



1st Fire & Safety Conference Fire-Safety Experts suggest "emergency exits" in every building for safety

Speakers at a full day conference on "Fire Safety" urged the government and concerned departments to strictly ensure the presence of "emergency exits" and fire extinguisher in every industrial, commercial and residential complex to for the safety of people.

They noted that City District Government Karachi, Karachi Building Control Authority and other concerned departments are according approvals to building without ensuring that safety measures are taken in the site plan according to the existing laws.

The conference is being jointly held by City District Government, National Forum of Environment and Health

(NFEH) and Fire Protection Association of Pakistan with the aim to promoted awareness about fire hazards and their prevention and safety.

MNA Mohammad Rasheed Godil alleged that concerned departments were not ensuring the implementation of safety regulations while issuing site plans for buildings and this is the reason that public casualties are on the rise in the city. Most of these buildings do not emergency exits and fire extinguisher, he added.

In this regard, he cited an example of a fire in SITE area where two firemen died due to absence of safety exit and equipment when the building collapsed during fire fighting.



Engr. Abul Kaalam, Kaiser Waheed, M. Naeem Qureshi, Saeed Akhtar, Fawad Bari addressing at Fire & Safety Conference



He underlined the need for a comprehensive planning and more legislation on fire and safety management to ensure safety of people. Godil also put emphasis on creating awareness about the safety against fire among the masses.

Vice chancellor NED University Engineer Abul Kalam said that the government should attract young and educated people toward the profession of fire fighting by offering them lucrative benefits.

He noted that people do not come to this profession and instead go for other jobs due to absence of incentives, benefits and good salaries.

He called for redesigning the curriculum of fire and safety in academic institutions according to the changing environment to produce experts for ensuring safety of people.

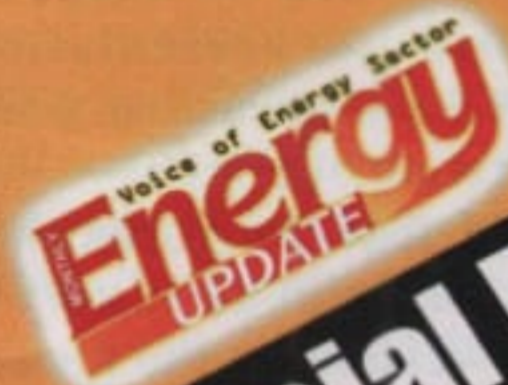
Chairman NFEH Dr Kaiser Waheed said that lack of coordination between

the various departments of government further aggravate the situation during the incident of big fire.

Citing example of Boulton Market fire on Ashura Day, he said that effective communication and coordination between the concerned departments could have averted this tragedy.

Jehangir, Khan Advisor Fire Safety, City District Govt Karachi, Naeem Yousuf, Head of Urban Search and Rescue CDGK, Naeem


Qureshi, president NFEH, Captain Faheem Durrani from Progas Pak Ltd., Fawad Ateeq Barry from Haseen Habib Trading Co, Mansoor Ali Khan, Admajee Insurance, Tariq Moen, Secretary Fire Protection Association of Pakistan, M. Imran from Tajs West Coast, Khalid Nadeem, Manager Fire Protection PIA, Shahid Nadeem, Manager Engro Energy also spoke on the topic in different sessions. ■



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