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The seniority principle
for the appointment of
chief justice of Pakistan
has been abolished, significantly
undermining judicial
independence. Before the
26th Amendment, the most
senior Supreme Court judge
was appointed as CJP.
This principle was established
after the Al Tekaal
Trust case PID 1996. However,
the amendment introduced
a special Parliamentary
committee which selects
the CJP among the
three senior-most Supreme
Court judges through a
two-third majority vote.
This committee is under-
atic because all of its
members are politicians. It
is constituted by eight
members from the National
Assembly and four
members from the Senate.
Moreover, seats are allocated
to parties based on
their strength in each
house. This means the

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wiling party has more influence over the appointment of the CJP. This reform gives way to lobbying. Judges decide those cases impartially which are against the wiling party. Furthermore they will seek political favours so that they can be appointed as CJP. Therefore, the tend to the seniority principle easily affect the independence of judiciary.

this reform paves way for