Pakistan Supreme Court Returns Imran Khan's Appeal



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Pakistan's Supreme Court registry has returned an appeal filed by former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi, challenging an order related to the suspension of their sentences in the £190 million corruption case.

The appeal was filed against a ruling by the Islamabad High Court regarding their request to suspend the sentences.

According to the Supreme Court registry, the appropriate forum for such legal relief is the Federal Constitutional Court, not the Supreme Court. As a result, the appeal was returned.

However, Imran Khan's lawyer, Salman Safdar, challenged the decision, arguing that under Article 185(3) of Pakistan's Constitution, the appeal is maintainable before the Supreme Court.

Earlier, the Islamabad High Court ruled that there was no need to hear the sentence suspension request separately because a date had already been set for the hearing of the main appeal.

In the appeal, Imran Khan said he has been suffering from health problems while in prison and that his prolonged detention has caused both physical and mental hardship. He also alleged that the legal proceedings had been deliberately delayed.

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