

used Ms Mazari of disseminating and "propagating narres that align with hostile terrorist groups and probed organisations", while her husband was implicated in reposting some of her posts.

The FIR of the case alleged that the two held security responsibilities for cases of missing persons in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

It also stated that they had targeted the armed forces as ineffective against proscribed groups, including the BLA and TTP. Judge Majoka issued arrest warrants for the couple on Jan 5, 2025.

Criticism

The couple's arrest on Jan 5 prompted criticism by human rights bodies, politicians, and legalists, who stressed their right to a fair trial.

International Human Rights Commission said the "lack of adherence to due process" and said these were "retaliatory cases aimed at silencing Ms Mazari

ultimately muzzle dissent".

Ms Mazari's mother Shireen Mazari, a former human rights minister, reacted to the sentencing by terming it "totally illegal".

"Their [transfer application] is still pending in [Islamabad High Court] so legally judge cannot pass judgement till [transfer application] is heard," she contended.

In another post, she said: "They got their pound of flesh [through] an order passed illegally but the emasculated men don't give a damn. It was always about 'off with their heads.'"

In a statement, opposition alliance Tehreek Tahafuz Ayeen-i-Pakistan (TTAP) also slammed the sentencing of the couple, claiming that the convictions followed an "unjust and non-independent trial", describing the sentences as "excessive, discriminatory and politically motivated".

TTAP spokesperson Akhuzada Hussain Yousafzai said the verdict "violated the

Senate opposition leader Allama Raja Nasir Abbas called the verdict "a grave miscarriage of justice".

"These human rights lawyers were convicted under Peca solely for social media posts criticising what they saw as state abuses and advocating for marginalised communities," he said.

PTI leader Omar Ayub Khan noted that the "kangaroo court" conviction of the couple proved that "the legal system in Pakistan is dead".

"Members of the judiciary, from the highest to the lowest forum should hang their heads in shame," he said.

"The judiciary is a willing accessory and accomplice with the illegally imposed fascist regime ruling Pakistan," he added.

Verdict defended

Meanwhile, Information Minister Attaullah Tarar hailed the verdict, quipping on X: "As you sow, so shall you

repeatedly "insulted the court".

He said he respected Ms Mazari as a lawyer and viewed her as a daughter or younger sister, but criticised what he described as attacks on the armed forces and those who "sacrifice their lives for the country".

"No one should be allowed to go to such lengths," he said.

Mr Sanaullah added that Ms Mazari was free to criticise the government, constitutional amendments and alleged attempts to curb judicial independence.

However, he said such criticism should be tempered by the prevailing security situation, and maintained that allegations of an unfair trial were "not facts", claiming he had personally enquired about the rights given to the couple during the proceedings.

Ikram Junaidi in Islamabad also contributed to this report

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