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GOVERNMENT OF BALOCHISTAN
SERVICES & GENERAL ADMN: DEPARTMENT
(ADMN: WING)

OUR FAITH, CORRUPTION FREE PAKISTAN

Dated Quetta, the 30th December, 2022.

To

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Dev:) P&D Department, Quetta.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Home & Tribal Affairs Department, Quetta.
3. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Balochistan, Quetta.
4. The Chairman, CMIT, BDA, BPSC, BISE, Quetta.
5. The Principal Secretary to Governor Balochistan, Quetta.
6. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Balochistan, Quetta.
7. The Inspector General of Police, Balochistan, Quetta.
8. The Provincial Ombudsman Balochistan, Quetta.
9. The Registrar, High Court of Balochistan, Quetta.
10. All the Administrative Secretaries, Government of Balochistan, Quetta.
11. All the Divisional Commissioners in Balochistan _____.
12. All the Head of Attached Departments in Balochistan.
13. The Accountant General, Balochistan, Quetta.
14. The General Manager, PTV, Quetta.
15. The Station Director, Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation, Quetta.
16. The Director, Public Relations, Balochistan, Quetta.
17. All the Deputy Secretaries/Section Officers in S&GAD.
18. The Director Protocol, S&GAD.
19. The P.S. to Chief Secretary, Balochistan, Quetta.
20. The P.S. to Secretary, S&GAD, Quetta.
21. All the P.S to Provincial Ministers/Advisors/Parliamentary Secretary to the Chief Minister Balochistan _____.

Subject: - **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR, 2023.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject noted above and to inform you that the dates specified below have been declared as public and optional holidays during the year, 2023 and shall be observed in the offices of the Provincial Governments:-

S. #	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during the Year, 2023.
1.	Kashmir Day	Sunday	5 th February, 2023.
2.	Pakistan Day	Thursday	23 rd March, 2023.
3.*	Eid ul Fitr (1 st Shawal 1444 A.H.)	Saturday, Sunday, Monday	22,23,24 April, 2023
4.	Labour Day	Monday	01 st May, 2023.
5.*	Eid ul Azha (10 th Zil Haj 1444 A.H.)	Thursday, Friday, Saturday	29,30 June 2023 and 1 st July, 2023
6.*	Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharrum 1445 A.H.)	Thursday & Friday	27 th and 28 th July, 2023
7.	Independence Day	Monday	14 th August, 2023.
8.*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 th Rabi-ul-Awal 1445 A.H.)	Thursday	28 th September, 2023
9.	Allama Iqbal Day	Thursday	9 th November, 2023
10.	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Monday	25 th December, 2023.
11.	Day after Christmas	Tuesday	26 th December, 2023. (For Christian Only)

2. The following will be Bank holidays. However, on these days the Banks/DI's/MFBs will remain closed for public but NOT for their employees:-


- i). 02nd January, 2023. (Monday)
- ii). 22nd March, 2023 (Wednesday), corresponding to 1st Ramazan 1444 A.H. for deduction of zakat (subject to appearance of moon).
- iii). 3rd July, 2023 (Monday).



OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS.

S#	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during the Year, 2023.
1.	New Year Day	Sunday	1 st January, 2023
2.	Basant Purnami	Thursday	26 th January, 2023
3.	Shivaratri	Saturday	18 th February, 2023
4 [*] .	Shab-e-Meraj (27 th Rajab 1444 A.H.)	Saturday	18 th February, 2023
5.	Holi	Monday	6 th March, 2023
6.	Dulhandi	Tuesday	7 th March, 2023
7 [*] .	Shab-e-Barat (15 th Shaban 1444 A.H.)	Wednesday	8 th March, 2023
8.	Good Friday	Friday	7 th April, 2023
9.	Day After Easter	Monday	10 th April, 2023
10.	Baisakhi	Friday	14 th April, 2023
11.	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Friday	21 st April, 2023
12.	Buddha Purnima	Friday	7 th July, 2023
13.	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Wednesday	16 th August, 2023
14.	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Monday	21 st August, 2023
15 [*] .	Chelum (20 Safar 1445 A.H.)	Wednesday	6 th September, 2023
16.	Janam Ashtami	Thursday	7 th September, 2023
17.	Durga Puja	Monday	23 rd October, 2023
18.	Dussehra	Tuesday	24 th October, 2023
19 [*] .	Giyarvee Shareef (11 th Rabi-us-Sani 1445 A.H.)	Friday	27 th October, 2023
20.	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Saturday	28 th October, 2023
21.	Diwali	Sunday	12 th November, 2023
22.	Guru Nanak Dev Jee Birthday	Monday	27 th November, 2023

NOTE:

- * In case of Muslim Festivals, the dates of Optional holidays are based on anticipated dates and are subject to appearance of moon for which a separate notification would be issued by Cabinet Division.
3. Government servants desiring to avail themselves of Optional Holidays shall take prior permission of the Head of Office concerned and no Government Servant shall be granted more than one optional holiday in the case of Muslims and three optional holidays in the case of non-Muslims, in a calendar year.
4. The grant of this concession should not result in any dislocation of work. In the case of Muslim optional holidays, the number of persons permitted to avail optional holidays should be regulated in a manner so as to leave adequate staff for proper continuance of the work. The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Office, provided that work does not suffer.
5. A Government Servant should not ordinarily be refused an Optional Holiday that is of religious significance to him and the refusal is likely to decrease the number of such holidays to which he/she is entitled.
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(BAHADUR KILIAN)
Section Officer (Admn:)

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30/12/2022

CC:-

1. The Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Balochistan, Quetta.
2. The P.S to the Secretary (S&GAD).
3. Master File.