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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## 287 NBP BRANCHES TO OPERATE COUNTRYWIDE ON SATURDAY

Karachi October 15, 2011: As per decision of the Federal Government vide Notification No.2/7/2011-Public dated 13th October, 2011 five days working week will be observed by the banks (Saturday and Sunday will be observed as closed days). The following office timings will be observed with immediate effect till further orders:

- 1. Monday to Thursday 9:00 am to 5.30 pm (with lunch/prayer break from 1.30 pm to 2.15 pm)
- 2. Friday

9.00 am to 6.00 pm (with lunch/prayer break from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm)

The timing for branches for Saturday will be observed as follow: Business Timings 9:00 am to 12:30m/ Office Timings: 9:00am to 01:30pm

In order to ensure availability of basic banking facilities to business community, it has been decided that selected NBP branches as per list attached will remain open, while the Head Office and Regional Offices will remain closed on Saturdays. The designated Branches, located at Custom Houses / Ports, Airports shall remain open 24/7 as per existing practice.

The list of activities to be carried out on Saturday is as under:

- Cash Receipts and Payments.
- o Collection of Government Revenues (Taxes, Custom Duties etc).
  Government Payments (Pensions, Salaries etc). Online Transactions/Fund
  Transfer (wherever possible) · Collection of Utility Bills. Issuance of
  Demand Drafts, Pay Orders, Traveler Cheques etc.
- Collection of Cheques and other related instruments (the instruments received for clearing will be processed on next working day). Acceptance of Documents / Opening of Inland & Foreign Letter of Credit (not forward cover)

List Available on NBP Website and Call Center 021-111-627(NBP)-627(NBP)

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