
Biggest beneficiary of favouritism': Imran lashes out at Mohsin Naqvi over 'major surgery' remarks

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Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan on Monday called for action against Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Mohsin Naqvi, urging him to 'undergo surgery' after he failed to conduct fair elections. He was responding to Naqvi's remarks made a day earlier, in which he indicated that significant changes would take place in the national team following the six-run defeat to India in the T20 World Cup 2024. The PCB chief remarked that a "major surgery" is now necessary. "Initially, I believed a minor surgery would suffice, but after this poor performance, it's clear that a major overhaul is needed. The nation will soon witness substantial changes," Naqvi said. In an informal conversation with journalists at Adiala Jail's courtroom today, Khan criticised

the authorities, highlighting ongoing security issues. “Our soldiers are being martyred, and robberies are occurring in Islamabad, yet they do not care,” Khan remarked. Khan alleged that efforts are being made to silence him and cover up election rigging, criticising the Chief Election Commissioner for overseeing fraudulent activities. He also condemned actions against PTI members across Punjab, noting that gatherings were disrupted, and party members were detained wherever they held conventions. Highlighting personal grievances, Khan mentioned the raid on PTI leader Shibli Faraz’s residence and urged his party to prepare for nationwide protests. The former premier announced plans for legal action against the jail superintendent, IG prisons, and an in-house colonel for restricting his interactions with family, lawyers, and political leaders to 30 minutes each with no more than six people allowed to visit. The former prime minister also complained about being denied the same privileges as Nawaz Sharif and Asif Zardari when they were in prison, who received home-cooked meals and frequent visits. When asked about the presence of PML-N MNA Barrister Aqeel Malik in the courtroom, the PTI supremo responded that PML-N and PTI MNAs should visit the jail. Following this, a journalist inquired about the relevance of the Hamoodur Rahman Commission report to the current situation, to which Khan consulted with his lawyer, Intazar Hussain Panjutha, before the jail staff asked the media to leave the courtroom.