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CASE SUMMARY

- On 23 May 2019, 20-year Hindu girl Kajol Kumari was abducted from her home and forcefully married to Mohammad Akram as per Islamic law and converted to Muslim. The father of the victim filed a FIR of the abduction at the local police station. During the police investigation with Mohammads' parents, his father showed the Islamic conversion certificate and marriage certificate of Kajol to the Police. The certificates showed that Kajol converted into Islam and adopted a new name as Ayesha bibi. The police told the victims' father that his daughter has converted to Islam and married to a Muslim man. Therefore, the police could not do anything in the case as it does not seem to be an abduction. The police closed the case as there was no evidence of forced marriage or abduction.
- On June 2019, Aneeta Kohli, 14 year Hindu girl, was abducted by Habib Ullah Bareecho from her house. The victims' father went to the local police and filed a FIR. The police did not proceed any investigation on this case. On 13 June 2019, the local police called the victims' father and informed him that his daughter has converted to Islam and got married to Habib Ullah Bareecho, so the case is going to be closed.
- On 30 August 2019, Payal Kumari, 13 year Hindu girls, was abducted from her house. She was taken to her to Shrine of Syed Ayub Jan Farooki Sarhandi, where Payal was forcefully converted to Islam and married to Nisar Ahmad. A FIR was registered at the local police, and the police even tried to arrest the culprits. However, when the perpetrator presented the religion conversion certificate of the girl, the police had to stop the investigation.
- On 10 October 2019, Huma Younas, 14 year Christian girl, was abducted from her school. The father of the victim went to the police station to file a complaint, but the police did not take any immediate action on the issue or even filed a FIR. On 12 October 2019, the Christian Community gave pressure to the police to file a FIR. On 13 October 2019, the local police called the victim's father and informed him that Huma has converted to Islam and got married to a Muslim man named Abdul Jabbar. Huma has also recorded a statement in the court that she wilfully converted to Islam and marriage to Abdul Jabbar was her own decision. The police closed the case and stopped the investigation.
- On 9 March 2019, Basheeran Marwari, a 30- year Hindu girl and wife of Talib Jee Marwari, was abducted from her home. She was forcefully converted to Islam and forcibly married to a Muslim man. Basheeran was pregnant when she was abducted. The father of the victim filed a FIR at the local police station, but the police did not cooperate with him and informed him that Basheeran has converted to Islam and is

married to a Muslim man, therefore the case is closed. Later Basheerans' husband also received a threatening message from the head of Barchundi Sharif (religious shrine), named Mian Abdul Haq. He told him if he does not stop the protest at Saleh Putt, Rohri, Sukkur, Sindh, then they will kill him and abduct all the females from his family.

- On 13 December 2019, 23-year-old Mehak Kaswani was shopping at the market of DHA Phase II. Mehak did not return back home that day. Her father went to the local police and filed a complaint about his missing daughter. On 16 December 2019, the police informed that Mehak's father that Mehak has converted herself to Islam wilfully and has got married to Ashar Sanghar. Since Mehak wilfully converted to Islam and married to Ashar, the police could not further the investigation and closed the case.
- On 3 May 2019, 18-year-old Simran Kumari, Hindu girl, was abducted by Afaq Ali from the Jhuley Lal temple. Simran's father was present at the temple when she was abducted. The victim's father went to the local police and submitted a complaint about his daughter being missing. The police took the application, however, did not proceed the investigation. On 4 May 2019, the police told the victim's father that Simran had converted to Islam and now she calls herself Dua Fatima. Now she is married to Afaq Ali. The police informed that her conversion was wilful, therefore, abduction investigation does not make sense.
- On 21 July 2019, 20-year-old Hindu girl Sanam Karishan was abducted by Raheel Ali. He took her to the Islamic School of Hafiz Mehmood Ahmed Attar. Sanam was forcefully asked to convert into Islam and adopt the Muslim name Mariam. Then she was forcefully married to her abductor- Raheel Ali. Some people from the local Hindu community witnessed this event but they were too afraid to provide statements. On 22 July 2019, the police informed victim's father that his daughter has given a statement that all what has happened with her consent. Therefore, her parents should stop further investigation against Raheel Ali.
- On 15 December 2019, 21-year-old Hindu girl Jamna Kumari went missing after her school. The victim's father went to the police station to file a complaint about his missing daughter. The police filed the complaint to investigate. On 16 December 2019, in the court of Tharpaker, Jamna or Sakeen informed the court that she has converted to Islam wilfully, her new name is Sakeena. She also said she is now a wife of Jameel Ahmed therefore, the investigation about the abduction and against Jameel should be stopped.

