

## Anti-smuggling drive: Customs' border stations to be made operational in KP

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has decided to make customs' border stations operational in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) under the new drive to support anti-smuggling operations at border areas. Sources told *Business Recorder* here on Wednesday that the decision was taken during the last chief collectors/directorate general of customs conference held at the FBR house.

According to the FBR, it has decided to beef up anti-smuggling operations which would contribute in increasing the volume of imports especially at the Dry ports/border stations. Following measures were suggested, as revenue collection on the ports is directly linked with control of smuggling. Firstly, IT hardware needs immediate replacement and replenishment as relevant warranties have already expired. Secondly, customs required anti-smuggling coverage through better coordination with other law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and thirdly, making customs' border stations operational in KP.

It has also been decided to keep the FBR's senior management informed about the performance of field formations in the area of anti-smuggling. FBR chairman has desired that reports/information about major seizure cases may be sent to chairman's office by all chief collectors & directorate general intelligence and investigation (I&I). FBR chairman has also desired a joint presentation on anti-smuggling strategy and action required by DG (I&I), chief collector (North), chief collector (Central), chief collector enforcement-South and chief (F&C) will coordinate.

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