

THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

33/25

Bench:

Mr. Justice Athar Minallah
Mr. Justice Irfan Saadat Khan
Mr. Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan

Jail Petition No.389 of 2023 & Jail Petition No.549 of 2023

(Against judgment dated 05.06.2023 of the Lahore High Court, Rawalpindi Bench passed in M. R. No.43 of 2021, Criminal Appeal No.1413 of 2021 and Criminal Appeal No.1410 of 2021)

Ahsin Ali ...Petitioner in JP-389/2023
Muhammad Ramzan @ Jani ...Petitioner in JP-549/2023

Versus

The State ...Respondent in both cases

For the petitioners: Mr. Hameed uz Zaman, ASC

For the State: Mr. Irfan Zia, Additional Prosecutor General,
Punjab

For the complainant: Mr. Jalil ur Rehman, ASC a/w complainant

Date of hearing: 07.05.2025

ORDER

Athar Minallah, J.- For the reasons to be recorded later, Jail Petition No.389 of 2023 is converted into an appeal and is partly allowed inasmuch as the sentence of death awarded to the appellant under section 302(b) of PPC by the trial court and later upheld by the High Court is modified to that of imprisonment for life. However, the compensation ordered by the trial court and upheld by the High Court as well as the imprisonment required to be undergone in default thereof, are maintained. The conviction and sentence of the appellant under sections 393 and 449 of the PPC are hereby set aside and he is acquitted of the charge framed thereunder by extending the benefit of doubt in his favour. However, his conviction under section 302(b), the compensation and imprisonment in default thereof are upheld and the appeal to that extent is dismissed.

2. Jail Petition No.549/2023 is converted into an appeal and the same is allowed. Consequently, the appellant Muhammad Ramzan alias Jani is acquitted of the charge framed against him by extending the benefit of doubt in his favour. The judgments of the trial court and the High Court to his extent are set aside. In case the appellant is not required to be incarcerated in any other case, then he shall forthwith be released.

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Islamabad

7th May, 2025

M. Azhar Malik/*

