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MARVI MEMON SPENDS BUSY DAY WITH IDPS AT BAKAKHEL

BANNU July 17: Minister of state and Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) MNA Marvi Memon on Friday visited Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) at Bakakhel IDP Camp and spent busy day with them.

During her interaction with IDPs, Marvi said that she visited the camp on the directive of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to spend day with the citizens living there. She said good news for them is that this would be their last year at the camp and they will ultimately return to their homes.

During her visit to the Professional Training Center at the Camp, she met women trainees. Marvi Memon distributed among the IDPs gifts sent by the Prime Minister and also had tea with them. She met a mother with a new born baby and expressed her best wishes for both.

On arrival, Chairperson BISP was received by Brigadier Mukhtar Ahmed, who briefed her about the Camp.

A women told Marvi that they were getting all facilities from the government but she would still like to return to her home as soon as possible. Marvi helped female IDPs in preparing the traditional sweetdish Kheer for the occasion of Eid.

Later in Bannu, she attended a meeting of BISP Beneficiary Committee (BBC). The members of BBC shared their problems with the Chairperson BISP.

The purpose of BBCs is to provide a forum to BISP beneficiaries for discussing their issues and difficulties related to the services of BISP including the nabbing of mafia which steals from these women. Creation of BBCs is a part of social mobilization process of BISP, which is important for ensuring efficiency and effectiveness of the Programme.

A woman leader is elected amongst the group, as well as a record keeper, who are responsible for communicating the problems of the group to the Tehsil offices or other representatives of BISP. Currently, BISP has established thousands of BBCs in 32 districts of the country. Now this effort is being spread to all districts of Pakistan as it has proved useful in educating women on their rights.

The members of the committee demanded resurvey to include more deserving people for getting financial assistance from BISP. They also demanded construction of storage to preserve dates which they could sell to get income. She assured of holding the resurvey and meeting their other demands.

She also visited home of Lance Naik Gulfraz Khan Shaheed and offered Fateha for the departed soul. She said sacrifices of the valiant soldiers for the sake of Pakistan, will not go waste."We are proud of them as they laid down their lives for the country," she said. She appreciated Pakistan Army for rendering unmatched sacrifices for the motherland.
