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NBP LAND GRABBED DESPITE SINDH HIGH COURT ORDERS

September 06, 2011: NBP, a government owned bank's land situated at Deh & Tappo Manghopir District, Karachi West, Plot survey No. 136, 137 & 138 measuring 40 acres & 11 ghuntas has been illegally occupied by land grabbers despite Sindh High Court orders which allowed possession of the land and erection of wall by NBP to avoid any further illegal occupation.

According to details, in June 2011 NBP came to know that some nefarious elements are trying to grab the above mentioned piece of land. The Bank authorities immediately approached the concerned Manghopir Police Station and provided the concerned police station with the land documents on June 21, 2011. NBP also gave a reminder on July 06, 2011 to the concerned SHO (Station House Officer) Manghopir Police Station for not taking any concrete action. In this regard a letter was also written to Mr. Irfan Bahadur/ SP Anti Encroachment Cell on July 12, 2011.

Meanwhile a team of NBP officials along with security guards visited the site on August 1, 2011. As they just stepped out of their vehicles and started moving towards the plot, the land grabbers opened fire on them. In this incident NBP's Security In charge, Major Nasir got seriously injured. He was taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital in a critical condition and then shifted to Agha Khan Hospital where he remained in Intensive Care Unit for many days. An FIR was lodged on August 2, 2011.

The land grabbing case was lodged in Sindh High Court vide suit No.959 of 2011 on 20-07-2011. Honorable Sindh High Court ordered concerned SHO of Manghopir Police Station to cooperate with Bank officials to erect the wall at the site. As per court order dated August 04, 2011, a wall was erected for peaceful possession of NBP Property. NBP took the possession from SHO Manghopir P.S on August 16, 2011 and posted Bank's private security guards at the land.

On August 29, 2011 at around 8:00 pm, again about 12 to 15 criminal elements attacked the site with the help of automatic weapons and took control of the Security Guards. The wall which was erected on the orders of Sindh High Court, its three side portion was also demolished. Now the land is in illegal possession of land grabbers and local police station has made no effort to vacate the Government (Bank) land till to date and land grabbers have forcefully occupied the said land.



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