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IBA KARACHI HOSTED FORMER PM OF PAKISTAN, MR. SHAHID KHAQAN ABBASI

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01	Apr 24, 2025	Publication	Dwan News	IBA Karachi (Khaqan Abbasi Event)	English	There's no better education than being in jail, says ex-PM	Positive
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There’s no better education than being in jail, says ex-PM

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi says popular support is with Imran Khan; laments state of affairs in Karachi

By Peerzada Saiman

KARACHI: Former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has said there is no better education than being in jail. At an open question and answer session titled *Nazuk Mer or New Directions* with the students of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) on Wednesday evening, Mr Abbasi while referring to his time as the prime minister, said that he had never aspired for any position. He said that most of the time of a prime minister’s day was spent in firefighting. There’s no time to reflect because every-one’s looking towards the leader, no time to

learn, or instead of being the first among equals, the PM becomes a sovereign. “The best time to reflect is in jail. There’s no bigger education than being in jail. [Imran] Khan sahib has got time to reflect. His period as prime minister wasn’t a good one. He came [to power] through the same path that this [present] government has come. Khan sahib needs to think what he has to do.” “There’s no doubt, popular support is with him. It’s the support that came towards him because others failed. But during his tenure moral values were trampled... He has a big role to play only if he is able to learn something,” he said. Talking about his association with Karachi, he said when he was imprisoned in 1999 by Gen Musharraf, he was kept at the University of Karachi. He was born in Karachi and went to four schools in the city. He was also in Landhi Jail for two years. His fools said to see the state Karachi is in today. Carrying on with the argument, Mr

Abbasi said the PPP is in power in Sindh for the last 17 years, but he’s surprised to know that there’s no water in Baldia Town for people to use. “Karachi is the most critical city for Pakistan. If Karachi doesn’t work, Pakistan won’t work. The biggest problem that Pakistan is faced with is that there’s no capacity in our leadership. Politics is not a profession, it’s a responsibility.” The former prime minister said politics is all about contribution. It’s not about taking; it’s about giving. “Do the children sitting here in the hall know that for the first 23 years of Pakistan’s existence no elections were organised? In 1970, fair elections were held but we didn’t accept it. The constitution was made after 26 years of the country’s inception. I say, you hold one fair elections, there’s a possibility people will make mistakes. Hold another fair polls, things will get much better. In the third, people will give you an objective decision,” he said. Mr Abbasi, who is the head of the Awam

Pakistan party, said the establishment is part of the country. Everyone’s role in the Constitution is defined. The country has seen martial laws so undemocratic values have become part of the system. “How can you fight it? The first thing that you need to do is to have moral authority. Then build intellectual capacity. The establishment means well for the country. But when it sees that it can’t trust politicians, when politicians don’t have the intellectual capacity to understand the country’s problems, then those who impose martial laws they think it’s their responsibility to set things right. The day you have moral authority and intellectual capacity, you’ll be able to stand in front of the establishment.” The event was moderated by IBA’s Executive Director Dr S. Akbar Zaidi. After he put a couple of initial questions to the guest, the floor was opened for the students to ask questions. In response to the first query raised by a student on his party’s ability to deal with the establishment, Mr Abbasi said what’s

needed to be taken into account is that whether you want confrontation or work within the system. “Politicians need to gain capacity and build moral authority, and then face the establishment. The decisions taken on the streets are never right... Today Pakistan needs massive reforms. Don’t you need more provinces? These things have to be discussed. Look at the water issue currently being debated. To date, no one has been able to discuss it objectively,” he replied. He said he hasn’t made a manifesto for his party because no party implements their manifesto. “[Instead] we have made a vision document.” Mr Abbasi said in parliamentary democracy, two-thirds majority is unnatural — a recipe for failure — because after that you’re able to amend the constitution and become a sovereign (*badshah*). “I have said this before: you will have to make new provinces in the country... It needs to have a national consensus, though. If it’s a sensitive matter, then devolve authority.”

Abbasi calls for CCI meeting on canal issue

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KARACHI. Former prime minister and President of the Awaam Pakistan Party Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has said that the canal project has triggered deep concern among the public, while the federal government has failed to explain what impact the project will have on Sindh.

