## **ORDER SHEET**

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No. 2203 of 2021

DATE

## **ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES**

For hearing of bail application.

## 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

M/s. Shaukat Ali Shehroze & Ali Akbar, Advocates for applicant.

Mr. Jameel Ahmed Shah, Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Nadeem Ghaffar, A.D. FIA, I.O. of the case is present.

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Omar Sial, J: Meraj has sought post arrest bail in crime number 93 of 2021 registered under sections 419,420,468,471,109 P.P.C. read with section 3(2)(a)(b) and 13/14 Foreigners Act, 1946 at the FIA AHT Circle police station. Earlier, his application seeking bail was dismissed by the learned Sessions Judge, Karachi East on 4-11-2021.

- 2. A background to the case is that an inquiry was initiated by NADRA against one Muhammad Amin, who was suspected to be a national of Bangladesh and was illegally residing in Pakistan. NADRA was of the view that a CNIC issued to Muhammad Amin earlier had been procured on the basis of false documents. Consequently, Muhammad Amin was issued a computerized CNIC as well however NADRA still remained unsatisfied due to reason that CNIC had been obtained on the basis of forged documents. The present applicant Meraj is an agent and has facilitated the filing of the application before NADRA. The CNIC was issued by the co-accused Abdul Aziz Abbasi (NADRA official) in 2018.
- 3. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant as well as the learned Assistant Attorney General who is assisted by the I.O. of the case. My observations and findings are as follows.
- 4. At the very outset on a query, the learned Assistant Attorney General very candidly conceded that co-accused Abdul Aziz Abbasi, who was the NADRA issuing authority has been granted bail by the learned Special Judge, Central-II, Karachi on 25-8-2021. The role of the applicant is of an agent. The applicant is entitled for grant of bail on the ground of consistency, as the case

of the applicant, is in any case on a much better footing than that of co-accused Abdul Aziz Abbasi.

5. The applicant is admitted to post arrest bail subject to his furnishing a solvent surety in the amount of Rs.50,000 and a P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial court.

JUDGE