

No-trust vote dismissed, Imran gets Pak. Parliament dissolved.

New turn: Supporters of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party raising slogans in favour of Prime Minister Imran Khan, outside the National Assembly in Islamabad on Sunday. APAnjum Naveed

Pakistan's beleaguered Prime Minister Imran Khan bowled a yorker at his rivals on Sunday by getting the presidential nod for the dissolution of Parliament, a move dubbed "unconstitutional" by the Opposition parties. The latter have approached the Supreme Court to challenge the move.

In a suo motu hearing on the issue later on Sunday, the Supreme Court barred all state institutions from taking any "extra-constitutional" steps in the wake of the dismissal of the no-confidence vote in the National Assembly. A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Umar Ata Bandial heard the matter.



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Chief Justice Bandial observed that public order must be maintained and no state functionary shall take any "extra-constitutional" steps in the prevailing political situation, adding that all orders and actions initiated by the Prime Minister and the President regarding the dissolution of the National Assembly will be subject to the court's order. The top court adjourned the hearing till Monday.

Earlier, Deputy Speaker Qasim Khan Suri dismissed the no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition against Prime Minister Khan, terming it against the Constitution and rules of Pakistan. Mr. Suri chaired the crucial session after Opposition parties filed a no-confidence motion against Speaker Asad Qaiser.

The stunned Opposition termed the entire process unconstitutional and its lawmakers refused to leave the premises of the Parliament House which was protected by security personnel.

Mr. Khan, who had effectively lost majority in the 342-member National Assembly, made a brief address to the nation in which he said he has recommended dissolution of the House and sought fresh elections.

Later, President Arif Alvi's office said he has dissolved the National Assembly according to the advice of the Prime Minister.

Mr. Khan congratulated the nation for the no-trust motion being dismissed, saying the Deputy Speaker had "rejected the attempt of changing the regime [and] the foreign conspiracy".

Federal Cabinet dissolved

A close aide of Mr. Khan and former information minister Fawad Chaudhry tweeted that the federal Cabinet has also been dissolved. However, Mr. Khan will continue working as interim Prime Minister.

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said Mr. Khan and all others involved in the "conspiracy" against the nation are guilty of high treason and should be tried for desecrating the Constitution.

Pakistan's Army said it had "absolutely nothing" to do with the prevailing political situation in the country. Military spokesman Maj. Gen. Babar Iftikhar made the remarks in the wake of rejection of the no-confidence motion and subsequent dissolution of the National Assembly by the President.

Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa met the Prime Minister at least twice last week.

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Expected Question (Prelims Exams)

Q. Consider the following statements.

1. The President of India has the power to dissolve Lok Sabha.
2. According to Article 83(2) of the Indian Constitution, the completion of five years from the first day of its meeting amounts to the dissolution of the Lower House.

which of the above statements is /are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) None

Expected Question (Mains Exams)

Q. Discuss the process of non-confidence motion and constitutional provisions of dissolution of loksabha in india.

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