

Sequences of Events

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07-06-1960	Karachi Development Authority (KDA) approved by notification of Kidney Hill in its governing body meeting.
14-09-1963	Letter by Karachi Cooperative Housing Society Union (KCHSU) to Karachi Development Authority (KDA) requesting for allotment of Kidney Hill.
05-10-1963	Karachi Development Authority (KDA) rejected the request for allotment of Kidney Hill to KCHSU.
03-09-1964	KCHSU has admitted in their letter that Kidney Hill has been reserved as open space.
07-11-1966	Kidney Hill is notified under article 45 of KDA Order of 1957 as Scheme 32, 'Falaknuma'. 62 acres are zoned as open space constituting the entire plateau, and are to be developed as a recreational facility, with 18 acres reserved for a water reservoir for the surrounding Karachi Cooperative Housing Society Union (KCHSU). These 62 acres are shown as amenity space in the layout plan of KCHSU. In 1966 1st Notification published. Objections were raised by the different societies as well as parent society.
17-07-1967	KCHSU requested for construction of 40 ft. wide road between the area of the Karachi Union and Kidney Hill to KDA.
05-09-1969	That the 2nd Notification was published on 5.9.1969 & 12.9.1969 to which no objections were raised. The said notification says that "KDA has framed a Water Reservoir site and recreation park scheme for the entire area known as Kidney Hill to be called as KDA Scheme-32 "Falaknuma" covering an area of approximately 62 acres zoned as an open spaces in the master plan of Karachi, constituting the entire Plateau surrounded by the area of Karachi Cooperative Housing Society Union"
11-04-1979	Overseas Cooperative Housing Society (OCHS) and Al-Riaz Cooperative Housing Society (ACHS) manage to get amenity Kidney Hill land unlawfully allotted with the connivance of officials of Federal Ministry of Works (MoW).
1981	Owing to public hue and cry, Mayor Abdul Sattar Afghani takes up this issue with President Zia-ul-Haq who issues directive # 871 of 1981
08-02-1982	The Chief Martial Law Administrator (CMLA) directs that Kidney Hill will remain as a park
04-02-1984	Kidney Hill is handed over to KMC for development as a park, jointly by Joint Secretary (MoW), Commissioner Karachi/Secretary, Housing Town Planning/Member (Land Utilization) Board of Revenue on behalf of Government of Sindh (GoS), Director General on behalf of KDA, MD KCHSU, and Mayor Afghani. This action is confirmed by Assistant City Survey Office (East) vide AC SO/60 dated 4/2/84
31-12-1984	Deputy Secretary, MoW cancels the allotment of OCHS & ACHS, vide letter No. F 16(1)/76-DEM

20-10-1986	Mayor of Karachi writes Chief Secretary (GoS) and requests cancellation of all building plans and also requests no fresh approval be granted. The matter was also taken up by the residents of the area with the Director Master Plan, KDA pointing out the illegal activities.
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01-01-1990	<p style="text-align: center;">Constitutional Petition No. 1314 of 1990 The Overseas Cooperative Housing Society Vs. Government of Pakistan & others</p> <p>Overseas Cooperative Housing Society (OCHS) files Constitutional Petition No. 1314/1990 against Ministry of Works (MoW), Government of Pakistan (GoS), Karachi Development Authority (KDA) and Karachi Municipal Corporation (KMC) challenging the cancellation of its allotment. The court puts plot into the custody of the Nazir of the High Court.</p>
April 1990	PPP Minister of Cooperatives, Agha Siraj Durrani, tries to restore land to the OCHS & ACHS.
08-05-1990	<p>Governor of Sindh by way of newspaper "Jang" directed all the concerned departments not to take any action in respect of land reserved for park.</p> <p>The Mayor of Karachi by way of newspaper stated that the said plot is reserved only for use of park.</p>
26-08-1990	Governor of Sindh orders that Durran's initiative not be implemented. Section Officer, GoS, in a letter dated 26-8-90 confirms that a park is to be developed on this land
02-10-1990	Director General KDA sends his comments to GoS
21-11-1991	The Nazir appears to give evidence before the Court that the plot is in his possession by order dated 21-11-1991 passed in C.P. No.1314/1990
1995	<p>That sometime in the year 1995 residents of the area noted some activities again on the amenity plot and it transpires that Foundation Public School intends to establish a commercial School in a part of the Kidney Hill (measuring 6189 sqyds) 1.28 acres</p> <p>Residents of the area immediately approach to Chief Secretary (GoS), to reconsider the proposal of construction of school in the plot in question, as it would cause nuisance and inconvenience to the area residents.</p>
25-02-1996	Residents write Chief Minister to intervene in the matter to stop illegal construction on the plot marked for park.
10-03-1997	Chief Minister directs Chief Secretary and Housing & Town Planning department to stop illegal construction and asks to furnish a compliance report in the matter.
11-05-1997	The plaintiff's attorney requests the Secretary, Housing and Town Planning Department, to provide them hearing before submitting any comments as desired by the Honorable Chief Minister.
	Despite the order construction was not stopped .

