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Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry,  
Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Pakistan  
Supreme Court of Pakistan,  
Constitution Avenue,  
Islamabad

**Attention Human Right Cell**

**Sub: Request for Sumo Moto case on news of purge in NAB**

Respected Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry sahib,

Transparency International Pakistan request your honor to take notice of the news of Syed Irfan Raza published in Dawn of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2010 regarding Plan to purge NAB of 'anti-govt' officials ( copy enclosed).

The worsening position of Pakistan government on its poor performance to combat corruption may further aggravate if this news is correct, that those experienced NAB officers of high integrity who are not ready to follow illegal instructions are being victimized.

Supreme Court efforts under your leadership since 22 March 2009 to eliminate corruption from Judiciary is a noble step. but as the Chief Justice of Pakistan you have been restored against the wishes of many by the people of Pakistan and act to reduce corruption from executives also. Examples of such actions of harassment of honest and upright public officers who do not follow illegal orders, are increasing day by day, and this is speedily becoming serious threats to those officers who want to keep their integrity.

NAB has already been reduced in size by curtailing its budget, but as long as NAB exists and replaced with an Independent Accountability Commission, NAB shall perform according to the requirements of NAO 1999.

Yours Sincerely,

Syed Adil Gilani  
Chairman

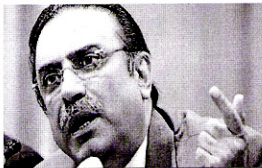
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## Plan to purge NAB of 'anti-govt' officials

By Syed Irfan Raza  
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The current management of the NAB is trying to withdraw the cases against President Zardari and others in the PPP-led government. — File Photo

**ISLAMABAD: The current management of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has started implementing its plan to 'cleanse' the bureau and have claimed their first victim — director administration Saleem Shahzad.**

He has been forced to relinquish the charge of his office in the NAB headquarters and has been asked to report to NAB Peshawar. Though he is still to report to the new office, he has stopped attending office at the headquarters.

Other officials who dealing with the cases of politicians and bureaucrats, which were reopened after the Supreme Court scrapped the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO), are also getting ready to move to their new port of destination, Dawn has learnt. Thirty-five officials on the hit-list of the management were given their transfer orders earlier this month. They tried to resist but having been told that the defiance could lead to dismissal they were left with no choice but to accept the transfer orders. Some other colleagues of Mr Shahzad, who too are on the list of 'unwanted' officials are also under immense pressure to leave their present positions. Following the resignation of the last NAB chairman, Nawid Ahsan, top positions in the bureau are now held by people who are said to be 'loyal' to the government; their objective, is to withdraw the cases against President Asif Ali Zardari and others in the PPP-led government, starting with Interior Minister Rehman Malik. In order to achieve this objective, the NAB bosses are edging senior officials out of the headquarters. These officials had been dealing with the cases reopened after the Supreme Court's NRO verdict. The officials in the firing line include Director General (head) NAB Punjab Shahnawaz Badar, Director General NAB Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Musaddiq Abbasi, Director General (Administration Headquarters) Khursheed Alam, Director Finance Shahzad Anwar Bhatti, Director National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS) Alia Rashid, Additional Director Zahir Shah and Brig (retd) Ashfaq Ashraf and Director (Administration) Shahzad Saleem.