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NOTIFICATION.

No.PAB/Legis: V (16)/2026/0513-A The Balochistan Safe Cities Authorities Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 16 of 2026), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 05th August 2026, and assented to by the Governor Balochistan on 10th August 2026, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan.

THE BALOCHISTAN SAFE CITIES AUTHORITY ACT, 2026 ACT NO. XVIII OF 2026

**AN
ACT**

to provide for the establishment, governance and functioning of the Balochistan Safe Cities Authority.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment, governance and functioning of an Authority for the planning, development, integration, operation, maintenance and supervision of safe city systems and projects throughout the Province of Balochistan, in order to enhance public safety, security, emergency response, traffic management, investigation support and protection of life and property, and to provide for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan as follows:

1. Short title, extent, commencement and application. - (1) This Act shall be called the Balochistan Safe Cities Authority Act, 2026.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Balochistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

(4) It shall apply in the first instance to Quetta and Gwadar and to such other city, district or area as the Government may, from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, specify.

2. Definitions. - (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

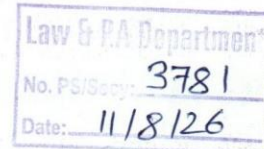
(a) "Act" means Balochistan Safe Cities Act, 2026;

(b) "ancillary facilities" include fences, cameras, poles, optical fiber cable, wiring, antennas, surveillance systems, data centres, video walls, communication systems, base stations, control rooms, entry and exit points, gantries, generators, transformers, vehicles, software, hardware and any other facility or equipment developed, acquired, operated or controlled for a safe city system;

(c) "asset" means any movable or immovable property, right, license, software, database, equipment or other resource owned, held or controlled by the Authority;

(d) "Authority" means the Balochistan Safe Cities Authority established under section 3 of this Act;

(e) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Authority;



- (f) "Chief Operating Officer" or "COO" means the Chief Operating Officer of the Authority;
- (g) "Chief Technical Officer" or "CTO" means the Chief Technical Officer of the Authority;
- (h) "C4I" means the integrated Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence system, including its centres, networks, databases, analytical platforms and ancillary facilities;
- (i) "city" includes a city, district or area to which this Act applies under subsection (4) of section 1 of this Act;
- (j) "Department" means Home Department Government of Balochistan.
- (k) "Director General" or "DG" means the Director General of the Balochistan Safe Cities Authority;
- (l) "equipment" means any equipment, system, network, software or device operated, maintained or controlled by or on behalf of the Authority;
- (m) "Executive Committee" means the Executive Committee constituted under section 6 of this Act;
- (n) "Fund" means the Balochistan Safe Cities Authority Fund established under section 14 of this Act;
- (o) "Government" means the Government of Balochistan;
- (p) "Management Committee" means the Management Committee constituted under section 7 of this Act;
- (q) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules or regulations made under this Act;
- (r) "safe city project" means any project involving surveillance, command and control, emergency response, traffic management, communications, data analytics, digital evidence, public safety technology or any allied system undertaken for a city; and
- (s) "service level agreement" means an agreement prescribing operational, maintenance, availability, performance, security or support standards relating to a safe city project or system.

(2) An expression used but not defined in this Act shall, where relevant, have the same meaning as assigned to it in the law relating to police, criminal procedure, evidence, information technology or public finance for the time being in force.

3. Establishment and composition of the Authority. - (1) The Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, establish an Authority to be called as the Balochistan Safe Cities Authority.

(2) The Authority shall consist of the following:

(a) Chief Minister, Balochistan;	Chairperson
(b) Minister or Advisor for Home Department, Government of Balochistan;	Vice Chairperson
(c) Minister or Advisor for Finance, Government of Balochistan;	Member
(d) Chief Secretary, Balochistan;	Member
(e) Additional Chief Secretary (Dev.), Planning and Development Department;	Member
(f) Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department;	Member
(g) Inspector General of Police, Balochistan;	Member
(h) Secretary, Finance Department;	Member
(i) Secretary, Science and Information Technology Department;	Member
(j) Director General, Balochistan Safe Cities Authority;	Member
(k) Chief Technical Officer; and	Member
(l) Chief Operating Officer.	Member/Secretary

(3) The Authority shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, and may, by its name, sue and be sued.

(4) The Authority shall not dispose of any immovable property or any strategic asset except with the prior approval of the Government and in the prescribed manner.

