
Interior minister orders to block SIMs issued on invalid CNICs

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ISLAMABAD:

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Wednesday directed the National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) to block mobile phone SIMs issued on invalid and expired identity cards.

During his visit to the NADRA headquarters, the minister visited all sectors and instructed the authorities to set up NADRA offices across the country on the pattern of model police stations established in Punjab. He said that establishing a model NADRA office will improve service delivery and provide convenience to the public. NADRA Chairman Lieutenant General Muhammad Munir Afsar welcomed Naqvi on his arrival at NADRA Headquarters.

During the meeting, the minister ordered waiving the fee on death certificates and directed to ensure complete security of citizens' data. Naqvi said more facilities should be provided on mobile

platforms for the convenience of the people and social media should be used effectively to promote the institution's initiatives. The chairman also presented NADRA's Roadmap 2024- 25 in a briefing which included modern and phased security architecture, cyber security audits and employee cyber security awareness, and the NADRA Strategic Plan. Upgradation of NADRA technology and infrastructure and online platforms of registration centres will also be improved by which Pakistanis living abroad including local citizens will also efficiently get access to these facilities, the chairman briefed the minister. He said that NADRA plans to set up self-service kiosks at registration centres and provide mobile registration services and also briefed that plans are underway to extend the shift hours at selected centres and provide service on weekly holidays.