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Chief Justice of Pakistan Supreme Court Constitution Avenue, G-5, Islamabad

## Subject: Strong Opposition to Recent Supreme Court Decision on Civilian Trials in Military Courts

Dear Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

We, SABKA, a body of concerned citizens, write to express our strong opposition to the recent decision that sanctions the trial of civilians in military courts. The decision not only questions the competence of Civil Courts but also raises significant concerns about the preservation of a fair and independent judiciary.

The recent Supreme Court judgment, legalizing the trial of civilians in military courts, marks a departure from established legal principles. By endorsing the use of Military Courts for civilian trials, the decision undermines public trust in the fairness of legal proceedings and poses a serious threat to the foundational principles of justice.

CJP Qazi Faez Isa and other esteemed justices bear the responsibility of upholding justice and safeguarding the integrity of the legal system. The legalization of civilian trials in military courts reflects negatively on the competence of our judicial system and jeopardizes the rights of civilians.

We strongly urge the Supreme Court to reconsider this decision, reaffirm its commitment to the Constitution, and ensure the protection of fundamental rights of all citizens. It is critically important for the judiciary to resist any encroachment on its independence and uphold justice through established legal channels.

The people of Pakistan look to the Supreme Court as the guardian of justice, and we trust that you will take decisive action to remedy this troubling situation.

Respectfully submitted,
On behalf of the members of SABKA

We are committed to amplifying the voices of the citizens of Pakistan.

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