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The LAWASIA Council strongly condemns the fact that one of its Council members, Mr Justice (Rtd) Rasheed Razvi, has been detained in Karachi under a three-month detention order.

These actions are the immediate result of the stand that has been taken by the legal profession in Pakistan against threats to democracy, the independence of the judiciary and the rule of law.

LAWASIA pledges its total and unreserved solidarity with the legal profession of Pakistan and reiterates in the strongest terms its previous expressions of alarm about the current situation, including the physical assaults on members of the legal profession.

It calls for the immediate release of the members of the legal profession who have been detained under the state of emergency and who have been intimidated as a consequence of upholding the fundamental principles applicable to a free and independent legal profession.

LAWASIA also notes with further considerable concern the dismissal of the Chief Justice and calls on the regime to reinstate him without delay.

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