

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN**

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial

Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah

Mr. Justice Qazi Muhammad Amin Ahmed

**Criminal Petition No.1549 of 2021**

*(Against the order dated 09.12.2021 passed by the Lahore High Court Lahore in CrI.Misc. No.66270-B/2021)*

***Rashad Imran***

*.....Petitioner(s)*

**Versus**

***The State & another***

*...Respondent(s)*

For the Petitioner(s):

Mr. Aftab Alam Yasir, ASC

Syed Rifaqat Hussain Shah, AOR

For the State:

Mr. Ahmad Raza Gillani,

Addl. P.G. Punjab

For Respondent No.2:

In person

Date of Hearing

26.01.2022.

**ORDER**

**Qazi Muhammad Amin Ahmed, J.-** Apprehending arrest, Rashid Imran, petitioner herein, after failure before the High Court, seeks bail in anticipation thereto; he along with co-accused was intercepted by a Veterinary Officer on 23.6.2021 at 9:00 p.m. with 500 k.g. beef and 60 k.g. mutton on a meatless day. Upon inspection, the complainant found the confiscated stuff cold on touch, dark reddish in texture emitting bad smell and as such manifestly unfit for human consumption; it carried fake stamps as deceit to suggest ante mortem slaughter. Upon a complaint, the police registered a criminal case, subsequent whereeto, the impounded meat was destroyed with magisterial intervention.

2. Heard. Record perused.

3. An inordinate stress laid by the learned counsel on the *vires* of exercise undertaken by the Veterinary Officer Gojra, notwithstanding, the seizure of substandard meat, grievously

injurious for human consumption, on a meatless day i.e. Wednesday is established through the inventories of even date. Association of a Magistrate further lends credence to the procedure adopted. Quantity of confiscation is too considerable to be manipulated to set up a fake case, nor there appears any earthly reason for the complainant, a State functionary tasked with the responsibility of ensuring hygienic livestock supplies to the public, to proceed against the petitioner with motives, oblique or sinister, a *sine qua non* to suspend the mechanics of criminal law that mandatorily requires arrest in cognizable cases, scheduled as non-bailable. Petition fails. Leave declined.

Judge

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Judge

Islamabad, the  
26<sup>th</sup> January, 2022  
Azma/-