



Kya Yeh Taraqqi Hai? Tumharey Liye Ya Humarey Liye?

ZAHABIA KHOZEMA

**JUNE 10TH, 5PM
CONTINUES TILL JULY 4TH**



VM ART GALLERY

VM Art Gallery is proud to present *Kya Ye Taraqqi Hai? Tumharey Liye Ya Humarey Liye?* (Is It Progress? For You or For Us?), an exhibition of works by Zahabia Khozema, focusing on Karachi's public policies with a particular emphasis on the demolitions at Kauser Niazi Colony at Gujjar Nullah.

The exhibition will open at 5 pm on 10th June 2023 and continue till 4th July 2023, Monday to Saturday, 11 am to 7 pm.

In response to the research conducted by NED University's Infrastructure Engineering and Development Department, the government commenced demolition work near Gujjar Nullah in 2021 to expand the rainwater and sewerage drains as well as construct new roads. The funding for this project was secured from World Bank, however, the houses that were recently demolished had existing leases, and the residents were responsible for paying their utilities and taxes. Those impacted by the demolitions have not been provided with alternative housing, and only a small number have received financial compensation. This compensation is not proportional to the damages they have suffered.

Through diverse mediums such as visual storytelling, poetry, drawing, printmaking, installation, video, and photography, the exhibition illuminates the broken urban infrastructure, the housing crisis, and the devastating effects of climate change on Karachi's citizens. As an artist who firmly believes in a multidisciplinary approach, Khozema challenges viewers to consider the personal and political causes and the collective struggles faced by Karachi's marginalized communities.

She creates an environment for meaningful discussions around development ideals and the real-life consequences they cause, including economic crises, IMF-inflicted austerity, and authoritarian violence. Khozema's work highlights the need for policies that endorse equity and social justice in society.

It is our hope that this exhibition creates an environment for meaningful conversations around development ideals and the political and economic consequences that follow. Khozema invites viewers to appreciate the persistence of Karachi's residents and extends a message of hope for an equitable future.



Zahabia Khozema

Zahabia Khozema is a Karachi-based artist and curator with a passion for research-based practices that focus on politics and policymaking. Her work highlights the politics of the marginalized, drawing on her involvement in on-ground organizing. Khozema holds a BA in Mass Communication from the University of Karachi and a BFA from the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, where she received the Research Paper Award in 2020 for her final research paper. She was a co-curator of the House of Kal Artist Residency Program and currently works as a program coordinator and assistant curator at the VM Art Gallery in Karachi and is an adjunct faculty member at the Visual Studies Department, University of Karachi.



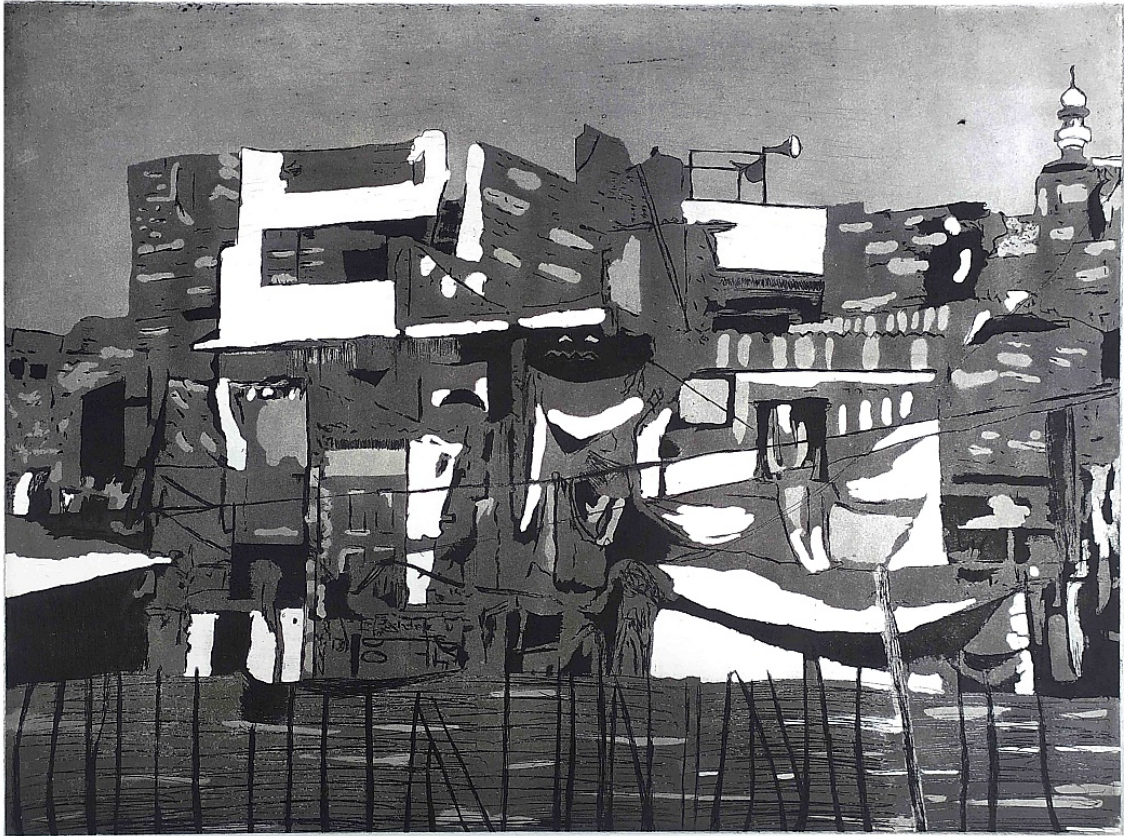
Zahabia Khozema
At the Nullah 1, 2023
Mixed Media on Canvas
55h x 94w in
Rs. 125,000



