## **ORDER SHEET** <u>IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI</u>

Crl. Bail Application No. 882 of 2023

## DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES

For hearing of bail application.

## <u>12-05-2023</u>

Moulvi Iqbal Haider, Advocate for applicant. Mr. Ali Gohar Masroof, Advocate for complainant. Ms. Robina Qadir, Addl.P.G.

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**Omar Sial, J**: Syed Mohammad Bilal Fasih has sought post arrest bail in crime number 273 of 2022 registered under section 489-F P.P.C. at the Jauharabad police station in Karachi. Earlier, his application seeking bail was dismissed by the learned 3<sup>rd</sup> Additional Sessions Judge, District Central, Karachi on 17.04.2023.

2. Fasih is accused of having issued 2 cheques for an aggregate amount of Rs. 11,500,000 to Mohammad Shafi Khan, which bounced upon presentation.

3. I have heard the learned counsels for the applicant and the complainant as well as the learned Addl.P.G.

3. The applicant, according to counsel, and not controverted by counsel for the complainant or the Addl.P.G., has been in custody since August 2022. This would mean that he has already been in jail for 8 months in a crime that carries a potential sentence of up to 3 years. Trial is not near conclusion. Probably the applicant would have lived out his sentence before the trial concludes without a final adjudication of his offence. The applicant has therefore made a case for grant of bail.

4. Above are the reasons for the short order dated 05.05.2023.