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Lahore Court Grants Bail to Gogi Butt in Murder Case

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LAHORE – The Lahore Sessions Court on Wednesday granted interim pre-arrest bail to Aqeel Rasheed, popularly known as Gogi Butt, the main suspect in the murder case of Ameer Balaj. The decision, issued by Additional Sessions Judge Assad Hafeez, provides bail protection until August 16, pending further court proceedings.

Gogi Butt appeared in court under tight security, accompanied by his legal counsel, Advocates KP Rai and Muhammad Ali. The state prosecution was represented by Deputy District Public Prosecutor Saleem Ahmad Gill.

During the hearing, the defense argued that Gogi Butt had been wrongly implicated in the murder case. They claimed the complaint and police actions were motivated by mala fide intent and insisted that their client was willing to cooperate fully with the ongoing investigation. The defense requested interim bail, which the judge accepted.

The court granted bail on the condition that Gogi Butt furnish surety bonds worth Rs50,000. Additionally, notices were issued to the complainant and the prosecution, requiring them to file formal responses before the next hearing. The judge instructed the accused to attend all upcoming court sessions and to aid the investigation process.

This case has attracted considerable public and media attention due to its high-profile status. The murder of Ameer Balaj remains under investigation, with authorities working to gather evidence and statements to establish the facts.

No further details were disclosed during the hearing about the case's specifics or the progress of the inquiry. The court's next session is expected to bring additional updates following the responses from the complainant and prosecution.

Legal experts note that interim bail is often granted to allow suspects some relief during the judicial process, but the court will make a final decision based on evidence presented in future hearings. The case highlights ongoing challenges in managing high-profile criminal investigations in the region.

The Lahore Sessions Court's decision underscores the importance of upholding legal procedures while balancing public interest and ensuring fair treatment of suspects under the law.