

## Maryam slams reserved seats ruling, accuses SC judges of ‘rewriting Constitution’

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Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Friday expressed her surprise at the Supreme Court’s recent ruling concerning reserved seats and questioned the legitimacy of reinstating individuals she described as “criminals of the nation.” Maryam Nawaz criticised the SC judges for allegedly rewriting the constitution to facilitate the return of one individual, urging them to allow the country to function properly. She questioned the integrity of the judges, suggesting that decisions should be based on the Constitution rather than personal conscience. Maryam condemned the court’s directive for individuals to join the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) within 15 days, arguing that it granted requests that were not made. She also criticized the return of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), asserting that the person responsible is currently serving a prison sentence

in Adiala Jail, further questioning why the court overlooked the damage caused, including attacks on memorials to martyrs. The CM urged that the government working to stabilize the country should be allowed to continue its efforts and called on the public to remain vigilant against further disruptions. Speaking at a Lahore event, the CM acknowledged the challenge of reversing rising inflation and praised Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif for his tough decisions in addressing the economic crisis. She pointed out that the government inherited a declining economy rather than a thriving one and vowed to take all necessary measures to improve the situation. Announcing a major initiative, Maryam highlighted that Punjab is set to launch Pakistan's largest solar project, which will provide free solar power to households consuming up to 200 units of electricity. She assured the nation of her administration's commitment to diligently serving the country throughout their term. "The government will complete its five-year term. Any attempts to disrupt its functioning will be met with strong resistance," stated Maryam.