

Pakistan delays blasphemy appeal after judge steps down

From [death row since 2010](#). Observers had warned of “tremendous” repercussions in the case.

But one of the three-judge bench, Justice Iqbal Hameed ur Rehman, told the court he had to recuse himself, claiming a conflict of interest. “I was a part of the bench that was hearing the case of Salmaan Taseer, and this case is related to that,” he told the court, which was overflowing with journalists, lawyers, activists and clerics.

[Scotland](#) call for the same, [All the foreign powers](#) should keep in mind that we won’t let them succeed in their nefarious designs,” Ahmed told AFP at the court on Thursday.