

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

PRESENT:

Mr. Justice Gulzar Ahmed, HCJ
Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial
Mr. Justice Mazhar Alam Khan Miankhel
Mr. Justice Sajjad Ali Shah
Mr. Justice Qazi Muhammad Amin Ahmed

Criminal Petition No.299 of 2020

*(Against the order dated 20.3.2020
passed by the Islamabad High Court
Islamabad in Cr. Misc. No.214/2020)*

Raja Muhammad Nadeem

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State and another

...Respondent(s)

For the Petitioner(s): Syed Nayyab Hassan Gardezi, ASC
Syed Rifaqat Hussain Shah, AOR

For the State: Mr. Khalid Javed Khan,
Attorney General for Pakistan.
Syed Qalb-e-Hassan, ASC/President,
SCBAP.
Mr. Abid Saqi, Vice Chairman,
Pakistan Bar Council.
Mr. Abdul Latif Afridi, President,
Peshawar High Court Bar Association, KP

Date of hearing: 30.03.2020.

ORDER

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Attorney General for Pakistan, President of the Supreme Court Bar Association, President of the Peshawar High Court Bar Association and Vice Chairman of Pakistan Bar Council. Let in the first instance, notices be issued to the respondents, particularly Mr. Niaz Ullah Khan Niazi, Advocate General, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Mr. Tariq Mehmood Khokhar, Additional Attorney General, Mr. Amer Ali Ahmed, Chief Commissioner, ICT, Mr. Hamza Shafqat, Deputy Commissioner,

ICT, Mr. Waqar-ud-Din Syid, Deputy Inspector General of Police, ICT, Secretary Health, ICT, Inspector General (Prisons), ICT, Home Secretaries of all the Provinces as well as the remaining Advocate Generals so also the Prosecutor Generals of the Provinces, namely, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and KP, Inspector General of Police, Gilgit-Baltistan and Prosecutor Generals NAB and ANF.

2. We also appoint Sheikh Zameer Hussain, ASC as *amicus curiae* to assist this Court. Let the matter be fixed day after tomorrow. Until then, no further order shall be passed by any of the High Courts and by any of the Provincial Governments/ICT/Gilgit-Baltistan of releasing the prisoners from the jails. If any order has been passed regarding release of the prisoners and not given effect or implemented till now, the same shall not be acted upon until further orders of this Court.

3. Re-list on 1.4.2020, at 11.30 a.m.

Chief Justice

Judge

Judge

Judge

Judge

Islamabad, the
30th March, 2020
Not approved for reporting
Ghulam Raza/-