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RDA Issues Show Cause Notices to Owners of Two Housing Schemes namely Taj Residencia and Saffron City over Illegal Extension and Marketing.

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RAWALPINDI: On the directions of the Commissioner Rawalpindi Division and the Director General, Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Salman Ghani, the RDA has intensified its action against illegal and unauthorized housing schemes and their extensions in its controlled areas.

RDA Cracks Down on Private Individual Misusing the Authority's Name. The Metropolitan Planning and Traffic Engineering (MP&TE) Directorate, RDA has issued show cause notices to the owners of two housing schemes, namely Saffron City and Taj Residencia, for violations of the relevant laws and rules.

A show cause notice has been issued to the owner of Taj Residencia Housing Scheme for allegedly carrying out publicity and booking of plots in blocks/sectors, including Lotus, Cosmos and Blue Bell, which are not part of the layout plan approved by the RDA. The unauthorized extension of the housing scheme is located in Mouza Kak and Sikihpur, Tehsil and District Rawalpindi, and has been declared illegal by the RDA.

Similarly, a show cause notice has been issued to the management of Saffron City Housing Scheme for carrying out marketing, advertisement and sale/booking of plots without obtaining the requisite NOC/sanction from the RDA.

The RDA Spokesperson said that 2,424 kanals of Taj Residencia Housing Scheme and 882.85 kanals of Saffron City Housing Scheme have been approved by the RDA. He advised citizens to verify the approved status and details of housing schemes through the official RDA website, www.rda.gop.pk, before making any investment or purchasing plots.

The notice states that publicity, advertisement and booking of plots in any housing or building project prior to approval constitute a violation of the Punjab Development of Cities Act, 1976 and the Punjab Development Authorities Private Housing Scheme Rules, 2021.

The owner has been directed to immediately stop all violations, restore the scheme in accordance with the layout plan approved by the RDA, and submit a reply within seven days of receipt of the notice. In case of failure to comply, the RDA may proceed with further legal action under the relevant laws and rules without serving any further notice.

He said that RDA has also sent letters with request/information to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Rawalpindi, Chairman IESCO, General Manager SNGPL, General Manager PTCL, District Collector and EPA about illegal advertisements of private housing schemes on social media. The owner / developers wrongly spoke bluntly that they got NOC from the RDA.

The Commissioner Rawalpindi has directed the MP&TE Directorate RDA to take strict action against illegal / unauthorized housing schemes, commercial activities, booking offices and encroachments without any fear and favour.

The Authority will continue strict enforcement against illegal and unauthorized housing schemes to protect the public interest and ensure compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

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