

Honorable Mr. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani
Former Chief Justice of Pakistan



Honorable Mr. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani (born 6 July 1949) is a Pakistani judge who served as the 21st Chief Justice of Pakistan from 2013 to 2014. He previously served as a Justice of the Supreme Court from 2004, after being nominated Justice of the Lahore High Court by Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in 1994.

Justice Jillani born in Multan, and was educated at Forman Christian College and University of the Punjab. He served as Advocate General Punjab in 1993 before his elevation as judge. As Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Jillani refused to take oath under General Pervez Musharraf during emergency rule in 2007, and his post was rendered nonfunctional. After the Lawyers' Movement, he was restored to the bench in 2009.

Considered a progressive judge, Justice Jillani was a strong proponent of civil liberties and fundamental rights, authoring landmark decisions on women's rights, honor killings, and the right to education. He also authored the suo moto decision on the protection of minorities and freedom of religion after the Peshawar church attack in 2013, widely held as the broadest interpretation of religious freedom laws in Pakistan's history

His name was proposed for caretaker prime minister by opposition party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf in 2018



Honorable Mr. Justice Umar Atta Bandial Chief Justice of Pakistan presented Justice A.R Cornelius Award to the Honorable Mr. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani Former Chief Justice of Pakistan