

Observation of GBLA 23rd Session 1st Sitting

The 1st sitting of the 23rd session of Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative assembly held today 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 01:00 PM till tomorrow.

Bills and Resolutions

There was no bill place in the order of the house while three resolutions were presented and adopted by the house.

General Observation on representation

- Session started at its scheduled time and continued for 2 hours.
- Honorable Speaker GBLA chaired the full session.
- At the start of the session, 17 members of the assembly were present in the house and 2 members joined the session later.
- Number of women members was 2 at the beginning of the session which remained constant till the end of the sitting.
- Two out of six preliminary secretaries were present while all the chairpersons of standing committee were present in the house for the full session.
- Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition remained there for the full session.
- Four out of six ministers were present during the session.

Representation and Responsiveness

The general proceeding of the house started with the resolution presented by Deputy Speaker GBLA Mr. Jafarullah Khan, condemning the recent statement of President of USA about Jerusalem. All the members of the house endorsed and appreciated Deputy Speaker for bringing up such an important resolution. The resolution was unanimously accepted and adopted by the house.

Member of the Opposition Haji Rizwan also brought a resolution condemning the Trump's decision on making Jerusalem capital of Israel. He said Jerusalem is the holiest place on Earth for Muslims, Jews and Christians, any illegal occupation can bring the world on edge of world war. He further said OIC should play its role to find a peaceful solution for the situation. The resolution was unanimously accepted and adopted by the house.

Deputy Speaker GBLA Mr. Jafarullah Khan brought another resolution, honoring the recent martyrs of terrorism, Shaheed Abdul Mueed and Shaheed Basharat Hussain. The resolution was unanimously accepted and adopted by the house.

“A calling attention Notice was presented by the Leader of Opposition Capt. Shafi on heating allowance. He said Federal employees and Gilgit-Baltistan Council employees are getting full heating allowance but the employees of Gilgit-Baltistan government are getting a very little amount, which is injustice. The Chief Minister Hafiz Hafeez Ur Rahman said the government has allocated 60 million Pak Rupees for heating allowance in the 2016-17 budget, which is distributed among all the employees of the government equally and transparently.

Outcome

No bills were placed in the business of the house while three resolutions were presented in the house and all the resolutions were 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.