

Shopping mall: Sindh government restrained from collecting stamp duty

Sindh High Court (SHC) on Thursday stayed the collection of stamp duty from the shopkeepers of a shopping mall in Clifton area of metropolis by restraining Sindh government to collect it. A division bench of SHC headed by Justice Aqeel Abbasi restrained provincial revenue department after shopkeepers moved the court against the collection of stamp duty on the plea that department wants to collect the stamp duty on lease rather than rent agreement.

Taimoor Querashi Advocate, counsel for shopkeepers that the collection of stamp duty on lease has increased the amount of duty manifold and prayed the court to restrain the authorities from charging the stamp duty on lease. SHC issued notices to provincial government and revenue department to submit their replies by May 30 and stayed the collection.

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