

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

Present:

Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, CJ

Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan Mr. Justice Saiyed Saeed Ashhad

HUMAN RIGHTS CASE NO.1061 OF 2007

(Action on press clipping)

Attendance:

On Court Notice: Ch. Khadim Hussain Qaiser, Addl.A.G.(Punjab)

Mian Farooq Nazir, Acting I.G. (Prisons)

Raja Abdul Qayyum, Law Officer Shabbir Ahmed, S.I. Adyala Line

Syed Zulfiqar and Raja Abdul Aziz (accused)

Date of hearing: 22.02.2007

ORDER

IFTIKHAR MUHAMMAD CHAUDHRY, CJ - In pursuance of order dated 6.2.2007 Syed Zulfigar and Rajal Abdul Aziz (accused) have been produced before the Court. According to them their hairs were clipped/cut off by the Jail Officials. Learned Additional Advocate General stated that as per the report submitted by Inspector General, Prisons, three persons namely Abdul Shakoor, Chief Warder; Muhammad Yousaf, Head warder; and Muhammad Iqbal, Warder were prima-facie found to be involved and have been suspended. The jail authorities have got no right to inflict such kind of punishment, which is beyond the scope of the prison rules. Thus, those persons who are responsible for clipping/cutting off the hairs are liable to be dealt with in accordance with the law and merely initiating the departmental proceedings against them would not serve the purpose of the justice. Thus, we direct the Home Secretary, Government of Punjab and Inspector General, Prisons, Punjab, to take necessary steps for bringing them to book in accordance with the provisions of law and submit a report in this behalf within a period of two weeks. These proceedings shall not cause any prejudice in any manner to

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the persons against whom departmental action has been taken or other proceedings according to the law shall be initiated. Prisoners produced from the jail authorities are directed to be taken back in safe custody. The case is disposed of. Reports shall be submitted in Chamber for our perusal.

Islamabad, the 22nd February,2007

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