- On 16 January 2020, 19-year-old Hindu girl Guddi Kumari went to work like usual but this day she did not come back home after work. The victims' brother filed a missing complaint at the local police station. On 17 January 2020, police called the victims' brother and informed him that his sister has converted to Islam by her own will and that she is living in a religious shrine. Because she is now turned to Islam under the name Firdos Jahan, the case was then closed.
- On 16 January 2020, 14-year-old Hindu girl Mehak Rajesh, went to her school as usual. On this day she did not return back home. Mehak's father went to the police station to file a missing complaint. According to witnesses, Mehak was seen being kidnapped on her way to the school by Ali Raza Solangi. The local police have not taken any action against the abductor. The Superintendent of the police has been put on the case but still no FIR has been registered due to uncooperative behaviour of the police.
- On 13 March 2020, 15-year-old Hindu girl Bhambo Mai, was abducted from her home by Munir Ahmed. The victims' mother went to the chief of village to ask for help. The village chief demanded 400,000 PKR (Pakistani rupees) ransom on behalf of Munir Ahmed to return her daughter back. After the ransoms were paid, Bhambo Mai was returned back to her family. But, after few days, Munir Ahmed came back to their home asking to return him his wife back. Munir claimed that he and Bhambo Mai married according to the Islamic religion and she has also taken an Islamic name as Ayesha Bibi. Later, when the case went to the police, the police informed the victims' parents the same, so they cannot keep Bhambo Mai at their home and she must be returned back to her husband. Bhambo Mai's parents filed a case in the local court that their daughter is under-age and she cannot be converted to Islam and married at the age of 15. But, in the court, Munir Ahmed submitted the statements of Bhambo Mai and the court allowed her to go with Munir Ahmed.
- On 6 January 2019, 16-year-old Hindu girl, Shanti Parveen was abducted by an unknown person from her house. Shanti Parveen belongs to the marginalised "oad" Hindus in Balochistan. Her family made a public appeal to ask the police to find their daughter, but the police did not take any actions. On 7 January 2019, local police finally took the case and conducted the investigation. Later the police informed the family that the case is closed because Shanti has converted to Islam in the presence of Sessions Judge and Movli Nishar Ahmad Naqsh Bandi (religious cleric). She has also adopted a Muslim name as Ayesha Bibi, and the family should not further investigate.

- On 17 April 2020, a 14-year Hindu girl Suthi Oad, went missing from her residence. The victims' father went to the police station and filed the report. On 19 April, the police informed the victims' father that his daughter has been found but do not want to come back because she has converted to Islam and married to a Muslim man out of her free will. Police also gave the victims' father a copy of her statement. The man to whom Suthi was married is 40 years old. The parents did not believe that their daughter married to such an old man. The Oad community protested against un-cooperative behaviour of the local police, and demanded to arrange a meeting between Suthi and parents.

Situation of Minorities in Pakistan

Despite many years of sustained growth and development interventions in Pakistan, development indicators for the region remain dismal. Media reports, civil society programme reports, research studies and the odd official reports, however limited, point to Pakistan's minorities- Hindu, women, Ahmadiyya, Pashtuns and Baloch - being among the poorest and most vulnerable sections in the country; they are also the victims of most conflicts, violence, and targeted atrocities by government and communities in Pakistan.

The Minority Rights Group publishes its annual People Under Threat Index - a global ranking of countries most at risk of genocide and mass killings based on a set of indicators that are a combination of risks suffered by minority groups and the safeguards available to check mass violence (Minority Rights Group, 2016a). Its 2016 report listed Pakistan as having serious threats for minorities. Notably, safeguards against 'threats' that include voice and accountability, political stability and rule of law, are weak or non-existent in Pakistan.

There is no national instrument for minority rights' protection in Pakistan. The absence of effective measures to protect the minorities and lack of traction on redress has led the country to endemic violations of minority rights. There are also no accounts of tracking and reporting of discrimination and violations of the rights of minorities in Pakistan, instead the government and local authorities try to silence those who come forward.

