

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

Present:

Justice Qazi Faez Isa, CJ
Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar
Justice Musarrat Hilali

Case Under Objection No. 17/2024

In
Constitution Petition NIL/2024

Rev. Fr. Khalid Mukhtar and others. ... *Petitioners*

Versus

Federation of Pakistan through its Secretary
M/o Interior, Islamabad and others. ... *Respondents*

For the Petitioners: Mr. Faisal Siddiqui, ASC.

For the Respondents: Not represented.

Date of Hearing: 13.02.2024.

ORDER

Learned Mr. Faisal Siddiqui points out that this Constitution Petition filed under Article 184(3) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan ('the Constitution') by six petitioners has not been numbered because of the office objections. He submits that the matter fairly and squarely falls within the parameters of Article 184(3) of the Constitution as it is of *public importance* involving the enforcement of Fundamental Rights, including *right to life* (Article 9), *dignity of man and privacy* (Article 14), *security of persons* (Article 19), *freedom to profess religion* (Article 20), *right to property* (Article 23) and *equality of citizens and equal protection of law* (Article 25). He further states that the matters raised herein are similar to the matters of which this Court has already entertained *vide* order dated 8 September 2023. The attacks on any community, in this case on non-Muslim communities, is a matter of grave concern and public importance. The fact that citizens, their homes, their places of religious worship and their graveyards were attacked violated a number of their Fundamental Rights, guaranteed by the Constitution. Therefore, the office objection is overruled and the office is directed to number/register the Constitution Petition and place it before the Committee constituted under the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023 ('the Act'). Office is also directed



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to identify all cases involving the same point, including those in SMC N. 1/2014, and to so inform the Committee constituted under the Act.

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