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| **Court** | Supreme Court of Pakistan |
| **Date** | 3 August 2026 |
| **Document** | Order |
| **Case reference** | Criminal Petitions 779, 780, 781, 796, 797, 798 and 799 of 2023 |
| **Outcome** | In Axact’s favour. The Supreme Court of Pakistan ruled in Axact’s favour, and the acquittals of Shoaib Ahmed Shaikh and the Axact management stand final. |
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| **Key excerpt** | *“We are of the view that such a ground cannot be considered as a sufficient cause or reasonable ground for condoning the said delay, particularly when the petitioner is a government department.”* |

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN**
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

29/26

**PRESENT:** Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar
Justice Ishtiaq Ibrahim

**Criminal Petitions No. 779/2023, 780/2023, 781/2023, 796/2023, 797/2023, 798/2023 and 799/2023**
*(Against the order/judgment dated 17.03.2023 & 10.03.2023 passed by the High Court of Sindh, Karachi in Crl. Rev. Application Nos. 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 55, 56/2023)*

The State through Deputy Director Federal Investigation Agency, Corporate Crime Circle, Karachi *(in all cases)*
**Petitioner(s)**

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| Mst. Ayesha Shoaib and another | *(in Crl.P 779/2023)* |
| Viven Christopher and another | *(in Crl.P 780/2023)* |
| Shoaib Ahmed Shaikh and another | *(in Crl.P 781/2023)* |
| Atif Hussain and another | *(in Crl.P 796/2023)* |
| Muhammad Rizwan and another | *(in Crl.P 797/2023)* |
| Adnan Saboor and another | *(in Crl.P 798/2023)* |
| Imran Ahmed Khan and another | *(in Crl.P 799/2023* |

**Respondent(s)**

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| For the Petitioner(s): | Rana Asadullah Khan, AAG Pakistan *(in all cases)* |
| For the Respondent(s): | Mr. Abid S. Zuberi, ASC<br>Mr. Anwar Mansoor Khan, ASC<br>Ms. Umaima Mansoor Khan, ASC |
| Date of Hearing: | 03.08.2026 |

**ORDER**

**Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar, J.** These petitions are barred by time. Though applications for condonation of delay have been filed by stating that the said delay was not intentional rather the same occurred due to departmental/administrative procedures. We are of the view that such a ground cannot be considered as a sufficient cause or reasonable ground for condoning the said delay, particularly when the petitioner is a government department, and in this regard we are fortified by a

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judgment of this Court reported as Regional Police Officer v. Riaz Hussain Bukhari *(2024 SCMR 1021)* wherein it has categorically been held so. Even otherwise, the petitioner has failed to satisfy the Court that it had sufficient cause for not filing the petitions within the prescribed limitation period, as provided by section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1908.

2. In view of the above, we are not inclined to condone the belated filing of the petitions, therefore, the same are dismissed as being barred by time.

SEAL OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN
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