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## ECP recognises 93 additional PTI lawmakers following SC ruling

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The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has officially recognised an additional 93 assembly members as part of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). According to a notification issued by the ECP, 29 members from the Sunni Ittehad Council in Punjab, 58 members from the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, and 6 members from the Sindh Assembly have been declared as PTI members. The ECP has released a notification confirming the recognition of these 93 members as part of PTI. Previously, the electoral watchdog had officially recognised 39 members of the National Assembly as part of the PTI. According to a spokesperson, the commission uploaded the notification to its website. "In pursuance of the order of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, dated July 12 2024, the following returned candidates against general seats of the National Assembly are

declared to have been returned as candidates of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI),” the notification read. Earlier, the PTI submitted a list of candidates for reserved seats of women and minority members to the ECP. According to reports, the list included the names of PTI stalwarts Yasmin Rashid, Sanam Javed and Aliya Hamza Malik. The list also included 67 names for seats reserved for women and 11 for minority seats. Apart from Sanam and Aliya, Kanwal Shauzab, Rubina Shaheen and Seemabia Tahir have also been chosen for reserved seats for women in the National Assembly. After the apex court ruled the decision in favour of PTI, the electoral watchdog in a press release confirmed its commitment to comply with the court’s directive but instructed its legal team to identify any implementation obstacles promptly. The commission stated, “The ECP will continue to perform its duties in accordance with the constitution and the law, without yielding to any pressure.” The apex court’s majority verdict overturned the Peshawar High Court judgment dated March 25 and also declared the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) order dated March 1 unconstitutional, lacking lawful authority and having no legal effect.