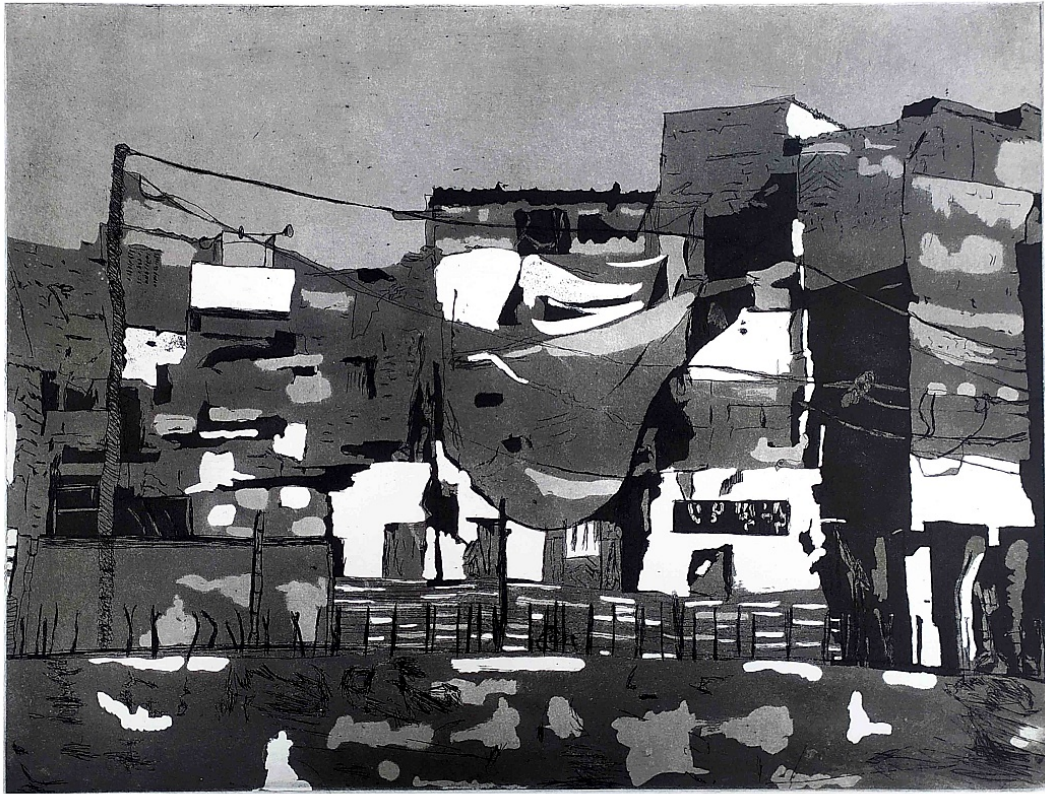
Zahabia Khozema
At the Nullah 2, 2023
Mixed Media on Canvas
50h x 95w in
Rs. 100,000



Zahabia Khozema
Untitled 1, 2023
Etching and Aquatint
20.75h x 24.75w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 45,000



Zahabia Khozema
Untitled 2, 2023
Etching and Aquatint
20.75h x 24.75w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 45,000



Zahabia Khozema
Untitled 3, 2023
Etching and Aquatint
20.75h x 24.75w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 45,000



Zahabia Khozema
What Remains 1, 2023
Screen Print on Canvas
41h x 29.75w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 60,000



Zahabia Khozema
What Remains 2, 2023
Screen Print on Canvas
41h x 29.75w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 60,000



Zahabia Khozema
What Remains 3, 2023
Screen Print on Canvas
41h x 29.75w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 60,000



Zahabia Khozema
What Remains 4, 2023
Screen Print on Canvas
41h x 29.75w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 60,000



Zahabia Khozema
Optics of the Nullah 1, 2023
Digital Print on Paper
48h x 72w in
1/3 + AP
Rs. 25,000



Zahabia Khozema
Optics of the Nullah 2, 2023
Digital Print on Paper
48h x 72w in
1/3 + AP
Rs. 25,000



Zahabia Khozema
Optics of the Nullah 3, 2023
Digital Print on Paper
48h x 72w in
1/3 + AP
Rs. 25,000

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تمہے لگتا ہے کہ صرف تم ہی تم ہو؟

Zahabia Khozema

tum apney app ko kiya samajh bethey ho tumhey lagta hai key sirf tum hi tum ho?, 2023

Video

2:17 mins

1/2 + AP

Rs. 20,000



Zahabia Khozema
Marked (set of 40 pictures), 2023
Digital Print on Cartridge Paper
8h x 11.40w in
1/2 + AP
Rs. 5,000 each