

## No one can ban PTI, says Omar Ayub

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Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Omar Ayub Khan has stated that no one could ban Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), reaffirming the Supreme Court's stance that PTI is a political party and will remain so. Speaking to the media outside Adiala Jail on Thursday, Ayub and other PTI leaders shared insights from their recent meeting with the incarcerated PTI founder, Imran Khan. "The fight for true freedom will continue," Ayub quoted the founder. He criticised the government, calling its members "naïve". "You imprisoned our leader, but our party remains unbroken," he asserted. Ayub highlighted the Supreme Court's declaration that PTI's political status is untouchable. He also addressed the nation's economic challenges, noting the rising prices of gas, petrol, flour, lentils, and sugar. He accused the current administration of profiting from

wheat imports during Mohsin Naqvi's tenure and hinted at upcoming privatisation deals aimed at generating substantial revenue. "SIFC plans to earn only Rs30 billion through privatisation, while the actual value exceeds Rs1,000 billion," he said. He also mentioned that the PTI founder had ordered organisational restructuring. Ayub expressed concerns about jail conditions, alleging interference from intelligence officials during their meeting. "We will summon Islamabad's in-charge, Punjab's IG, the interior secretary, and Adiala Jail's superintendent," Ayub declared. He condemned the involvement of secret agencies in political affairs, urging them to focus on counter-terrorism instead. Ayub insisted, "This government is out of control; we will get our seats back. The Chief Election Commissioner and commissioners should resign immediately and face Article 6 charges." PTI leader Rauf Hassan warned that any adverse moves against PTI would harm Pakistan, vowing to defend the party's position.

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