There are also very few research reports on minority rights in Pakistan that either demands the governments' accountability on such grave violations against the minorities. And lack of civil society groups and space for advocacy is also limited. Minority rights are no longer the sole preserve of Pakistan. Regional and international instruments and mechanisms for minority rights along with human rights are in place to hold the government of Pakistan accountable for its atrocities against the minorities.

Part of the constitution of Pakistan claims non-Muslims are free to practise their religion, when they aspire to participate in politics they meet the discrimination of one-sided religious influenced policies. Imaginable, as controversial as the constitution is, even more is the practise that follows from its interpretation. Systematic discrimination, targeted killings, destruction of religious sights, abductions, forced conversions and forced marriages are very present in Pakistan's contemporary society.[9]

Forced conversions and forced marriages

Especially women's rights continue to be violated both on local as well as institutional level. Gender based crimes against women including murder, rape, honor killings, acid attacks, domestic violence, forced conversion, forced marriage, child marriage and discrimination remain a severe and present problem in Pakistan today.[10] The violence and inequality against women is deeply rooted in Pakistan's history which is often used as reason to justify the current injustice as being part of tradition and customs.[11] Pakistan's patriarchal political system persistently deprives women from equal access to opportunity in all layers of society including 'the rights and freedoms to which every human being is equally and inalienably entitled.'[12] Liberty, social security, education, employment, politics, health, freedom of expression and consensual marriage are among the many basic fundamental rights which are not ensured for the Pakistani women. Pakistan's military, which is accused of having ties with extremist religious groups, are exercising increasing power over state policy, rendering the current situation for women only worse.[13]

Especially the women from religious minorities are regularly subjected to abductions, forced conversion and forced marriage. They are not only subject to severe gender discrimination, but also to religious violence and persecution. Cases show how underage Hindu and Christian girls disappear from their homes or workplace to later resurface as converted and married Muslim women.[14] These cases disrupt the communities and are seen as an attempt from Muslim extremists to spread Islam through forced conversions and marriages of minority women.[15] When stories of abduction and rape become public, the abductors often proceed to forcibly marry the victim in order to suppress suspicion of sexual assault.[16] These conversions are often backed by powerful shrines, seminaries and clerics, as well as local politicians. The arrangement surrounding forced conversions is often controlled by clerics who offer money and housing to new Muslim converts.[17]

Blasphemy law

The law of blasphemy is considered another source of discrimination against religious minorities. The blasphemy law, in force under the Pakistani penal code, refers to the prohibition of insulting or showing contempt against the Prophet Mohammad and states (295-C) 'Use of derogatory remarks, etc., in respect of the Holy Prophet.'^[18] Evidently, this law is vague both on terms of mens rea as well as actus reus, violating the principle of legality. 'Sentences for these offences range from fines to long terms of imprisonment, and in the case of defamation of the Prophet Muhammad, a mandatory death sentence.'^[19] This law thus serves as a legal justification to persecute religious minorities, or any other person, by means of false accusations in pursuit of personal vendettas or disputes. Pakistan's blasphemy law has led to an extensive amount of death row convictions, without holding up the rights of the accused during the trial.^[20] Victims are often immediately presumed guilty, without substantive evidence. Major bias exists in relation to religious minorities already, which makes it almost impossible for them to appeal blasphemy cases filed against them. As the government is 'failing to repeal discriminatory laws and using religious rhetoric inciting hatred against minority groups'^[21] it encourages 'discriminatory prosecutions and other forms of discrimination against vulnerable groups.'^[22]

The Asia Bibi case provides ample evidence on this point. Asia Bibi is a Christian woman who faced the death sentence under the blasphemy law. After 9 years of solitary confinement, international attention pressured the supreme court to acquit her.^[23] When they eventually did so, 3 days of national protests took place in Pakistan. Police offices were attacked and schools had to close, while government action against these protests remained absent. Multiple extremist religious groups, whom exercise increasing control over local politicians and police enforcement, openly called for violence and murder.^[24] As seen here, the state itself facilitates these basic human rights violations by lack of public condemning of the violence, as well as being wholly unable/unwilling to implement and enforce adequate legislation.

It is measured that the religious minorities in Pakistan reduced from 23% in 1947, to a mere 3.7% in 2017.^[25] This rapid decrease can thus be attributed to the violence, forced conversions and blasphemy persecutions, and if no action is taken all of those minorities will soon cease to exist. The fact that these minorities are so rapidly decreasing is the main reason why GHRD is so dedicated to undertaking human rights action in Pakistan.

