

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No.2101 of 2026

Cr. Bail Application No.1509 of 2026

Cr. Bail Application No.1449 of 2026

Applicants : i. Tariq Mehmood son of Afzal Hussain,
Through M/s Ali Raza Bhatti and Faizah
Pathan, Advocates

ii. Shahid Raheem son of Rahimuddin
Through M/s Akmal Jakhrani and Gulzar
Hussain, Advocates

iii. Zain-ul-Abdeen s/o Abddul Rasheed
Through Mr. Asadullah Burdi, Advocate

Respondent : The State
Through Mr. Dur Muhammad Shah DAG,

Date of hearing : 06.08.2026
Date of order : 06.08.2026

ORDER

MIRAN MUHAMMAD SHAH, J:- By this single order, I intend to dispose of the above-captioned three bail applications filed by the above-named applicants/accused seeking post-arrest bail, as all three applications arise out of the same crime, i.e., Crime No. 130/2026, registered at Police Station FIA, AHT Circle, under Sections 17, 18 and 22 of the Emigration Ordinance, 1979. Therefore, for the sake of convenience and consistency, and to avoid conflicting findings, these applications are being decided through this consolidated order. The earlier bail applications of the applicants were dismissed by the learned Judge, Special Court (Central-II), Karachi, vide order dated 11.05.2026.

2. The facts of the case need not to be reproduced herein, as the copy of FIR is attached with the bail application and the facts are also stated in detail therein.

3. I have learned counsel for the applicant as well as learned DAG for the State and perused the record.

4. It is a case of issuance of a fake visa and arranging forged travelling documents. The prosecution case is that one Abu Bakar Waheed was offloaded from Qatar Airways at Karachi Airport due to a suspected forged French visa, and on his pointation, accused Ameer Hamza, Younis Masih, Zain-ul-Abideen, Shahid Rahim, Tariq Mehmood and Ejaz Ahmed, who were available outside the departure gate of Karachi Airport, were apprehended. On enquiry, accused Ameer Hamza disclosed that he had arranged the said travelling documents for Abu Bakar in lieu of a substantial amount. The case of the applicants, however, is that they were merely present at the departure gate and that the visa in question had actually been arranged and issued by co-accused Ameer Hamza. Whether the present applicants were responsible for arranging or issuing the alleged fake visa, or whether the present applicants had acted any role in commission of the alleged offence, is a question that can only be conclusively, determined by the learned Trial Court after recording evidence. At this stage, the exact nature and extent of the involvement of the applicants cannot be determined. The applicants have been languishing in jail for several months. In the circumstances of the case, no useful purpose would be served by keeping them behind bars for an indefinite period, particularly when the controversy regarding responsibility for the issuance of the alleged fake visa is yet to be resolved through evidence during the trial.

5. In such circumstances, the case of the present applicants appears to fall within the ambit of further inquiry as contemplated under Section 497(2), Cr.P.C. Accordingly, the applicants were admitted to post-arrest bail, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.100,000/- (Rupees One Hundred Thousand only) each and P.R. bonds in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court, vide short order dated 06.08.2026. These are the reasons for the same.

6. Needless to mention here that the observations made herein above are tentative in nature and would not influence the trial court while deciding the case of the applicant on merits.

Office is directed to place a signed copy of this order in the captioned connected matters.

JUDGE

Suleman Khan/PA

