

**10<sup>th</sup> October, 2005**

**ALL SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS TO RECEIVE DONATIONS TO  
'PRESIDENT'S RELIEF FUND FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS-2005'**

The Federal Government has now decided to allow all the branches of scheduled commercial banks to receive donations to the "PRESIDENT'S RELIEF FUND FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS - 2005".

Earlier, only the branches of State Bank of Pakistan Banking Services Corporation, treasuries, National Bank of Pakistan, Habib Bank Limited, United Bank Limited, MCB Bank Limited and the Allied Bank Limited were allowed to receive donations towards the President's Relief Fund.

The Relief Fund will receive donations from both the domestic and the international donors. Contributions from abroad will be received at all the branches of NBP, HBL, UBL, MCB Bank & ABL where such branches exist. Contributions will also be received at Pakistan Missions abroad and remitted to the State Bank of Pakistan.

Necessary instructions have already been issued by the SBPBSC to all its field offices to open the above mentioned Fund account and accept donations. The five major banks have also issued instructions to their branches for the collection of donations under the President's Relief Fund for Earthquake Victims – 2005.

The SBPBSC has advised all the scheduled commercial banks to accept donations towards the Relief Fund. They have also been asked to display a "Notice Board" at a conspicuous place of their branches that **"DONATIONS TO PRESIDENT'S RELIEF FUND FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS - 2005 ARE ACCEPTED HERE"**

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