

ORDER SHEET
IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

W.P. 2664-2026

Abid Hussain

Versus

Federation of Pakistan, etc

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ Proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
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01.09.2026	Mr. Shahbaz Shah, Advocate for the Petitioner. Mr. M. Taimur Janjua and Ms. Mamoonah Iftikhar, State Counsels, Alongwith Khuram, Inspector/SHO and Zamir ul Hassan, Si/I.O
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Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the daughter of the petitioner, namely Mst. Esha Fatima, has been missing since seven months and despite registration of the FIR and repeated efforts by the police, she has not yet been traced/recovered. It is contended that the investigation conducted so far has not produced any tangible result and that, having regard to the considerable period elapsed since her disappearance, there is an urgent need for coordinated efforts by officers of different agencies possessing expertise in investigation, intelligence and modern technological means.

2. Having regard to the nature and sensitivity of the matter, the fact that the missing girl has not been traced despite the passage of considerable time, and the constitutional obligation of the State to protect the life, liberty and dignity of its citizens, this Court is of the view that the matter requires a coordinated and effective investigation by a Joint Investigation Team (JIT).

3. Accordingly, a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) is hereby constituted, to be headed by the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) ICT Police, Islamabad, with the following members:

- i. DIG, ICT Police, Islamabad;
- ii. SSP (Investigation);
- iii. Representative of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), preferably from the Anti-Human Trafficking/appropriate investigation unit;
- iv. Representative of the Intelligence Bureau (IB);
- v. Representative of such other agency as may be considered necessary by the Head of JIT; and
- vi. A female police officer of appropriate rank.

4. The Head of JIT shall have the authority, with the concurrence of the competent authority, to co-opt any other officer or representative of a Federal or Provincial agency whose assistance may be necessary for tracing and recovery of the missing girl. All concerned departments and agencies shall extend full cooperation and assistance to the JIT.

5. The JIT shall investigate the matter independently, thoroughly and expeditiously and shall make every possible lawful effort for tracing and recovery of the missing girl. The Terms of Reference (TORs) of the JIT shall be as follows:

- i. To ascertain the exact circumstances in which the girl went missing, including the date, time, place and circumstances immediately preceding her disappearance.
- ii. To ascertain her last known whereabouts and movements and identify all persons who were in

contact with her immediately before and after her disappearance.

iii. To examine and interrogate all relevant persons, including family members, friends, acquaintances, witnesses, suspects and any person having knowledge of her whereabouts.

iv. To independently examine the role of all nominated and suspected persons, without being confined merely to the version contained in the FIR.

v. To obtain and analyze mobile phone data, including CDRs, IMEI details, location data and other legally obtainable technical information relating to the missing girl and relevant suspects/persons.

vi. To undertake geo-fencing/location analysis, wherever legally permissible and considered necessary, particularly in respect of the place of disappearance and other locations identified during investigation.

vii. To examine available CCTV footage from the place of disappearance and all subsequent locations identified through investigation, including roads, markets, transport terminals, educational institutions, residences, hotels, hospitals, toll plazas and other relevant places.

viii. To examine digital and social-media evidence, including relevant telephone numbers, social-media accounts, electronic communications and other digital footprints, strictly in accordance with law.

ix. To trace all financial and transactional leads, where relevant and legally permissible, which may assist in determining the whereabouts or movement of the missing girl or any person suspected of facilitating her disappearance.

x. To investigate the possibility of abduction, kidnapping, illegal confinement, trafficking, exploitation or any other offence, and, where the evidence so warrants, identify and proceed against the persons responsible in accordance with law.

xi. To verify every credible lead furnished by the family, witnesses, informants or any other source and record the result of such verification.

xii. To ascertain whether the missing girl has been shifted outside the territorial jurisdiction of Islamabad, and, if so, immediately coordinate with the police and relevant authorities of the concerned district/province for her tracing and recovery.

xiii. To ascertain whether the girl has been taken outside Pakistan, and, if such possibility emerges from the investigation, immediately take appropriate lawful measures through the competent Federal authorities, including immigration authorities and other relevant agencies.

xiv. To examine all exit and entry points, where the investigations so warrants, and obtain relevant travel, immigration and other records in accordance with law.

xv. To conduct searches and raids strictly in accordance with law, wherever credible information regarding the whereabouts of the missing girl is received.

xvi. To ensure the safety and dignity of the missing girl upon recovery, and to arrange her immediate medical examination and such psychological assessment/counseling as may be considered necessary, in accordance with law.

xvii. To take all consequential legal action against any person found involved in the commission of an offence, strictly in accordance with law.

xviii. To ensure that the investigation is not allowed to become stagnant merely because initial leads have failed, and to explore alternative investigative, technical and intelligence-based avenues for tracing the girl.

xix. The Head of JIT shall convene meetings of the JIT at regular intervals, preferably at least once every fortnight, and shall maintain properly recorded minutes of each meeting, specifying the investigative steps assigned to each member and the progress achieved.

xx. The JIT shall submit a detailed progress report before this Court on each date fixed for the matter, specifically mentioning the steps taken since the previous report, persons examined, locations searched, technical data analyzed, leads received and

verified, and the further steps proposed to be undertaken.

xxi. The progress report shall not contain vague or general statements such as "efforts are being made"; rather, it shall disclose the concrete investigative measures undertaken and the results thereof.

xxii. The Head of JIT shall remain responsible for coordination amongst all participating agencies and shall ensure that no agency with relevant information or expertise remains outside the investigative process.

xxiii. The JIT shall immediately inform this Court if any material impediment is encountered in the investigation or if assistance of any Federal or Provincial department is required.

6. The competent authorities of the Police, FIA, IB and all other concerned departments are directed to extend full cooperation to the JIT and to make available all information, records, technical assistance and personnel required for achieving the objectives of this order.

7. The Head of JIT shall submit the first comprehensive progress report within two weeks from the date of receipt of this order. The report shall specifically address each of the above TORs and shall identify the steps proposed to be taken during the subsequent period.

8. The JIT shall continue its efforts until the missing girl is traced and recovered, subject to further orders of this Court.

9. Office is directed to transmit a copy of this order forthwith to the Head of JIT and all concerned authorities for immediate compliance.

10. To come up on 23.09.2026 for submission of progress report and further proceedings.

(KHADIM HUSSAIN SOOMRO)
JUDGE

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