

Constitutional reforms to be tabled in Pak Parliament

PTI, Islamabad

A significant legislation to transfer sweeping powers to appoint three service chiefs from President to the Prime Minister will be tabled this week in Pakistan's Parliament as part of a major constitutional reforms package.

The package which includes returning the powers to dissolve the national assembly or lower house to the Prime Minister has been finalised by a panel of Parliamentarians headed by senior Pakistan's Party leader Raaz Rabbani.

The bill also seeks to remove constitutional bars preventing a person from becoming a law maker if that person is found to have commented against the judiciary or the army.

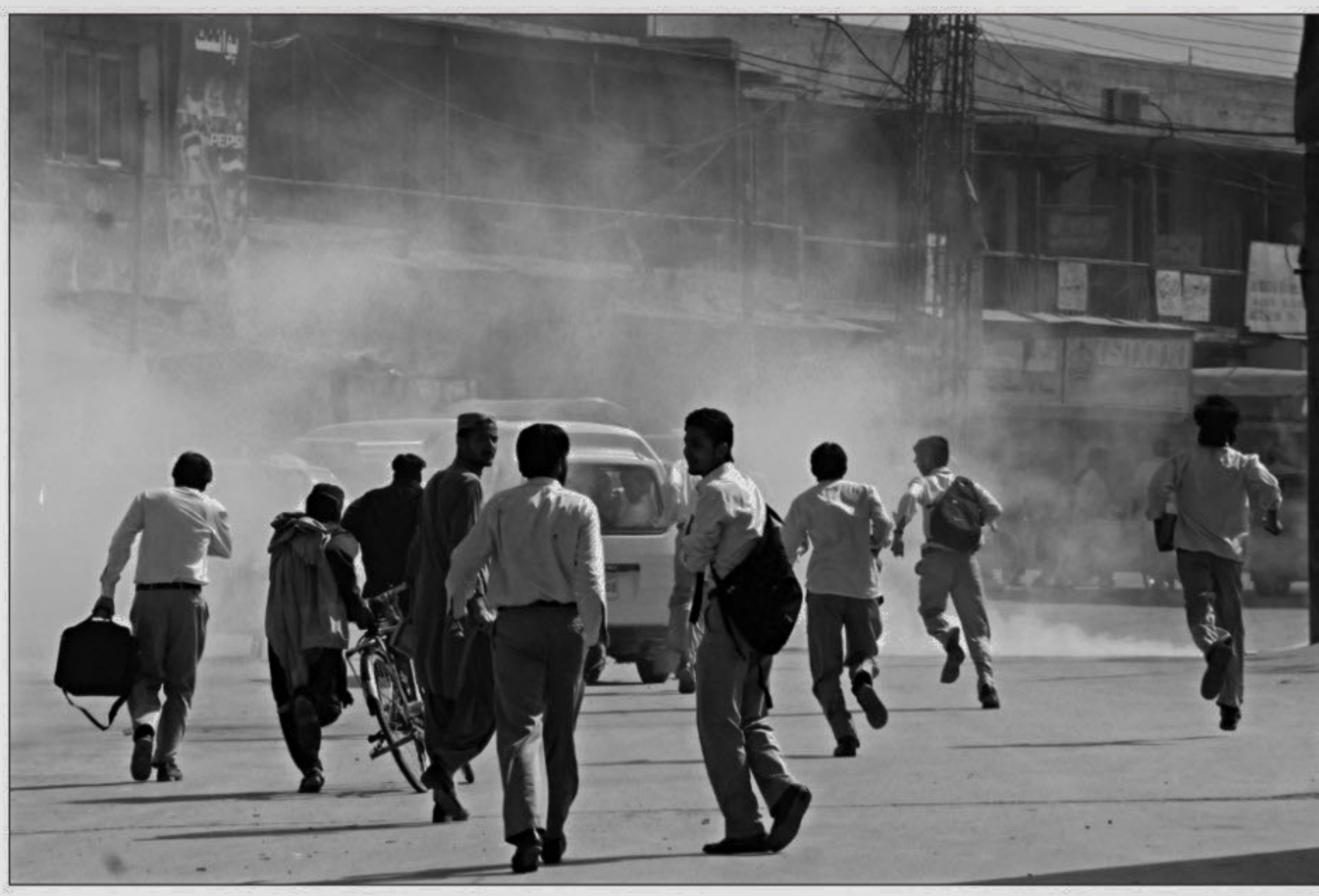
The package also includes a proposed amendment envisaging the trial of judges who validate any future military coup on charges of high treason.

