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## NBP MAKES BALOCHISTAN ITS FIRST COMPLETELY ONLINE PROVINCE

Karachi August 01, 2011: In a major move towards automation, National Bank of Pakistan has converted all its branches on-line in Balochistan Province. This is in line with Bank's strategy to convert majority of its branches on-line by the end of this year for which work is going on at fast pace.

It is worth mentioning here that NBP is present in far off and remote areas of Balochistan which include Dera Bugti, Awaran, Kohlu, Barkhan, Turbat, Panjgur, Sorab, Qallat, Chaman, Loralai, Ormara, Harnai, Noshki, Dalbandin, Gandawah, Kharan, Saindak, Taftan, Othal, Bela and Muslim Bagh. To provide Online banking to these remote and far-off areas in such a short span of time is indeed a gift of NBP to the people of Balochistan.

NBP has recently initiated a number of IT projects to make the bank one of the most technologically advanced financial institutions in the country. Currently the Bank is in the implementation phase of Core Banking System which is one of the largest IT projects in Pakistan and covers all the banking functions.

Qamar Hussain, President NBP, appreciated the efforts of Chief Information Officer, IT Manager Quetta and his team on this landmark achievement and expressed hope that very soon more branches will come online all over the country.

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