

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
Constitutional Petition No. D-4977 of 2026
(Aziz-ur-Rehman & others versus Federation of Pakistan & others)

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon
Mr. Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

Date of hearing and order: 20.8.2026

Mr. Danesh advocate for the petitioners
Ms. Wajiha Mehdi, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Abdus Samad Khan, Law Officer, NADRA

ORDER

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. Petitioners have filed this Constitutional Petition under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, seeking following relief: -

- a. *Declare that the impugned act of the respondents whereby the Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) of Petitioner No.2 was blocked/suspended and, consequently, the CNICs of the remaining petitioners were also blocked, without any lawful authority, due process of law, speaking order or affording an opportunity of hearing, is illegal, unlawful, arbitrary, mala fide, without lawful authority, unconstitutional and of no legal effect.*
- b. *Issue an appropriate writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the respondents to immediately restore, reactivate and unblock the Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) of all the petitioners, thereby enabling them to enjoy and exercise their constitutional, statutory and civil rights without any hindrance.*
- c. *Direct the respondents to maintain, preserve and produce, as and when required by this Court, the complete original record pertaining to the petitioners, including but not limited to their CNIC records, Family Registration Record (FRC), biometric data, demographic record, verification proceedings, audit trail, electronic data, correspondence and every other document relating to the petitioners, and further restrain the respondents from deleting, altering, modifying or tampering with the said record during the pendency of the present Constitutional Petition.*
- d. *Direct the respondents to decide any pending verification or inquiry proceedings, if any, relating to the petitioners strictly in accordance with law, after providing the petitioners a fair opportunity of hearing and by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a time to be fixed by this Court.*
- e. *Hold that the actions and omissions of the respondents are violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed to the petitioners under Articles 4, 9, 10-A, 14, 18 and 25 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, and are therefore liable to be set aside.*
- f. *Pending the final decision of the instant Constitutional Petition, grant interim relief by directing the respondents to provisionally restore and unblock the CNICs of all the petitioners, maintain complete status quo with regard to the petitioners' official record, and restrain the respondents from taking any coercive or adverse action against the petitioners on the basis of the impugned blocking of their CNICs.*

2. The petitioners challenged the blocking of their CNICs by NADRA, alleging that the action was without lawful authority, due process or opportunity

of hearing, and sought restoration of their CNICs and protection of their constitutional rights.

3. NADRA's counsel, in its objections, submitted that the CNICs had been digitally impounded under the Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan (IFRP), Phase-II, and that Section 18 notices had already been served. The petitioners were directed to appear before NADRA Zonal Office Malir on 27.08.2026 with one Alpha Family member and original pre-1979 documents for final verification under the revised policy.

4. The petitioners expressed their willingness to appear and produce the required documents.

5. Their request is acceded to, and the petition is disposed of by consent with direction that the verification exercise be completed within two weeks and, if the petitioners' cases are found lawful, their CNICs be processed strictly in accordance with law without unnecessary hindrance.

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