Clarify stand on Modi Court asks Gujarat riot probe panel

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Gandhinagar

A division bench of the Gujarat High Court yesterday directed the Nanavati-Mehta commission probing the 2002 communal riots to clarify by April 1 whether its decision not to summon Chief Minister Narendra Modi and others was tentative or final.

The direction by the bench, headed by Chief Justice SJ Mukhopadhyay, came on a plea of the Jan Sangharsh Manch (JSM), which has been representing the 2002 riot victims before the judicial panel. The Nanavati-Mehta panel in September last year turned down the plea for summoning Modi, other ministers and officers for deposing before it.



Pakistani students disperse after police used tear gas on protesters during a rally against the killing of a college principal in Quetta yesterday.

Gunmen kill Pakistani college principal

US drone strikes kill 8 in N Waziristan

AFP, ANI, Quetta/ Miranshah

Gunmen yesterday assassinated a renowned Pakistani educationist in Baluchistan while eight militants were killed in US missile strikes from drone in North Waziristan.

Fazle Bari, principal of private boys' college Tameer-e-Nau, was killed in the drive-by shooting as he travelled to work in his car through the Baluchistan capital Quetta, senior police official Tariq Manzoor told AFP.

"Bari died on the spot and his driver was wounded," Manzoor said, linking the attack to a recent wave of unrest and "targeted killings."

Some 250 students blocked a main road during a march towards the residence of the Baluchistan governor to protest against the killing, prompting police to fire tear gas to disperse the crowd, an AFP reporter said.

A bomb planted under a rickshaw later

exploded near a paramilitary checkpoint in Quetta, killing a pedestrian and wounding three others, senior police official Hamid Shakeel told AFP.

"A nearby Frontier Corp checkpoint could have been the target," he said.

Earlier an unmanned US predator attack killed at least eight terrorists in an al-Qaeda and Taliban hideout in North Waziristan on Sunday, Pakistani intelligence officials have said.

The identity of killed militants in Inzar village of the North Waziristan is not known.

"The targeted compound belongs to a relative of a Taliban commander. Taliban have not started removing bodies yet," the Daily Times quoted a Pakistani official, as saying.

Meanwhile, airstrikes killed 15 Taliban in restive Pakistani northwestern tribal areas on Sunday as militants beheaded three tribesmen accusing them of spying for the United States.

Advani blogs against Kashmir's autonomy

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

Opposing autonomy for Jammu and Kashmir and restoration of the pre-1953 status to the troubled state, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader LK Advani has said the party won't allow the constitutional clock to be turned back and vowed to get Article 370 completely abrogated.

"All that the country wants is to move forward to the complete abrogation of Article 370," Advani said, referring to the constitutional provision that gives special status to Jammu and Kashmir in India.

Karzai holds talks with key militant group

AFP, Kabul

Afghan President Hamid Karzai has met a delegation from the country's second-biggest militant group, his spokesman confirmed to AFP yesterday.

"I confirm that a meeting between the Hezb-e-Islami delegation and the president took place a couple of days back," said Waheed Omar.

Karzai had yet to respond to a peace plan offered him by the Hezb-e-Islami delegation, the presidential spokesman added.

"They brought with them a peace plan, a proposal, and the president is studying it," he said.

Hezb-e-Islami, one of the biggest anti-Soviet resistance groups during the 1980s, is headed by warlord and former prime minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

The group had once said they would enter into peace talks with Karzai's government only once all foreign forces left Afghanistan soil.

