

Federal Ombudsman reviews implementation of jail reforms

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that keeping in view the recommendations of the Reforms Committee, steps should be taken to connect biometric system with NADRA Police, Prosecution and other relevant agencies. The Wafaqi Mohtasib was chairing a high level meeting alongwith the Additional Chief Secretary Home during his visit to Karachi which was attended by I.G. Secretary Health, Senior officers of other relevant departments and Head of Wafaqi Mohtasib Regional Office Karachi.

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KARACHI: Wafaqi Mohtasib Mr. Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi Presiding over a meeting of jail reforms in Sindh.

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oners are being kept in separate sections. Arrangements of technical education have also been made in the prisons and free education system from class one to matric has been introduced in all prisons and arrangements are also in hand to conduct their exams in the premises of the respective jails. Furthermore books and reading material on religious and social themes is being provided in the libraries for character building. The Ombudsman lauded these steps and some new initiatives by the Provincial Government and hoped that these will lead to better environment for prisoners.

He stated that the conditions of prisons located in the interior of Sindh also need to be reviewed to provide compatible facilities of legal aid, medical facilities, skill training and educational facilities as in the Karachi jails.