## Kidney Hill Park - Success achieved in saving 6.34 acres from illegal encroachment

In 2010, Shehri CBE with its members filed a Constitution Petition 09/2010 to save the Kidney Hill Park from illegal encroachments. Spearheaded by Justice Gulzar Ahmed, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan in Constitution Petition 09/2010 set forth an order for the Commissioner and KMC to review and examine allotments and leases of the land of the Kidney Hill Park and deliver notices of to all illegal allottees/lessees for demolishment of their respective constructions and restore Kidney Hill Park as public amenity land of 62 acres.

Under the petition, on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, a physical survey was performed by Mr. Iftikhar Shallwani (Commissioner Karachi), Mr. Nadeem Baig (Consultant in presence of District Administration East, KMC - Land Department) and Shehri CBE members. The Shehri team met in the DC East office to report about the illegal encroachments at the Kidney Hill Park. Among the facts, an incidence of an illegal encroachment of a total 6.34 acres land out of which 1.3 acres was under construction by a Foundation Public School was notified.

Later, in the late 2020, the Shehri team achieves success and the unlawful structure of the Foundation Public School is demolished from the park's land; the amenity land is restored. However, KMC has not taken over the land as the court orders stated "... we direct the school administration to remove the structure from the amenity plot and handover the plot to the authorities of Kidney Hill Park or Faran Education Society for running a school by the Society itself".

The Faran Society has not demolished its 24 illegal plots allotted in the Kidney Hill Park by the society. Therefore, in reality, only 57 acres of the park has been recovered. The recovery of the balance is the responsibility of KMC and they must recover the land; otherwise, the effort of the residence and Shehri will be wasted.





The school structure was demolishing.



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