ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH CIRCUIT COURT MIRPURKHAS

Constitutional Petition No. S-133 of 2024 (Abdul Jabbar alias Papu & others Vs. P.O Sindh & others)

DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

Date of hearing and Order 13.08.2024

Mr. Aziz Ahmed Laghari advocate for petitioners a/w petitioners No.4 & 5.

Mr. Faisal Khan Nizamani advocate for respondents No.6 & 7 a/w respondents No.6 & 7.

Mr. Shahzado Saleem, Additional P.G Sindh

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ORDER

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. Through this petition, the petitioners have sought protection from Police as well as private respondents on the ground that after recent election various FIRs, description of which is mentioned in para No.05 of the petition have been registered against the petitioners purely on political grounds.

- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in presence of these FIRs the petitioners are unable to move from one place to another for the purpose of exhausting remedy under the law as they apprehends imminent arrest at the hands of police.
- 3. Police officials present in Court submit that no harassment has been caused to the petitioners; however, the petitioners have been found indulged in criminal activities and various FIRs have been registered against them and they are simply acting in accordance with law.
- 4. The learned counsel representing the private respondents referred to the objections and submit that petitioners are nominated in FIRs; thus, they cannot be provided protection under the garb of Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as the petitioners are habitual and hardened criminals and the captioned petitions have been filed to save their skin from prosecution against the criminal activities carried out by them. He prayed for dismissal of the petition.

5. Learned Additional P.G has supported the stance of the police officials with the narration that this petition is not entertain-able under Article 199 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973, however he agreed in principle that if any person commits a cognizable offence, the police is free to lodge case against the culprit; however, no harassment is required to be caused to any citizen of this country until and unless he/she is found indulged in such criminal activities.

- 6. This petition needs to be disposed of in terms that police shall act in accordance with law. It is made clear that if a cognizable offence is committed by any party, the police shall act accordingly. However, no harassment shall be caused to either party.
- 7. The instant petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

JUDGE

Ali Sher