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26th Constitutional Amendment: Judicial Reforms or Judiciary in shackles?

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The 26th constitutional amendment of Pakistan has given overriding authority to Parliament over judiciary. The amendment shackles the judiciary by compromising its independence and paving the way for increased political influence over the judiciary.

Challenges for the new Chief Justice of Pakistan

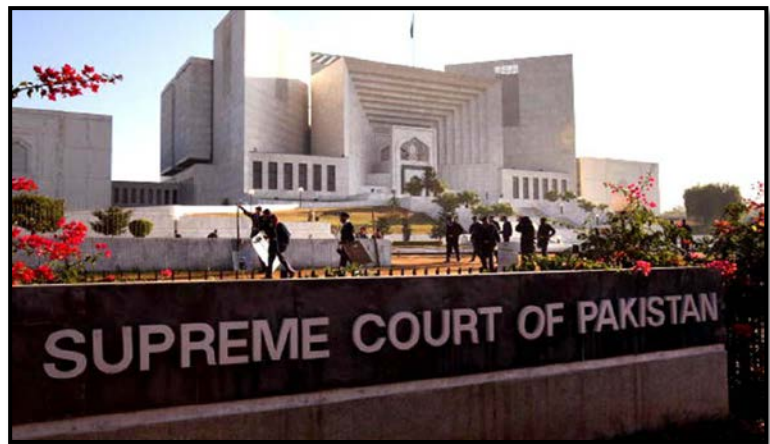
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The elevation of Justice Yahya Afridi as the Chief Justice of Pakistan has brought in challenges which need an almost immediate addressal by him. What is to be seen is whether the CJP will enhance the judicial processes in Pakistan by tackling these challenges efficiently and in due time.

Reflection of 26th Constitutional Amendment

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The 26th Constitutional Amendment is a landmark legal reform that seeks to address several critical areas of governance and judicial structure. The 26th Amendment has been met with both optimism and skepticism



This Week in Law & Security

- The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has written to the International Cricket Council (ICC) seeking reasons behind India's refusal to cross the border to play the Champions Trophy in Pakistan. The development comes amid the ongoing ambiguity surrounding India's participation in the mega-event, set to be hosted by Pakistan in February-March next year.
- Police have arrested a constable identified as the key facilitator of the suicide attack that killed at least 86 police officials in the Police Lines area of Peshawar in January 2023, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Inspector General (IG) Akhtar Hayat Gandapur said. During a press conference in Peshawar, Gandapur said that the constable, Mohammad Wali, was apprehended a few days ago at Jamil Chowk, where two suicide jackets were recovered from him.

Appointment of CJP in the light of 26th Constitutional Amendment

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Parliament passed the 26th Constitutional Amendment Bill 2024 with a two-thirds majority. The two important articles which are amended under the 26th Constitutional Amendment are regarding the appointment of judges, i.e. Article 175A and Article 179.

26th Constitutional Amendment and Trichotomy of Powers

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The National Assembly of Pakistan has passed 26th constitutional amendment on October 21, violating the core principle of trichotomy of powers. The constitutional package includes many constitutional reforms including the appointment and retirement of the Chief Justice of Pakistan, changes for the Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan and the evolution of Judicial Council of Pakistan as well.

Is Greater Israel Feasible?

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Israel's expansionist agenda may be a grand biblical promise to the Jews having immense geopolitical significance, but its realization is hardly impossible. The idea of Greater Israel has always been a divisive and highly charged subject, stirring intense debates within Israel, the region, and the international community. While the notion holds symbolic and historical weight for some, its feasibility remains questionable in modern geopolitics.

- Minister for Finance Mohammad Aurangzeb has initiated discussions with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which is urging Pakistan to enhance its revenue collection. The publication reported that the IMF is suggesting two options — either unveil a mini-budget to meet the revenue shortfall of Rs189 billion or come up with a viable plan to reduce the unbridled expenditures.
- Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is in Azerbaijan's capital of Baku to attend the opening session of the Climate Action Summit of COP29. Dozens of world leaders also convened in Azerbaijan for COP29 but many big names are skipping the UN climate talks where the impact of Donald Trump's election victory is keenly felt.
- Days after a terrorist attack near Karachi's Jinnah International Airport, the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) is all set to introduce stricter entry requirements as part of measures to ramp up security at the airport of the country's mega city. Newly announced regulations mandate that anyone showing up at the airport to receive or see off passengers must present a copy of the traveler's ticket at security checkpoints.
- Amid ongoing efforts by the incumbent government to improve the economic indicators, the country's debt-to-GDP ratio has dropped to 65.7% marking its lowest level since June 2018.
- Justice Aminuddin Khan, head of the Constitutional Benches, has issued the minutes from the meeting held on November 6, 2024, regarding the functioning of the constitutional benches. It was decided that color coding would be applied to categorize cases falling under Article 191A of the Constitution, with Mazhar Ali Khan, Senior Research Officer of Supreme Court Research Centre (SCRC), assigned to review cases arising from Article 199.