

**PRESS RELEASE****The Indus Waters Western Rivers Arbitration  
(Islamic Republic of Pakistan v. Republic of India)**

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**The Court of Arbitration Concludes Its Hearing for the Phase on Interim Measures and on Treaty Status**

On Tuesday, 28 April 2026, the Court of Arbitration concluded a three-day hearing for the Phase on Interim Measures and on Treaty Status in an arbitration initiated by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan against the Republic of India pursuant to Article IX and Annexure G of the Indus Waters Treaty.

In these proceedings, Pakistan requests the Court of Arbitration to address the interpretation and application of the Indus Waters Treaty to certain design elements of the run-of-river hydro-electric projects that India is permitted by the Treaty to construct on the Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab and their tributaries, before those rivers flow into Pakistan.

In accordance with the Court's Procedural Order No. 23 dated 21 April 2026, this phase of the proceedings is specific to deciding upon Pakistan's Interim Measures Request and Treaty Status Application.

Pakistan was represented during the hearing by H.E. Mr. Syed Haider Shah, Acting Co-Agent and Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Kingdom of The Netherlands; Mr. Muhammad Junaid, First Secretary, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Kingdom of The Netherlands; Sir Daniel Bethlehem KC, Professor Philippa Webb KC, Dr. Cameron Miles, Ms. Charlotte Westbrook, Mr. Abdullah Tariq, as counsel; and Mr. Peter J. Rae and Dr. Gregory L. Morris, as Technical Advisers.

India did not respond to an invitation to participate in the hearing and did not appear.

The Court of Arbitration is chaired by Professor Sean D. Murphy of the United States. The other members are Professor Wouter Buytaert of Belgium, Professor Jeffrey P. Minear of the United States, Judge Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh of Jordan, and Dr. Donald Blackmore of Australia.

Pursuant to a decision by the Court of Arbitration, the PCA acts as the secretariat for the proceedings.

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*The Acting Co-Agent of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Syed Haider Shah, addressing the Court of Arbitration*



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