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Karachi: an unlivable city

Karachi, the largest city of Pakistan, has been named the fourth least liveable city in the world, according to the Economist intelligence unit. It joins cities like Damascus and Tripoli as the least liveable city, while the latter cities denote a violent and turbulent past, Karachi as the bustling hub of ^{Pakistan's} economic activity is a different story. Karachi is plagued by systemic and administrative failures. The city is host to 20 million people, all from different backgrounds and this number only seems to be growing. The city's administration seems unable to cope with this growing monster. Informal settlements keep popping up. The old and inundated pipelines of the city are in dire need of maintenance and unable to keep up with the demand. Perhaps the biggest crisis is that of its decrepit infrastructure.

The infrastructure is not just insufficient and improperly planned, it also poses some serious hazardous risks. The city's social fabric is also in a miserable state. The crime rates are at an all time high. Recently, there have occurred plenty road accidents that were caused by speeding tankers. It shows the utter failure of the city's administration. The Karachi conundrum could only be solved when all the stakeholders of the city work together to make it liveable for its 20 million citizens. Strict implementation of policies must

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be seen, starting with strict safety codes for building and building green spaces. The road to Karachi's prosperity is a long one but it's not impossible.