

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN**  
**(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**PRESENT:** MR. JUSTICE MIAN SAQIB NISAR, HCJ  
MR. JUSTICE UMAR ATA BANDIAL  
MR. JUSTICE SAJJAD ALI SHAH

**HUMAN RIGHTS CASE NO. 17842 OF 2018**

*(In the matter regarding removing educational and commercial buildings etc. from cantonments areas in Pakistan)*

Date of Hearing: 26.04.2018

**ORDER**

The Human Rights Cell of this Court has placed a note before the Court, which postulates that all the schools in the Cantonment areas across Pakistan are being directed to be shifted from the Cantonment areas within a period of 15 days. Although *vide* order dated 24.10.2017, passed by a two Member Bench of this Court in Civil Appeal No.800/2012, it has been directed that the exercise of removing educational and commercial buildings etc., from the concerned areas be made gradually, yet from the note put up before us, it seems that the said order has not been complied with in letter and spirit and thus, the educational career of a substantial number of students would be at stake if immediate action of removal of the said school is allowed.

2. In the light of the above, we issue notice to all the Cantonment Boards in Pakistan to submit their replies about the question as to why action has been taken in such haste and what was the urgency therein. Till the next order to the contrary, the order of this Court dated 24.10.2017 is held in abeyance, meaning thereby that no school shall be vacated/transferred from the Cantonment areas till such order is passed by this Court. Relist.

CHIEF JUSTICE

JUDGE

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ISLAMABAD.  
26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.  
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