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## SC, LHC judges also receive ‘powder-laced’ letters

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ISLAMABAD:

Judges of the Supreme Court (SC) and the Lahore High Court (LHC) have also received “threatening letters”, said Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Operations Shahzad Bukhari on Wednesday. The senior police official appeared in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) earlier today and informed the court that the letters were sent to the senior-most judges of the LHC. He added that a team of law enforcers, including a team from the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) reached the LHC premises and increased security at the court premises. Sources said that the letter was delivered to the LHC by an employee of a private courier company, and was received by the judge’s staff.

During the hearing of a petition concerning the cypher case, a senior police official informed the IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq that the letters received by the IHC judges had been submitted for

forensic examination and a report was expected within three to four days. When the court inquired regarding the origin of the letters, the police official said “the stamp is not discernible” and added judges of LHC and SC have also received the letters from the same sender today. The court then asked if all the letters were posted from the same postal office. The CTD SSP then informed that it “appears” the letters have the stamp of the Rawalpindi post office. He clarified that they were not posted from the GPO but rather deposited in the GPO letter box. A day earlier, on April 2, eight judges, including Chief Justice Aamer Farooq of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) received letters containing an unknown powder, suspected to be laced with anthrax.