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26 senators file application to become party in Reko Diq case


Staff Report

ISLAMABAD: 26 senators on Monday moved an application in the apex court to become a party in the pending petitions against the leasing of the Reko Diq gold and copper mines in Balochistan worth over \$260 billion, to foreign exploration and mining companies by the federal government in violation of the law.

Senators Dr Ismail Buledi, Azam Khan Swati, Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Hafiz Abdur Rasheed and others filed the miscellaneous petitions under Article 134(3).

They said that since the Reko Diq project involved national interest, thus they being citizens should be included as parties in the case, so that they may be able to inform the court about their reservations on the project.

They said that handing over of the project to foreign companies was not only against national interest, but also a threat to national defence.


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