
Imran claims negotiations may result in toppling of PML-N govt

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RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founding chairman Imran Khan stated on Friday that any negotiations with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) could result in the downfall of their government. During an informal media chat at the hearing of the £190 million reference case, the incarcerated former PM expressed his desire to negotiate for Pakistan's benefit, not for personal or governmental interests.

“I want to negotiate for Pakistan, not for myself or the government,” he said. Imran reiterated his willingness to step back if it benefits the country. He criticised the current government for not reducing expenses and failing to create an investment-friendly environment. “The country is in crisis,” he said. “The government has not reduced its expenses, which is troubling. The current government has failed to create an environment for investment.”

Imran argued that Pakistan needs a mandate-driven government for necessary reforms, pointing out that the current budget highlights the limitations of a non-mandated government. He condemned heavy taxation on professionals and the public, predicting severe impacts from the upcoming electricity bills. Imran lamented the broken promises on load-shedding in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP), where power cuts are extensive. He criticised the ongoing issue of electricity theft in various regions, questioning where the public should turn for solutions.

Imran also complained about being barred from meeting Ali Amin Gandapur. He criticised Maryam Nawaz for extravagant spending on self-promotion. He announced plans to file cases against major and colonel officials in Adiala Jail, accusing Ahsan Iqbal of contempt for suggesting he be jailed for five years. He criticised recent judicial and administrative actions and amendments to NAB laws, alleging they were made to conceal corruption. He warned that further borrowing would be needed to pay off the national debt and urged the judiciary to support the weak rather than the powerful.