

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI
C.P. No.D-506 of 2020

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE.
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For hearing of main case

17.11.2021

Mr. Abdul Karim Khan, advocate a/w petitioner
Mr. Shahbaz Sahutra, Special Prosecutor NAB a/w IO Waqar Anwar
Mr. Irfan Memon, DAG

Petitioner Muhammad Arif is present, he has been granted protection by this Court vide order dated 24.01.2020 that he shall not be arrested till the next date of hearing. Counsel for petitioner states that the petitioner has entered into plea-bargain before NAB but that application has not been finalized as yet.

Learned Special Prosecutor NAB pointed out that the matter is at the stage of investigation and pertains to the territorial jurisdiction of NAB, Karachi. He further pointed out that now all the bail applications in these matters shall be heard by the learned trial Court(s) as an Ordinance XXIII of 2021, called "*the National Accountability (Second Amendment) Ordinance XXIII, 2021*", has been promulgated on 07.10.2021, whereby under Section 7, powers to deal with the bail matters have been conferred upon the Courts having been established under NAO 1999.

Since the petitioner has apprehension of his arrest in the investigation initiated by NAB Karachi against him and others, he has been granted protection by this Court vide aforesaid order, instant constitution petition is converted to protective bail. Without touching the merits of the case, petitioner *Muhammad Arif son of Muhammad Siddiq* is granted **protective bail** for a period of **10 days** from today, *subject to his furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.200,000/- (Rupees two hundred thousand)* and P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court. The petitioner is directed to surrender before learned Administrative Judge, Accountability Courts Sindh at Karachi in the aforesaid period. It is made clear that this order shall cease to have its effect after expiry of **10 days** or when the petitioner surrenders before learned Administrative Judge, whichever occurs earlier. In case petitioner fails to surrender before the Administrative Judge in the aforesaid period, his bail bond shall stand forfeited automatically.

The instant constitution petition is accordingly disposed of.

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