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Pakistani Spy Agency bowed under Mafia Pressures

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(London) Fasihuddin, a senior police officer and ex-director Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Peshawar, is still roaming in the city of Islamabad to seek justice, as he was twice transferred in a period less than four months of his tenure as Director FIA, Peshawar. The officer unearthed mega corruption scams in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), worth billions of rupees, in almost every other mismanaged department like Tribal Electric Supply Corporation (TESCO), Pak PWD, Income-Tax, Railways and Sui Gas. Inquiries were initiated and cases registered against many big fish which gave rise to a hue and cry by every other ministry, ultimately leading to his twice removal from the provincial post and then his subsequent repatriation orders from FIA back to the KPK Police, where he worked as Director General, Human Rights and Conflict-Resolution for two years as his last posting, and having many good initiatives to his credit like establishment of the Directorate of Human Rights and Computer Base Training (CBT) laboratory at Central Police Office, Peshawar. For the first time he added new data collection system on violence against children and women at all the 238 police-stations of the Province and developed a data-base on juvenile justice indicators and a Police Child Protection Centre at Peshawar with the assistance of Ministry of Human Rights and international community, during his two years as DG, Human Rights in KPK Police.



The services of the officer were requisitioned by the ex-Director General of FIA, Mr. Zafrullah Khan, while Fasihuddin was in Australia for a two month course on Research and Policy Divide at the Australian National University. His notification was issued by the Establishment Division on June 9, 2010, a few days before his arrival to Pakistan and his orders as Director FIA/KPK were issued by FIA on the day he reached Pakistan, June 15th, 2010.

Fasihuddin worked hard for about three months, including bringing to light some mega scams, negotiating with UNODC for a CBT- laboratory at FIA Peshawar and some infrastructure assistance form AUSAID for about \$ 21,000, which all were granted in this short period. However, with the transfer of the ex-DG Mr. Zafrullah Khan on Sept. 15, 2010, who gave enough support to his director against the powerful mafia, the officer was left alone to fight for himself. Unfortunately, his predecessor, now Director Administration, turned against him for re-opening of some closed mega enquiries, which reportedly involve some of his close relatives and friends. The new DG Mr. Waseem Ahmad from Karachi, had hardly met his office-staff that within a two week time, was influenced by his Director Administration

to repatriate Fasihuddin to his present department, though without completing his normal tenure of 03-years deputation at FIA, and that too, having no charge, complaint or inquiry pending against him. The first letter of his repatriation was written on 30th September, 2010 which was sent to the Establishment Division through Ministry of Interior on Oct 3rd, 2010. However, before any action, Fasihuddin was transferred from FIA, KPK on 11th October for no valid reasons, the transfer orders of which were immediately held in abeyance on October 13th by the DG, FIA, reportedly on the intervention of some other senior security officials. Afterwards, his victimization continued due to the instigation of corrupt mafias and in connivance with the Director Administration, to oust him from the said post. An engineered story against Fasihuddin was managed in a newspaper, which was made the basis of his transfer, but which was rejected by many media writers and analysts and Fasihuddin's rebuttal was highly and repeated printed by local media, due to which the newspaper removed that story from their website and Fasihuddin issued, through his counsel, a legal notice to the story-writer (Umer Cheema) for apology or payment of Rs. 50 million as damages or face litigation in a competent court of law.

His second time transfer on 25th, 2010 was coupled with a plethora of orders and requests of his repatriation on 26th and 27th Nov, both by FIA headquarters and Ministry of Interior. Director Administration, while having no authority per law and before any formal notification of his repatriation by the Establishment Division, Government of Pakistan, issued the orders of his relieving from FIA, an unprecedented event in the history of government administrative affairs. However, the Establishment Division on his repatriation request by Interior Ministry on 26th, wrote back to the Ministry vide their letter No. 12/9/82/E-3 (Police) dated Dec. 9th, 2010 that since the officer has not completed his normal tenure of his deputation in the FIA and since his services were requisitioned by FIA and the Ministry themselves, so his services should be utilized by FIA, thus his repatriation can't be made at this point. Despite these clear-cut orders the all-powerful Director Administration has refused to entertain Fasihuddin as an officer in FIA while the DG, FIA was on leave abroad.

The state of affairs in Pakistan can be easily assessed that the corruption mafia is extremely powerful, having good connection with many inside the government; administration and that how badly they can victimize and dislodge an officer who can potentially threat their nexus. Pertinent to mention, Fasihuddin is the President of the first-ever Pakistan Society of Criminology (www.pakistansocietyofcriminology.com), the Editor-in-chief of *Pakistan Journal of Criminology*, the first research-based quarterly, and has attended dozens of international forums to present his criminological research papers across the world. Some of his articles are published internationally.