

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)
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ISLAMABAD; JANUARY 17, 2019: President Dr. Arif Alvi has called for necessitating need to preserve the national heritage of archeological value for promotion of tourism activities. These remarks were made by the President during the hearing of representation against the recommendation of Wafaqi Mohtaisb at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad.

The President directed Pakistan Railways to conduct an inquiry regarding stolen items from the historic building belonging to Pakistan Railways near Railway Crossing, Lalazar Colony, Jhelum which was once a "Dak/Police Choki" in Sher Shah Suri era. He further directed Pakistan Railways to install a safety gate to safeguard the particular building and to keep a regular watch on this historical site. He also directed National History and Heritage Division to submit a comprehensive report containing essential details along-side remedial measures to protect this archeological site. In this particular case complainant has alleged the ruination, dilapidation and deterioration of this historic building.

On the occasion, the President also underlined that a cooperative aptitude from all stakeholders is need of the hour to safeguard the historical/archeological sites. He added that no commercial activity can be allowed at the national heritage buildings.