29-11-1997	Residents of Faran C.H.Society file Suit No. 1582/1997 against Foundation Public School owners, for building their school in Kidney Hill in connivance with all concerned. (They were showing an amenity space plot No.137 to be inside Kidney Hill), when actually it is an amenity space in Faran C.H.Society reserved for park. Dates of Hearings : 29.09.2017, 02.10.2017, 09.10.2017, 02.12.2017, 09.12.2017, 16.12.2017, 13.01.2018, 27.01.2018 Date of Announcement of Judgment : 02.04.2018
08-10-1998	In Suit No. 1582/1997 (filed by residents), the High Court directs the Nazir to submit report with regard to confirm the factual position of plot No. 137, Faran Cooperative Housing Society, whether the plot in Suit is in his possession or not.
12-10-1998	Complying with Court's order, Nazir fixes the matter for 12-10-1998, with notices to Director, Master Plan Department, KDA Director Parks, KMC and both the counsels in the case. (Suit 1582/97)
12-10-1998	Both counsels for the Plaintiffs and Defendant No. 1, Mr. Akhlaq Khan, Director along with Mr. Muhammad Sarfaraz Khan, Assistant Director, Master Plan, KDA, Mr. Lal Muhammad, Assistant Director, parks, Mr. M. Siddique and Mr. Altaf Ahmed Khan, Assistant Directors Land, KMC, appear before the Nazir along with relevant record. The Director and Assistant Director, Master Plan Department confirm that the Plot No. 137 Faran Cooperative Housing Society is out-side the boundary of Kidney Hill Area, according to Layout plan, which was prepared by KDA after 1974, as per KDA record.
14-10-1998	Nazir report specifies that plot No.137 is located outside the Kidney Hill whereas construction is being carried out within Kidney Hill.
1999 - Shehri joins the fight to save Kidney Hill	
1999	In CP No.1314/1990 (filed by Overseas CHS), Fourteen residents and Shehri apply to become Interveners in the case. Application is granted, but OCHS files Civil Appeal No.306/2001 in Supreme Court against this order.
25-09-2005	OCHS holds Annual General Meeting and informs members that discussions are in progress with Governor of Sindh to settle out of court the matter of Kidney Hill
27-12-2005	Special General Body Meeting of OCHS is held, and members informed that the Governor had twice been briefed about the factual position and that a compromise is being worked out as follows: 1) OCHS members will reduce size of residential plots to accommodate a park 2) Roads will be minimum 30 - 40 feet wide. 3) The size of all reduced plots shall be equal.
18-06-2006	OCHS, KCHSU, GoP/MoW, GoS, City District Government Karachi (CDGK) sign ' <i>Agreement of Settlement</i> ' and divide up Kidney Hill (which has now reduced from 62 to 55 acres over the past 40 years with continuing encroachments by adjacent plots), with approximately 66% for residential plots & in-between roads
16-11-2006	Secretary, MoW, Abrar Alam concurs with compromise 'Agreement'

11-12-2006	Supreme Court disposes off Civil Appeal No.306/2001 (filed by OCHS) on the basis of compromise 'Agreement of Settlement', allowing residents of the area and Shehri to file a fresh petition if they are aggrieved.
12-12-2006	<p>M. Sharif Bhajee, MD, KCHSU submits sub-division plan of Kidney Hill to Master Plan Group of Offices, CDGK, who respond as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>According to Clause 18-4.1 of KB&TP Regulations 2002 "No amenity plot reserved for the specific purpose shall be converted or utilized for any other purpose".</i> 2) <i>According to the Layout Plan of Scheme-32, the proposed layout plan submitted by you is showing KDA Water Reservation on 18 acres land (approx.), for which NOC from KWSB is required.</i> 3) <i>Since the scheme 32 was notified as Kidney Hill (Falaknuma) which includes Water Reservation (18 acres) therefore its de-notification is required from the Government of Sindh.</i> 4) <i>The matter is also pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Sindh, its latest status needs to be confirmed.</i> 5) <i>Press Public Notice in two leading newspapers (English & Urdu) as per format in A-5 size as per the KBTP Regulations 2002 is required.</i>
23-01-2007	Sindh High Court disposes off CP 1314/1990 (filed by OCHS against the cancellation order of 1981), in terms of the compromise 'Agreement of Settlement', but allows 15 days for Shehri and other aggrieved residents of the area to file fresh petition.
02-02-2007	<p>Shehri writes to MD, KWSB, for the following information on Kidney Hill.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Area of Kidney Hill is in KWSB control 2) How many households receive water from the reservoir 3) Provisions KWSB has made for new proposed housing scheme. 4) Whether or not the proposed subdivision layout plan has been made with KWSB consent
06-02-2007 Shehri files case CP No. 160/2007 in High Court of Sindh	
06-02-2007	Fourteen area residents and Shehri file Constitutional Petition 160/2007 . Ad-interim order given not to create 3rd party interests
12-02-2007	Application submitted (CP No.160/2007) in court for deletion of the names of fourteen residents from the petition. Application is granted due to the death threats.
18-02-2007	Ardeshir Cowasjee writes in DAWN about the Kidney Hill scam, and threats to residents
19-02-2007	Intimidation of and violent threats to Shehri members and their families commence.
21-02-2007	Shehri circulates appeal for other concerned citizens and NGOs to join Vakalatnamas are given by a number of individuals and some civic groups.
22-02-2007	Shehri's appeal reproduced in DAWN . Abdul Hafeez Peerzada files vakalatnama on behalf of OCHS. Threats to Shehri members escalate over the next few days.
25-02-2007	Ardeshir Cowasjee again writes in DAWN about Kidney Hill
26-02-2007	Citizens groups all over the city join as petitioners in case. Intimidation of Shehri members continues.

