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PTCL office attacked in Noshki Balochistan

Independent judiciary main component of Constitution, observes CJP

Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial observed on Tuesday that an independent judiciary was a main component of the Constitution.

He made the remarks as an eight-member larger bench of the Supreme Court heard a set of plea challenging a bill, which has since become an act of Parliament, seeking to curtail the powers of the CJP.

The bench comprised CJP Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Jazul Ahsan, Justice Muneer Akhtar, Justice Mazhar Ali Akbar Naqvi, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Ayesha Malik, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Shahid Waheed.

Three petitions were filed under Article 184(3) of the Constitution

The three petitions were filed under Article 184(3) of the Constitution by Advocate Muhammad Shafiq Mu-nir, Raja Raza Khan, Chaudhary Ghulam Hussain and others.

The bill proposes taking away the individual authority of the chief justice to initiate suo motu proceedings and unilaterally form benches and vests them in a panel comprising the CJP and two senior-most SC judges. It also calls for the right to appeal suo motu decisions.

Action on the bill was preemptively frozen by the court even before it became law last month.

Democracy was a key component of the country's Constitution, Barrister

Barrister Salahuddin appeared on behalf of the PML-N while Farooq Naek appeared on behalf of the PPP. Meanwhile, Hassan Raza Pasha represented the Pakistan Bar Council (PBC).



At the outset of the hearing, the CJP said that the previous order issued by the court was of an interim nature. He said that democracy was a key component of the country's Constitution. "A free judiciary and Centre are also important features of the Constitution," he said, adding that the case at hand concerned the independence of the judiciary.

"This law concerns the third pillar of the state," he said

CJP Bandial said that the court expected "serious arguments" from the parties in the case, adding that the large bench would have to provide "excellent assistance".

CJP Bandial also remarked that the law in question was the first of its kind in Pakistan

He said that there was no changing the fact that an independent judiciary was a main feature of the Constitution. "It is being alleged that for the first time, a fundamental component of the Constitution has been violated through a piece of legislation." The court then sought detailed answers from all parties in the case on May 8. The court also sought the parliamentary record of the law as well as the arguments in the relevant standing committee.

During the hearing, the PBC's lawyer contended that the council had always fought for the rule of law and the judiciary. "It would be appropriate if a full court is constituted to hear the case," he said, adding that no one would object to a bench which included seven senior-most judges.

He also highlighted that several references had been filed against one of the members of the current SC bench in the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and called for Justice Naqvi to be excluded from the bench. Web Desk

Why this delay: Appointment of VCs in Balochistan

Syed Ali Shah Analysis

It has been almost two months since the Search Committee constituted by the Balochistan government submitted its recommendations about the appointment of Vice-Chancellors of five public universities. Nevertheless, the provincial government has not issued the appointment letters of the successful candidates of VCs.

The file has been lying on the table of the Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo. The reason is crystal clear. Some ministers and powerful opposition members expressed their reservations and apprehensions about the names finalized by the search committee. The answer is simple, they want their blue-eyed to VCs of five public universities in Balochistan.

CM Bizenjo appears to be helpless before ministers



CM Bizenjo appears to be helpless before the ministers and opposition lawmakers. Although, the CM of Balochistan should not demonstrate any political repudiation since he is the chief executive of the province. This position demands bold decisions since it is a matter of the future of thousands of youth of Balochistan rather than an issue of an individual or a specific political party.

The historic 18th amendment and the passage of the Balochistan Universities Model Act 2022 empowered Chief Minister Balochistan and his cabinet to appoint VCs of public universities. Earlier, this power was enjoyed by the Chancellor/Governor of Balochistan.

Search Committee interviews 30 candidates

The Search Committee conducted interviews with 30 candidates and submitted 15 names for five universities in Balochistan. Every three names of each university. Now, it is the mandate of the Balochistan government to choose one out of three for each university as per the Balochistan Universities Model Act 2022. Almost all universities have been facing a serious financial crisis. Most of the employees and faculty members of the universities are deprived of their salaries even. Initial investigation suggests, previous VCs acted like uncrowned kings and appointed their blue-eyed to important positions with attractive perks and privileges. Simply, a financial crisis was expected.

In a nutshell, CM Balochistan Mir Qudus Bizenjo led government should make a bold decision and released the stalled recommendations of the search committee and appoint VCs. It is for the first time in the history of Balochistan that candidates for VCs were interviewed and their academic qualifications were scrutinized. Delay in this regard will further jeopardize the situation.

CM should make a bold decision

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Manan Mandokhail

QUETTA-Central Senior Vice-President, Pakistan Tehreek e Insaaf (PTI), Qasam Khan Suri on Tuesday said his party would resist every unconstitutional move on behalf of rulers. He expressed these views while addressing a press conference at the party's provincial secretariat. Doda Khan Shahwani of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) joined the PTI on the occasion.

The former deputy speaker of the National Assembly, Qasam Suri lashed out at the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and termed it responsible for what he called economic crisis. "Rulers are advancing their personal agenda rather than country and nation", Qasam Suri said.

