THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

Bench:

Mr. Justice Athar Minallah Mr. Justice Irfan Saadat Khan

Mr. Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan

Jail Petition No.463 of 2022

(Against judgment dated 18.01.2022 of the Peshawar High Court, Peshawar, passed in Crl.A.599-P/2021, Crl.A. No.597-P/ 2021 and M. R. No.15-P/2021)

1. Muhammad Akbar

2. Khan Akbar

...Petitioners

Versus

The State

...Respondent

For the petitioners:

Syed Muhammad Tayyab Shah, ASC

For the State:

Syed Kausar Ali Shah, Additional Advocate

General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

For the complainant:

Nemo.

Date of hearing:

29.05.2025

ORDER

Athar Minallah, J.- For reasons to be recorded later, this petition is converted into an appeal and the same is partly allowed. The appellant Muhammad Akbar is acquitted of the charge framed against him by extending the benefit of doubt in his favour; while the conviction of the appellant Khan Akbar is upheld but his sentence under section 302(b) PPC on three counts is modified to imprisonment for life on three counts. The compensation ordered by the trial court and later upheld by the High Court and the mode of its recovery are maintained. The sentences on three counts shall run concurrently. The benefit of section 382-B of the Cr. P.C. is extended in favour of the appellant. The petitioner Khan Akbar is also acquitted of the charge framed against him under sections 120-B, 109 and 34 of the PPC. The appeal is partly allowed in the above terms.

Judge

Judge

Islamabad 29th May, 2025 M. Azhar Malik/*