

### **Dollar may reach Rs 200, says Zardari**

Co-Chairman Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday said that his party's government also took loans from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) after it accepted all conditions unlike this incumbent government which bowed down before the global lending agency for the sake of a few bucks. Talking to journalists in the premises of Parliament House, Zardari said that 'IMF-dictated budget' will further increase inflation.

"If this remains the situation, the dollar may reach Rs 200, for which we all should be careful as the government is acting like a silent spectator despite the fact that it [dollar] has reached a record high since PTI come into power," he added. About the recent All Parties Conference (APC) chaired by Jama'at Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, he expressed optimism that it will be the first step towards pressuring the 'selected' government to mend its ways or go home, as the country can not afford any further 'borrowing and bad governance.'

To a question about toppling the government, he said that the PPP wants to topple the government not democracy. He said that the removal of chairman Senate would unite the opposition parties. He said that the opposition parties have agreed on a comprehensive programme at the APC.

The former president, who is currently in the custody of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in the fake accounts case and is attending the National Assembly session, after the NA speaker issued his production orders, criticised Prime Minister Imran Khan for not personally receiving Afghan President Ashraf Ghani at the airport.

He said that instead of sending a 'tiny' adviser to receive Ghani, the Prime Minister, who has a track record of welcoming all foreign dignitaries at the airport, should have received Afghan president on his arrival as well.

"Afghanistan is a friendly neighbour and the Prime Minister should have welcomed him [Ghani] at the airport as it would have eased the tensions between the two countries," he added.

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