



4th June 2013

Honorable Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry,
Chief Justice of Pakistan,
Supreme Court of Pakistan,
Constitutional Avenue, Islamabad.

Attn: Human Rights Cell

**Sub: Prayer for taking Suo Moto action against unconstitutional appointment of
Mr Salman Farooqui of Federal Ombudsman**

My Lord, Transparency International Pakistan, further to its letter dated 29th May 2013, through which the complaint was sent for taking suo moto action about Mr. Salman Farooqi, the acting ombudsperson appointed as acting Federal Ombudsperson by former Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf in December 2012, and regularized by the caretaker government as the Federal Ombudsman on 27th May 2013, has received following information from the complainant.

1. The illegal regularization of Mr. Salman Farooqi as permanent Federal Ombudsman was leaked in electronic Media in May 2013.
http://www.pkaffairs.com/Play_Show_Salman-Farooqi-regularised-as-federal-ombudsperson_38431
2. The back dated appointment of Mr. Salman Farooqi as permanent Federal Ombudsman has been made, so as to show that the appointment was made by the ex Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf in March 2013.
3. On 25th March 2013, the very day when the Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan took Oath, Mr Farooqi attended a meeting as the Secretary General with the President of Pakistan with \un Under Secretary General in Islamabad,

PR No. 184

PRESS RELEASE

Islamabad: March 25, 2013

President Asif Ali Zardari has said that the United Nations has a critical role in not only promoting sustainable peace and equitable socio-economic development across the world but also to safeguard those pristine values of tolerance and interfaith harmony that were fast eroding during the present times in view of rising wave of intolerance and threats from the militant mindset.

This he said during his meeting with Mr. Jeffrey D. Feltman, UN Under-Secretary General, who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr today.

Those who were present during the meeting **included among others Mr. M. Salman Faruqi, Secretary General to the President**, Spokesperson Senator Farhatullah Babar, Ms. Nasreen Haque, Secretary to the President, Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani, Foreign



Secretary Ambassador Masood Khan, Pakistan's PR to UN, New York and other senior officials. <http://www.pid.gov.pk/press25-03-2013.htm>

4. The records may have been tampered with, but the proof that Mr. Salman Farooqi was working on 22nd April 2013 as Acting Federal Ombudsman is the Official press release by the Ministry of Information, quoted below; <http://pid.gov.pk/press22-04-2013.htm>

PR NO. 150
PRESS RELEASE
ACTING OMBUDSMAN CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER
ISLAMABAD: APRIL 22, 2013

Acting Federal Ombudsman, Mr. Salman Farooqi called on Prime Minister Justice (R) Mir Hazar Khan Khoso at Prime Minister House this morning.

Mr. Salman Farooqi presented a 400-page report prepared by the Federal Ombudsman on the recent deaths among children due to measles and polio in the country.

5. On 23 May 2013, Mr Farooqi has attended a meeting with Chinese Prime Minister in the capacity of Secretary General to the President;

Need to boost trade to \$15 billion stressed

May 23, 2013 NAVEED BUTT: Pakistan and China have expressed satisfaction over the current status of bilateral trade and urged the need for more consistent efforts on both sides to boost bilateral trade to \$ 15 billion from the current \$ 12.4 billion in next two years.

During bilateral talks held here on Wednesday, President Asif Ali Zardari and Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang agreed to further boost bilateral relations in the fields of economy, trade, investment, agriculture, industry, defence and people to people contacts with special focus on further strengthening economic linkages. The two sides agreed to speed up work on the projects identified under the Five-Year Development Programme and also decided to press ahead with the second phase of negotiations on China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement.

From Pak side, the delegation level meeting was attended among others by Asadullah Khan Mandokhel, Minister of Communication and Ports & Shipping, Maqbool H H Rahimtoola, Minister of Commerce & Textile Industries, Malik Mohammad Habib Khan, Minister of Interior and Narcotics Control, Dr Musadik Malik, Minister of Water & Power, Dr Younis Soomro, Minister of Housing & Works/Minister-in-Waiting, Shahid Amjad, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance, M Salman Farooqi, Secretary General to the President, Spokesperson to the President Senator Farhatullah Babar, Jalil Abbas Jilani, Foreign Secretary, federal secretaries Economic affairs division, Finance, Ports & Shipping, Interior, Addl secretary Defence, DG, Strategic Plans Division and Masood Khalid, Ambassador of Pakistan to China. <http://www.brecorder.com/business-a-economy/189/1188341/>



An indulgence of the Honorable Court in the matter is prayed for, as the appointment of Federal Ombudsman in March 2013 may also be illegal in the light of the fact that till 22 April 2013, he was the Secretary General to the President of Pakistan, and Acting Ombudsman.

Transparency International Pakistan is striving for across the board application of Rule of Law, which is the only way to stop corruption.

Yours Obediently,

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Adviser