

Pakistan: Feb 8 Elections: Will Khan be allowed to participate?

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Tuesday, January 30, 2024: Islamabad: **Imran Khan**, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for leaking state secrets. **Khan's** deputy, **Shah Mahmood Qureshi**, who pleaded not guilty in the same case, was also sentenced to 10 years under the Official Secrets Act.

The sentencing comes ahead of **parliamentary elections set to be held in Pakistan on February 8**. Khan has alleged that Pakistan's current government conspired with General **Syed Asim Munir**, the country's **Chief of Army Staff (CAS)** since 29 November 2022, to remove him from power – and that his arrest and disqualification are politically motivated.



Imran Ahmad Khan Niazi (b. 5 October 1952),

Prime Minister of Pakistan from 18 August 2018 to 10 April 2022

Chairman, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) from 25 Apr 1996 to 2 Dec 2023

Imran Khan was called the **SELECTED Prime Minister** by the Opposition because he came to power, with the support of the Army.

PTI wanted to bring to Pakistan the environment of 'Medina of the 6th century'.

Pakistan has a high rate of illiteracy. It has 2.5 Mn students in Madrasas. 22.8 Mn children, aged 5-16, do not go to any school. The literacy rate is less than 60%.

Since the period when General Zia-ul-Haq ruled over Pakistan, as its Dictator-President (from 1978-88) and implemented a **program of Islamization**, the country had been brought up on **the staple diet of radical Islam**.

Pakistan lapped up the idea of going back to the age of 'Medina of the 6th century', without bothering about the meaning of the idea.

After **Imran Khan** came to power, with the help of the Army, he pretended to show that he was standing up to the Army, which has ruled over Pakistan directly or indirectly for decades. He was, in fact, trying to exploit differences among the **ten Corps Commanders of the Army**, after the term of General **Qamar Javed Bajwa**, the previous CAS, was to be over and a new CAS was to be appointed.

www.DiGiNews360.com believes that PM **Imran Khan** took some mis-steps in the game and the Army was able to pull together and pull the rug from under the feet of PM **Khan**.

Khan was arrested on August 5, 2023, after he was sentenced to three years in jail in a separate corruption case. A judge suspended the sentence but **Khan** was kept in jail, after further charges were brought against him relating to the missing diplomatic cable.

Though PTI remains highly popular, **Imran Khan**, personally, has been disqualified from running in the election, due to the sentence of ten years. PTI workers are being harassed and are being prevented from holding public rallies, while all the senior leaders have either been arrested or been pressurized to leave the party.

The Election Commission of Pakistan banned PTI from using its signature **symbol of the cricket bat**.

www.DiGiNews360.com has come to know from reliable sources that journalists and television news channels have been instructed *privately by the secret service of the Army* not to mention PTI as part of their election coverage.

Allegations have been made that the nomination forms of PTI candidates have been rejected on flimsy grounds so that PTI would not be able to have a good number of candidates at the elections of 8th February, 2024.

On making enquiries, www.DiGiNews360.com has been informed that the candidates of PTI do not want to antagonize the government by running against the candidates, preferred by the Army. Though no officer was ready to go on record, while talking to www.DiGiNews360.com, the Officer, to whom www.DiGiNews360.com was able to contact, said that the candidates of PTI were introducing mistakes in their own nomination forms.

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