

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

CP D 881 of 2025
CP D 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099 & 1598 of 2025

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S)
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- 1. For hearing of CMA No.20417/2025
- 2. For hearing of CMA No.20418/2025
- 3. For orders on office objection
- 4. For hearing of CMA No.5261/2025
- 5. For hearing of CMA No.4746/2025
- 6. For hearing of main case

09.10.2025

Mr. Ahmed Masood, advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Zahid F. Ebrahim, advocate for respondent
Mr. Naeem Akhtar Talpur, Additional Advocate General Sindh
Ms. Zahra Sehr Vayani, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Saad Shafiq Siddique advocate holds brief for Rana Sakhawat Ali, advocate for respondent

Mr. Zahid Masood, Chief Commissioner, CTO Karachi
Mr. Rizwan Memon, Commissioner CTO, Karachi
Ms. Sehrish Jawaid Mirza, Deputy Commissioner, CTO Karachi

1. This is an application escalating the grievance that despite orders of this court, the petitioner is being precluded from travelling abroad by the FIA; ostensibly on account of letter issued thereto by the respondents dated 19.04.2025; reproduced herein below:

“To,
Mr. Mustafa Jamal Qazi,
Director General,
Directorate General of Immigration and Passports,
Headquarters, Mauve Area, G-8/1, Islamabad

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF ACCUSED PERSONS NAMES UNDER CATEGORY "B" ON A PASSPORT CONTROL LIST

1. The office has lodged an FIR no:01/Z-IUCTO/KHI/25 dated 18.04.2025 against Muhammad Noman CNIC 42301-2916033-7, Imran Musil CNIC 42301-3861421-7 and Others on committing sales tax fraud and caused loss to the national exchequer to the tune of Rs. 1,219,677,067. They are reportedly left for Turkey from Jinnah International Airport, Karachi on 17.04.2025. As per information with this office, they will be back in few days and reportedly will be landed on Jinnah International Airport. In order to arrest the accused persons, you are requested to place their names on Passport Control List (PCL) and inform this office accordingly. PCL Proforma is attached.
2. Our focal person in this regard is Investigation Officer, Mr. Zahid Hussain, (Assistant Director) having contact no: 0300-9255947 and 0321-9255947. You are requested to keep the accused persons in your custody when they are landed on Jinnah International Airport, Karachi and inform our focal person so that accused persons may be arrested.

Encl: PCL Proforma

SEHRISH JAWAID MIRZA
Assistant Commissioner-IR

He states that pursuant thereto a letter dated 12.06.2025 had been issued to the FIA, which read as follows:

"To

*The Deputy Director (Law),
FIA Headquarter, Islamabad*

Subject

*W.P.NO. 1902/2025 TITLED AS MUHAMMAD NOMAN
ANSARI VS FOP IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT,
LAHORE*

Please refer to the subject cited above.

02 *As per the latest stoplist status, the present petitioner namely Muhammad Noman Ansari, having CNIC No. 42301-2916033-7, has been found Active on Blacklist/PCL, category of stoplist/watchlist, REASON FOR PCL FIR No. 01/2-R/CTO/XHI/25 Dated 18.04.2025/ Sales Tax Fraud And Caused Loss To Tine Notional Exchequer To The Tune Of Rs. 1,219,677,067/PCL Recommendation Received From The Assistant Commissioner-Ir, Office Of The Assistant Commissioner Inland Revenue Corporate Tax Office, Karachi Vide Letter No. Ac-ir/U-03/Range-A/Z-II/Cto/2025/11001 Dated 19.04.2025.*

Sd/-

*(Assistant Di, 12/06/25
Analysis & Stop List/IBMS*

Learned counsel states that vide orders herein, including that dated 08.09.2025, such correspondence especially the letter dated 12.06.2025 stood suspended. He states that notwithstanding the foregoing, the constitutional right of movement of petitioner per Article 15 of the Constitution is being violated and he is being denied travel.

Mr. Zahid F. Ebrahim, learned counsel for the respondents, states that the department has not issued any new directions / directives to restrain the movement of the petitioner and / or to preclude the petitioner from travelling abroad. Learned counsel states that the letter dated 12.06.2025 already stands suspended by this court, therefore, the issue may be put at rest.

Learned Assistant Attorney General states that order dated 08.09.2025 categorically suspends the relevant restraint upon the right of the petitioner to travel abroad and in view of the statement of the learned counsel for FBR, there is no cause apparent for any travel restrictions to be placed upon the petitioner, emanating from the present circumstances.

In view hereof, there appears be no impediment to the grant of this application and the same is hereby allowed.

In view of the urgency pleaded, the office is directed to communicate a copy hereof to all concerned, including the DG FIA. Learned Assistant Attorney General has graciously undertaken to communicate a copy hereof directly to the concerned authorities.

2. Learned counsel files counter affidavits on behalf of alleged contemnors 1 to 3, which are taken on record, copy whereof is supplied to the petitioner's counsel. Adjourned.

3. to 6. Adjourned; interim orders to subsist.

As jointly suggested, to come up on 06.11.2025. Office is instructed to place copy of this order in connected matters.

Judge

Judge