27-02-2007	General Secretary family receives renewed threats from the man identified as Javed, this time he calls from Dubai (Cell No.00971507542026), he tells him that his son's and aged father-in-law's pictures and the rest of the family's photographs are lying in front of him, and if he wants, he will fax to him.
01-03-2007	Shehri goes to Court and files the application to withdraw the case and meets governor at 1:00 pm. Meeting starts at 1:00 pm and goes on till 4:00 pm. Governor agrees to review the compromise agreement. At 5:38 pm Javed calls from 03022463514 and gets extremely nasty and says I know everything that was said in the meeting at the Governor house, and this is not MQM money, this is my money and I have invested 70 crores and 20 more will not make any difference and if I we do not get our land we will create havoc for you all.
02-03-2007	FIR No.164/07 was lodged at Ferozabad Police Station u/s 506/B of PPC by complainant Amber Alibhai.
03-03-2007	At 9:24 pm a threatening phone call received in which the person threatened that we have 24-hours to withdraw the case as it has not been done according to Javed, telephone number was 0391-4205249. After General Secretary speaks to MQM representative Dr. Farooq Sattar, all intimidation goes silent. The court withdrawal application is suspended.
29-09-2008	<p>A new Suit No. 1370/2008 filed by Mr. Ardeshir Cowasjee and others Vs. Federation of Pakistan & others in the High Court of Sindh, with new petitioners as the 14 residents of the area had left due to the death threats in CP 160/2007.</p> <p>The learned counsel for the Petitioners Barrister M. Naim-ur-Rahman contended that in Scheme No. 32, there is 62 acres of land known as Kidney Hill area. As in 1948 Karachi was the Capital of Pakistan, it belonged to the Federal Government. Subsequently on transfer of capital to Islamabad the land reverted to the Sindh Government and on or about 04.02.1984 a handing over possession of Kidney Hill (Ahmed Ali Park) to Karachi Metropolitan Corporation for development of a park was signed by the Federal government, Government of Sindh, Karachi Development Authority and Karachi Cooperative Housing society Union, after such possession was given to KMC, the Overseas Cooperative Housing Society Limited made a claim of 40 acres of land for development of Housing Society out of the Kidney Hill park. Such claim was made by Overseas Cooperative Housing Society on the basis of an allotment that had been made in 1973 by Karachi Cooperative Housing society Union Limited. That such allotment was cancelled by the Federal Government through its letter dated 31.12.1984. This cancellation was challenged by the OCHS by filing Constitutional Petition No. 1314 of 1990 in the High Court, but the matter was disposed of by Settlement Agreement.</p>

