

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No.1881 of 2026

Present:

Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro

Mr. Justice Muhammad Abdur Rahman

Applicant:- Asghar Raza through Mr. Shakir Mehdi Khawaja,
Advocate.

Respondent:- The State through Mr. Musharraf Azhar,
Special Prosecutor, ANF a/w Inspector Arif Lodhi
of PS ANF, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi.

Date of hearing:- 06.08.2026

Date of decision:- 06.08.2026

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MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO J: On spy information, Anti-Narcotics Force raided Keamari Dockyard precisely at Younus Terminal Container Yard, Hawksbay Mauripur Road, Karachi on 13.07.2025 and searched a container in presence of PWs. *Prima facie*, they found, the container had Honing Machines for export to some foreign country. But on a deeper look in the machines they found concealed 105 Kgs of Ice and 20 Kgs of heroin. Such memo of recovery was prepared and FIR was registered.

2. After the FIR, investigation started, all the persons i.e. transporter, exporter and other accused linked with the container were identified and some of them arrested. Applicant was identified to be the one who had paid Rs.1,22,500/- to the transporter namely Al-Haq Logistic Transport Company (PW) as a fare for transporting the machines to Keamari Dockyard. It was also found that applicant had done so by misusing account of PW Wajid whose that particular account he had opened clandestinely at the time when said PW had come to open his account that too at his instance. Applicant, otherwise is a Bank Manager and adept in executing bank transactions. He was arrested on 07.11.2025. In the investigation, he disclosed that he was in fact a friend of main accused Sabir Hussain Zaidi who was trying to export Honing Machine and under the garb of such export, in fact, the narcotics. He further disclosed that at his instance, he had paid money to the transporter.

3. We have heard the parties. Learned defence counsel has argued that name of the applicant does not appear in the FIR, in 161 CrPC statements of the witnesses and in interim challan also his name was not mentioned but only in final challan he was arraigned on the basis of finding that he had transferred the money to the transporter, hence was linked to the case.

4. On the other hand, Special Prosecutor ANF and IO both have opposed the grant of bail to the applicant.

5. We have considered submissions of the parties, considered the material. *Prima facie* there is no evidence linking the applicant directly with the narcotics. The best case of the prosecution, as brought against the applicant, is that he at the behest of the main accused had transferred the fare charges of the transport to the transporter for taking the Honing Machines to Keamari Dockyard. In the circumstances, the question arises whether or not applicant was conscious and well aware of the narcotics being transported under the garb of Honing Machines is yet to be replied and determined by the trial Court. *Prima facie*, no witness has come forward to incriminate the applicant viz-e-viz narcotics in this case. As stated above, he has only been arraigned in the case on the basis of a bank transaction that ostensibly he did at the instance of main accused. He is in jail since November 2025. The challan has been submitted and he is no more required for further investigation. In the circumstances, we are inclined to accept this application and grant bail to the applicant on furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.500,000/- (Rupees Five Hundred Thousands only) and PR Bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

6. The Bail Application is disposed of accordingly. The observations herein above are tentative in nature and shall not affect the case of either party on merits before the trial Court.

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