[1] The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (April 1973, last amended February 2012), art. 2

[2] Ibid, annex on Article 2A

[3] Ibid

[4] Ibid, art. 41(2)

[5] Ibid, art. 62(2)

[6] Ibid, art. 62(g)

[7] Ibid, art. 228

[8] Ibid, art. 63(l)

[9] European Commission (EC), 'Joint Staff Working Document - The EU Special Incentive Arrangement for Sustainable Development and Good Governance ('GSP+') assessment of Pakistan covering the period 2016 - 2017' SWD (2018) 29 final, p. 8; Human Rights Watch (HRW), 'World Report 2019' (2019, Pakistan p. 244), p. 450, accessible at: <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019>

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[11] Sabrina Khan, 'Pakistan and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women' (2013) Vol 2, No 2, Criterion Quarterly <http://www.criterion-quarterly.com/pakistan-and-the-convention-on-the-elimination-of-all-forms-of-discrimination-against-women/> accessed 15 February 2019; Freedom House, 'Freedom in the World 2018 – Pakistan Profile' (2018) F4, <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-world/2018/pakistan> accessed at 19 February 2019

[12] Universal Declaration of Human Rights (adopted 10 December 1948 UNGA Res 217 A(III) (UDHR) Introduction (illustrated edition, 2015)

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rising-voices-of-women-in-pakistan/ accessed on 15 February

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[15] The Times of India, 'Over 500 Hindus converted to Islam in Pakistan' (2018) <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/over-500-hindus-converted-to-islam-in-pakistan/articleshow/63538595.cms> accessed 15 November 2018.

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[17] The Atlantic, 'Hindu Today, Muslim Tomorrow' (2017) <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2017/08/hindu-muslim-pakistan/536238/> accessed 15 November 2018

[18] Pakistan Penal Code (6th October, 1860) XLV of 1860, Ch. XV sec. 295-C

[19] International Commission of Jurists, 'On Trial: The Implementation of Pakistan's Blasphemy Laws' (2015), p. 5 <https://www.icj.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Pakistan-On-Trial-Blasphemy-Laws-Publications-Thematic-Reports-2015-ENG.pdf> accessed at 21 February 2019

[20] International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (adopted 16 December 1966, entered into force 23 March 1976) 999 UNTS 171 (ICCPR), art 14

[21] Human Rights Watch, 'Country Summary: Pakistan' (January 2018) p. 3, https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/pakistan_2.pdf accessed at 21 February 2019

[22] Ibid

[23] BBC, 'Asia Bibi: Pakistan's Notorious Blasphemy Case' (1 February 2019) https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-sh/Asia_Bibi accessed at 21 February 2019

[24] Ibid

[25] Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, 'Population by Religion' (19 February 2019) pdf accessible at: <http://www.pbs.gov.pk/content/population-religion>

FACT FINDINGS AND DOCUMENTATION

Description of fact findings processes:

1. Visits to the areas and localities where the incidents against religious minorities take place.
2. Collection of facts, documents, pictures, FIRs, medical reports, newspapers and other evidence from the victims, police stations, hospitals, offices/authorities and eye-witnesses of the incident.
3. Highlighting their voice and recommendations of fact findings at local, national and global forums.
4. Encouraging the religious minorities to raise against their issues and share the actual facts files and documents to them and decision-makers/police/courts.

Outcome:

1. Victims become highly encouraged with the fact findings visits and they share their problems with Human Rights Focus Pakistan (HRFP).
2. Original facts behind the incident are found in comments of eye-witnesses and by documents.
3. Upcoming legal and policy reforms are developed after examining these fact findings.
4. The facts and data become helpful in advocacy and lobbying for demanding reforms for policy and new legislations.

Cases From 2019 and 2020

Arati Waga

Student - Pakistani Hindu

Aarti Waga is a 13 year-old Hindu girl and daughter of Waga, resident of Thathi Yousaf, Hyderabad, Sindh province. On 16 August 2019, Umair Ali abducted Aarti from Thathi Yousaf, Hyderabad, Sindh. The abductor took her to Dar-ul-Ifta, Dar ul Uloom Islamia Arabia, Malakand Road, Sher Garh, Mardan Pakistan. There, she was forcefully converted to Islam and her name was changed to the Islamic name of Ayesha Bibi.

