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Executive Engineer,
Communication and Works Highway Division,
Abbottabad.

Subject: Violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Executive Engineer, Communication and Works Highway Division, Abbottabad's Tender Notice for Procurement for Various Construction and Repair Works

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your tender notice appeared in Daily 'Aaj' Newspaper on 13 July, 2026. The said advertisement is in violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule No. 34 'Response Time'.

In the tender notice, the submission and opening date of bid is given on 24-07-2026, where it does not fulfill the fifteen days of response time, and is three (03) days less. It is a violation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, Rule 34. The Rule is quoted below for your reference;

34. Response time.---(1) The procuring entity may decide the response time for receipt of bids or proposals including proposals for pre-qualification from the date of publication of an advertisement or notice, keeping in view the contract's complexity, and urgency. However, under no circumstances the response time shall be less than fifteen days for national competitive bidding and thirty days for international competitive bidding from the date of publication of advertisement or notice in the national newspaper.

Executive Engineer, Communication and Works Highway Division, Abbottabad is requested to rectify the given mistake and issue corrigendum in accordance with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services Rules, 2014, to avoid mis-procurement under Rule 54.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across-the-board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption, and achieve Zero tolerance against corruption.

Regards,


Advocate Daniyal Muzaffar,
Trustee/Legal Advisor
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Copies forwarded for the information with request to take action under their mandate to:

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
2. Managing Director, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Peshawar.

Note:

This is to clarify that Transparency International Pakistan is not a complainant, it acts as a whistleblower and operate under Article 19-A, of the Constitution of Pakistan which gives the right to public to know how government is being run by public officers. Article 19-A makes the right to access of information pertaining to a public authority a fundamental right, and a three-member bench in case of Mukhtar Ahmad Ali vs the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa in the landmark judgment on 16 October 2023, in CP No. 3532/2023, has declared that

“What previously may have been on a need-to-know basis Article 19A of the Constitution has transformed it to a right-to-know, and the Access to information is no longer a discretion granted through occasional benevolence, but is now a fundamental right available with every Pakistani which right may be invoked under Article 19A of the Constitution”

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