

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. NO. D-5007 / 2026

(Umair Vs. Federation of Pakistan & Others)

Present:

Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon

Mr. Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

Date of hearing and order: 09.09.2026.

Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Azeem, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Ms. Wajiha Mehdi, Assistant Attorney General

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. Petitioner Umair filed this constitutional petition under Article 199 of the Constitution, challenging the placement and retention of his name on the Passport Control List (PCL) and seeking removal of his name, restoration of the active status of Passport No. DP1845343, and permission to travel abroad.

2. Learned Counsel submitted that the petitioner, while residing in France, travelled to Pakistan on 15.03.2026 to meet his family. As his earlier passport was nearing expiry, he obtained a fresh passport bearing No. DP1845343 dated 02.04.2026 from the Regional Passport Office, Karachi. He subsequently booked a Turkish Airlines flight to Portugal for 29.05.2026 but was stopped by the Immigration Department on the ground that his name appeared on the PCL. He emphasized that the petitioner had already approached the Director General, Immigration & Passports, Islamabad for removal of his name, but his application remained undecided. Learned Counsel therefore has sought disposal of the petition with a direction to the competent authority/ Director General to decide the pending application within one week.

3. learned AAG submits that the petitioner's application for removal of his name from the Passport Control List (PCL) is already pending before the competent authority, and that the matter can be considered and decided by the Director General, Immigration & Passports, Islamabad/ competent authority in accordance with law. She submits that she may therefore have no serious objection if the petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide the petitioner's pending application if filed in time and pending preferably in three week, strictly in accordance with the applicable law and policy even on merit.

4. In view thereof, without touching the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the Director General, Immigration & Passports, Islamabad/competent authority, to decide the petitioner's pending application and,

if not filed, the same shall be filed in two days, for removal of his name from the PCL within two weeks, strictly in accordance with law.

A copy of this order is directed to be communicated to all concerned for immediate compliance.

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