

IMRAN BARRED FROM POLLS OVER CORRUPTION CHARGES

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The police detained one of Khan's security guards after he fired a shot into the ground.

In the eastern city of Lahore, his supporters blocked some roads, while in Faisalabad, they used burning tyres to stop traffic. On Twitter, Islamabad police said security in the capital was on "high alert".

Pakistan's courts are often used to tie up lawmakers in lengthy proceedings that rights monitors criticise for stifling political opposition, but the commission's involvement in this case stems from the obligation of elected officials to declare all their assets.

Unless overturned by the courts, Mr. Khan's ban will stymie one of his key tactics to disrupt the country's political process as he presses for a general election ahead of the one scheduled for October next year.

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