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Subject:

PRECAUTIONS AND NECESSARY ACTION AGAINST NOVEL
CORONA VIRUS EMERGING FROM CHINA

My Dear

Gen Khawar Rehman Sahib

You may be aware of the current alert issued by the World Health Organization against the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) which has emerged from the Chinese city of Wuhan and has spread to Hong Kong, Macau, South Korea, Bangkok and United States of America. The virus has claimed lives and has been declared as health emergency globally. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination has already issued an alert with directions to National Institute of Health and Directorate of Central Health Establishment to monitor, detect and exercise the highest level of vigilance.

2. You may be also aware that the Chinese New Year celebrations have commenced and workers of Chinese Origin working on CPEC project in Pakistan have left for homes to celebrate the festivities. Celebrating Chinese New Year is a family affair and after conclusion of the festivities, the workers would return. This would require screening of all the passengers coming from the China and other routes connecting China and would require helping hands at all ports of entry in Pakistan.

3. Tackling a health emergency is not a solitary job but requires coordinated effort of all stakeholders. In current scenario, monitoring, detection and vigilance for employing effective counter measures requires the collaboration with the Armed Forces of Pakistan who have always been supportive of the Federal Government in emergency situations. This Ministry request for extension of the same support to monitor, detect and exercise the highest level of vigilance to combat the menace of Novel Coronavirus in Pakistan.

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