

**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Crl.Org.No.147 of 2021  
Usman Sheikh and another  
**Versus**

Hassan Sohaib Murad and others

S. No. of order / proceedings	Date of order/ Proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
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**15.07.2021**

**Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Niazi, Advocate for the petitioners/applicants.**

**C.M. No.3083/2021**

Through criminal original petition No.147/2021, the petitioners had sought the initiation of proceedings for contempt of Court against ten respondents including respondent No.1 (Hassan Sohaib Murad) who is said to have passed away. The applicants have filed an application for impleadment of respondent No.1's legal heirs as respondents in this contempt petition.

2. The legal heirs of respondent No.1 cannot be punished for contempt even if it is assumed that contempt of Court was committed by their predecessor / respondent No.1. It is well settled that where a contemnor dies during the pendency of contempt proceedings, such proceedings stand abated against the deceased, and his legal heirs are immune from any penal action in such proceedings. Reference in this regard may be made to the law laid down in the case reported as 1999 MLD 2297. Consequently, the application for the impleadment of the legal heirs of respondent No.1 in this contempt petition is dismissed. The contempt petition to the extent of respondent No.1 is also dismissed.

**(MIANGUL HASSAN AURANGZEB)**  
**JUDGE**