

Imran Khan seeks court intervention against potential custody transfer to military

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Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has filed a petition against his potential handover to military custody, arguing that detainees involved in the events of May 9 should remain under the jurisdiction of civilian courts, and sought an injunction to this effect. The petition was submitted by Khan's lawyer, Uzair Karamat, to the Lahore High Court (LHC). The federal government and the Inspector Generals (IGs) of all four provinces have been made respondents in the case. Khan stated that a false narrative had been constructed, accusing him of inciting protests at the General Headquarters (GHQ). He described the May 9 incident as a "false flag operation," asserting that those who stole the CCTV footage of the events were the true culprits. The PTI's supremo criticised the comparison of the May 9 incident to the US Capitol Hill protests, highlighting that a thorough and transparent investigation was conducted in the case, leading to the punishment of only the involved individuals, without implicating the entire Republican Party. The then-Prime Minister urged the court to order that custody in the May 9 cases remain with civilian courts and to issue a stay order preventing his handover to military authorities.