

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR
Cr. Appeal No.S-21 of 2026.
(Sajid Ali Zangejo vs The State)

Date	Order with the signature of the Judge
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1. For orders on M.A. No.3286/2026 (U/A)
2. For orders on M.A No.1687/2026 (426 Cr.P.C)
2. For the hearing of the main case.

20.05.2026.

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Buriro, Advocate for the Appellant
Mr. Aftab Ahmed Shar, Addl. PG

1. Urgency Granted.
2. Through the instant application (M.A. No.1687/2026), filed under Section 426 Cr.P.C., the appellant, Sajid Ali Zangejo, seeks suspension of the sentence awarded to him by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-IV/(H), Sukkur, vide judgment dated 04.03.2026 passed in Sessions Case No.489/2023 (Re: Muhammad Azam vs. Adnan and another), arising out of Crime No.188 of 2023, registered at Police Station A-Section, Sukkur, for offences punishable under Sections 324, 504, 337-D and 34 PPC.

Briefly stated, the prosecution case is that the present appellant, along with co-accused, arrived on a motorcycle and demanded money from the son of the complainant. It is alleged that appellant Sajid Ali Zangejo made a straight fire shot upon him, causing injuries, and thereafter both accused persons fled away from the scene.

Learned counsel for the appellant contended that the learned trial Court, while convicting and sentencing the present appellant to five years' imprisonment, acquitted the co-accused on the same set of evidence. He further argued that the learned trial Court failed to properly appreciate the medical evidence available on record while passing the

impugned judgment. Learned counsel further submitted that the sentence awarded to the appellant is only five years and, according to the jail roll, he has already undergone incarceration for a substantial period. He also argued that, owing to the heavy backlog and pendency of cases before this Court, the instant appeal is not likely to be heard in the near future.

Conversely, learned Additional Prosecutor General, while opposing the application, fairly conceded that the present appeal is a fresh one and may take considerable time for its final hearing and disposal.

Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the available record with their able assistance.

Admittedly, the sentence awarded to the appellant is five years' imprisonment, out of which he has already undergone a substantial portion of the sentence, as reflected in the jail roll, whereas the remaining sentence is only 01 year, 08 months and 13 days. Furthermore, the appeal is a fresh one and, due to the heavy pendency of old criminal appeals before this Court, there appears no likelihood of its early hearing and conclusion. Reliance is placed upon the case law reported as *Abdul Hameed vs. Muhammad Abdullah* (1999 SCMR 2589) and *Nazeer Ali alias Nazeer vs. The State* (2011 YLR 403).

In these circumstances, the sentence awarded to the appellant vide judgment dated 04.03.2026, passed in Sessions Case No.489/2023 (Re: Muhammad Azam vs. Adnan and another), arising out of Crime No.188 of 2023, registered at Police Station A-Section, Sukkur, for offences punishable under Sections 324, 504, 337-D and 34 PPC is hereby suspended. Consequently, appellant Sajid Ali Zangejo is admitted to bail subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.100,000/-

(Rupees One Hundred Thousand only) and a P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Registrar of this Court. Listed application bearing M.A. No.1687 of 2026 stands disposed of in the above terms. To come up on **08.06.2026**, when the matter is already fixed as date by Court.

JUDGE