



PRESS RELEASE

**Subject: Head of the EU Delegation to Pakistan meets representatives of the
Baloch Long March**

5th March, 2014, Islamabad: The Head of the EU Delegation to Pakistan, Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, met today with representatives of the Baloch Long March from Quetta to Islamabad, who appealed for assistance in reuniting them with their missing family members.

Ambassador Wigemark expressed the EU's concern with the large number of enforced disappearances and extra-judicial killings in different parts of Pakistan. The lack of information concerning many of the disappeared in the province of Balochistan and elsewhere is disturbing. The Supreme Court has taken notice of the issue repeatedly. The European Union will continue to closely follow the fate of those who have disappeared.

Ambassador Wigemark underlined that Balochistan is an integral part of Pakistan. All citizens of Pakistan, regardless of their ethnicity, gender, or creed, are entitled to due legal process and their fundamental human rights should be fully respected. It is the responsibility of both the federal and provincial government, as well as the security agencies, to ensure the safety of all Pakistani citizens – irrespective of their political views or religious beliefs, he added.

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