(5) The headquarters of the Authority shall be at Quetta, and it may establish regional, city or project offices at such places in the Province as it considers necessary.

4. Powers and functions of the Authority. - (1) Subject to this Act, the Authority may exercise all powers and perform all functions necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Authority shall:

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- (a) formulate provincial policy, strategy, standards and annual and multi-year plans for safe city systems;
 - (b) establish, develop, integrate, operate, maintain and upgrade C4I centres and ancillary facilities;
 - (c) plan, approve, coordinate and supervise all ongoing and future safe city projects in the Province;
 - (d) ensure that no safe city project funded, sponsored or implemented by a department, agency, local government or public body is undertaken without consultation with, and technical oversight of, the Authority;
 - (e) approve the annual budget, strategic plans, development schemes and performance targets of the Authority;
 - (f) review, approve, monitor and supervise service level agreements relating to safe city systems and require compliance with performance, cybersecurity and maintenance standards;
 - (g) enter into, monitor and enforce contracts, concessions, licenses, leases, service level agreements and other lawful arrangements, subject to applicable procurement and financial laws;
 - (h) acquire, hold, manage and, subject to this Act, dispose of property and assets;
 - (i) incur necessary expenditure for planning, construction, operation, maintenance and administration of safe city systems;
 - (j) prescribe technical, interoperability, data, cybersecurity, business continuity and disaster recovery standards;
 - (k) ensure physical and digital security of equipment, networks, data centres, control rooms and ancillary facilities;
 - (l) provide technological and operational support to police, emergency services and other authorized public agencies;
 - (m) establish and maintain mechanisms for oversight, internal control, audit, performance monitoring and accountability;
 - (n) issue lawful directions to any department, agency, local government, public body, utility, contractor or other person for protection, integration or uninterrupted functioning of safe city infrastructure;
 - (o) constitute technical, procurement, finance, human resource, audit or other committees and assign functions to them;
 - (p) undertake research, training, capacity building and collaboration with national or international public bodies, subject to approval of the Government where required;
 - (q) raise public awareness regarding emergency response, traffic safety and lawful use of safe city services; and
 - (r) perform such other related functions as the Government may assign.

(3) The Authority may require any department or public body to provide information, technical support, right of way, utility coordination or other assistance reasonably necessary for discharge of its functions, subject to applicable law.

5. Meetings of the Authority. - (1) The Chairperson shall preside over every meeting of the Authority and, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall preside; and in the absence of both, a member nominated by the Chairperson shall preside.

(2) One-half of the total membership shall constitute the quorum.

(3) The Authority shall meet at least once in every three months and at such other times as the Chairperson may direct.

(4) Decisions shall be taken by majority of the members present and voting, and in the event of equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(5) The procedure for meetings, circulation of agenda, recording of minutes and confirmation of decisions shall be such as may be prescribed and, until so prescribed, as the Chairperson may direct.

(6) No act or proceeding of the Authority shall be invalid merely by reason of a vacancy or defect in its constitution, if the quorum was complete.

6. Executive Committee. - (1) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of:

(a) Chief Secretary, Balochistan	Chairperson
(b) Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and Development Department	Member
(c) Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department	Member
(d) Inspector General of Police, Balochistan	Member
(e) Secretary, Finance Department, or nominee not below BS-19	Member
(f) Secretary, Communication and Works Department, or nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary	Member
(g) Secretary, Science and Information Technology Department, or nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary	Member
(h) Director General Balochistan Safe Cities Authority	Member
(i) Chief Operating Officer	Member/Secretary



(2) The Executive Committee shall:

- steer and monitor projects undertaken or supervised by the Authority;
- coordinate the Authority with departments, public agencies, utilities and local governments;
- consider proposals referred by the Management Committee and decide them within its delegated powers or refer them to the Authority;
- ensure achievement of functions, targets and policy directions approved by the Authority;
- review procurement, finance, human resource and operational matters referred to it; and
- perform such other functions as may be assigned or delegated by the Authority.

(3) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every two months or as often as its Chairperson may direct, and one-half of its members shall constitute the quorum.

