

Qatar: Pakistan Minister Stresses Need to Foster Corruption-free Future



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Pakistan's Minister for Law and Justice, Azam Nazeer Tarar, stressed the importance of collective efforts in the fight against corruption during the Second OIC Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Corruption in Doha. Speaking with <u>www.asiantelegraphqatar.com</u>, he emphasized the necessity of capacity building, intelligence sharing, and mutual legal assistance to strengthen accountability and integrity among OIC member states. Pakistan signed the Makkah Convention on Anti-Corruption on the final day of the meeting, reaffirming its commitment to transparency and the rule of law. In his address, Tarar thanked Qatar for hosting the event and expressed pride in Pakistan's role in finalizing the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Convention during its Chairmanship of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in 2022.

Tarar condemned the Israeli atrocities in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria, calling for an immediate ceasefire and accountability for war crimes. He emphasized that corruption remains a global challenge, hindering economic growth, eroding public trust, and obstructing efforts to improve living standards and access to education and healthcare. Tackling corruption requires robust national frameworks and international cooperation, he noted.

Tarar highlighted Pakistan's active participation in global initiatives, such as the Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network and the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering. He also mentioned the country's bilateral treaties and MOUs with nations like Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Nigeria, enhancing cooperation under the UNCAC and OIC frameworks. Reaffirming Pakistan's zero-tolerance stance on corruption, Tarar reiterated the nation's commitment to fostering a more accountable, transparent global society.