IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, MIRPURKHAS

Criminal Appeal No.S-192 of 2024

Present:

Mr. Justice Amjad Ali Sahito.

Appellants: 1. Muhammad Ali S/o Sabhago,

2. Nizam Din S/o Uris Umrani,

Through Mr. Tarique Mehboob, Advocate.

Respondent: The State.

Through Mr. Ghulam Abbas Dalwani, D.P.G.

Complainant: Rab Nawaz S/o Sher Dil Khan.

Date of hearing: 30.09.2025

Date of Order: 30.09.2025

ORDER

Amjad Ali Sahito, J: By this order, I intend to dispose of aforementioned Criminal Appeal arising from the impugned judgment dated 11.07.2024 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I/MCTC, Sanghar, in Sessions Case No.213 of 2022, bearing Crime No.22/2022 for offence under Sections 302, 427, 504, 148 and 149 P.P.C of P.S Sanghar whereby the appellants were convicted and sentenced as under:-

The accused namely Muhammad Ali and Nizamuddin are sentenced to Suffer Rigorous Imprisonment for life for the offence U/S 302 (b), 149 PPC. They are also burdened with Rs.5,00,000/-each (Rupees Five lac each) as compensation in terms of Section 544-A Cr.P.C, which if recovered shall be given to the legal heirs of deceased Mst. Benazir. In default of which, each accused shall undergo S.I. for six months more.

They are also convicted and sentences for the offence U/s 427, 504, 148, 149 P.P.C as under:-

- i. For an offence U/s 427, 149 PPC to suffer R.I for two years each.
- ii. For an offence U/S 504, 149 PPC to suffer R.I for one year each.

iii. For an offence U/S 148 r/w Section 149 PPC to suffer R.I for two years each."

However, benefit of Section 382-B Cr.P.C was awarded to the appellants.

- 2. This appeal was admitted for hearing, but during pendency, the parties have been patched up outside of court. The complainant and remaining legal heirs of the deceased, applied under section 345(6) Cr.P.C to drop the charge against the appellants. Meanwhile, counsel for the appellants filed Application under section 310 P.P.C., to appoint Nawaz Sharif as Wali of Minors Naveed, Farhan and Shahida (father of minors) to affect the compromise on their behalf. This application has not been opposed by any of the parties present in Court and there does not impede allowing Nawaz Sharif to represent them to enter into a compromise with the appellants, who is the natural guardian of the *Minors*, as the offence is compoundable. However, the share of the *Diyat* amount of the Minors cannot be waived on his behalf, therefore, the appellants have already deposited the share of the Diyat amount of Rs.36,67,000/- of the *Minors* with the Accountant of this Court; therefore, this application is disposed of accordingly.
- 3. This court vide order dated 25.03.2025 referred the compromise applications to the trial Court to ascertain the genuineness of the compromise with direction to submit compliance report. In compliance of such order, the trial Court submitted his report dated 08.05.2025.
- 4. The report mentions that reports were called from the Mukhtiarkar Taluka Sanghar, Secretary Union Council Kot Nawab, Taluka Sanghar, Assistant Director/Incharge (V&R) NADRA RHO Sukkur and S.H.O of

P.S Sanghar regarding legal heirs of deceased Mst. Benazir D/o Gul Sher Umrani, who disclosed the names of L.Rs of the said deceased as under:

S.No.	Name of Legal Heirs	Relationship	Date of Birth
01	Nawaz Sharif	Husband	01.01.1985
02	Minor Naveed	Son	Age about 08 years
03	Minor Farhan	Son	Age about 06 years
04	Minor Shahidan	Daughter	Age about 4 ½ years
05	Gulsher	Father	1968
06	Mst. Moran	Mother	1970

- 5. The report confirms that the deceased, Mst. Benazir, left behind six legal heirs. The report also includes statements of the complainant Rab Nawaz Bugti and major legal of deceased namely Nawaz Sharif, Gul Sher and Mst. Mooran, who confirm that they have voluntarily compromised with the appellants without any pressure or coercion. They have also waived their share of the *Diyat* amount.
- 6. It is not out of place of mention here that this court vide order dated 02-05-2025 directed the learned trial court to record the statement of Mukhtiarkar (Revenue) Taluka Sanghar, Secretary Union Council Kot Nawab Taluka Sanghar, SHO P.S Sanghar and Assistant Director (V&R) NADRA RHQ Sukkur to confirm and verify their reports submitted in connection with the compromise applications filed in the offence of capital punishment. On such direction, the learned trial court submitted compliance report vide letter No. 632 dated 08-05-2025, stating therein that in compliance of directions statements of Mr. Yaseen Mustafa Chandio, Mukhtiarkar (Taluka) Sanghar; Mr. Asif Ali Siddiqui, Secretary Union Council Kot Nawab Taluka Sanghar; Fida Hussain Mansoori, Assistant Director/ Incharge NADRA Centre, Sanghar and Inspector

Gulzar Ali Mari, SHO P.S Sanghar, were recorded, who in their respective statements before the learned trial court have confirmed the contents of their reports.

- 7. Per learned counsel, the parties involved in the case have reached a compromise outside of court. The complainant and adult legal heirs of the deceased have forgiven the appellants and waived their right to Qisas (retribution) as well as Diyat. However, the learned D.P.G stated that Diyat cannot be waived on behalf of the *Minor* legal heirs of the deceased.
- 8. The appellants have deposited amount of Diyat of minor legal heirs i.e. Rs.36,67,000/= with the office of the Accountant of this Court and submitted such receipt. This Court has decided to invest this amount in a profitable government scheme in the name of *Minor* legal heirs and disburse it to them when they attained the age of majority.
- 9. In view of the above, the learned D.P.G also agreed to this compromise on the premise that the offence is compoundable and the complainant so also legal heirs have sworn their affidavits of compromise, as such this court may be pleased to accept the compromise, and acquit the appellants from the charge.
- 10. The complainant and major legal heirs of the deceased are present in Court and have agreed to the compromise and affirmed being voluntarily without any pressure or duress. It means they consent to the Appeal being allowed and the appellants may be acquitted.
- 11. After considering all aspects of the case, I am of the view that the complainant and legal heirs of the deceased are competent to compound/compromise the offence with the appellants. The

compromise arrived between the parties on the very face of it appears to be genuine, without any undue inducement or pressure.

- 12. Considering the genuineness of the compromise, I feel no hesitation to accept the same as the offence punishable under Sections 302, 427, 147, 148, 149, 504 P.P.C are compoundable.
- 13. Keeping in view the above facts, the compromise arrived between the parties, application under section 345(6) Cr.P.C is allowed, as such, the impugned judgment dated 11.07.2024 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I/MCTC, Sanghar is set aside. Consequently, appellants namely Muhammad Ali S/o Sabhago and Nizam Din S/o Uris Umrani are hereby acquitted under Section 345(6) Cr.P.C in Sessions Case No.213/2022 bearing Crime No.22/2022, under sections 302, 427, 504, 148 and 149 P.P.C of P.S Sanghar. The appellants are in custody, they be released forthwith, if not required in any other custody case.
- 14. In the above terms, instant Criminal Appeal No.S-192 of 2024, along with pending application (*M.A No.868/2024*) stand disposed of.

JUDGE

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