

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 11, 2026

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

We are concerned about former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Imran Khan's conditions in detention at the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi, and throughout their entire time in custody.

According to reporting and a December 2025 communication by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture, Mr. Khan has been held in solitary confinement in excess of international norms – up to 23 hours a day in his cell.¹ Reports have also asserted he is facing severe eye damage. Mr. Khan's lawyer, in February 2026 court submissions, stated that Khan had lost 85 percent of his vision in his right eye.² Mr. Khan also raised concerns of "slow poisoning" in October 2023, at the onset of his detention.³

In a separate December 2025 communication, the Special Rapporteur also raised concerns regarding the treatment of Bushra Imran Khan: that she is allegedly being confined in a small, airless, overheated cell for prolonged periods of time, and denied access to clean drinking water and quality food. Her family and legal visits have been restricted, and she has faced significant weight loss, infections, and untreated medical complications.⁴ Reports indicate that Ms. Khan has experienced significant eye damage, too.

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment noted that, in both Mr. and Ms. Khan's cases, "immediate attention" is warranted.

We request that the State Department review these concerns and assess the current status of Mr. and Ms. Khan's conditions. Moreover, we urge the Department to address their continued detention and human rights directly with the Government of Pakistan.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

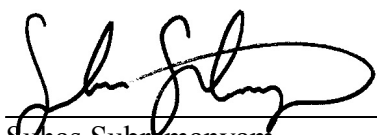
Sincerely,

¹*Pakistan: Imran Khan's solitary confinement and inhumane detention conditions must end, UN expert says*, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (December 12, 2025) (online at: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/12/pakistan-imran-khans-solitary-confinement-and-inhumane-detention-conditions>).

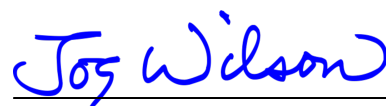
²*Pakistan's jailed Imran Khan loses 85% vision in right eye, lawyer says*, Reuters (February 13, 2026) (online at: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/pakistans-jailed-imran-khan-loses-85-vision-right-eye-lawyer-says-2026-02-13/>).

³*Imran Khan Says He Could Be Victim Of "Slow Poisoning" In Pak Jail*, NDTV (October 27, 2023) (online at: <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/imran-khan-says-he-could-be-victim-of-slow-poisoning-in-pak-jail-4521227>).

⁴*Pakistan: UN expert raises alarm over substandard detention conditions of Bushra Bibi Khan*, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (December 24, 2025) (online at: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/12/pakistan-un-expert-raises-alarm-over-substandard-detention-conditions-bushra>).



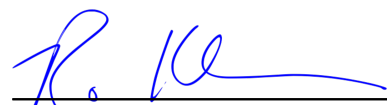
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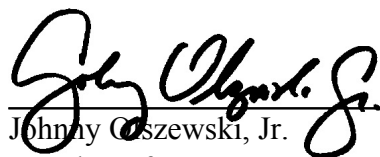
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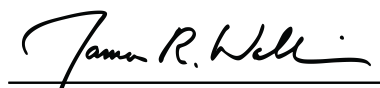
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