

## Case No. IT/P/3029/22/C

Rana Munir Hussain

... VS ...

Daily Times (Media Times (Pvt) Limited), Lahore

## Order Dated Islamabad Wednesday 25th October, 2023

**Present:** Nemo for parties.

Registrar of this Tribunal has informed that as per order dated 24/10/2023, he has personally contacted Mr. Osama Shahid Khawaja Advocate, learned counsel for the respondent as well as Shahzad Kamran, Manager (Finance) of the respondent management and informed both of them with regard to fixation of case today but none is present on behalf of the respondent management or its learned counsel. He further informed that Manager (Finance) told him yesterday that a case titled Ghulam Murtaza versus Chairman, ITNE is already fixed before the honourable Islamabad High Court, Islamabad today and as per his information his learned counsel would appear before this Tribunal after attending the above said case before the honourable Islamabad High Court, Islamabad, therefore, the matter was kept pending till 02:00 pm. At 02:30 pm, case was again called but even then nobody turned up on behalf of respondent management or its learned counsel. Apparently, respondent management is deliberately and willfully avoiding its appearance in order to frustrate the direction, contained in order dated 22/06/2023

- 2. In view of the above, it is manifestly clear that respondent management is persistently flouting lawful orders, passed by this Tribunal and is deliberately showing defiance to the above said orders, therefore, respondent is not entitled for ay lenient treatment. Thus, office is directed to issue bailable warrant of arrest of Sheheryar Taseer s/o Salman Taseer (Late), Chief Executive, Daily Times / Media Times Limited, Lahore against a sum of Rs. 50,000/- with one local surety through CCPO, Lahore who shall ensure the presence of respondent Sheheryar Taseer on the next date of hearing.
- 3. In the meanwhile, Secretary Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan, EDG, Press Information Department, Islamabad, Secretary Information Department, Government of Punjab, Secretary Information Department, Government of Sindh and Secretary Information Department, Government of KP are directed to suspend the name of respondent publication <u>Daily Times</u> (Media Times, Limited all stations) from the

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Central Media List, being maintained by their respective Governments / departments with immediate effect and until further orders. The above said ministries / departments / Government Officials are also directed to submit compliance report before the next date of hearing positively. Office is directed to convey the instant order to the above named Ministries / Departments / Government Officials immediately through courier as well as through telephonic / whatsapp means for its compliance at their end.

4. Adjourned for 13/11/2023.

( SHAHID MEHMOOD KHOKHAR) Chairman

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