Speaking to the media at the IBA in Karachi, he said a meeting of the Council of Common Interests (CCI) must be convened immediately on the issue.

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Is PPP leadership capable of resolving long-standing issues, asks ex-PM

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi criticises Sindh govt's failure to deliver basic services in Karachi despite being in power for 17 years

By our correspondent

Former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Wednesday said that the public is deeply concerned about the ongoing canal dispute and stressed the need to convene a meeting of the Council of Common Interests to address the issue.

Awam Pakistan Convention was speaking at a Q & A session titled 'Nazuk Mer Aur New Directions' at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi. In an impactful and thought-provoking discussion, Abbasi engaged in a candid dialogue with IBA students and faculty on Pakistan's key challenges and future direction.

Moderated by IBA Karachi Executive Director Dr Syed Akbar Zaidi, and led by faculty member Alga Khan, the session offered valuable insights into leadership, governance and policy-making. Abbasi criticised the Sindh government's failure to deliver basic services in Karachi despite being in power for 17 years. "It's a sad state of affairs that the state of Karachi, Baldia Town hasn't had proper water access for years,"

He asked if the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) concerns must be addressed. "We cannot resolve such basic issues," he said. "After 25 years, NAB (National Accountability Bureau) is still watching. It's a disgrace." He also highlighted the growing unrest surrounding the canal issue. "Roads are being blocked, over canals, this country is sinking," he said. "There is no real attempt to

draw laughter from the audience. On a more personal note, he added that the best time for learning is actually in jail. "You get the most education there." He also warned of the broader economic implications of ignoring farmers' concerns. "If our farmers fail, the entire economy will collapse."

He noted that the PPP has been in power in Sindh for the past 17 years. "People in Baldia Town continue to vote for them, yet the area has been deprived of basic necessities like water for years."

He questioned if the PPP leadership is even capable of resolving such long-standing issues. "If Karachi doesn't function, the country won't function," he remarked, pointing out that sleeping outside the city's affluent areas reveals the depth of its deprivation.

Recalling his own roots, he said he had been born in Karachi and had attended four different schools in his city. "It's painful to witness the current state of this city," he said. He also criticised the government's handling of the canal issue, stating that it is a sensitive matter that requires a national consensus.

At the end of the session, Abbasi said the PPI founder needs to seriously think about what he wants to do next. "He now talks about respecting the vote. He has been given a second chance. It's time to prove himself."

He noted that opposition parties are in power in various regions today, yet none have managed to become a role model. He directed his message to the leadership of the opposition, stating that they must be able to deliver on their promises.

Separately, Abbasi, along with former finance minister Miftah Ismail, visited the residence of Mataballi Qumaili & Social Sciences, the Movement for the Restoration of Sindh in Karachi to offer condolences on the passing away of his mother.

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04	Apr 23, 2025	Digital	Urdu Point	IBA Karachi (Khaqan Abbasi Event)	Urdu	It is sad to see the current situation in Karachi: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi	Positive
05	Apr 23, 2025	Digital	Daily Jasarat	IBA Karachi (Khaqan Abbasi Event)	Urdu	People are deprived of basic facilities under PPP rule, says Shahid Khaqan Abbasi	Positive
06	Apr 23, 2025	Digital	24 News	IBA Karachi (Khaqan Abbasi Event)	Urdu	Sad to see the current situation in Karachi: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi	Positive
07	Apr 23, 2025	Digital	Sabah News	IBA Karachi (Khaqan Abbasi Event)	Urdu	Public is concerned about the canal issue, no efforts are being made to resolve the issue, says Shahid Khaqan Abbasi	Positive
08	Apr 23, 2025	Digital	ARZ News	IBA Karachi (Khaqan Abbasi Event)	Urdu	Shahid Khaqan Abbasi criticizes PPP: In power for 17 years, Karachi is in the worst situation	Positive
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کراچی کے موجودہ حالات دیکھ کر افسوس ہوتا ہے: شاہد خاقان عباسی