7. Management Committee. - (1) There shall be a Management Committee consisting of:

1. Inspector General of Police, Balochistan	Chairperson
2. Director General	Member
3. Heads of District Police of the cities to which this Act applies	Members
4. Representative of Home Department not below the rank of Additional Secretary	Member
5. Representative of Finance Department not below the rank of Additional Secretary	Member
6. Representative of Planning and Development Department not below the rank of Additional Secretary	Member
7. Representative of Communication and Works Department not below the rank of Additional Secretary	Member
8. Representative of Science and Information Technology Department not below the rank of Additional Secretary	Member
9. Chief Technical Officer	Member
10. Chief Operating Officer	Member/Secretary

(2) The Management Committee shall:

- review operational, technical, financial and administrative performance of the Authority;

- (b) prepare and recommend the annual budget, operational plan and performance targets;
 - (c) review service level agreements, maintenance arrangements and system availability;
 - (d) coordinate use of C4I facilities for police operations, traffic management and emergency response;
 - (e) consider project proposals and refer matters beyond its powers to the Executive Committee or Authority; and
 - (f) perform such other functions as may be prescribed or assigned by the Authority.
- (3) The Management Committee shall meet at least once every month or as often as its Chairperson may direct, and one-half of its members shall constitute the quorum.

8. Director General. - (1) The Chairperson shall appoint a serving police officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police as Director General on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Government.

- (2) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Authority and shall:
- (a) exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be assigned or delegated by the Authority;
 - (b) run the day-to-day affairs and implement decisions of the Authority and its committees;
 - (c) ensure that every C4I facility is operationally ready and available to the concerned head of police for lawful police operations;
 - (d) exercise such financial and administrative powers, including powers of a Drawing and Disbursing Officer, as may be delegated by the Government or the Authority;
 - (e) prepare plans, budget proposals, accounts, reports and performance statements;
 - (f) ensure compliance with applicable law, rules, regulations, contracts and service level agreements; and
 - (g) perform such other functions as may be prescribed.
- (3) A separate Drawing and Disbursing Officer code shall be assigned to the Authority in accordance with the applicable financial rules.

9. Chief Operating Officer. - (1) The Chief Minister may appoint a suitably qualified person as Chief Operating Officer on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

- (2) The Chief Operating Officer shall be the Secretary of the Authority, Executive Committee and Management Committee.
- (3) The Chief Operating Officer shall:
- (a) summon meetings on the direction of the respective Chairperson and ensure preparation and circulation of agenda and minutes;
 - (b) coordinate administrative, operational and inter-agency matters;
 - (c) monitor implementation of decisions and submit compliance reports; and
 - (d) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Authority, its committees or the Director General.

10. Chief Technical Officer. - (1) There shall be a Chief Technical Officer appointed by the Chief Minister, on the recommendation of the Home Department, through a transparent



competitive process or by transfer or deputation, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) The Chief Technical Officer shall be responsible for technical architecture, integration, cybersecurity, system availability, standards, procurement specifications, quality assurance, disaster recovery, technical audits and such other functions as may be assigned.

(3) The Chief Technical Officer may be assisted by such technical officers, experts and consultants as may be appointed under this Act.

11. Officers, employees and service rules. - (1) The Authority may appoint such officers, experts, consultants and employees as are necessary for efficient discharge of its functions, against sanctioned posts and in the prescribed manner.

(2) The terms and conditions of service, recruitment, promotion, seniority, leave, pension or contributory benefits, efficiency, discipline and accountability of employees shall be governed by Service Rules made by the Government on the recommendation of the Authority.

(3) Until Service Rules are made, the Chairperson may approve interim terms and conditions or allow adoption of any existing rules, with such modifications as may be necessary.

(4) Recruitment shall be initiated only against sanctioned posts and shall be made through a transparent, competitive and merit-based process in accordance with the Service Rules and applicable law.

(5) The Authority may obtain services of an officer or employee of Government, police, a local government or any public body on transfer or deputation, subject to applicable rules.

12. Transfer and supervision of safe city projects. - (1) The Authority may, by notification, transfer to the Authority any safe city project, function, contract, service level agreement, record, asset, right, obligation or liability of a department or public body.

(2) Upon transfer under subsection (1), the Authority shall assume management, supervision, operation and maintenance of the transferred project or function, subject to the terms specified by the Government from time to time.

(3) All ongoing and future safe city projects shall be planned and implemented in consultation with, and under the technical and operational supervision of, the Authority.

