IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Cr. Accountability Appeal No.04 of 2026
Cr. Accountability Appeal No.05 of 2026

Present:
Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro
Mr. Justice Jawad Akbar Sarwana

Appellants:-	M/s. Gohar Golf Vista Builders and others [in Appeal No.04/2026] through Mr. Muhammad Ali Lakhani, advocate a/w Mujtaba Suhail Raja, advocate. M/s. Humair Associates [in Appeal No.05/2026] through Mr. M. Attique-ur-Rehman, advocate.
Respondent:-	The State/NAB through Syed Khurram Kamal and Saeeda Khursheed, Special Prosecutor, NAB a/w IO Muhammad Sumair, Assistant Director NAB.
Date of hearing:-	02.11.2026

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MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO J: Appellants are aggrieved by the order dated 08.08.2026, whereby the learned Accountability Court has confirmed the order of freezing by the Chairman NAB of land measuring 10-10 acres, bearing Survey Nos.549, 550, 551, 553, 554, 555, 556 and 557 out of Na-class 434, 435 and 442 located at Deh Mehran, District Malir, Karachi. The appellants claim to be owners of the said patch of the land.

2. We have heard the parties at length. The case of the appellants is that NAB has apparently no evidence to suspect a manipulation etc. in the record of rights leading to any doubt about title of the appellants over the land. Yet the NAB has started an inquiry and the Chairman NAB upon recommendation of the IO ordered freezing of the said property mechanically without giving any reason. The NAB Court simply confirmed the said order in terms of section 12 of NAO 1999 without justifying the same. This has been reiterated before us in arguments besides a

reference to a number of documents including a Court decree by this Court in Suit No.219/2024.

3. On the other hand, learned Special Prosecutor NAB and IO both submit that under the garb of adjustment and substitution of land, appellant (Cr. Acctt. Appeal No.05/2026) was granted Government land by the Land Revenue officials who were in active connivance with them. Hence, inquiry has been launched.

4. As per brief facts, initially 100 acres land in Na-class Malir was given to the Military for training purposes. The said land allegedly included land of some private parties including the appellants. Hence, the appellants applied for substitution of the land at some other place. In return, the subject land was allotted to them. The NAB has got suspicious, after receiving a complaint, over the entire transaction on the ground that the land actually belongs to the Government and by manipulation in the record was allotted to the appellants whose actual land was far away from the site given to the Military.

5. Be that as it may, in the course of arguments, the IO has submitted that if a certain time is given, he will complete inquiry and investigation and file either a reference or if sufficient evidence is not found, will withdraw freezing of the land.

6. We, in the light of such undertaking, without actually touching merits of the case keeping in view pending inquiry would like to grant a time of three months to the NAB to either file a reference or withdraw the freezing order. In case, nothing of the sorts is done by the NAB, then appellants will again have a remedy to file identical application before the relevant Court which shall be decided in the light of new developments.

The Cr. Accountability Appeals are accordingly disposed of.

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