The US State Department designated Hekmatyar as a terrorist in 2003, accusing him of taking part in and supporting attacks committed by al-Qaeda and the Taliban. He is also on a UN blacklist.

The group's spokesman, Haroon Zarghon, earlier told AFP that a delegation of senior Hezb-e-Islami members had handed Karzai a 15-point

document they hoped would form the basis of peace talks with the Kabul government.

"A delegation comprising senior members of Hezb-e-Islami is in Kabul with a 15-article peace plan to discuss with the government," Haroon Zarghon told AFP.

"Our peace plan has 15 points -- one of them is to set a clear timeline for the withdrawal of foreign forces and another the formation of an interim administration," Zarghon told AFP by telephone from an undisclosed location.

He spoke after Karzai's deputy spokesman confirmed that a series of reported arrests in Pakistan had a "negative impact" on efforts to broker a peace deal with the Taliban, the main group behind a nearly nine-year insurgency.

Analysts say Karzai is walking a knife-edge in efforts to bring peace to his war-ravaged country, balancing the interests of his neighbours and the Western countries supporting him.

Hezb-e-Islami was passive during the 1996-2001 Taliban rule, but regrouped to launch a separate armed resistance, albeit with shared goals, alongside the Taliban after the extremists were overthrown in a US-led invasion.

The delegation currently in Kabul is headed by Qutbuddin Helal, Hekmatyar's deputy and also a former prime minister, Qaribul Rehman Sayeed, Ghairat Baheer and other prominent figures who formed Hezb-e-Islami, Zarghon said.

BTRC to switch on legal links

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over Internet Protocol) business. "The BTRC will visit all the shutdown landline operators Tuesday. Only the valid customers will get connections," said BTRC Chairman Zia Ahmed.

He said the operators would have to certify their customers. "No illegal connections will be restored," he said, adding that they had made the decision considering the sufferings of the customers.

The BTRC has formed a six-member committee led by its Commissioner Aliwardi Khandaker to further investigate the operators' involvement in illegal VoIP business.

In association with the Rapid Action Battalion, the BTRC has recently shut down all operations of four private landline operators--RanksTel,

Dhaka Phone, WorldTel and People's Telecom--due to the companies' involvement in illegal VoIP business.

These operators have more than 5.5 lakh customers out of 17 lakh landline users in Bangladesh. RanksTel has 3 lakh customers while People's Telecom 1.6 lakh, Dhaka Phone 77,000 and WorldTel 14,000.

The BTRC chairman said legal battle against the operators would continue. "If the operators fail to explain their deeds, actions will be taken as per law," he added.

According to the Telecom Act 2001, imprisonment or penalty up to Tk 10 lakh or both may be awarded if anyone is found involved in such practice.

On March 18, the BTRC seized a huge number of VoIP equipment from RanksTel, and a huge more from Dhaka

Phone and WorldTel respectively on March 14 and March 16. On Sunday night it also seized VoIP equipment from People's Telecom office.

Five top officials of Dhaka Phone were arrested and sent to jail last Monday. The commission also filed a case against 12 officials of RanksTel.

The prime minister in a decisive move recently directed the telecom ministry and BTRC to take steps against illegal VoIP operation.

More than one crore non-resident Bangladeshis make over three crore minutes of calls to Bangladesh every day. The BTRC chairman claimed that after the recent drives international call termination through legal channels jumped over 4.5 crore minutes yesterday from 3 crore a week ago.

DCC asked to remove illegal billboards

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Bangladesh filed a writ petition with the HC.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Md Delwar Hossain also issued a rule upon the government to explain within three weeks as to why it should not be directed to demolish all illegal hoardings in the capital. A lawyer for the petitioner said the court issued the rule to know more about illegal hoardings and legal issues related to their removal.

It also summoned the OC of Shabbagh Police Station to the court on April 5 for explaining as to why Shabbagh police did not assist the DCC in tearing down illegal hoardings on March 18.

