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## Veteran legal expert Mr Khalid Yousaf Chaudhary sworns in as Permanent Judge of Supreme Court of Azad Jammu Kashmir:



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MIRPUR (AJK): Dec 29:

The newly-appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Mr. Justice Khalid Yousuf Chaudhry on Monday took oath of his office as permanent Judge of the apex court of AJK, it was officially stated.

Chief Justice of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Justice Raja Saeed Akram Khan administered the oath to Mr. Justice Khalid Yousuf Chaudhry at a ceremony held at the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu and Kashmir building complex in the State metropolis, Our Special Jammu Kashmir state Correspondent Altaf Hamid Rao reports.

The oath-taking ceremony was attended among others by Senior Judge Supreme Court Justice Raza Ali Khan, Chief Justice High Court Justice Sardar Liaquat Hussain, Judge High Court Justice Khalid Rashid Chaudhry, Former Senior Judge Supreme Court Justice Khawaja Muhammad Naseem, Former Judge Supreme Court Justice Ghulam Mustafa Mughal, Former Chief Justice High Court Justice Sadaqat Hussain Raja, Chairman Service Tribunal, Chairman Environmental Tribunal, Vice Chairman Bar Council Tariq Bashir, President Supreme Court Bar Association Raja Aftab Ahmed Khan, Secretary Supreme Court Bar Association, President High Court Bar Association Raja Waseem Younis, Secretary High Court Bar Association, President Central Bar Association Syed Anisul Hassan Gilani, office bearers and representatives of Bar Council and all Bar Associations of Azad Jammu Kashmir, Secretaries to the Government and lawyers from all over

Azad Jammu and Kashmir participated in large numbers.

The oath-taking ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Secretary Law, Azad Jammu and Kashmir Government Irshad Ahmed Qureshi read out the notification about appointment of Mr Khalid Yusuf Chaudhry as Judge Supreme Court of Azad Jammu Kashmir. Justice Khalid Yusuf Chaudhry has previously been performing as Judge of the High Court and currently, before his appointment as judge of the apex court of AJK, he was serving as Custodian of Evacuee (Abandoned) Property in Azad Jammu Kashmir.

#### Life Profile:

The newly-appointed permanent judge of the Supreme Court of Azad Jammu Kashmir Mr. Justice Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry has long distinguished career in the legal field as seasoned lawyer besides holding various key positions related to the legal profession spreading over three decades.

The seasoned jurist Khalid Yousaf Chaudhry, formerly Judge, High Court of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, was currently serving as Custodian Evacuee Property of Azad Jammu & Kashmir before his appointment as judge of the apex court of AJK

Mr. Khalid Yousaf Chaudhary born on 16 June 1969 in Mipur, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Pakistan holding

nationality of Pakistan.

As legal practitioner, he served Custodian of Evacuee Property of Azad Jammu & Kashmir besides as Judge of the High Court Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

He was 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.

Academic profile:

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.