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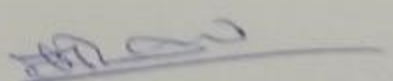
### PRESS RELEASE

**Presumption of chastity, the concept of *al-Ihsan* (الاحسان), is attached to every Muslim lady, Federal Shariat Court**

Islamabad- The Federal Shariat Court of Pakistan in its judgment announced today held that presumption of chastity or the concept of *al-Ihsan* (الاحسان) is attached to every Muslim lady. The matter of Qazf was pending before Hon'ble Chief Justice Mr. Justice Dr. Syed Muhammad Anwer which was announced today.

The Revision Petition was filed by Mst. Saira Rauf against the decision of the Additional Sessions Judge, Chakwal in the case filed by her husband Muhammad Asad Tahir. Their marriage was dissolved by way of Khula in the year 2017. Thereafter, a round of litigations started between the parties regarding the custody of minors before the Guardian Judge, Chakwal. In that case, the Ex-husband while submitting his affidavit before the Guardian Judge levelled certain allegations against chastity of the petitioner, which compelled the petitioner to file a criminal complaint under Section 8 of the Offence of Qazf (Enforcement of Hadd) Ordinance, 1979, before the learned Sessions Judge, Chakwal, but the same was rejected pursuant to recording of the cursory statement of the complainant and statements of two other witnesses.

The said Revision Petition is accepted by the Federal Shariat Court and the impugned order of Additional Sessions Judge, Chakwal is set aside and the case is remanded to the learned Trial Court to decide the matter on merits within the period of 90 days of receipt of this judgment after evaluation of the facts of the case and the statements of the complainant along with the evidence of two witnesses as per Section 6 of the Qazf Ordinance strictly in accordance with the law and pass a speaking order determining with reasons as to whether the crime of Qazf liable to be punished as Hadd is constituted or not.

  
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