduled time and continued for 2 hours and 40 minutes.
- Honorable Speaker GBLA chaired the full session.
- At the start of the session, 18 members of the assembly were present in the house. Three members joined the house later.
- Number of women members was 1 at the beginning of the session which remained constant till the end of the sitting.
- Three out of six preliminary secretaries were present while all the chairpersons of Standing Committees were also present in the house for the full session.
- Chief Minister and Opposition leader remained there for the full session.
- Four out of six ministers were present during the session.
- Out of 33 assembly members, 9 members were absent during the session while Members of the GBLA Rani Atiqa, Dr. Rehana Ebadi, and Sobia Muqaddam were on leave.

Representation and Responsiveness

The general proceeding of the house started with the resolution presented by the Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Aurangzeb Khan. He drew the attention of the house towards the vacant post of Judge at Supreme Applet Court demanding for appointment of local judges. He said some forces are trying to appoint a non-local judge, which is unacceptable. He further said that the lawyers have already raised the issues and are on strike in favor for appointment of local judges from the Gilgit-Baltistan Lawyer Bench. The resolution was unanimously accepted and adopted by the house in favor of appointing a local judge against the vacant position in Supreme Applet Court.

Outcome

No bills were placed in the business of the house while one resolution was presented in the house for the appointment of local Judge against the vacant post of Judge at Supreme Applet Court. The resolution was adopted by the house.

Transparency

The order of the day was restricted to the legislators whereas it was not available for the observers and others. The information on attendance of the legislators was not available for observers and general public.