20-04-2018	<p>The Suit 1582/1997 filed by residents of Faran CHS against Foundation Public School for unlawfully taking 6189 sqyds to Kidney Hill for their school is decreed in favour of the plaintiffs for the said prayers mentioned in the plaint along with costs of the proceedings;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Plot No. 137 Faran Cooperative Housing Society has been reserved for Park and cannot be used for any other purpose. • Declared that all action, order and direction for the conversion of amenity plot reserved for park are illegal, unlawful and without any lawful authority. • Cancelled the lease executed in favour of defendant No.1. (Foundation Public School) • Injunction granted restraining the defendant No.1 from constructing school building on the plot in question. • Cost of the suit.
11-05-2018	<p>Mst. Marium Haji & others residents of Faran CHS file Execution Application No. 44 of 2018 (Implementation of Decree) in Suit No. 1582 of 1997</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mst. Marium Haji filed an Execution Application in the High Court with request that the decree dated 20.04.2018 passed by Honorable High Court may graciously be converted into Execution Petition; • The defendant No. 1 & 8 may be directed not to interfere and handover the impugned Plot No. 137 Faran Cooperative Housing Society to KMC and official defendant KMC may be directed to restore the same into park as the same has been illegally carved out from Kidney Hill Park. • The official defendant No. 7 (SBCA) may be directed to demolish the construction raised on impugned Plot No. 137 Faran Cooperative Housing Society. <i>(Till date not done, despite order of Justice Gulzar Gulzar Ahmed in Supreme Court case CP 09/2010)</i> • The official defendants may be directed to cancel the lease of plot No. 137 Faran Cooperative Society. <p>In case of failure the Nazir of the High Court be directed to execute the decree and cancel the lease of Plot 137 Faran Cooperative Housing Society and handover the encroached space to KMC for developing as part of Kidney Hill.</p>
15-05-2018	<p>Foundation Public School files High Court Appeal No.152 of 2018, against the Judgment in Suit No. 1582 of 1997 with the request to set aside the Impugned Judgment and Decree passed by the learned Single Judge dated 02.04.2018 and 20.04.2018 respectively and dismiss the suit filed by the plaintiff. (still ongoing)</p>
09-05-2019	<p>The Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in Constitutional Petition 09/2010 headed by Justice Gulzar Ahmed passes an order that the Commissioner, KMC to examine each and every allotment and lease of the land of Kidney Hill Park and to issue notices to all illegal allottees/lessees for removal of their respective houses and all constructions whatsoever and restore the Kidney Hill Park of 62 acres as a park, the Commissioner shall ensure that this park is developed on the modern lines for providing amenity to the people of Karachi.</p> <p>The court also directs the Chief Chief Secretary, Commissioner Karachi, KMC, KDA and all other civic agencies to submit its compliance report regarding removal of encroachments from the government lands, parks, playgrounds and all other amenity lands.</p>

06-08-2019	The KMC submits its report to Supreme Court of Pakistan in Constitutional Petition 09/2010 and states that 62 acres of land of Kidney Hill has been retrieved and it is in possession of KMC. KMC also prepares PC-1 of Rs. 950 million for making a modern park on such land. However the plans for development are only for 55 acres. The balance 7-acres has not been retrieved by KMC. The encroachment by Foundation Public School still stands and encroachment along the boundary of OCHS who still are holding on the Kidney Hill and illegally.
05-10-2019	Tree plantation has started after the completion of geographical study and landscaping in Kidney Hill Park - by Municipal Commissioner KMC, Dr. Saifur Rehman
08-10-2019	Adviser to Chief Minister of Sindh Mr. Murtaza Wahab , visits Kidney Hill.
09-10-2019	Municipal Commissioner , KMC, Dr. Saifur Rahman, invites Shehri members to visit Kidney Hill Park. The briefing was given as follows; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Illegal Hotels were operating 2. Hundreds of cattle farms were operating 3. Prostitutions and drug dens 4. Encroachments by the Residents of Faran and OCHS 5. The nearby hospitals were dumping their hospital wastes 6. It had become a garbage dump site. <p>The KMC have done the following :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They have taken over the physical possession of parks 2. Have Built gates 3. Planted hundreds of trees 4. Cleared a lot of garbage 5. Clearance is still taking place 6. Completed the topography mapping of the place 7. They have not cut any kikar or cactus. They will need to trim these.
10-10-2019	Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Syed Saif Ur Rehman supervises the ongoing development work in Kidney Hill Park on daily basis.
15-10-2019	Karachi Mayor Wasim Akhtar visits the Kidney Hill Park, announces a unique chairlift in the city from the Hill Park to the Kidney Hill Park, and makes the assurance that the park would soon be available to visitors (News-items).
15-10-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KMC Metropolitan Commissioner Dr Saifur Rehman told SAMAA Digital that the park would open for public in a month. “Ahmed Ali Park will be a gift for the people of Karachi by the KMC administration. It will be a beautiful place to visit after renovation”, Dr. Saifur Rehman said. • Over 3,000 saplings of different species will be planted at different locations of the park. Shehri also planted fig and mango trees on 2nd November 2019, and also donated about 65 trees to KMC to be planted there, in a designated area. • The park will also have a jogging track and a sewage treatment plant.
16-10-2019	‘City to have a chairlift soon’: says Mayor Wasim Akhtar (The Nation news-item)
16-10-2019	Karachi Mayor Wasim Akhtar announced the installation of a chairlift at Kidney Hill Park. (Express Tribune news-item)
17-10-2019	Karachiites to get a chairlift at Kidney Hill Park (The News news-item)

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Can Kidney Hill Park be Karachi's Daman-e-Koh? (Express News-item)