

Promoting guns and shooting

On July 9, 2018 a three member bench of the Supreme Court declared that “the Gun & Country Club in the Federal capital has no legal standing and the land on which the club has been established belongs to Pakistan Sports Board” The sports board was directed to “take over the land” and the Musharraf-era notification regarding the club's establishment was nullified by the court.

As members of ‘Citizens Against Weapons’, we are distressed that Dr. Fehmida Mirza, the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination, as one of her first official acts visited the illegal Gun & Country Club and ordered an early upgradation of its facilities. Clearly the Honourable Minister has no knowledge that she is encouraging a violent activity at an illegal premises, on a state property that ought to be returned to its legitimate owners.

We believe that the Inter-Provincial Coordination Ministry has far more important things to accomplish, such as inter-provincial harmony, rather than promoting guns, gun clubs and shooting. We therefore urge the Government and Dr. Fehmida Mirza to work towards complete dewatering of private citizens and private militias. The state must assume exclusive responsibility for security of every citizen.

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