Rebuttal to IK's Allegations

- 1. <u>Context</u>. Mr. Imran Khan Chairman Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) has hurled list of allegations against the sitting Government of Pakistan, political leadership and military hierarchy for human rights abuses, undemocratic actions and political victimization against him, his party leaders / workers. There is a need to put across state's point of view to clear these allegations and highlight his strategies / actions in pursuit of his malicious agenda.
- 2. <u>Violent Actions 9 May</u>. Actions taken by the Government of Pakistan after violent incidents on 9 May 2023 were purely in result of vandalism and arson committed by PTI workers on the direction of their leaders. On 9 May 2023, Chairman PTI was taken into legal custody by NAB from Islamabad High Court in Al-Qadir Trust Corruption Case. However, immediately after his arrest, there were organized attacks on Armed forces properties and installations and anti-army slogans were raised by saboteurs. PTI workers, on receiving the directions from PTI leadership, got involved in inciting violence, setting ablaze government and military installations / vehicles, civilian property and abuse against innocent civilians. In order to restore law and order, on the basis of credible evidence, Police is arresting those who were actively involved or incited violence, arson and vandalism on 9 May 2023.
- 3. <u>Human Rights Abuses</u>. The graph of human rights abuses in Mr. Imran Khan rule was much higher than the present Government. During Imran Khan era **gross human right violations** were conducted **against political opponents, journalists and political workers.** Under Imran Khan fascist rule, every opposing voice was silenced, victimized, harassed, criminalized or forcibly disappeared. Examples are:
 - a. HRVs against journalists (Saleem Safi removed from panel of news in 2018, Nusrat Javed forced to leave his job in Dec 2018, Absar Alam shot / injured in April 2021, Matiullah Jan abducted in Jul 2020, Asad Toor beaten up in May 2021, Mohsin Baig arrested for 28 days in Feb/ Mar 2022. Mir Shakeel ur Rehman owner Geo group was under custody of NAB over 34 years old property transaction from March till Nov 2020. 24 News

- / Geo and many other channels were taken off air on illegal transmission of news and current affairs content during his reign as Prime Minister.
- b. Political victimization (Rana Sanaullah fake narcotics case, raid on properties of Shahbaz Sharif and parliament lodges, arrest of Captain Retd Safdar from Karachi, raid on house of Ahsan Iqbal & Rana Mashood house are few out of many excesses.
- c. HRW Report 2021 for Pakistan published in Imran Khan rule states that Pakistan Government harassed and at times prosecuted human rights defenders, lawyers and journalists for criticizing government policies. It also states that National Accountability Bureau (NAB) was used to intimidate, harass and detain political opponents and critics of the government. In Feb 2021, European commission also criticized the NAB for political bias.
- 4. <u>Un-Constitutional / Undemocratic</u>. Mr. Imran Khan believes only in those constitutional and democratic steps which favours his political position. The unceremonious dissolving of National Assembly to stall constitutionally correct "No Confidence Motion" has been unprecedented and thrown out of the window by Pakistan Supreme Courts; declaring it unconstitutional. These actions kept the sitting democratic government under duress and government functioning under flux, not allowing them to pursue National objectives. Moreover, it was during ex-Prime Minister Imran Khan's era that following unconstitutional steps were taken:
 - a. Imran Khan frequently **pleaded then COAS and intelligence agency** to intercede and bring him back to power.
 - b. Deliberately **avoided dialogue with political opponents** and continuously tried to **dislodge democratic process** through resignations / protests.
 - c. Instructed his provincial governments **not to support National government**for talks with IMF rather impede the ongoing processes.
 - d. He so articulated his speeches that his arrest should result into

- widespread arson and violent reaction by his followers specially against military installations / leadership. He usually threatens politicians, judiciary, civil bureaucrats and military leadership of dire consequences, if an action is pressed against him and his party workers.
- e. Exhibited **violent show of power** to avoid apprehension, visited courts with Armed guards / charged supporters to keep the Judges under pressure.
- f. Maintained a social media force to do character assassination / malign political, military leadership, Judges and civilian officers not falling in line. Even sacrifices made by martyred army personnel in countering terrorism were made controversial during Anti Army social media campaigns.
- g. On 14 March 2023, he avoided his arrest in Tosha Khana Case by creating violent situation using his followers at Zaman park Lahore and later incited his charged followers to destroy government property at judicial complex Islamabad during his hearing on 19 March in same case.
- h. In addition to above, PTI and Mr. Imran Khan has a history of violent protests in Pakistan, which includes following:-
 - (1) In 2014, PTI and its leadership posed law and order situation with a sit in at D Chowk Islamabad for 126 days. The sit in affected Pakistan diplomatic relations with China, resulting in cancellation of President Xi Jinpin historic visit.
 - (2) In a violent action, PTI mob attacked Parliament, PTV building and selected media houses and injured many LEA personnel including a SP during the sit in.
 - (3) Moreover, during his speeches incited nation for civil disobedience and motivated people not to pay any tax/ utility bills.
- 5. <u>Corruption</u>. Mr. Imran Khan has used mantra of corruption for his opponents to rally the masses for his political rise. He used corruption to target his opponents and charged up his followers to take law in their own hands. His political opponents had to

face public outrage at public places within and abroad, creating an atmosphere of insecurity, lawlessness, disrespect and insolent behavior. Ironically, with all his efforts and government resources at his disposal, he was unable to prove a single corruption case against his political opponents. Presently, he alongwith his third wife Bushra Bibi, are allegedly involved in corruption and facilitated corruption of his political leaders in addition to getting them clean chit from NAB.