17 اپریل | 23 اپریل 2025



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عوام پاکستان پارٹی کے سربراہ شاہد خاقان عباسی کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی کے موجودہ حالات دیکھ کر افسوس ہوتا ہے۔

کراچی میں تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ پیپلز پارٹی 17 سال سے سندھ میں حکومت کو دینے کا کیا پیپلز پارٹی کے لوگ پانی کے مسائل حل نہیں کر سکتے؟

شاہد خاقان عباسی کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی سے باہر نکلیں گے تو سمجھ آئے گا کہ کراچی کتنا محروم ہے، بلدیہ ڈاؤن میں لوگ پیپلز پارٹی کو ووٹ دیتے ہیں مگر وہاں پانی نہیں آتا۔

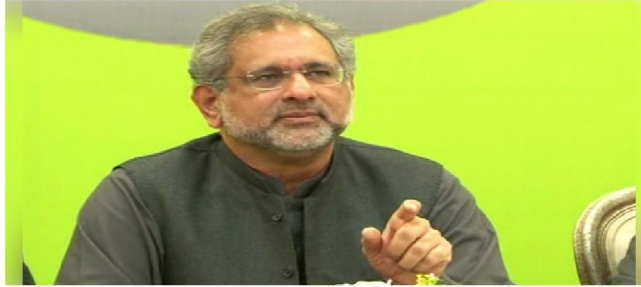
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ان کا یہ بھی کہنا ہے کہ ہائی ٹی ٹی ان کے پاس دوسرا موقع ہے، اب وہ ووٹ کو عزت دو کہہ رہے ہیں۔

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پیپلز پارٹی 17 سال سے حکومت کر رہی ہے، کراچی کے حالات دیکھ کر افسوس ہوتا ہے: شاہد خاقان عباسی



عوام پاکستان پارٹی کے کنوینئر، سابق وزیر اعظم شاہد خاقان عباسی نے کہا ہے کہ کراچی کے موجودہ حالات دیکھ کر افسوس ہوتا ہے۔ پیپلز پارٹی 17 سال سے سندھ میں حکومت کر رہی ہے۔ کیا پیپلز پارٹی کے لوگ پانی کے مسائل حل نہیں کر سکتے؟ کراچی سے باہر نکلیں گے تو سمجھ آئے گا کہ کراچی کتنا محروم ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف پرنس ایڈمنسٹریشن (آئی بی اے) کراچی کی تقریب میں میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ آئی بی اے کراچی مین کیپس میں سابق وزیر اعظم شاہد خاقان عباسی کے ساتھ طلبہ کا ایک خصوصی سوال و جواب کے سیشن کا انعقاد کیا گیا جس میں طلبہ کو پاکستان کے

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17 اپریل 2025

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کراچی میں تخریب سے نڈھال ہونے والے ملک کی سیاست میں حکومت کر رہی ہے، کیا یہی پارٹی کے لوگ پانی کے ماسے میں تخریب کر رہے ہیں؟ شاہد خاقان عباسی کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی سے باہر لگنے والے فوجی حملے کا کراچی کا تعلق نہیں ہے، بلکہ ماضی میں ملک کی سیاست کو دوت دسے میں لکھ رہا ہے۔

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24 نیوز) عوام پاکستان پارٹی کے سربراہ شاہد خاقان عباسی کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی کے موجودہ حالات دیکھ کر افسوس ہوتا ہے۔

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شاہد خاقان عباسی کی پیپلز پارٹی پر تنقید: 17 سال سے اقتدار میں، کراچی بدترین صورتحال کا شکار

پاکستان خبر



عوام پاکستان پارٹی کے سربراہ اور سابق وزیراعظم شاہد خاقان عباسی نے کراچی کی بدترین صورتحال پر شدید تنقید کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پیپلز پارٹی کو 17 سال سے تاحریک حکومت کر رہی ہے، مگر کراچی کی صورتحال اب اس حد تک پہنچ گئی ہے کہ یہاں سے عوام کو بچانے کے لیے حکومت کو ہٹا دینا چاہیے۔

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