
PSMC Privatization - Union challenges ex chairman claims

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The Daily Times reported that Mr Shamshad Qureshi president of People's Workers Union Pakistan Steel said that the claim of Mr Abdul Qayyum former chairman of Pakistan Steel Mills is false and misleading.

He said that Mr Qayyum was fully involved in the privatization of the organization and was the front man of Mr Pervez Musharraf and Mr Shaukat Aziz during that period.

The CBA leaders, who belong to the Pakistan People's Party Labor Wing, further said that Mr Qayyum had taken action against the union leaders and had played an active role against the union when it moved higher courts against the Pakistan Steel privatization. They added that, besides, he transferred the union leaders from Karachi to other provinces and lodged FIRs in order to victimize them.

The CBA leaders declared that the purpose of this false and misleading statement of the retired general at a Geo TV program was to pave the way for again becoming the chairman of this organization. They warned that all such attempts would be resisted.

Meanwhile, the National Industrial Relations Commission Karachi Bench has rejected the application of the Pakistan Steel management against holding a referendum in the organization. The PWU leaders welcomed the NIRC judgment, and termed it a victory of the workers.

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