On 17 August 2019, Aarti was forcefully married to Umair Ali at the age of 13. The family of Aarti submitted an application on the first day when she was missing. However, the police told them that Aarti has converted to Islam and married Umair Ali and she is living happily with her husband.

The family of Aarti are protesting that their underage minor girl was actually illegally converted and married to Umair Ali, her abductor. The family raised the issue that the police are behaving rudely and showing favouritism to the culprits. They fear that their daughter has been killed. The culprits and police are concealing the location of Aarti while the family is requesting justice. There has been no contact with the victim or perpetrator.

Legal Status

The victim is still missing and there has been no cooperation from the police; the family continues to struggle for justice. The family submitted an application and the police began an investigation. However, the case was stopped prior to the completion of a FIR as the police stated the girl converted to Islam. The family continue to search for the victim but the police have stopped as they assert that she has willingly converted to Islam. The police are aware the victim is a minor and know the location of the perpetrator, however they continue to refuse to take action.

Supporting documents:

1. Consent form
2. Conversion certificate
3. Marriage Certificate
4. FIR/police report

INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

We agree to the following rules concerning the use of information in regards to the case of Aarti Waga.

The permission to conduct, monitor and share the collected information with third parties to lobby and raise awareness in the case of Aarti Waga, is given to the following organizations: i. Global Human Rights Defence, ii. Human Rights Focus Pakistan

Awareness can and will be raised in the following ways:

- Through launching a campaign and/or petition
- Through sharing the information with third parties such as international NGO's, members of various political entities, including international organizations.

- The permission to share the victim's and her parents' identities with the Government of Pakistan is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.

- The permission to publish the victim's and her parents' identities in the Communications Report to the UN Human Rights Council is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.

I hereby confirm that I am Waga and legal guardian of Aarti Waga.

Signed by: _____ Signed by: _____

Name of father or legal guardian _____ Name of mother or legal guardian _____
Waga _____

Date: ...30 Sept 2019, _____ Date: _____

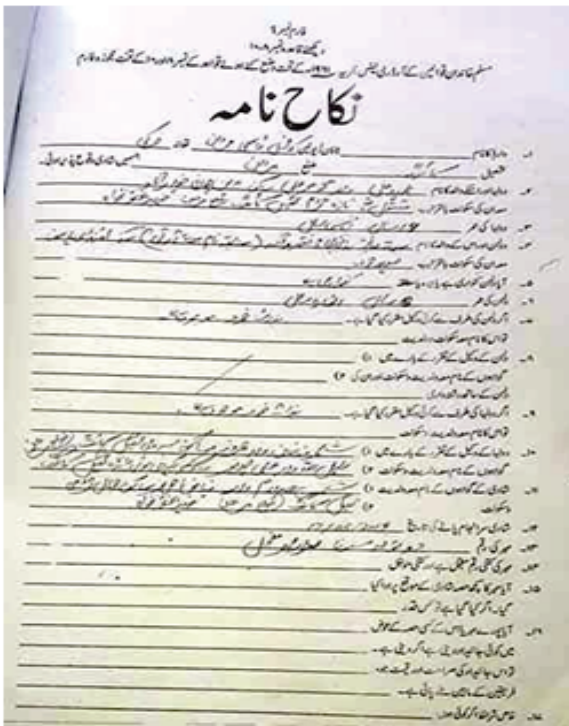
Namrita Kumari

a Hindu girl and daughter of Jaipal Das Mahar Chandani

Namrita Kumari, a Hindu girl and daughter of Jaipal Das Mahar Chandani who is a resident of Mirpur Mathelo, Ghotki, Sindh, was raped before being murdered. The final postmortem report of Nimrita Kumari, issued by Chandka Medical College Hospital (CMCH) Woman Medico-Legal Officer (WMLO) Dr Amrita on Wednesday 6th November 2019, has revealed that the deceased was sexually abused before being murdered. Nimrita's death was determined to be caused by suffocation as asphyxial signs caused by a ligature on the neck were seen during the autopsy.

Namirta was a student in final year of BDS (Bachelor of dental surgery) at Bibi Asifa Dental College, Larkana, Sindh which is part of Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU), where she was living in room number three of the college hostel.

