

## **Following Clarification/Rebuttal was issued to Dawn in response to ‘Letter to Editor’ published on March 3, 2020 entitled: SBP Car Parking ’**

Apropos the letter to the Editor titled ‘SBP Car Parking’ published in Dawn News on March 3, 2020, it is clarified that State Bank of Pakistan, Banking Services Corporation office is located in Cantonment area of Hyderabad, wherein all parking arrangements (including charged fee) outside the Bank’s premises come strictly under the domain of Cantonment Board Hyderabad. A designated contractor of Cantonment Board has been managing this parking arrangement and any parking receipt issued against payment by vehicle owners is also managed by him on behalf of Cantonment Board Hyderabad. In this regard, SBP BSC Hyderabad office does not have any role in the said parking arrangement.

## **Following ‘Letter to Editor’ published in Dawn, Karachi on March 3, 2020:**

### **SBP car parking**

ONE of the functions of the central bank of any country is price control. But here in the case of State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Hyderabad, it seems our central bank itself is supporting the price rise to squeeze the last drop of blood from the people.

Recently, I happened to visit the SBP Hyderabad branch where I found that a motorcyclist was being charged Rs20 for parking. A month or so before this, I was charged Rs10. In a period of just one month parking charges have now been doubled.

On the other hand, the same rate – Rs20 – is currently being charged by car owners for parking. This is injustice to the people who own bikes. Obviously, all this must have been happening with the consent of the bank authorities because no one can be allowed charged parking without the SBP’s consent owing to security reasons.

I hope that authorities concerned will take appropriate action by reducing the parking charges for motorcyclists.

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Tando Allah Yar

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