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scarifying my life for HAQEEQI AZADI

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USPA NEWS - To strive for justice is a sacred duty, and I am ready to lay down my life for Haqeeqi Azadi (true freedom) of my nation.

At this moment, Pakistan is being governed solely under “Asim Law”. Here, verdicts are pre-written and merely announced aloud. Like the baseless decisions and sentences of the past three years, the Toshakhana 2 verdict is nothing new for me. This ruling, too, was delivered in haste, without any evidence and without fulfilling legal requirements. Neither we nor our lawyers were even given opportunity to present our case.

The sustained solitary confinement imposed on me and my wife constitutes severe mental torture. We are barred from books, television, and meetings. Although television access is granted to every other prisoner, even this fundamental facility has been withheld from me and Bushra Bibi. The books sent by my family are confiscated by jail authorities, and we are kept in solitary confinement for weeks at a time. This treatment is inhumane, yet all this oppression and brutality cannot weaken my resolve.

It is not our tradition to target women and children. Our religion mandates mercy toward women even during warfare, yet here they are being persecuted purely out of political vendetta. I am deeply saddened and distressed by the mistreatment and brutality faced by my sisters and other women outside Adiala Jail. The treatment meted out to Bushra Bibi, Dr. Yasmin, Mahrang Baloch, and other women stands in clear violation of Islamic traditions and moral values. Bushra Bibi, my wife, has been subjected to solitary confinement purely because of personal hostility towards me, even though she has no political role and is a homemaker.

The army is mine and belongs to the people of Pakistan. When I criticize Asim Munir, it is criticism of an individual, just as past dictators were criticized. Asim Munir did not come into power through a public referendum or popular vote. Whatever is happening to me in jail is being carried out on the instructions of a colonel acting under Asim Munir’s orders.

The rule of law in Pakistan has been severely undermined. Just as in 2007, PCO judges who sided with a dictator and tarnished the sanctity of the judiciary earned no respect, while those who resisted were hailed as national heroes. Similarly, today, the judges who are resisting this system are our heroes, while those acting as puppets, obediently following orders, lack conscience and are no different from the PCO judges of the Musharraf era.

For the struggle to restore the rule of law and uphold the Constitution, it is essential for the Insaf Lawyers Forum and legal fraternity to step forward decisively. Only a just legal system can safeguard the people; without it, neither economic progress nor moral development is possible.

I have full confidence in Salman Safdar and his team and have instructed them to file an appeal against these bogus decisions in the Islamabad High Court.

My message for Sohail Afridi is to prepare for a street movement. The entire nation must rise for their rights!!

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Former Prime Minister of Pakistan,
Imran Khan,
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