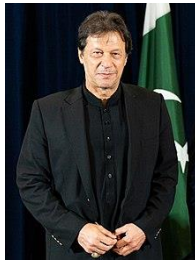


Imran Khan, former Pakistan's Prime Minister, Arrested for Corruption

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August 5, 2023: ISLAMABAD, Pakistan: Imran Khan, the 22nd Prime Minister of Pakistan (from 18th August 2018 to 10th April 2022) and Chairman of PTI (the main Opposition Party) was arrested on Saturday, after he was found guilty of 'corrupt practices'. He has been sentenced to three years in jail, fined Rs. 100,000 and disqualified from participating in elections as a candidate. Mr. Khan can appeal the sentence. However, PTI lawyer Shoaib Shaheen told the Associated Press that police at the prison refused entry to a legal team who went to see Khan. He said the party would file an appeal as there were "plenty of loopholes in the verdict."

Earlier, Imran Khan's predecessor, Nawaz Sharif (PM from June 5, 2013 to July 28, 2017) was removed, by the Supreme Court, from Prime Ministership in 2017 for an 'unreceived salary' after Panama Papers were made available to public by the **International Consortium of Investigative Journalists** (ICIJ). *Imran Khan, as the Prime Minister, had said that he would not be for providing the facilities like an air-conditioned room for Nawaz Sharif.*



After the trial court found Imran Khan guilty and sentenced him in the Toshakhana case, he was arrested from his residence in Zaman Park, Lahore. He has been shifted to the high-security Attock Jail.

In 1999, Nawaz Sharif was imprisoned in the Attock Fort (where the conditions for prisoners are less harsh than these are in the Attock jail.), after he was sentenced by the accountability court in the MI-8 helicopter kickback case. Later, the military government of Pakistan agreed to send Nawaz Sharif to Jeddah for a 10-year exile, under Saudi pressure.

The real authority for taking all crucial decisions in Pakistan has remained with the Army. As many as seven Prime Ministers of Pakistan have been accused of corruption etc and dismissed before completing their regular term. This includes Zulfikar Bhutto, who was hanged after a trial, which many have described as being less than fair.

Note: Please read "Arrest of the former PM of Pakistan & Riots in Pakistan" dated May 10, 2023 at <https://diqinews360.com/arrest-of-the-former-pm-riots-in-pakistan/>.