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**FPCCI chief hails NAB chief's assurance to businessmen**

LAHORE: The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) President Engr Daroo Khan Achakzai on Tuesday welcoming NAB Chairman's assurance for non-interference into business community affairs said it would restore confidence of the foreign and local investors to keep the production-wheel rolling and improve precarious condition of the country's bleak economy.

He expressed these views while talking to United Business Group (UBG) Central Chairman Iftikhar Ali Malik by telephone, here on Tuesday. He said that businesses are already in a complicated state-of-affairs due to global recession while anti-business actions against business community are not only adding to the miseries of the business community but are also promoting trust deficit between the government and the business community.

He further said that the government should create a business-friendly environment to promote industrialization and job creation and this is only possible when business community would do their business without any intimidation.

He said that the good thing is that NAB chairman assured them that no NAB officer would harass any businessmen and remove their concerns in this regard on exigent basis. He said without a congenial and business-friendly environment, the government cannot attract local or foreign investment.

Daroo Khan said if any agency wanted to take action against any taxpayer on genuine complaint, it should first take FPCCI or concerned market association on board so that with mutual efforts, such complaints could be resolved.

Rectifying FPCCI president's concerns in this regard, Iftikhar Ali Malik said raids conducted by agencies on business premises were creating resentment in the business community against the current government. However, he said Chairman NAB's assurance for not taking any steps to harass genuine businessmen was a source of confidence for the business community. He said that they would never support any illegal business activity.