

CONDEMNING THE INDECENT
HASTE IN PASSING THE CONTEMPT OF
COURT BILL

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Islamabad (July 12, 2012): In a press statement issued today the Naib Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan ex-Senator Prof. Khurshid Ahmad has condemned in the strongest terms the indecent haste in which the Contempt of Court Bill has been rushed through the Parliament simply to protect those guilty of corruption and create a new class of privileged persons who would be above the law and would have license to insult the courts and defy their orders. “This is a black day in the history of Pakistan and every effort must be made to condemn this attack on judiciary and rule of law and to effectively check the Government from pursuing this crusade against the Constitution by all possible legal and political means”, he stressed and added that all political and religious parties, the legal community and the civil society have an obligation to fight against this obnoxious war unleashed by the Government.

While reminding the Government and the nation Prof. Khurshid pointed out that the Contempt of Court Ordinance had been in operation since 2003 and was given constitutional cover through 18th Constitutional Amendment unanimously by all the parties in the Parliament. Where was the vacuum the Law Minister is now talking about? Simply a vacuum has appeared because of the decision of the Supreme Court to seek implementation of its decision on NRO and bring the corrupt to the grip of law.

He also reminded that the Accountability Bill is sleeping in the National Assembly for the last two and a half year and the Government has failed to see any vacuum in the field of accountability to bring those to book who have plundered the wealth and resources of the country. The Office of the OMBUDSMAN, according to Prof. Khurshid, remained unfulfilled in the centre and also in some provinces for the last one year. “There is no action from the Government where it is needed and this Government is very strong only in protecting the corrupt and frustrating the process of justice in the country”, he concluded.
