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USPA NEWS - Former Prime Minister Imran Khan, in conversation with lawyers, media representatives, and party workers during trial proceedings in a makeshift courtroom inside Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi - May 26, 2025

"I am prepared to spend my entire life behind bars, but I will never bow down to tyranny and oppression.

The cornerstone of my movement is the rule of law, and through it, we will abolish the law of the jungle.

Peaceful protest is the only viable path when all doors are closed to a political party — when it is subjected to oppression, and the judiciary is no longer independent.

I instruct my party, its workers, and supporters to prepare for a decisive nationwide movement. This time, the call will not be limited to Islamabad—it will echo across all of Pakistan.

To every member of the party, I say this: none of you are here because of your 'electability'. You were elected on the strength of your ideology. I am fully aware of who is playing both sides. Anyone who does not follow party directives will have no place in this party. When given the opportunity, I will ensure internal party elections are held. Elections within the party are imperative in order to ensure grassroots workers have the opportunity to climb up the ranks.

The May 9th (2023) case can be concluded in no more than half an hour. Those responsible are the ones who stole the CCTV footage. If they truly believe Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was behind the events of May 9th, they should release the footage to the public.

It is Shehbaz Sharif who should undergo a polygraph test. He should be asked whether he came to power legitimately, through Form 45, or through Form 47 fraud.

I am a former Prime Minister of Pakistan, entitled to certain facilities in prison, yet I have not even been granted the basic rights afforded to ordinary inmates. For the past 22 months, I have been confined in a cell that is no less than a death-row cell. Meanwhile, criminals were housed in VVIP cells that are more akin to hotel suites.

The law of the jungle is prevalent here — court orders are openly defied upon instructions from a Colonel. I am not allowed to speak with my children, and my sisters are denied visitation rights. Even my books are restricted — none have been delivered to me for two and a half months, except the ones I have already read. I am the head of a political party, yet my own party members are barred from meeting me, despite court orders permitting such meetings.

They have stooped so low as to sentence my wife on baseless and unproven charges, merely to inflict pain on me. What could be more disgraceful? I am allowed only 30 minutes per week to meet my family or legal counsel. The false accusation against my wife was merely of facilitation, and even that remains unproven.

I call upon all members of the opposition to be present at tomorrow's protest outside the High Court. The judiciary has been rendered completely paralyzed and ineffective since the 26th (constitutional) amendment.

Despite repeated assurances, the Chief Justice of the Islamabad High Court has failed to even list our cases for a hearing.

The Supreme Court has expressed a lack of faith in its own judicial system by endorsing military trials of civilians.
Our forces — especially the Pakistan Air Force — responded remarkably well to India's aggression, and the entire nation supported them.
There was joy and celebrations for Pakistan's response even in the prison I am incarcerated in."

Said : IMRAN KHAN (Former Prime Minister of the Pakistan.

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