

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN**  
(Original Jurisdiction)

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial, CJ  
Mr. Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan  
Mr. Justice Sayyed Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi  
Mr. Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail  
Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar

**SUO MOTO CASE NO.3 OF 2022**

(Re: Independent and Transparent Investigation into the Murder of Renowned Journalist, Mr. Arshad Sharif in Kenya).

**In attendance:**

Ch. Aamir Rehman, Addl. AGP  
Dr. Akbar Nasir, IG ICT  
Mr. Awais Ahmad, DIG  
Mian Shahbaz, IO  
Mr. Irfan, Director Law M/o Information  
Mr. Israr Ahmad Khan, Director Law FIA  
Mr. Waqas Rasool, Deputy Director Law  
Mr. M. Syrus Sajjad Qazi, Addl. Secretary M/o Foreign Affairs  
Mr. Murad Wazir, DG M/o Foreign Affairs  
Mr. Asad Khan Burki, LA M/o Foreign Affairs  
Syed Faraz Raza, ALA M/o Foreign Affairs

Date of Hearing: 05.01.2023

**ORDER**

The learned Addl. Attorney General has referred to the report filed by the Special Joint Investigation Team ("**SJIT**") on 04.01.2023 which recounts the progress made so far in its investigative work since constitution of the SJIT on 07.12.2022. He has informed us that the Federal Government has provided requisite funds for investigative work to be done by the SJIT in two foreign countries, namely, UAE and Kenya. Requests for Mutual Legal Assistance ("**MLA**") to the government in these countries were issued by the Federal Government on 04.01.2023. In this behalf he acknowledges that the Foreign Office is cooperating fully to secure the requisite help and collaboration of

the concerned police/investigative authorities in both foreign States for the SJIT. As soon as the MLA requests are responded favourably by the two foreign governments, the SJIT shall be visiting the said States for commencing their investigation abroad.

2. We note that the SJIT has performed some investigative work within Pakistan. 41 witnesses are reported to have been examined by it so far. The real issues of the cause and perpetrators of the assassination of Mr. Arshad Sharif would be unravelled after the relevant evidence available abroad in the afore-noted two countries is collected. We expect that the SJIT is fully prepared with its priorities, scenarios and areas of inquiry in the investigation and the persons and material that would be relevant and useful solving the crimes committed. The learned Addl. Attorney General submits that a month's time may be given for the next report of the SJIT. Relist in the first week of February, 2023.

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

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