On 16 September 2019, her room was locked from inside and as no one was answering the door, the watchman was called who broke the door and found Namrita Kumari lying dead on the bed with a dupatta (veil) on her neck. Police took the body to Chandka Medical College Larkana, for post mortem. Her family also went there. The brother of Namrita, Dr. Vishal, was also present as the fake report of the post mortem was given to the family. This stated that she committed suicide through hanging herself from the room fan with a cloth(veil). However Dr. Vishal, who himself is a Medical consultant at



Dow Medical College in Karachi, told the media that he had seen marks of violence on Namrita's head, neck, hands and legs so he does not accept the report saying it was suicide. Dr. Vishal further said that the marks looked like someone had murdered her after the rape. Dr Vishal was not satisfied with the report and demanded a second forensic report. The college administration and police are attempting to make the incident look like a suicide due to the questionable treatment of minorities in the Pakistani justice system.

There were no eye witnesses of the murder and the statements made by students have not been accepted by the police.

Legal Status

College Administration and police have tried to make this issue look like a suicide but it has been proven that the Namrita was sexually abused before being murdered; <https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/551743-nimrita-kumari-raped-killed-final-autopsy-report>

It was found in the forensic report that Namrita was raped and murdered. The police are currently investigating and seeking out the culprits. The family registered the case, submitting a FIR, at the police station however, the police intentionally delayed the investigation.

Supporting documents:

- 1.Consent of the victim
- 2.Photo of the victim

INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

We agree to the following rules concerning the use of information in regards to the case of Namrita Kumari.

The permission to conduct, monitor and share the collected information with third parties to lobby and raise awareness in the case of Namrita Kumari, is given to the following organizations: i. Global Human Rights Defence, ii. Human Rights Focus Pakistan

Awareness can and will be raised in the following ways:

- Through launching a campaign and/or petition
- Through sharing the information with third parties such as international NGO's, members of various political entities, including international organizations.

- The permission to share the victim's and her parents' identities with the Government of Pakistan is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.
- The permission to publish the victim's and her parents' identities in the Communications Report to the UN Human Rights Council is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.

I hereby confirm that I am Jaipal Das and legal guardian of Namrita Kumari.

Signed by: _____ Signed by: _____
 Name of father or legal guardian Name of mother or legal guardian
 Jaipal Das _____
 Date: ... 23 Sept 2019. _____ Date: _____



Payal Kumari

Student - Pakistani Hindu -
Abduction and forced marriage

Payal Kumari, a Hindu girl and daughter of Mavji Kohli who is resident of Khaspura, Tando Muhammad Khan, Sindh, was abducted, forcefully converted and forcibly married to a Muslim man.

The incident started on the 30th August 2019 when Nisar Ahmad, Dildar Ahmad and Abdul Sattar entered the house of Mavji Kohli and abducted Payal Kumari. They took her to Shrine of Syed Ayub Jan Farooki Sarhandi, where Payal was forcefully converted to Islam and married to Nisar Ahmad. The conversion certificate was sent to the police station and the police called Mavji Kohli stating that her daughter had embraced Islam willingly and married willingly. Mavji and his family protested stating that their daughter is a minor of age 15 years so she cannot marry willingly.

On 6th September 2019, the police called Mavji Kohli again and told her that her daughter has wilfully converted to Islam and married Nisar Ahmad; she was not abducted nor forced to convert to Islam.

The victim's family is protesting stating that their daughter is underage and since she never appeared in court nor in front of her parents, how they can believe that their daughter converted and got married willingly. They requested a meeting with their daughter because they were afraid that she may have been sold or murdered.

Legal Status

Payal is still missing and there has been no cooperation from the police whilst her family continues to struggle for justice.

After the registration of the FIR, the police tried to arrest the culprits. However, when the perpetrator presented the conversion certificate of the girl to Islam the police ceased all

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Awareness can and will be raised in the following ways:

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 - The permission to publish the victim's and her parents' identities in the Communications Report to the UN Human Rights Council is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.

I hereby confirm that I am Mayji Kohli and legal guardian of Piyal Kumari.

Signed by:

Signed by:

Name of father or legal guardian

Name of mother or legal guardian

Mayji Kohli

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Date: ...28 Sept 2019.....

