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'Security to investors imperative for development'

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MULTAN: Punjab Additional Inspector General of Police, Dr Syed Azhar Hassan Nadeem has said that Pakistan cannot make any progress in any field without providing congenial atmosphere to investors.

He was speaking at a dinner hosted in his honour by Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) President, Anis Ahmed Shaikh on Sunday evening.

The police official said no foreign or local investment was possible in any sector in the state of fear, uncertainty and insecurity hence traders and industrialists should come forward to play their role in combating crimes.

Industrialists should join Citizen police liaison committee to provide better services to business community as well as the general public.

The AIG said that police alone could not eradicate crimes and people from all sections of society should have to come forward for this sacred cause.

He said the police wanted to provide security of life and property to traders. For which, he said, the police had decided to establish a rescue post like "15" police emergency center in Industrial Estate Multan, besides increasing the police patrolling in the area.

The police official said they were introducing 'Business watch programme', which would develop a confidence of security among the masses.

Multan district police officer Munir Ahmed Chishti said that MCCI should nominate a focal person for traders police liaison. He also briefed about the police reforms and recently taken measures to combat crimes.

Earlier, MCCI President Anis Ahmed Shaikh in his welcome address said that MCCI was whole heartedly contributing to social as well as industrial and trading activities. Now it had offered to form a citizen police liaison committee (CPLC) on the pattern of Karachi to assist the police in taking steps for preservation of peace.

Anis Shaikh further said that crime rate always comes down where the community joins hands with the law enforcement agencies.

He said the CPLC should be as powerful and autonomous as was the Karachi based committees and it must be governed by the private sector.

He expressed his concern on growing incidents of mobile, vehicle and purse-snatching and traders are being looted by the robbers even in daylight.

Regional Police Officer Mirza Muhammad Ali, Suhail Khan Tareen, Khawaja Muhammad Ali, Shamsad Jafari, Malik Israr Awan and Iqbal Hassan attended the programme.

MCCI has recommended the names for the CPLC as Mian Mughis A Shaikh (Chairman), Shaikh Sarfraz Ahmed, Khawaja Muhammad Yousaf, Malik Asrar Ahmed Awan, Muhammad Khan Saddozai, Ishtiaq Ahmed Chughtai, Dr Muhammad Mujahid, Kausar Ishaq (Members) and Khurram Javed (Co-ordinator).