(4) A department, agency or public body responsible for an existing project shall provide the Authority full access to records, sites, equipment, contracts, warranties, source documents and other information necessary for orderly transfer or supervision.

13. Fund. - (1) There shall be established a fund to be known as the Balochistan Safe Cities Authority Fund, which shall vest in the Authority and shall be utilized for discharge of its functions and payment of its lawful expenses, salaries and liabilities.

(2) The Fund shall consist of:

- (a) annual grant-in-aid and other grants from the Government;
- (b) grants from the Federal Government, a local government, public body or organization;
- (c) foreign aid or assistance received with the prior approval of the Government;
- (d) loans raised with the prior approval of the Government and on such terms as the Government may specify;
- (e) income from lawful charges, services, licenses, recoveries, investments or disposal of assets; and
- (f) such other sums as may lawfully be received by the Authority.

(3) All monies of the Fund shall be deposited in an account with a scheduled bank approved in accordance with the policy of the Finance Department.

(4) The Fund shall be administered and operated in the prescribed manner and in accordance with applicable financial rules.

14. Budget and financial administration. - (1) The Management Committee shall prepare, for each financial year, a budget showing estimated receipts and expenditure and shall submit it to the Authority for approval in such form and by such date as may be prescribed.

(2) The Provincial or Federal Governments may provide a rationalized annual grant to the Authority after examination of its approved budget and subject to availability of funds and applicable financial rules.

(3) No expenditure shall be incurred except against an approved budget, lawful re-appropriation or supplementary grant and in accordance with the financial powers delegated to the Authority and the Director General.

(4) The Authority shall maintain effective internal controls, procurement controls, inventory systems and financial reporting arrangements.

15. Accounts. - (1) The Authority shall maintain proper accounts, books, records and statements in such form and manner as may be prescribed and shall prepare annual financial statements.

(2) The accounts shall separately reflect grants, development expenditure, operational expenditure, project receipts, assets, liabilities and commitments.

(3) The Director General shall submit quarterly financial statements to the Management Committee and annual financial statements to the Authority.

16. Audit. - (1) The accounts of the Authority shall be audited by the Auditor-General of Pakistan in accordance with law.

(2) The annual financial statements and audit report shall be placed before the Authority for consideration and necessary action.

(3) The Director General shall, within two months of the close of each financial year, submit the annual financial statements together with the audit report to the Authority and the Government.

(4) The Authority may cause internal, technical, cybersecurity, performance or special audit to be conducted in such manner as may be prescribed.

17. Annual report. - (1) The Authority shall, within three (03) months after the close of each financial year, prepare an annual report on its activities, projects, system availability, performance, finances, audit compliance and future plans.

(2) The annual report shall be submitted to the Government and laid before the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan as soon as practicable.

18. Public servants and experts. - (1) Every member, officer and employee of the Authority shall, when acting or purporting to act under this Act, be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (XLV of 1860).

(2) An officer or employee of the Authority working in information technology, digital forensics, communications, surveillance, data analytics or any other prescribed technical field may be notified or certified as an expert within the meaning of Article 59 of the Qanun-e-Shahadat Order, 1984 (X of 1984), and may be deemed to have been appointed under section 510 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898), subject to applicable law.

19. Confidentiality, data protection and lawful use. - (1) Data, images, video, audio, metadata, records and information collected or processed by or through a safe city system shall be used only for a lawful public purpose connected with public safety, security, traffic

management, emergency response, investigation, prosecution, judicial proceedings, system administration or another purpose authorized by law.

(2) The Authority shall adopt and enforce policies and technical safeguards for access control, authentication, encryption, audit logs, cybersecurity, retention, preservation, disclosure, deletion and breach response.

(3) Access to or disclosure of information shall be limited to authorized persons and shall be recorded and auditable, except where disclosure is required by a court or by law.

(4) No person shall copy, alter, destroy, disclose, sell, commercially exploit or otherwise misuse any data or record of the Authority except as authorized by law.

(5) Retention periods shall be prescribed, provided that relevant material may be preserved for a longer period where required for an investigation, inquiry, prosecution, court proceeding, audit or legal obligation.

(6) Any unauthorized access, interference, disclosure, alteration or destruction shall be reported and dealt with under applicable criminal, cybercrime, service and disciplinary laws.

20. Service level agreements and operational standards. - (1) Every service level agreement relating to a safe city project shall be placed before the Authority or a committee authorized by it for review and approval.

