

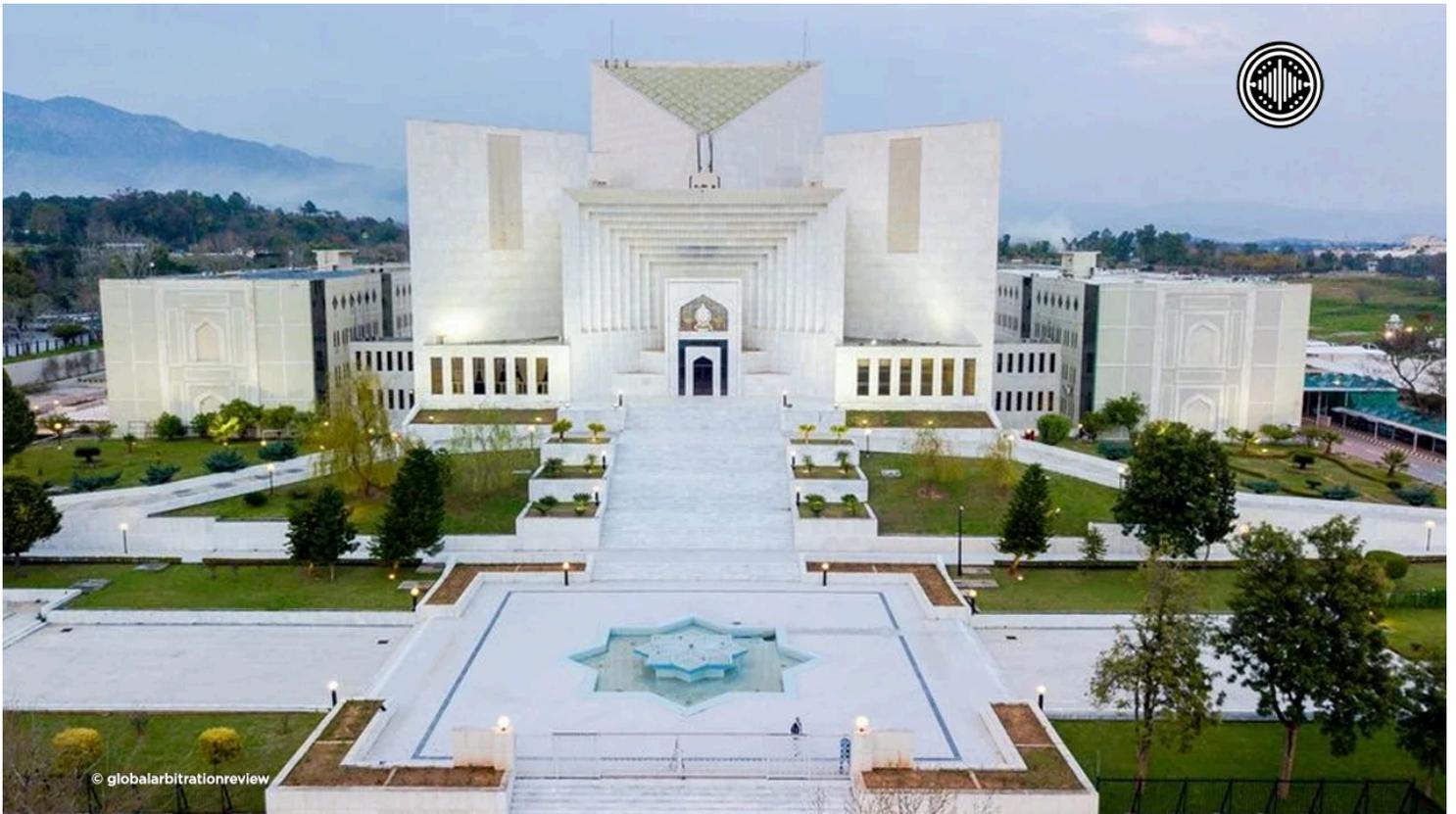
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Pakistan Supreme Court Amends Sindh High Ruling

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The Supreme Court of Pakistan has revised a previous decision issued by the Sindh High Court (SHC), following an appeal filed by the Sindh government. The appeal challenged the high court's directive that required the appointment of focal persons in various provincial departments and the implementation of modern communication technologies to enhance governance.

A three-member bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Yahya Afridi and including Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui and Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim, heard the case at

the apex court's Karachi Registry. After reviewing the appeal, the bench accepted the Sindh government's position and formally amended the SHC verdict.

The original ruling by the Sindh High Court had directed the provincial administration to improve departmental communication by installing updated technological tools and assigning focal persons within departments to oversee efficient operations. These measures were seen as a way to streamline administrative processes and ensure better communication across government entities.

However, the Sindh government expressed reservations about the practicality and scope of the SHC directives. In its appeal to the Supreme Court, the provincial administration argued that while modernization is essential, the court's ruling went beyond judicial jurisdiction and encroached on the executive's administrative authority. The Supreme Court, in its decision, appeared to support this view by scaling back the SHC's directions.

Legal analysts say this ruling may set a precedent regarding the boundaries between the judiciary and executive powers in Pakistan's provincial governance. The verdict also underscores the ongoing friction between high courts and provincial governments over administrative reforms and institutional oversight.

While the details of the modifications made to the SHC judgment have not been released in full, the Supreme Court's decision affirms the constitutional right of provincial governments to determine internal administrative measures without overreach from the judiciary.

This case reflects a broader national conversation about the role of courts in shaping government policy and operations, particularly in areas like communication, transparency, and departmental accountability. It also raises questions about how to balance judicial activism with respect for executive independence within Pakistan's evolving democratic structure.

The ruling has been welcomed by legal observers who advocate for a clearer separation of powers among Pakistan's governing institutions.

The Supreme Court's decision marks the end of the legal challenge, allowing the Sindh government to proceed without being bound by the earlier high court instructions.