

# TAXES BY PROMULGATING ORDINANCE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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**Islamabad (May 31, 2011):** Naib Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan Senator Prof. Khurshid Ahmad has condemned in strongest terms the promulgation of a new ordinance just three days before the beginning of the Budget Session imposing 15% surcharge to be payable by every tax-payer of the income tax.

According to Prof. Khurshid this is a clear violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution because taxes cannot be imposed by Ordinance. It is for the first time in Pakistan's history that President Zardari has resorted to this underhand tactic a second time to bypass the Parliament. It is all the more condemnable because when this surcharge was originally introduced it was claimed that it was imposed to cover losses inflicted because of the floods and was only a onetime tax. Now, unfortunately, it has been extended to FY.2011-2012.

Prof. Khurshid demanded that the National Assembly should assert itself by rejecting this Ordinance under Article 89 of the constitution.

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