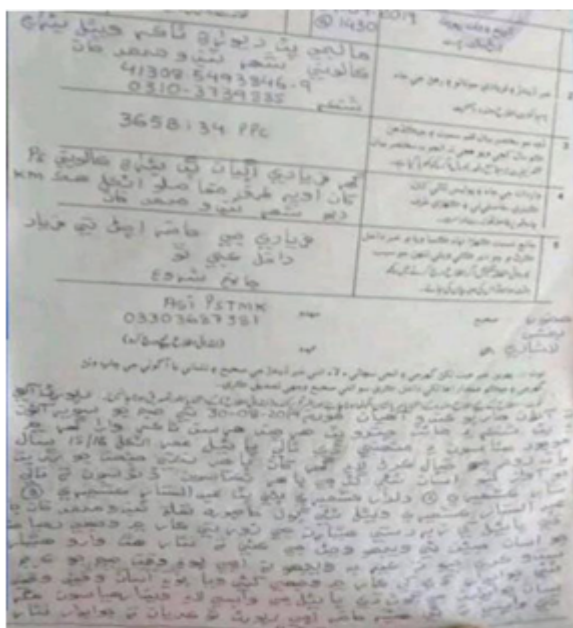
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proceedings.

No steps as of yet have been taken to arrange a court appearance and meeting.

Supporting documents:

1. Consent form
2. Photo of the victim
3. Conversion certificate
4. Marriage certificate
5. FIR/police repor



INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

We agree to the following rules concerning the use of information in regards to the case of Chandri Kumari.

The permission to conduct, monitor and share the collected information with third parties to lobby and raise awareness in the case of Chandri Kumari, is given to the following organizations: i. Global Human Rights Defence, ii. Human Rights Focus Pakistan

Awareness can and will be raised in the following ways:

- Through launching a campaign and/or petition
- Through sharing the information with third parties such as international NGO's, members of various political entities, including international organizations.

- The permission to share the victim's and her parents' identities with the Government of Pakistan is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.
- The permission to publish the victim's and her parents' identities in the Communications Report to the UN Human Rights Council is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.

I hereby confirm that I am Dado and legal guardian of Chandri Kumari.

Signed by: _____ Signed by: _____

Name of father or legal guardian _____ Name of mother or legal guardian _____

Dado _____

Date: ...19 Oct 2019 _____ Date: _____

Chandri Kumari

Student - Pakistani

Chandri Kumari, a 10 year-old Hindu girl and daughter of Dudo who is resident of Nasir Abad, Jhandu, Mirpur Khas Sindh, was abducted, forcefully converted and married forcibly to Muslim boy.

The incident began on 16th October 2019 when Allah Dino with his friends abducted Chandri from Nasir Abad, Jhandu, Mirpur Khas Sindh. They took her to the Islamic School of Muhammad Ayub Jan Sarhandi and there she was forcefully converted to Islam. The name of Chandri was changed and a new Islamic name, Nazia, was given to her. There Chandri was forcefully married to Allah Dino. Dudo, the father of Chandri, went to the police station to submit a complaint; the police accepted the application and said they would investigate further.

On 17 October 2019, the police called Dudo and told him that his daughter has converted to Islam and married to a Muslim boy named Allah Dino; she has recorded a free will statement regarding the conversion and marriage so cease the proceedings against the culprits. The family of Chandri asserted that she has not converted willingly nor married by her choice and they cannot accept this claim until she appears in court in front of them. The family states that their daughter was forcefully converted to Islam and married to Allah Dino as she is a minor.

Legal Status

Chandri is still missing and there has been no cooperation from police. The family is crying for justice.

A FIR was submitted to the police but they stated that it will not be registered as the case is resolved due to the victim willingly converting to Islam and agreeing to marriage. This is false information; Chandri is a victim of abduction, forced marriage and forced conversion. There has been no progress regarding the case as the police state the case is closed.

Supporting documents:

1. Consent form
2. Photo of the victim
3. Conversion certificate
4. Marriage certificate
5. FIR/police report

Gonila Gill

Pakistani Christian Death Threat based on religious beliefs

Gonila Gill, a 28 years old Christian woman and wife of a Muslim man Husnain Jamil who was also inspired by Christianity, are both subjected to threats.

Gonila has been threatened by colleagues multiple times for not having converted to Islam even after her marriage to Husnain Jamil, who is Muslim, in 2014. At her workplace, Gonila's colleagues wanted her to convert to Islam and eventually she became so unhappy that she decided to quit her job.

