

CASE STUDY

FORMER CHIEF OF PAKISTAN NAVY SURRENDERS US \$ 7.5 MILLION ACCEPTED AS COMMISSIONS AND KICKBACKS IN DEFENCE DEALS

(EX-ADMIRAL) MANSUR-UL-HAQ, SETTLES HIS INDICTMENT BY PLEA- BARGAIN AS GOVT. OF PAKISTAN STRIPPS OFF HIS RANK AND REVOKES POST RETIREMENT SERVICE PRIVILEGES

1. The biggest case of receiving commissions and kickbacks by the head of the one of the Armed Forces of Pakistan finally came to an end when the accused, surrendered US \$ 7.5 to the national exchequer. Mansu-ul-Haq, while serving as Chief of the Naval Staff received kickbacks and commissions in various Defence deals. On account of his conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman; he was prematurely retired from service on 29 April 1997. Thereafter, he left the country in 1998 to settle in Austin, Texas USA. After NAB's inception in 1999, fresh investigations into the alleged kickbacks of the accused in collaboration with legal assistance from foreign expert organizations which led to a major breakthrough towards collection of concrete evidence and discovery of his illegal foreign assets. The former admiral was arrested by US authorities on 17 April 2001 and a reference back in his home country was filed against him in Accountability Court, Rawalpindi on 12 May 2001.

2. The accused was indicted by court on 22 October 2001 and he filed an application of Plea-Bargain, pleading guilty and depositing US \$ 3.36 million. It was rejected. A second application agreeing to pay US \$ 7.5 million (the entire amount unearthed so far against him) was accepted. He paid US \$ 6.2792 million as first installment of his Plea-Bargained money through safe deposits of Fatima Trust, which is owned members of his family through an off shore company, Messer. Moylegrove, registered in the Isle of Jersey. The remaining amount shall be paid by the accused within 15 months. The accused also agreed to the terms that he would surrender all his assets and properties, if and when found by NAB, accumulated through illegal means in favour of the Government of Pakistan. As a result of the settlement of his case, he was released by the court on 31 January 2001. The Government of Pakistan also has withdrawn the privilege of retention of the rank of Admiral and has revoked all his post retirement service privileges including pension and honors and awards received during his tenure of service.

3. The foregoing facts would serve as a reminder to all those who try to escape justice.