(2) The Authority shall monitor implementation of an approved service level agreement, including system availability, maintenance, response time, cybersecurity, data ownership, warranty, vendor support, penalties and exit arrangements.

(3) A department or agency shall not amend, extend or terminate a material service level agreement relating to a safe city project without prior consultation with the Authority.

21. Delegation. - (1) The Authority may, subject to such conditions as it considers appropriate, delegate any of its powers or functions to the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Executive Committee, Management Committee, Director General, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Technical Officer or an officer of the Authority.

(2) The Authority shall not delegate:

- (a) the power to frame regulations;
- (b) approval of the annual budget;
- (c) approval of the strategic plan;
- (d) determination of general terms and conditions, efficiency and discipline of employees; or
- (e) any power which the Government expressly directs shall not be delegated.

22. Protection of action taken in good faith. - No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Government, the Authority, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Director General, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Technical Officer, a member, officer, employee, expert or consultant in respect of anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act, the rules or the regulations.

23. Overriding effect. - In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Act and any other provincial law for the time being in force, the provisions of this Act shall, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, prevail.

24. Power to make rules. - (1) The Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the rules may provide for service matters, financial administration, budget, accounts, audit, transfer of projects, data governance, retention, access, disclosure, procurement, security, technical standards and any matter required to be prescribed by rules.

25. Power to make regulations. - (1) Subject to this Act and the rules, the Authority may, with prior approval of the Government and by notification in the official Gazette, make regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(2) Regulations may provide for conduct of business, meetings, delegation, operational procedures, human resource management, technical standards, cybersecurity, system access, service level monitoring, evidence handling, internal control and any other matter within the functions of the Authority.

26. Power to issue directions and standard operating procedures. - (1) The Authority may issue binding directions, manuals, codes, guidelines and standard operating procedures, not inconsistent with this Act, the rules or the regulations, for operation, integration, security and use of safe city systems.

(2) A department, public body, contractor or person to whom a lawful direction is addressed shall comply with it within the time specified therein.

27. Power to remove difficulties. - If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any provision of this Act, the Government may, within two years of its commencement and by notification in the official Gazette, make such order, not inconsistent with this Act, as may be necessary to remove the difficulty.

28. Transitional arrangements. - (1) On commencement of this Act, the Project Management Unit of the Quetta Safe City Project, together with its relevant records, assets, liabilities, functions, responsibilities, contracts and service level arrangements, shall stand transferred to the Authority on such date and in such manner as the Government may notify.

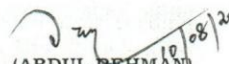
(2) The existing or proposed service level agreement relating to the Quetta Safe City Project shall be transfer to the Authority and, upon approval, its implementation shall be supervised by the Authority.

(3) All departments and public bodies concerned shall provide such assistance as may be required for transfer, inventory, reconciliation and assumption of control by the Authority.

29. Savings. - (1) Notwithstanding the repeal under subsection (1), and without prejudice to section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (X of 1897):

- (a) the Authority established, and every committee constituted, under the repealed Ordinance shall continue as if established or constituted under this Act until reconstituted in accordance with this Act;
- (b) every appointment, nomination, notification, order, direction, delegation, approval, budget, sanction, rule, regulation, procedure, contract, agreement, service level agreement, license, lease, procurement, expenditure, action, decision or proceeding made, issued, granted, commenced or taken under the repealed Ordinance shall, so far as it is not inconsistent with this Act, be deemed to have been made, issued, granted, commenced or taken under the corresponding provision of this Act;

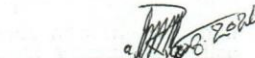
- (c) all funds, properties, assets, rights, interests, records, obligations and liabilities of the Authority under the repealed Ordinance shall vest in and be the funds, properties, assets, rights, interests, records, obligations and liabilities of the Authority under this Act;
- (d) every officer or employee serving immediately before commencement of this Act shall continue on the same terms until lawfully altered or replaced under this Act; and
- (e) a reference in any document or law to the repealed Ordinance shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to this Act.
- (2) All actions taken in good faith for establishment or functioning of the Authority from the date of promulgation of the repealed Ordinance until commencement of this Act are hereby validated and shall be deemed to have been lawfully taken under this Act.


(ABDUL REHMAN)
Acting Secretary

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