



M.M. Ahmad dies

Our Correspondent

WASHINGTON, July 23: A former finance minister and presidential adviser of Pakistan, Muzaffar Ahmad, died on Tuesday at a hospital in Maryland. He was 97.

He was an old heart patient. Better known as M.M. Ahmad, he served under two presidents, Ayub Khan and Yahya Khan.

In the early 1970s, he was based inside an elevator in the Finance Ministry, Islamabad, by one of his penons. After which he moved to the United States where he rejoined the World Bank as a consultant.

M. M. Ahmad was the grandfather of the founder of the Madiya community. He has children and had adopted one

Graduation condition to change culture: SC

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD, July 23: The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that minimum qualification of BA or its equivalent for the members of the parliament and provincial assemblies, was first step towards change in political culture.

The Supreme Court in its detailed judgment on the petitions challenging the minimum qualification, held, "In our view, the Election Order deserves approval being the first step aimed at bringing about a change in the political culture."

The court in its one line short order on July 11 had dismissed the petitions challenging minimum education qualification.

The court which decided the petitions on merits and ruled the superior courts continued to have the power of judicial review to judge the validity of any act or action of the Armed Forces, if challenged, in the light of the principles underlying the law of State necessity.

The SC bench consisted of

representing a special class of vested interests, which ensured that if not they, their kith and kin were elected as members of the Assemblies."

The political scenario in Pakistan, the court held, was a sad tale of failures on the part of the public representatives. "We may not go into the past but the 11 years history of the political events is an eye opener. Four National Assemblies in succession were dissolved on the ground of misdemeanour on the part of the government and the party forming it."

The court stated though it was privilege of the public representatives to side with their party in power but it does not absolve them of their responsibility and look at the degree of responsibility that the 13th and 14th amendments were bulldozed and nobody raised his little finger against the proposed legislation.

These amendments pertained to the constitutional changes and

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PESHAWAR: Leaders of the Muttahida Majlis-i-Amal join hands during a public meeting on Tuesday. The MMA held the public meeting to mobilize people for the upcoming general elections. The leaders decided to contest the elections scheduled for October. From right Maulana Fazlur Rehman, chief of Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam; Maulana Shah Ahmed Noorani, chief of Jamiat Ulema-i-Pakistan; Qazi Hu Ahmed, chief of Jamaat-i-Islami; Sajid Mir of Jamiat Ahle Hadees; Shabbir Ahmed and Liaquat Baloch of Jamaat-i-Islami.—AFP

Court's competency in rape case

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