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Elections 2013

# Gender monitors arrive today

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Members of the Gender Election Monitoring (GEM) mission are due in Islamabad on Sunday (today) to observe the upcoming general elections.

Sabra Bano, director of Gender Concerns International, will be heading the team of observers. Bano headed the last GEM mission to Pakistan in 2008 and has also headed a mission to Libya in 2012, and missions to Morocco and Tunisia in 2011.

“Ours is the only interna-

tional election observation mission to monitor elections from a gender perspective,” Bano said.

The GEM team will be accompanied by a team of gender expert observers including the deputy head of the mission, Magda de Meyer, who was previously the deputy head of GEM missions in Pakistan, Tunisia and Libya, and Ann Wilkens, a political analyst and former Swedish ambassador to Pakistan.

The GEM Mission will be conducted in partnership with the Aurat Foundation.