

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)

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ISLAMABAD, DECEMBER 8, 2017: President Mamnoon Hussain has said that eradication of corruption echoes in the voice of the Pakistani nation and the Government of Pakistan and its institutions are in unison for impartial, transparent and fair accountability in the country. He added the tradition of fulfilling the requirements of justice should be promoted by discouraging practice of hurling blame and accusations without evidence and rule of law should be maintained.

The President said this while addressing a Seminar titled “United against Corruption for a Prosperous Pakistan” organized by National Accountability Bureau (NAB) at the Aiwan-e-Sadar, Islamabad on Friday. Chairman NAB Justice ® Javed Iqbal and President of PILDAT Ahmed Bilal Mehboob also addressed the gathering.

The President emphasized that it is necessary to ensure the rule of law because when the powerful in different segments of the society plunder national resources, the economic, political and social rights of the people are usurped. This weakens the commitment of an ordinary and poor person towards his country and can drive him to commit mistakes in desperation, he added.

The President underlined that in any society crime originates in such situations which gradually destroys the whole social system. Bad habits are hard to find in those societies which are sensitive about morality and try to meet the future requirements by maintaining moral values in upbringing of their new generations, he added. He highlighted that this secret was revealed to the world after centuries of experiments and efforts. He pointed out that we are fortunate that this is the basis of our religious beliefs, and our ancestors were those who never used official resources for their personal work. He stressed that the temperament of Pakistani society is still the same but this virtue can be meaningful only if the lawbreaking elements are brought to justice by ensuring rule of law in the country. Pakistani people are desirous of such a society in which everyone has equal rights and none usurp the rights of others, he said. The President underscored that when a nation reaches this level of realization then it is necessary to respect its sentiments by turning it into a positive force in order to save it from despondency. He further stated that it was the reason, he laid maximum stress on eliminating corruption after assuming his current responsibilities. He added that corruption has decreased in national institutions during this period which has also been acknowledged

by the international institutions. He said that it is a very encouraging development at the national level which should be valued.

The President stated that during the last few years the tradition to ensure good governance, transparency in economic affairs and accountability has grown in Pakistan. He hoped that matters will further improve with the support of people. This is imperative for stability of the economy, prosperity and availing optimal benefits from grand projects like China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, he said.

Representative of the UNODC in Pakistan Cesar Guedes said that Pakistan has achieved significant achievements with regard to the eradication of corruption. He also read the message of the UN Secretary-General on the occasion.
