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ISLAMABAD:Renowned scientists and academicians Tuesday warned of food insecurity, hunger and starva-

tion if the research land of National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) was converted into housing society as proposed by

Capital Development Authority (CDA). The scientists and academicians who gathered here at PARC headquarter to discuss

pros and cons of the CDA proposal for converting the research land into housing society demanded

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the govt to reject the summary for larger national interest. The Standing Committee on Cabinet is scheduled to meet Thursday, August 6 to discuss the CDA proposal which already has stirred severe reaction from all the segments of society including scientists, parliamentarians, educationists, businessmen, farmer associations and civil society.

"Keeping in view the importance of NARC for research and agriculture development, the government must immediately reject the CDA summary," they said while attending a meeting here at the headquarters of Pakistan agricultural Research Council (PARC).

The meeting was chaired by PARC Chairman, Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad and among others, representatives of universities, research organizations, farmer associations and civil society participated in the meeting.

Prominent among the participants included Former Chairman of the council and Rector National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences (FAST-NU) Dr. Amir Muhammad, Forman PARC Chairman, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Dr. Waqar Malik, Haleem-ul-Hasnain, Kausar Abdullah, President PARC Scientists Association, Dr. Altaf Sher, General Secretary PARSAs, Azizullah Shah and Director PARC Public Relations, Sardar Ghulam Mustafa.

Speaking on the occasion, Former Chairman PARC and Rector National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences (FAST-NU), Dr. Amir Muhammad said that country's survival was linked with agriculture sector and this sector could not progress without research and development.