

PTI opposes appointment of 'like-minded' ad hoc judges in SC

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ISLAMABAD:

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has opposed the appointment of ad hoc judges in the Supreme Court (SC), describing it as a move based on dishonesty. PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar while addressing a press conferfence in Islamabad emphasised that the matter has been referred to the Supreme Judicial Council to prevent what he termed was an attempt to install 'like-minded judges'. "Four judges are being installed during holidays, the matter of judges should not be made contrvertial," the PTI supremo added. Meanwhile, PTI leader Omar Ayub criticised what he called the fabrication of cases against their party's Natonal Assembly members. He denouncing cases against Imran Khan and other party lerader describibg them as baseless accusations aimed at tarnishing their reputation. Ayub also highlighted the re-arrest of Bushra Bibi by the NAB team on

what he termed as false charges. Addressing the Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa, Omrar Ayub requested that the PTI's cases not be heard by the ad hoc judges. "No one can point fingers at our patriotism," the PTI's General Secretary added. Senator Shibli Faraz added to the criticism saying the current state of affairs in the country, and the system had been severely damaged during the past two years. He expressed concern over the ruling elite's failure to grasp the importance of public opinion and cautioned against any attempt to impose restrictions on the party. Echoing similar sentiments, PTI leader Asad Qaiser lamented the prevailing anarchy in the country, asserting that Pakistan has become a lawless land where coercion and extortion prevail unchecked.