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## The objectives behind FM Asim Munir's actions are clear:

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**USPA NEWS** - I am deeply grieved by the loss of lives of innocent children, women, and ordinary citizens due to the bombardment of Tirah Valley. For the past one year, I have repeatedly conveyed the message that no operations should be conducted in these areas, nor should innocent lives be wasted under the pretext of collateral damage, as this only fuels further terrorism. It is unfortunate that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has fallen into the establishment's trap in this matter.

The example of our neighboring country, Afghanistan, is before everyone. During our tenure, Ashraf Ghani himself told us that military operations only increase terrorism because innocent people are killed. Earlier, Hamid Karzai had warned the Americans that whenever operations are carried out, innocent lives are lost, and 90 percent of those who join the Taliban do so in grief and anger.

We improved relations with Afghanistan during our tenure in government, which also brought peace to our tribal regions. However, upon assuming power, Asim Munir sought to disrupt this environment. He issued threatening statements against Afghanistan, forcefully expelled Afghan refugees who had been residing here for decades instead of treating them with dignity, and drone strikes were carried out there, which further damaged relations.

The objectives behind Asim Munir's actions are clear:

To make the government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa unpopular.

To please anti-Taliban lobbies in the West and portray himself as waging a war against terrorism.

Although Asim Munir is traveling around the world, wisdom demands that he must first go to Afghanistan and hold dialogues with our brotherly Islamic neighbor with whom we share a 2,500-kilometer border. For peace in the tribal belt and the region, it is essential that four stakeholders: the Afghan government, the Pakistani government, and both the tribal and Afghan people sit together and resolve issues through dialogue, so that the path to peace may be opened and further loss averted.

I have been offered deals time and again, told either to leave the country or remain silent, and in return my cases would be withdrawn. Yet from the very first day, my position has been that I will only emerge from these cases through the courts, never as the result of any deal. This is why 300 fabricated cases have been filed against me. Any other person could not have withstood such persecution, but I know that I am innocent and that I stand on the side of truth.

Even the false Toshakhana case has now completely collapsed. Witnesses presented by the prosecution, Brigadier Ahmad and Colonel Rehan, themselves admitted that the Toshakhana gifts were not taken to my residence but deposited in the Toshakhana, and all documentation is complete.

Therefore, acquittal in this case should be granted in a single day, and in particular, bail for Bushra Begum should be approved, as she is a woman and is facing nothing but baseless allegations of aiding and abetment.

I am fully aware that the so-called courts under the 26th Amendment deliver dictated verdicts, not according to the law but according to Asim Law. The sequence has already been planned: first, conviction will be announced in the second Toshakhana case, and only then will bail in the Al-Qadir Trust case be approved. This is the script, and the judiciary is currently functioning not on the basis of law, but according to this script.

Former Prime Minister

IMRAN KHAN

speaking with family and lawyers at Adiala Jail – 24 September 2025

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