

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. No. D-4954 of 2022

C. P. No. D-5041 of 2022

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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HEARING.

1. For orders on Office Objection.
2. For hearing of main case.

10.11.2022.

M/s. Abdul Wahab Balouch and Muhammad Imran Qureshi,
Advocates for the Petitioner in C. P. No. D-4954 of 2022.

Mr. Usman Farooque, Advocate for the Petitioner in C. P. No.
D-5041 of 2022.

Mr. Kazi Abdul Hameed Siddiqui, DAG.

Mr. Hassan Akbar, Advocate General, Sindh.

M/s. Muhammad Jawwad Dero, Zeeshan Adhi, Additional
Advocates General, Sindh, and Saifullah, Assistant Advocate
General, Sindh alongwith DSP. Raza Mina, Inspector Sajjad
Ali of Legal Branch, Inspector Shuaib Muhammad Magsi and
Inspector Sabir Hussain on behalf of the Inspector General
of Police, Sindh.

M/s. Ali Raza Sial, Joint Provincial Election Commissioner,
Abdullah Hanjrah, Sr. Law Officer and Sarmad Sarwar, Law
Officer, Election Commission of Pakistan.

On the last date of hearing, a Statement had been filed on behalf of the Provincial Election Commissioner, Sindh reflecting that a meeting had been scheduled for 09.11.2022, at Islamabad, for fixing the date of the repeatedly postponed Local Government Elections-2022 in Karachi Division. Today, we have been informed that such meeting could not take place as a Public Holiday was declared on that date and the meeting has been rescheduled. Furthermore, the Senior Law Officer of the Provincial Election Commissioner, Sindh, in attendance, submits that the main cause due to which the elections in Karachi and Hyderabad Divisions have not been held to date is that the requisite security deployment is not being made available by the Government of Sindh on the pretext that the relevant personnel are engaged in flood relief operations. On that

note, we had called for a Report from the Inspector General of Police, Sindh as well as DG. Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, on the previous date, however, such report has not been forthcoming as yet.

Under such circumstances, the learned Advocate General, Sindh is directed to obtain the complete information as to the total strength of Police Personnel and Rangers Personnel in the Province alongwith their current deployment(s), as well as the number of such Personnel as can be assigned for duty in respect of the aforementioned Local Government Elections. To come up on 14.11.2022, at 12.00 Noon, when Provincial Election Commissioner, Inspector General of Police, Sindh and the Chief Secretary Sindh should be present in person.

Office is directed to place a copy of this order in the connected Petition listed above.

CHIEF JUSTICE

JUDGE

MUBASHIR