

# Police liaison Bodies will be notified soon: Lahore Chamber

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The Capital City Police Officer Ahmad Raza Tahir has said that police liaison committees are being formed and would be notified soon that would help bring down crime rate in the province. The CCPO was speaking at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Thursday. LCCI President Irfan Qaiser Sheikh, Senior Vice President Kashif Younis Meher, Vice President Saeeda Nazar, Convener LCCI Standing Committee on Law and order Mian Abuzar Shad, DIG Police Ghulam Mohammad Dogar, Chief Traffic Officer Capt Ahmad Mobeen also spoke on the occasion.

The CCPO said that the liaison committees would be notified after due consultation with the business community because they are the main stake holders. He said that businessmen, retired judges, doctors and teachers would also be included in the liaison committees. He said that the liaison committees would not only help bring down crime rate but it would also help the police in better policing. He said that there would be no political element in the liaison committees therefore political workers would not be included in the said committees. Ahmad Raza Tahir said that the police performance could be judged from the fact that no terror-related incident took place in the City during the last seven months while there is sufficient cut in robbery incidents and other crimes. He said that as far as crimes are concerned, the province of Punjab is far better than the other provinces. He, however, admitted that the fast going up graph of unemployment is a cause of crimes in the city. He pledged to hold frequent meetings with the business community so that their complaints could be responded speedily. Ahmad Raza Tahir has said every civilised society creates a sense of protection among its citizens in which they are sure that nobody can illegally occupy their property. He said that crime worked like a communicable disease in the society and if no action was taken in time then every segment of the society got impacted. He appealed to the masses to pinpoint criminals by providing timely and actionable information to the police, as only the wholehearted cooperation of people could be helpful in eliminating such elements.

Speaking on the occasion, the LCCI president Irfan Qaiser Sheikh invited the attention of the CCPO towards fast increasing street crimes and urged him to evolve some foolproof strategy to cope with this issue. He said that the law and order situation is the biggest hurdle in the way of investment in the country. He said that both the local and foreign investor would make investment if the area is crime free. The LCCI President said that the police alone cannot weed out the menace of crimes therefore it should join hands with the business community that is more than willing to cooperate with the police to turn the country into a land of peace and tranquility. Irfan Qaiser Sheikh also urged the CCPO to take appropriate measures to eliminate thana culture as in most of the cases people refrain from visiting police stations because of their traditional police style. LCCI former Senior Vice Presidents Sohail Lashari and Sheikh Muhammad Arshad were prominent among the large number of trade & industry representatives.

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