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Imran Khan from Jail Demands Accountability for Asim Munir Over Alleged Harsh Treatment

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Former Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan, incarcerated since August 2023, has issued a bold statement from Adiala Jail, calling for Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir to be held accountable if any harm befalls him. Alleging intensified harsh treatment, Khan's remarks have ignited tensions, spotlighting concerns over prisoner rights and military influence. This article examines Khan's

claims, the response from his party, and the broader implications for Pakistan's political landscape.

On July 17, 2025, Khan, leader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, posted on X, declaring, "In recent days, the harsh treatment I face in jail has intensified. If anything happens to me, Asim Munir must be held accountable," as reported by The Times of India. He alleged that all basic rights, both human and those granted to prisoners under the Pakistan Prison Rules (PPR), have been suspended for him and his wife, Bushra Bibi. Khan's defiance, stating, "I am prepared to spend my entire life in prison, but I will never bow to tyranny," underscores his resolve amid multiple criminal charges, including corruption and incitement, which his supporters claim are politically motivated.

The PTI has rallied behind Khan, announcing a nationwide campaign starting August 5 to demand his release and challenge the Shehbaz Sharif-led government and military establishment. Social media posts from PTI supporters, like @UKPTIOfficial, echo Khan's accusations, alleging stricter jail conditions and mental torture orchestrated by Munir and the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief. The campaign reflects growing public frustration with what many see as an overreaching military stifling democratic voices, a sentiment Khan has amplified by accusing Munir of orchestrating a "London plan" with political rivals to suppress him.

Khan's allegations highlight a deepening rift between Pakistan's civilian leadership and its powerful military. His call for accountability challenges the status quo, resonating with those who view his detention as an assault on political freedom. As tensions escalate, the nation watches closely, questioning whether justice will prevail or if institutional power will continue to overshadow democratic aspirations.