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Islamabad (September 4, 2012): Naib Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Ex-Senator Prof. Khurshid Ahmad has strongly criticized the role of the President in violating the Constitution by directly and blatantly interfering in affairs of Provincial and Local Bodies Governments. Such matters are totally out of the jurisdiction of the President and the Federal Government following the passage of the 18th Constitutional Amendment.

“Mr. Zardari”, Prof. Khurshid said, “has been continuously involving himself and the Presidency in political activities which are in violation of his position as the symbolic head of the Federation.” According to Prof. Khurshid, the High Court, although politely, has already issued clear guidelines as well as strictures which cannot be ignored, yet they are being violated by the President. Prof. Khurshid said that the nation and the Parliament should take serious notice of such attempts to subvert the Constitution by none other than the President.

Prof. Khurshid expressed strong reservations against the PPP Government’s abject surrender to the MQM demands and thus impose in indecent haste a new local government arrangement on the Province of Sindh. Now as the country is moving towards fresh national and provincial elections a very dubious effort is being made to sidetrack the real issues and throw the Province of Sindh into the trauma of local bodies elections. “It deserved to be noted that an Ordinance is being cooked in the Governor House and the Provincial Assembly is being totally bypassed, simply to avoid threadbare debate in the Assembly and the media about the issue which had become controversial and affected the political life of the Province for over three years”, he emphasized. The Ordinance which is being imposed would be in violation of the Constitution and the principles of good governance and would be tantamount to a fraud on the people of the Province.

Prof. Khurshid Ahmad has asked the Political Parties to take effective steps to ensure that the political process is not disrupted and fresh national and provincial elections are held as early as possible.
