

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No.2662 of 2026

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Present:

Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro

Mr. Justice Khalid Hussain Shahani

Applicants:- Shahid Khan [in Cr. B.A. No.2662/2026]
and Tariq Rehman [in Cr. B.A. No.2663/2026]
through Mr. Riaz Akhtar Soomro, advocate.

Respondent:- The State through Mr. Abrar Khichi,
Additional Prosecutor General a/w
IO Muhammad Javed, PS CIA, Karachi.

Complainant:- Mst. Nujhat Taj through Mr. Aamir Mansoob Qureshi,
advocate.

Date of hearing:- 15.09.2026

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MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO J: *Prima facie*, this is a case of short abduction. Husband of complainant namely Tajuddin, who is owner of oil company was kidnapped by four accused in vigo car on 08.08.2025 under the pretext of being members of intelligence agencies. He was taken to Malir Cantt. and confined in a room where the abductors demanded Rs.05 crore as ransom from him. But somehow the matter was settled at Rs.80,00,000/- which he allegedly paid after being released. The FIR was registered on 13.08.2025 after five days of the incident followed by investigation.

2. In the investigation, all the relevant culprits were identified, and some of them were arrested including applicants.

3. Learned counsel for applicants submits that the case against the applicants is on the same footing to that of accused Hashim Khan, who has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 18.08.2026 in Cr. Bail Application No.1412/2026; hence, rule of consistency is applicable; except the statement of co-accused, no evidence has been collected by the IO against the applicants.

4. On the other hand, learned APG and counsel for complainant have opposed bail.

5. We have heard the parties and seen the record. *Prima facie*, except statement of co-accused against the applicants, the IO has failed to collect any evidence. When we asked from him as to why he did not get the ID parade of the applicants conducted, his excuse was that the complainant was abroad. Be that as it may, since the disclosure of the co-accused implicating the applicants as accomplices is yet to stand the test at the trial, we are of a view that applicants' case requires further inquiry. Accordingly, these applications are allowed and applicants are granted bail subject to their furnishing a solvent surety in the sum of Rs.200,000/- each and P.R bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

6. The Bail Applications are 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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