

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Constitutional Petition No. D-2405 of 2026
(*Muhammad Khalid versus Federation of Pakistan & others*)

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon
Mr. Justice Zulfiqar Ali Sangi

For hearing of main case

Date of hearing and order: 27.4.2026

Mr. Muhammad Imran advocate for the petitioner
Ms. Mehreen Ibrahim, DAG

ORDER

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. Muhammad Khalid (hereinafter referred to as “the petitioner”) has invoked the constitutional jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, seeking protective bail for a period of two months in FIR No.02/2022 registered under the Customs Act, 1969 read with the Import and Export Control Act, 1950. He has further prayed for directions for unblocking of his CNIC to facilitate his return from Dubai, as well as protection against his arrest upon arrival at Karachi Airport.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been shown in Column No.II of the challan on account of being declared an absconder by the learned Special Judge (Customs, Taxation & Anti-Smuggling-II), Karachi on 11.07.2025, which resulted in the blocking of his CNIC due to his non-appearance before the trial Court. It is contended that the petitioner was residing abroad and had no knowledge of the registration of the FIR, and, therefore, could not approach the trial Court earlier. It is further stated that he now intends to return to Pakistan and surrender before the trial Court for the purpose of seeking pre-arrest bail. Apprehension has been expressed that he may be arrested upon his arrival. Allegations of false implication and mala fide on the part of the respondents have also been raised, with the assertion that the petitioner’s fundamental rights are being infringed. Learned counsel further submits that the co-accused namely Muhammad Rafique and Muhammad Hashim have already been granted protective bail in CP Nos.D-1364/2026 and 5470/2025 respectively, hence the present petitioner is also entitled for the similar treatment.

Notice was issued to the respondents on 23.04.2026, in response where to the learned Deputy Attorney General appeared and submitted that since the petitioner intends to surrender before the trial Court, appropriate orders may be passed by this Court.

Heard the counsel for the parties present in Court and perused the record with their assistance.

Without touching upon the merits of the case, petitioner Muhammad Khalid son of Muhammad Ismail is granted protective bail in FIR No.02/2022 registered under the Customs Act, 1969 read with the Import and Export Control Act, 1950, for a period of ten (10) days from today to enable him to surrender before the learned trial Court, subject to his furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.200,000/- (Rupees two lac only) and a personal bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court.

It is clarified that this order shall remain in force till 06.04.2026 or until the petitioner surrenders before the concerned trial Court, whichever occurs earlier. Meanwhile, the NADRA shall take steps for unblocking the CNIC of the petitioner enabling him to surrender before the trial Court.

The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

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