- a. He is charged with a corruption case of 190 Million pounds returned to Government of Pakistan by British National Crime Agency against money laundering case of property tycoon Malik Riaz. Instead managed to secure 450 Kanals of land and a spiritual university campus under Al Qadir trust; Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi as Trustees.
- b. Sold gifts received from World leaders in black market through front men and managed to ramp up 142 Million rupees in one year. The transactions are dubious and are being investigated by NAB.
- c. Facilitated the rule of Mr. Usman Buzdar on the instruction of his wife and her close friend Mrs Farah Gogi, who is also under investigation for large scale corruption and bribes for lucrative postings.
- d. Managed to settle the **illegal construction of his house in Bani Gala** using his good office.
- e. **Bushra Bibi**'s **ex family/ close friends** are tipped to be a **major beneficiary** of his tenure as Prime Minister.
- 6. Regime Change. Mr. Imran Khan has been throwing various narratives as per the situation and putting blames on personalities / countries for ending up tenure of his Government. He inflicted irreparable damage to own diplomats/ MoFA through his conspiracy theories regarding regime change operation (his U turns for initially blaming US and then ex COAS for regime change). More recently, he is found begging for help from US congressmen to highlight HRVs against his party while he used to blame US primarily for regime change operation in Pakistan.

- 7. Religion Card. Mr. Imran Khan has been a staunch criticizer of Pakistan's involvement in Global war on terror. He disapproved the killing of OBL and called him as Shaheed during his address to National Assembly as PM. He clearly understands the love and sensitivities of Pakistani Nation for Islam and has been exploiting it all along. Many political leaders of his party belonged to Jamat-e-Islami; a religion based political party. He has been very vocal against Anti terrorists' operations in Afghanistan and erstwhile tribal areas of Pakistan, considering it to be a US / foreign funded war. In 1997, he enjoyed the hospitality of Chechen Mujahideen leader Aslan Maskhadov, who implemented Sharia as President. He has been a staunch supporter of talks with TTP; a terrorist entity, involved in killing of thousands of innocent Pakistanis. In 2007, Baitullah Mehsud (TTP Commander) threatened President Musharraf to blow away the jail if Imran Khan is not released. Lately, TTP has also issued statements supporting PTI stance against Pakistan Army and asked its local teams to join PTI in their cause.
- 8. Conspiracy against the State. Mr. Imran Khan is an opportunist by nature and used time bound narratives to conspire against the state and tried to politicize the institutions for his own good self. At various stages of his political life, he has been justifying Bangladesh separation, anti-nuclear Pakistan, supporting Baloch sub nationalist leader and lastly declaring Pakistani state institutions as fascists, traitors and blamed them for conspiring against his government, extra judicial killings, bribery and corruption. Surprisingly, the same institutions were patriotic and on same page mantra, when his fascist policies were being implemented against his political opponents and media.
- 9. <u>Personality /Character Traits</u>. Mr. Imran Khan can be described as a <u>hyper Narcissist</u>. He considers himself to be of a <u>superior race / class</u> with God gifted intelligence and leadership qualities. He possesses a <u>charming demeanor</u> which has been <u>source of his charisma</u> to be popular amongst masses <u>specially women</u>. His few character traits include:
 - a. Mr. Imran Khan is **self-centred**, **abusive and intolerant** person.
 - b. An **egoistic and opportunistic** person; can go to any limit to achieve his goals and **can sacrifice his closest aides** without showing any affiliation.
 - c. He is very talkative and in habit of abruptly changing his stance without

- realizing the consequences. Frequently used **abusive / derogatory** language for his opponents creating in society.
- d. He always **believes in conspiracy theories** and refers the concocted stories, maligning his opponents with **no regards to formal courtesies** and consequences.
- e. Taking advantages of his followership, he **initiates fake narratives** with **self-assumed stories** of administration & military leadership.
- f. Highly incompetent and lacks ability to concentrate; assumed office of PM with lot of expectations and fanfare, however, failed to perform to the desired expectation of masses.
- g. He contracted his third marriage with Bushra Manika (her Spiritual Guide) in Feb 2018. She guided and influenced IK to divorce Reham Khan. In Apr 2023, Mufti M Saeed (a cleric who performed the Nikkah) alleged that Imran Khan married Bushra Bibi during her iddat period and performed two Nikahs in Jan and Feb 2018 respectively while Bushra Bibi was divorced in Nov 2017.
- h. He blindly follows his third wife Bushra Bibi on spiritual grounds. Moreover, does not attend the funerals of even his close associates due to psychological issues.
- i. He had always been in the news for his playboy image. His various affairs became a household gossip and one of the scandal pertaining to Seeta White and an alleged daughter Tyrian White is even being discussed in Islamabad High Court.
- j. Carries an image of sex and drug addict and close aides and friends are privy to these habits. His audio tapes circulating in social media on sex talk with a female girlfriend shows his deep intimacy for indulgence in sex, while he continues to project himself a true and practising Muslim.