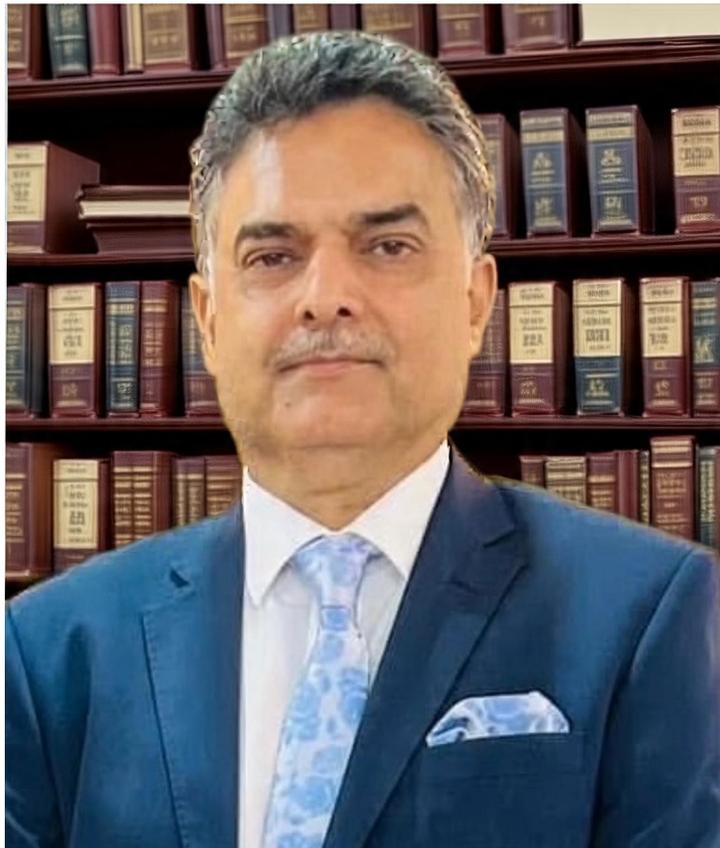


## Seasoned jurist Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry appointed as permanent Judge of Supreme Court of AJK



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Altaf Hamid Rao. MIRPUR (AJK): Dec. 26: Seasoned jurist Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry has been appointed as permanent Judge of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu Kashmir, authoritative official sources said. The new judge of the apex court of AJK designate Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry wa, by now, serving as Chief Custodian of Azad Jammu Kashmir, the sources told our Special Jammu Kashmir state Correspondent Altaf Hamid Rao here on Friday. Prime Minister Of Pakistan / Chairman Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has advised President of Azad Jammu Kashmir to appoint Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry as permanent judge of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu Kashmir, a formal official order issued on Thursday by the office of the Chairman AJK Council / Prime Minister of Pakistan said. “In exercise of the powers conferred under Article 42(4) of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution, 1974, as amended from time to time, the President of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is advised to appoint Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry, as the permanent Judge of the Supreme Court of AJ&K with effect from the date he makes oath”, the official order issued by the office of the Prime Minister of Pakistan/Chairman AJK Council said The judge designate Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry has long distinguished career in the legal field as seasoned lawyer besides holding various key positions related to the legal profession. The seasoned jurist Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry, formerly Judge, High Court of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, is currently serving as Custodian Evacuee Property of Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

Life profile of the Judge designate:- Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhary born on 16 June 1969 in Mipur, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Pakistan holding nationality of Pakistan. As legal practitioner: he currently holding office of Custodian of Evacuee Property of Azad Jammu & Kashmir. He also served as Judge of the High Court Azad Jammu & Kashmir. Appointed by the Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir after consultation with Chief Justice of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Chief Justice of High Court, Azad Jammu & Kashmir. Education: He passed Secondary School Certificate examination from Mirpur Public School, Mirpur AJ&K, Higher Secondary School Certificate examination from Government Pilot Secondary School, Mirpur Government Degree College, Mirpur AJ&K. Did Graduation from University of the Punjab, Lahore Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Passed certificate in Quranic Studies examination from International Islamic University, Islamabad. Career as Legal Practitioner securing Milestones: 1995: Joined legal profession as Pleader 1996: Elected Joint Secretary, District Bar Association, Mirpur. Enrolled as Advocate, High Court of AJK (20th June, 1998), Elected General Secretary, District Bar Association, Mirpur in 2001, Appointed as Standing Counsel, District Courts (10th December, 2001), Enrolled as Advocate, Supreme Court of AJK (22nd September, 2004) for two years from 2006, Assistant Advocate General, Government of AJK in 2008 and served as Legal Advisor, Mirpur Development Authority (November, 2008) Elected as President, District Bar Association, Mirpur General Secretary (2009 -

2010), AJK High Court Bar Association General Secretary, AJK Supreme Court Bar Association, Member, AJK Bar Council (5 years) (2013 to 2017), Chairman, Executive Committee, AJK Bar Council, Judge, High Court of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (Tenure: 23 May 2018-July, 2020). Legal Practice: Served as Advocate / legal expert of Civil and Criminal Law, Revenue Court, Banking and Accountability Courts, Representation from Subordinate Courts upto Supreme Court of AJK, Environmental Law & Public Service, Chairman, Mirpur District Environmental Lawyers Forum, General Secretary, Environmental Protection Lawyers Forum, appointed by: Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Azad Jammu Kashmir.