SkYROCKETING prices deprived masses of buying something



The PTI leader stated that the recent skyrocketing prices have deprived the masses of buying edible items and even the medicines. PTI is the last hope of the masses, he said. Regarding Balochistan, Qasam Suri said scores of political workers from various parties were joining the PTI because of its democratic and principled stance. He said the PTI was ready to participate in the general elections but the component parties of the PDM were frightened of the party's popularity.

PDM frightened of the popularity of PTI: Qasam Suri told reporters

"They should come and political fight, why they are running from elections", Qasam Suri said. He said the PTI was committed to upholding the banner of democracy and constitution in the country. He urged the party workers to work day and night and play their due role in strengthening the PTI in the country. We would be successful in the next elections, he expressed the hope.

Qasam Suri informed that the PTI was in contact with all political personalities of Balochistan and very soon seasoned politicians of the province would join the party. We believe in practice rather than mere empty slogans, he added.

PTCL office attacked in Noshki Balochistan

From Our Correspondent

Unknown accused hurled a hand grenade at the office of PTCL in Balochistan's Noshki district on Tuesday.

Police sources said the accused riding on a motorcycle lobbed the hand grenade at the PTCL office on Double Road Noshki. The assailants escaped unhurt from the spot.

The blast smashed the glasses, partially damaged the office. Police reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway.



BSAC launches Twitter campaign for university in Naseerabad

News Desk

QUETTA-The Baloch Students Action Committee (BSAC) launched a Twitter campaign for the establishment of a university in the Naseerabad division.

The BSAC said Naseerabad is one of the most populous divisions of Balochistan but still it is deprived of the university. The BSAC activists, educationists, intellectuals and journalists took to the social media network Twitter and demanded of the government to establish a university in Naseerabad.

Campaign to be launched at 7 pm tonight



Announcing the campaign, the Spokesman BSAC said that a campaign with the hashtag #NaseerabadNeedsUniversity will be run on Tuesday, May 2 from 7:00 PM to 12:00 PM. He appealed to people of all schools of thought and said that everyone should actively participate in this campaign and raise their voices for the establishment of a university in Naseerabad.

Govt-PTI poll parleys begin under shadow of aspersions

The negotiating teams of the ruling Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) have kicked off parleys aimed at ending a deadlock over general elections timing.

The statements from both sides suggested that the two warring parties apparently refused to show flexibility on their stance on the polls. A three-member delegation of the PTI led by Shah Mehmood Qureshi and comprising Fawad Chaudhary and Senator Ali Zafar has arrived at the Parliament House in Islamabad to hold talks with the government's Railway Khawaja Saad Raique, Minister for Commerce Naveed Qasim, Minister for National Food Security and Research Tariq Bashir Cheema, and Muttabaha Qaumi Movement-Pakistan Kishwar Zahra. Web Desk

Martyrs who sacrificed life for country's defence our pride: Governor

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman has said that the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the defence of the country are our pride. He said that Pakistan Army is known for its professional competence. This was stated by him while talking to a delegation of participants of Gunnery Staff Course at the school Novshwa who under the leadership of Major General Muhammad Bashir Chaudhry held a ceremony at Governor House Lahore on Tuesday.

BoP, PSEB launch Freelancer Digital Account, Co-Branded Cards

ISLAMABAD: The Bank of Punjab (BoP) in collaboration with Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), the attached department of Ministry of IT, launched their Freelance Digital Account and Bank Cards in a ceremony held here on Tuesday.



QUETTA: Activates of joint action committee hold protest rally in favor of their demands.

Pakistani entrepreneurs excel at Canton Fair exhibition

GUANGZHOU: Pakistani entrepreneurs excelled at Canton Fair exhibition, Gwadar reported on Tuesday.

SAPM Tarar urges to include seven senior judges in bench hearing SC

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Interior Attaulah Tarar on Tuesday urged the Supreme Court to include seven senior judges in the bench hearing Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) bill case.

Minister HRs, Australian FIC discuss bilateral ties, issues of mutual interest

ISLAMABAD: High Commissioner of Australia to Pakistan Neil Hawkins called on Federal Minister for Human Rights, Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada on Tuesday.

Pak Consul General visits Pakistani stalls in Canton Fair, Guangzhou

BEIJING: Acting Consul General of Pakistan in Guangzhou Sardar Muhammad has visited stalls set up by Pakistani companies to showcase their products at the 133rd China Import and Export Fair also known as Canton Fair in Guangzhou, Guangdong province of China.

Talha urges Moavineen-e-Hujjaj to fulfil responsibilities religiously

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood on Tuesday urged the Moavineen-e-Hujjaj to fulfil their responsibilities in letter and spirit by taking care of the complete needs of the pilgrims during the entire Hajj season.

Slow recovery witnessed in battered Pakistan's currency encouraging: Shahid Rasheed

ISLAMABAD: Former President of Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dr. Shahid Rasheed Butt said that the IMF loan which is still available for 283.4 rupees.

LHC bars police from arresting Pervaiz Elahi

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Tuesday barred the police from arresting Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi in any case registered till date.

Two killed in Bahawalpur road mishap

BAHAWALPUR: Two including a woman were killed when an over speeding passenger bus hit a motorcycle here on Tuesday.

Youth drowns in River Chenab, woman shot injured

FAISALABAD: A youth drowned in River Chenab, went missing and a woman was shot injured over old enemy in different localities of Faisalabad on Tuesday.

