

Two-day physical remand for PTI's Raoof Hasan approved

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A judicial magistrate has approved a 2-day physical remand for the Information Secretary of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Raoof Hasan, following a request from the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), which had sought a 10-day remand. On Monday, Islamabad Police arrested Hasan during a raid on the PTI Secretariat, seizing a computer and other items. According to sources, authorities allege that the digital media cell at PTI's office had become a hub for international disinformation, where anti-Pakistan propaganda was being carried out in collaboration with enemy agencies. However, PTI condemned the raid, accusing law enforcers of seizing affidavits from MNAs and MPAs that stand crucial for verifying party affiliations and could significantly impact the National Assembly's composition. Hasan, along with other PTI members, was presented before Judicial Magistrate Abbas Shah's court. The FIA prosecutor argued that the remand was necessary to recover devices used for social media accounts, which are crucial for further investigation. PTI's lawyer, Latif Khosa, argued that Hasan has no connection to the digital media wing and that it is unjust to label them as traitors. The court handed over Hasan and 10 other male detainees to the FIA for a 2-day physical remand, while ordering judicial remand for the arrested women, sending them to jail.