

LHC issues notices to 6 senior functionaries of RCS Punjab

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LAHORE – The Lahore High Court on Monday issued notices to six senior functionaries of the Red Crescent Society (RCS), Punjab on a contempt petition filed by 54 employees seeking the release of their salaries and joining of their duties. Petitioners Shehzad Qaiser and others filed the contempt petition through their counsel Mian Asad Mahmud and submitted that the LHC had on April 9th restrained the RCS management from any adverse action against the employees. Following the oral directions of the LHC, they ended their strike and went to join their duties but the six senior functionaries including member RCS Liaquat Chishti threatened and stopped them from their work, Mian Asad contended. Even the employees were not allowed to enter into the premises of the RCS and gate was locked, he submitted. He said that the management was also threatening the employees to dismiss or remove from their respective jobs, while their salaries were also not being released. He requested the court to start contempt proceedings against RCS Vice Chairman, Secretary, Members Managing Committee and Honorary Treasurer for defying the court orders. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah recorded the argument and issued notice to the RCS management for reply on next date of hearing that would be fixed by the registrar of the court. Meanwhile, the LHC disposed of a petition seeking the recovery of an Indian man allegedly imprisoned in a Punjab jail and directed the petitioner to approach the appropriate forum for their grievance. Advocate Awais Sheikh filed the petition saying that during his recent visit to India he met one Suraj Bhan in Amritsar. He said Bhan told him that his brother Madan Lal mistakenly entered Pakistan in 1967 and was arrested by the authorities. He said Indian authorities informed Suraj Bhan that Lal was last seen in June 1984 in Bahawalnagar district jail and after that his whereabouts were not known to anyone. Advocate Sheikh said with the permission of the Punjab Home Secretary, he visited the Lahore central Jail Superintendent in order to meet Madan Lal, however, the jail authorities informed him that no Lal was there in jail. The lawyer prayed to the court to direct the government to trace the whereabouts of Madan Lal and order his repatriation. During the course of hearing, the IG prisons and Punjab's Interior Department submitted their reply giving undertaking that there was no a prisoner namely Madan Lal detained in any jail of the province. After reply, Justice Umar Ata Bandial disposed of the petition. Meanwhile, the Lahore High Court on Monday sought reply from the Punjab government about steps taken to avoid reoccurrence of an incident like the fatal poisoning of Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) patients by substandard medicine. Justice Umar Ata Bandial directed the government to file its reply by June 12. Petitioner Lawyer Azhar Muhammad Siddique filed the petition seeking a transparent policy to purchase medicines for public hospitals and action against

those responsible for the deaths caused by substandard medicine. The petitioner alleged that quality medicines were not provided at public hospitals. He regretted that the government was keeping no check on the hospitals to ensure proper medicines.

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