

## PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

## ORDER UNDER RULE 210 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

JUNE 27, 2025

WHEREAS, in order to preserve decorum, uphold the dignity of this august Assembly, and to ensure that parliamentary proceedings can continue without disruption, I, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, pronounced a detailed ruling in the House yesterday, on June 26, 2025, which set a standard applicable equally to all Members of this House, regardless of their political affiliation;

**AND WHEREAS,** in my ruling, I established, in the light of judicial orders of superior courts and precedents, that the right to protest and freedom of expression has certain reasonable limitations imposed by the Constitution and laws/Rules, and it is not an absolute right;

AND WHEREAS, my ruling elucidated distinction between lawful protest and rowdy conduct and in support of my arguments, I also quoted examples from the Parliaments around the world where such rowdy behaviours were dealt with and stern actions were taken;

AND WHEREAS, at the end of that ruling, I had, in unequivocal terms, ruled that:

"In future, I shall take all the steps within the legal framework to maintain order and uphold dignity of this august House and its members."

AND WHEREAS, Rule 223 of the Rules of Procedure of Provincial Assembly of the Punjab 1997 (the Rules), framed under Article 67, read with Article 127, of the Constitution, provides the code of conduct to be observed by members while present in the Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, just after one day following my ruling, i.e. today on Friday, June 27, 2025, when the sitting of the House commenced, the conduct of the Opposition Members became disorderly, beyond all parliamentary reasoning and practices, which is absolutely not permissible under the Rules; they started tearing the agenda papers and hurled torn pieces towards the treasury benches; used offensive, abusive and unparliamentary language and slogans; they also manhandled the treasury members who were standing in their way when they were trying to approach the treasury benches with threatening gestures;

**AND WHEREAS**, the conduct of following Members, particularly, was against all parliamentary norms and in sheer violation and disregard of the Rules and my said ruling:

	Name of MPA	Rule violated
1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7) 8) 9) 11) 12) 13) 14) 15) 16) 17) 18) 19) 20) 21) 22) 24) 25) 26)	Malik Fahad Masood, MPA (PP-13) Mr Muhammad Tanveer Aslam, MPA (PP-19) Syed Riffat Mehmood, MPA (PP-24) Mr Yasir Mehmood Qureshi, MPA (PP-25) Mr Kaleem Ullah Khan, MPA (PP-60) Mr Muhammad Ansar Iqbal, MPA (PP-73) Mr Ali Asif, MPA (PP-75) Mr Zulfiqar Ali, MPA (PP-76) Mr Ahmad Mujtaba Chaudhary, MPA (PP-99) Mr Shahid Javed, MPA (PP-115) Mr Muhammad Ismael, MPA (PP-116) Mr Khayal Ahmad, MPA (PP-118) Mr Shahbaz Ahmad, MPA (PP-130) Mr Tayyab Rashid, MPA (PP-130) Mr Tayyab Rashid, MPA (PP-155) Mr Ali Imtiaz, MPA (PP-156) Mr Rashid Tufail, MPA (PP-156) Mr Rashid Tufail, MPA (PP-175) Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal, MPA (PP-203) Mr Khalid Zubair Nisar, MPA (PP-231) Ch Muhammad Ejaz Shafi, MPA (PP-258) Ms Saima Kanwal, MPA (PP-260) Mr Muhammad Naeem, MPA (PP-263) Mr Sajjad Ahmad, MPA (PP-265) Rana Aourang Zaib, MPA (PP-276) Mr Shuaib Ameer, MPA (PP-281)	223. (c) shall not interrupt any member while speaking by disorderly expression or noises or in any other disorderly manner; (f) shall maintain silence when not speaking in the Assembly; (h) shall not chant slogans, display banners or placards, throw and tear Table documents and reports etc.; (i) shall not indulge in rowdy behaviour;

**AND WHEREAS,** I repeatedly tried to call the House to order but they declined to act in accordance with the Rules and persisted with misconduct and disorder and kept challenging my orders and authority;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Constitution, the Rules, parliamentary practices and precedents bestow utmost powers to the office of Speaker; Rule 14 of the Rules envisages "Powers and functions of the Speaker", i.e., the Speaker shall call the sitting to order, and he shall preserve order and decorum, shall have all powers necessary for the purpose of enforcing his decisions;

**AND WHEREAS,** I have reached the conclusion that they disregarded my authority as Speaker and abused these rules by consistently and willfully obstructing the business of the Assembly in terms of Rule 210 of the Rules;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Malik Muhammad Ahmad Khan, Speaker, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under rule 210 (3) of the Rules of Procedure, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, 1997, order that the members named hereinbefore shall remain suspended from the service of the Assembly for fifteen sittings of the Assembly.

MALIK MUHAMMAD AHMAD KHAN SPEAKER

June 27, 2025

CH AMER HABIB Secretary General

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A copy is forwarded to all the members named above.

June 27, 2025

(Khalid Mahmood)
Secretary (Parliamentary Affairs)

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