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LAHORE, JUNE 4, 2014:

Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Mr. Justice Umar Ata Bandial has said that country is in the grip of water, power & sui gas crises and judges have the obligations to inform the Parliament about the issues confronting the future generation. Hon'ble Chief Justice was speaking at a lecture organized by the Punjab Judicial Academy on 18th and 19th amendments in the Constitution of Pakistan and their effects. The lecture was delivered by a senior Law and Constitutional expert, Mr. S.M.Zafar. Mr. Justice Khawaja Imtiaz Ahmad and other Hon'ble Judges of Lahore High Court, Director General of Academy, Mr. Sohail Nasir, Registrar, Mahboob Qadir Shah and Judges of Lahore District Judiciary and a number of senior advocates were also present on the occasion.

Hon'ble Chief Justice said that Council of Common Interest is the highest decision making body of the Country having representation from all the Provinces but it is unfortunate that its decisions are seldom acknowledged and little attention is paid by the authorities for implementation of its decisions. The Hon'ble Chief Justice stressed upon the judges to go outside the box and concentrate on the ethos, philosophy and spirit of the law and Constitution besides being aware of the ground realities. He exhorted upon the Judicial Officers not to just use words in a mechanical way in their judgments but they should apply mind and legal expertise and render quality judgments. He said that Holy Quran is the greatest source of law and we should seek guidance from this Holy Book while writing judgments. Hon'ble Chief Justice presented a shield to Mr. S.M.Zafar and Senior Judge Khawaja Imtiaz Ahmad presented souvenir to the Hon'ble Chief Justice on the behalf of Punjab Judicial Academy in recognition of the patronage extended being the Chairman of PJA.

Mr. S.M.Zafar delivered the lecture to the judges of Lahore District Judiciary and also gave answers of the question asked by the participants. Later, talking to the news men, he said that war among the different media houses is not a good omen. We should strive to make the country united leading to prosperity, progress and solidarity. Commenting on the bludgeoning of a married woman Farzana outside the Lahore High Court, a couple of days back, he expressed deep concern over the social thinking to extent we have gone. He said that family of the victim wanted to stone to death (Sangsar) instead of murdering her. He said that if they wanted to eliminate her, a single person can shoot her dead but it might be the collective decision of her family to Sangsar as she had not married of her will but she had committed Zina.

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