IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Original Jurisdiction)

PRESENT:

MR. JUSTICE UMAR ATA BANDIAL

MR. JUSTICE IJAZ UL AHSAN

MR. JUSTICE MUNIB AKHTAR

MR. JUSTICE SAYYED MAZAHAR ALI AKBAR NAQVI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION NO. 21 OF 2021

(Contempt proceedings initiated against Masood-ur-Rehman Abbasi on account of derogatory and contemptuous language)

In attendance : Mr. Sohail Mehmood, Addl. Attorney

General for Pakistan.

Date of Hearing : 22.06.2021

ORDER

It has come to our notice that a speech has been delivered by Masood-ur-Rehman Abbasi, General Secretary, PPP, PS-114, Karachi in which he has made indecent and disrespectful remarks about the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan that, on the face of it, appear to be derogatory and scandalous. *Prima facie*, we consider such blatant remarks made by him to constitute contempt of Court under the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the law. Accordingly, let a show cause notice be issued to him under Article 204 of the Constitution read with Section 3 of the Contempt of Court Ordinance, 2003 to file his reply and show cause why he may not be proceeded against and punished in accordance with law.

2. The Inspector General of Police, Sindh is directed to ensure service of such notice upon the said Masood ur Rehman Abbasi and to make certain his appearance before this Court on the next date of hearing. Notice shall also be issued to PEMRA and FIA

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to furnish all the relevant record, data and information in respect of the said speech made by Masood ur Rehman Abbasi.

3. Notice be also issued to the learned Attorney General for Pakistan in terms of Order XXVII-A CPC to assist the Court on the next date of hearing.

4. Relist on <u>28.06.2021.</u>

Judge

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Islamabad, 22.06.2021 Naveed Ahmad + Irshad Hussain/*