

*Order Sheet*  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI  
**Adm. Suit No. 09 of 2025**

Date	Order with Signature of Judge
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- 1.For order on office objection
- 2.For hearing of CMA No.523/25 (149)
- 3.For hearing of CMA No.524/25 (u/r 731 SSCR)
- 4.For hearing of main case

**22.09.2025**

M/s. Muhammad Omer Soomro, Danish Nayyar, Abdul Haseeb Qazi and  
Najiullah Siddiqui, Advocate for Plaintiff  
Agha Zafar Ahmed, advocate for defendant No.2

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1&2 Plaintiff Counsel undertakes to submit the Court fee on or before  
27.09.2025 failing which the arrest order passed today will stand recalled.

3-4. Counsel for the Plaintiff submits that the present Admiralty Suit is  
instituted under Sections 3(2)(g) and 4(4) of the Admiralty Jurisdiction of High  
Courts Ordinance, 1980, in rem against the defendant Vessel MV SENTOSA  
66, presently lying at the port Qasim anchorage within the jurisdiction of this  
Court. He contends that this suit arises from the carriage of 29,500 MT of Di-  
Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizer shipped from Fangcheng Port, China  
under bills of lading dated 06.07.2025. Upon discharge at Port Qasim,  
approximately 11,500 MT of the cargo was found damaged and thus lost for  
being delivered otherwise in good order. This has caused an alleged loss of  
US\$1,180,000.00 to the plaintiff. He contends that the defendant No.1 (the  
Vessel MV SENTOSA 66) is liable in rem, whereas the defendant No.2 (the  
Shipowner) is liable in personam for such alleged losses. The plaintiff,  
therefore, prays for the arrest of defendant No.1 within the territorial jurisdiction  
of this Court to secure and satisfy its maritime claim pending adjudication on the  
merits.

Agha Shahid Majeed Khan files Vakalatnama for the defendant No.1,  
which is taken on record, whereas Agha Zafar Ahmed undertakes to file

Vakalatnama for defendant No.2. Counsel for plaintiff supplies copies to them. Counsel for the defendant No.1 states that the adm. suit is frivolous, the consignment is subject to natural weather conditions, there is no negligence on the part of the defendant No.1, no loss has been incurred, and the Plaintiff is not entitled to any relief.

This is the first date of the hearing. It is surprising to see the Counsel for defendants to be present at the time of the hearing of the arrest application. There is a danger that the vessel may sail away unless arrest orders are passed today. Issue notice to remaining defendants through all modes, including electronic modes (including email as provided by the Plaintiff Counsel to the Office) except publication.

Meanwhile, the vessel MV SENTOSA 66 stands arrested and shall not leave Port Qasim / jurisdiction of this Court unless a solvent surety of US\$1,180,000 or equivalent Bank Guarantee in foreign currency is furnished to the Nazir/Marshall of this Court. It is therefore ordered accordingly. Issue the Arrest Warrant for the said Vessel immediately in the above terms with orders through bailiff, registered post A.D., TCS Courier and by email to the Port Qasim Authority (email addresses of PQA to be provided by Plaintiff's Counsel) to ensure compliance with the orders of the Court passed today till further orders.

To come up on 06.10.2025.

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