

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT,
HYDERABAD**

C.P No.D-2011 of 2025

[Mst. Lal Paree and others v. Province of Sindh and others]

Before:

JUSTICE ADNAN IQBAL CHAUDHRY
JUSTICE RIAZAT ALI SAHAR

Petitioner:

Mst. Lal Paree and others
through Mr. Mehboob Ali
Odhano, Advocate.

Mr. Ghulam Shabbir Babar,
Advocate files his Vakalatnama
for petitioners today, taken on
record.

Respondents No.1 to 4:

Province of Sindh and others
through M/s. Muhammad Ismail
Bhutto, Additional A.G. Sindh
and Nazar Muhammad A.P.G.
Sindh.

Date of Hearing:

22.04.2026.

Date of Judgment:

22.04.2026.

JUDGMENT

RIAZAT ALI SAHAR, J: - The petitioners have invoked the constitutional jurisdiction of this Honourable Court under Article 199 of the Constitution, seeking quashment of FIR No.76/2025, registered at Police Station Khudabad, District Dadu. The petition is premised on the contention that the said FIR has been lodged with *mala fide* intention, subsequent to petitioner No.1 contracting marriage with petitioner No.2 of her own free will. It is further alleged that the private respondents, being aggrieved by the said marriage, subjected the petitioners to threats, unlawful detention and declared them Karo-Kari through a Jirga. Thereafter, in order to settle personal vendetta and to harass the petitioners, the respondents falsely implicated them in the aforementioned FIR.

2. On 05.03.2026 following order was passed:-

"Petitioner No.1, present in person, submits that on 18.11.2025 her counsel, namely Mehboob Ali Odhano, bearing Ledger No.665 (HC) Dadu, handed over a fake order and in lieu thereof

took away Rs. 150,000/- in the corridor of the Court building; Rs.80,000/- were taken as professional fee and Rs.50,000/- for travel expenses, making a total amount of Rs.280,000/- Thus, he has allegedly committed fraud, cheating and forgery, which are offences punishable under Sections 420, 468, 470 and 471 PPC. She has also produced a copy of the said order along with an application which are taken on record. In view of the serious allegations leveled against the counsel for the petitioners, issue bailable warrants in the sum of Rs.25,000/- against the said counsel, namely Mehboob Ali Odhano, to be executed through SHO A-Section Dadu."

3. The petitioners Mst. Lal Paree and Zahid Hussain appeared before this Court. The petitioner Mst. Lal Paree reaffirmed that she had contracted marriage on account of her own free will and questioned the veracity of the impugned FIR, as such, the SSP, Dadu, was directed to depute an officer not below the rank of DSP to conduct a fair and impartial investigation and to submit a report within the stipulated time. Pursuant thereto, the DSP/SDPO, Dadu, acting as Investigating Officer, submitted his report stating that investigation of FIR No.76/2025 had been entrusted to him. He had collected the relevant record and examined the earlier investigation. Statements of prosecution witnesses had been recorded in support of the FIR and that the previous Investigating Officer had already submitted challan under Section 173/512 Cr.P.C. on account of non-arrest of the accused. It was further reported that the investigation was in progress, with an assurance that the same would be concluded fairly and on merits. In view thereof, the Investigating Officer was directed to conclude the investigation in a fair, impartial and transparent manner and directed the DSP/SDPO, Dadu, to finalize the same strictly on merits, without being influenced by any party and to submit his report. Meanwhile, in view of non-compliance of the earlier undertaking, bailable warrants in the sum of Rs.50,000/- were issued against Advocate Mehboob Ali Odhano, with direction to appear and explain as to why criminal proceedings be not initiated against him in terms of order dated 05.03.2026.

4. The Investigating Officer/DSP Dadu in compliance submitted his report on 09.04.2026 wherein he stated that investigation conducted by him and concluded that the case is false one, hence recommended the case to dispose of as cancelled to be false under "B" class and submitted report under section 173 Cr.P.C. before competent Court of law. In view of such report, the learned Magistrate concerned is

under legal obligation to pass appropriate order in accordance with law on the report under section 173 Cr.P.C.

5. Today, Mr. Mehboob Ali Odhano filed application for withdrawal of his Vakalatnama as well as comments pursuant to orders dated 05.03.2026 and 17.03.2026 passed by this Court denying the allegations as leveled against him by the petitioners, taken on record. **So far as the question of alleged photo stat copy of fake order, purportedly issued by this Court, provided to the petitioners by the counsel namely Mr. Mehboob Ali Odhano is concerned,** the statement of petitioner No.1 recorded vide order dated 05.03.2026 and written application made by her before this Court on 05.03.2026 is part of the record. However, since the Advocate has denied knowledge of those orders and denies that those were provided by him, a question of fact that we cannot address in writ jurisdiction, the petitioner is free to agitate that matter against said Advocate via other legal proceedings at law.

6. Instant petition stands **disposed of** in the above terms.

7. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the concerned Magistrate through District & Sessions Judge, Dadu, Senior Superintendent of Police, Hyderabad and Station House Officer, Police Station Cantonment Hyderabad for compliance.

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