

Aseefa Bhutto criticises budget, calls for unity and relief for masses

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Aseefa Bhutto-Zardari, daughter of President Asif Ali Zardari and sister of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, has criticised the current economic situation in Pakistan, highlighting record-high inflation and unemployment. Speaking in the National Assembly on Sunday, the PPP member said the new budget does not represent the public and should have provided relief for farmers and ordinary citizens. “Do the people of Pakistan deserve this anti-people budget?” she asked. “We need to move forward to provide relief for the common man and strengthen our farmers. The people of Pakistan deserve better, and we should work together to achieve improvement.” Aseefa emphasised the importance of unity during times of ideological division and conflict. “At a time when people are divided by their ideological beliefs, when disagreements are weaponised, and dissent is met with violence, it is crucial for us as elected members of this

house to rise and discuss these issues,” she said. She urged for tolerance to extend beyond speeches and words, calling for action and the rejection of divisive politics. “We must unite for the people’s sake and find ways to provide them with relief,” she added. “We need to use our human resources for development and find methods to give direct relief to the poor. I hope we will witness a new era in politics.” Addressing the need for national unity, Aseefa pointed out the challenges faced by Sindh, such as prolonged power outages. “When the President talks about unity, it is the need of the hour. Blame games are not the solution to any problem. In this scorching heat, Sindh is suffering from power cuts of 15 to 20 hours. This is unbearable.” She concluded by expressing hope for a new political culture that rejects divisive politics and addresses critical issues like wheat import decisions. “We must strengthen our farmers and work towards a better future together.”