The OC would have to explain in black and white who directed the police not to cooperate with the DCC that day and

why departmental proceedings should not be launched against the OC.

It also asked the government to explain as to why departmental proceedings should not be launched against the policemen who did not assist the DCC.

The home secretary, the IGP, the DMP commissioner, the DCC mayor and the OC of Shabbagh Police Station were made respondents to the rule.

The DCC had to halt an eviction drive against illegal hoardings at Shabbagh intersection on March 18 as Shabbagh police suddenly withdrew from the drive within an hour.

The DCC team was scheduled to dismantle 13 illegal hoardings that day but could remove only two.

The HC yesterday also asked the DCC to submit a report

before it within two weeks whether the capital's authorised hoardings have been properly set up. The DCC has to get the report prepared by an expert committee.

It also directed the DMP commissioner to submit a report within two weeks on how many hoardings have been set up by the police in the capital and on what legal grounds those have been set up.

In the rule it also asked the government to explain why it should not be directed to pay compensation to the family members of the two people killed in a hoarding collapse in Gulshan-1 on March 15.

Following an eviction notice served by Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha against hazardous hoardings in September, 2007, Outdoor Advertising Owners' Association (OAOA) filed a writ

petition with the HC. The DCC move to dismantle hoardings from rooftops got stalled with the filing of the writ petition.

DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said a writ was filed following a discord over the enhanced rate of advertisement and at one stage OAOA accepted the rate and neither of the parties pursued the case.

Unsafe and unauthorised hoardings have been causing deaths in the capital but nothing has so far been done to punish the culprits responsible.

The HC came up with the directives and rules after a writ petition was filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh on March 21 for direction upon the law enforcement agencies to assist the DCC authorities in demolishing illegal hoardings.

The petition was filed following two deaths and injuries to eight people when a poorly mounted hoarding collapsed on them in front of Gulshan Shopping Centre in the city during a storm on March 15.

Manzill Murshid appeared for the petitioner, while Deputy Attorney General Akram Hossain stood for the government.

DCC Town Planner Sirajul Islam said, "We are inspired by the court directives and now we will go for eviction of unauthorised hoardings in full swing."

The DCC holds a meeting today with the OAOA, private telephone companies, multinational companies, industrial organisations and others to request them to remove any unauthorised hoardings and ensure safety of those authorised.

Tribunal, prosecution, probe agency

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The tribunal will be comprised of serving and retired judges of the High Court or district judges who are eligible to be appointed as the HC judges, sources said, adding that the chairman of the tribunal will be an incumbent judge. One of the members will be a retired judge.

A law ministry source yesterday said they had a proposal to appoint three incumbent HC judges to the tribunal and another proposal to appoint two HC judges and one incumbent district judge.

One will have to appeal against the tribunal's verdict with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court because the status of the war crimes tribunal would be equivalent to the HC.

The investigators will be appointed from serving and

retired officials of the Criminal Investigation Department. They must have good track records. An additional inspector general of police, incumbent or retired, will head the investigation agency, sources added.

"We won't keep any disgruntled people in the investigation agency to ensure fairness," said a home ministry official.

The officials also added that all the members of the tribunal, prosecution team and investigation agency would be competent enough to maintain international standards of the trial.

Meanwhile, the cabinet yesterday ratified the Rome Statute to give the trial an international standard. Bangladesh signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on July 17, 1998, the first South Asian country to do so.

"The ratification will prove

that Bangladesh is determined to follow international standards to prosecute crimes against humanity," Prime Minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad told reporters after the cabinet meeting, which was presided over by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The government has also arranged all the necessary logistic support for the trial to be held at the old High Court building.

The government will ensure security to witnesses, accused, prosecution and defence lawyers, investigators, journalists and foreign observers at the building.

Talking to The Daily Star Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury said, "Our move to try the war criminals is for justice, not for vengeance and we won't do anything excessive."

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