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**CJ LHC FORMS COMMITTEE OF TWO JUDGES FOR**  
**ACTION AGAINST ADVOCATE AFAQ**

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The Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial has constituted a Committee of two Hon'ble Judges for initiating proceedings under the law against Advocate Muhammad Afaq-I owing to his alleged conduct and behaviour unbecoming of an advocate.

The Committee is headed by Chairman, Mr. Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan while Mr. Justice Muhammad Anwaarul Haq is its member. Hon'ble Chief Justice has taken this step on the complaint of Additional Registrar (Judicial) because the said advocate indulged in abusive language and unruly and abnoxious behaviour with an official of the Urgent Cell. Hon'ble Committee has ordered the advocate to appear before it on March 06 and explain why necessary proceedings under the law may not be initiated against him and why he should not be punished. The Hon'ble Committee after going through record of the case had observed that prima facie the said advocate was habitually and intentionally committing acts of grave indiscipline which can hamper and disrepute the process of the administration of justice.

It may be pointed out that Advocate Afaq in the recent past had misbehaved with a Deputy Registrar (Judicial) and tried to manhandle him and also used abusive language against the officer. Consequently, a complaint was filed with the Punjab Bar Council and resultantly, his license to practice as an advocate was suspended. However, he, later on, tendered unconditional apology and got his license restored.

Hon'ble Committee has directed the Office to issue notice to the advocate through courier service as well as special messenger in order to ensure his appearance . The Hon'ble Committee has also asked the Registrar that Office may not fix any matter of the said advocate in which he is counsel or petitioner before any Bench so that the said advocate may not indulge in further harassment, misconduct and unruly behaviour with court staff. **(MEDIA CELL)**