

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN
(Original Jurisdiction)

PRESENT:

Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa
Mr. Justice Ejaz Afzal Khan
Mr. Justice Ijaz Ahmed Chaudhry
Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed
Mr. Justice Muhammad Ather Saeed

**CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION NO. 74 OF 2012 IN SUO MOTU
CASE NO. 04 OF 2010**

Contempt Proceedings against Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, the Prime Minister of Pakistan in compliance with this Court's order dated 08.08.2012.

In attendance:	Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, Prime Minister of Pakistan with Mr. Farooq H. Naik, Federal Minister for Law & Justice.
For the Federation:	Mr. Irfan Qadir, Attorney-General for Pakistan with Mr. Dil Muhammad Khan Alizai, Deputy Attorney-General for Pakistan.
Date of hearing:	18.09.2012

ORDER

On the last date of hearing, i.e. 27.08.2012 the Prime Minister of Pakistan Raja Pervaiz Ashraf had appeared before this Court in person alongwith the Federal Minister for Law and Justice and had sought time to understand the issue at hand in all its complexities and to make serious, sincere and earnest efforts to take steps towards implementation of the direction contained in paragraph No. 178 of the judgment handed down by this Court in the case of Dr. Mubashir Hassan and thus, the hearing of this

matter had been adjourned till today. The Prime Minister of Pakistan has again appeared before the Court today and at the outset he has informed that he has already issued the necessary direction to the Federal Minister for Law and Justice to implement the relevant direction contained in paragraph No. 178 of the afore-referred judgment. During the course of his appearance he has, within the view of the Court, once again directed the Federal Minister for Law and Justice regarding implementation of this Court's above said direction in its letter and spirit. The Prime Minister of Pakistan has gone on to submit that there are certain concerns of the Federation of Pakistan which may be attended to by this Court while finally disposing of the matter and that till such final disposition of the matter his personal appearance may be dispensed with. We appreciate the efforts made by the Prime Minister towards resolution of this long-standing issue and have apprised him that for final disposition of the matter certain steps need to be taken which include a written authorization by the Prime Minister regarding such implementation, drafting of the relevant communication, dispatch of such communication to and receipt of the same by the Swiss and other authorities and final confirmation of such receipt of the relevant communication by the concerned authorities abroad. The Prime Minister has directed the Federal Minister for Law and Justice present in the Court to cooperate with the Court regarding taking of all such steps. We understand that taking of all such steps may require some time for which a time-frame needs to be determined. In this connection the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister for Law and Justice have undertaken that on 25.09.2012 the necessary authorization shall be produced before this Court and a draft communication shall also be made available before this Court for this Court to examine as to whether the same meets the requirements of paragraph No. 178 of the judgment handed down by this Court in the case of Dr. Mubashir Hassan or not. After those stages are over a time-frame shall be fixed by the Court for taking of the remaining steps.

2. Adjourned to 25.09.2012. The appearance of Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, Prime Minister of Pakistan / Chief Executive of the Federation in Court in person in the present proceedings is exempted till further orders.

Judge

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18.09.2012

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