Gonila said, "my husband is honest, respectful of me and our son who we choose to baptise as a Christian. I am very grateful to him because he helps me and takes care of me, although he is also forced to endure the cruelty of people. He supports my son and I in our Christian life. He often comes to mass with us and participates in prayers. I am lucky to be surrounded by people who love me, by friends who support me". At the same time, he adds, "I feel a sense of insecurity in living in this society, and I am very worried about my son's future".

In 2018, Abraham, their son, was born and the couple decided to baptise him from the Christian faith. When they did so, it was revealed to all that they are actually practicing Christianity. Their colleagues began showing extreme hatred to the couple. Now Gonila feels insecure and not only she but the whole family are under threats; her son Abraham is now being followed by some strangers. Gonila has been subjected to verbal threats from her colleagues and is afraid that she is being followed. There has been limited engagement with the local community as Gonila feels uncomfortable sharing her problems with them.

Legal Status

Gonila Gill, her husband, Husnain Jamil and Son Abraham should be provided protection because they are under death threats.

The police have not been contacted and no FIR was submitted.

Supporting documents

1. Consent form
2. Photo of the victim with family
3. FIR/police report



Mehak Bashir

Student - Pakistani Hindu - Abduction and forced marriage

Mehak Bashir, a 13 year-old Christian girl and daughter of sanitary worker Bashir Masih, who is a student of 5th class at Government Gaurdian Angel High School Warispura Faisalabad, was abducted, forcibly converted and married to a Muslim man.

Bashir Masih is a sanitary worker at DHQ hospital Faisalabad, his best friend Muhammad Malik Shahid came to his home frequently; he was called a brother of Bashir Masih and Mehak and the other children called him uncle.

On 2nd November 2019, Mehak's mother, Tahira Bibi, sent her daughter to the shop near their house to get some grocery items. Malik Shahid, who was in their home at that time, also went out. When Mehak didn't return for a long time, Bashir Masih began searching for her. While asking people Sadiq Masih, a street fellow, told Bashir Masih that he had seen Mehak going on an auto rickshaw with Shahid and two unknown people.

After finding this out, Bashir Masih visited the local police station and submitted an application for Mehak's abduction. The police registered the FIR (First Information Report) and told Bashir that they are searching for her but they have no information to date except that Muhammad Malik has kidnapped her, converted her forcefully and got married forcibly.

Legal Status

Minor girl Mehak Bashir should be recovered and handed over to her parents. The culprits should be punished according to the Law.

Supporting documents

- 1.Consent form
- 2.Photo of the victim
- 3.Marriage certificate
- 4.FIR/police report

INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

We agree to the following rules concerning the use of information in regards to the case of Mehak Bashir.

The permission to conduct, monitor and share the collected information with third parties to lobby and raise awareness in the case of Mehak Bashir, is given to the following organizations: i. Global Human Rights Defence, ii. Human Rights Focus Pakistan

Awareness can and will be raised in the following ways:

- Through launching a campaign and/or petition
- Through sharing the information with third parties such as international NGO's, members of various political entities, including international organizations.

- The permission to share the victim's and her parents' identities with the Government of Pakistan is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.

- The permission to publish the victim's and her parents' identities in the Communications Report to the UN Human Rights Council is given the UN Special Rapporteurs.

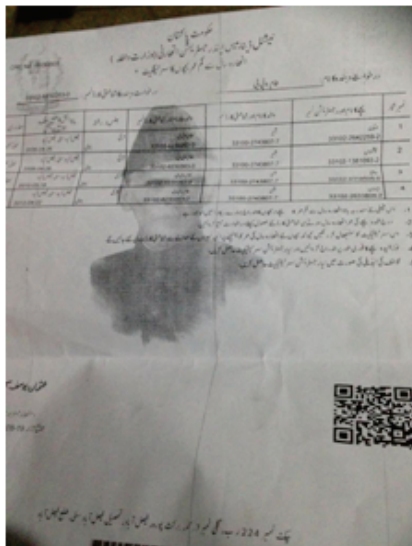
I hereby confirm that I am Bashir Masih and legal guardian of Mehak Bashir.

Signed by: _____ Signed by: _____

Name of father or legal guardian _____ Name of mother or legal guardian _____

Bashir Masih _____

Date: ...9 Nov 2019... Date: _____



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