

PRESS RELEASE

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PCHR takes serious notice of criminal negligence on part of Toba Tek Singh Police

Islamabad: The misuse of authority and abuse of power by police on the behest of criminals has become a normal practice in our country. And this attitude of police has aggravated the already deteriorating condition of police department in Punjab. This was stated by Mr. Riaz Fatyana MNA Chairman, Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) while inspecting the local police station Pir Mahal in Tehsil Kamalia, District Toba Tek Singh. On receiving the complaint of illegal and unlawful arrest of a respectable citizen of Kamalia, Chairman PCHR paid a surprise visit to the Pir Mahal police Station. A large number of local notables and Ngo representatives were also with him.

As per details, A case no 164/2006 under sections ,420/468/406 and 506 PPC has been registered against Mr. Nasir Ahmed, a respectable citizen of Kamalia on 21.04.2006. According to the factual position, it was the case of a property deal which was never materialized. Accused was given some token money in regard of the property deal. As per agreement, the complainant of this FIR was supposed to pay him the balance amount in some specific period of time which he never did. Instead, he in connivance with local police filed a forged case of fraud against Mr. Nasir Ahmad in P.S. Pir Mahal, Tehsil Kamalia, Distt. Toba Tek Singh and got him arrested along with his son. At the time of arrest he was badly misbehaved and physically tortured. It is worth mentioning here that this matter was also pending before a civil court, and hence is beyond the jurisdiction of Criminal law unless otherwise decided by the competent court. This incident was brought to the notice of Chairman PCHR by local journalists and human right groups.

Taking serious notice of this ugly incident Chairman PCHR Mr. Riaz Fatyana immediately visited Pir Mahal police Station and was shocked to notice that the above mentioned person was kept in miserable conditions there. Local SHO could not give a satisfactory answer to his queries and shifted the whole responsibility on orders of high ups. Commenting on the incident, Chairman PCHR, Mr. Riaz Fatyana MNA, said that the high handedness of the police in this case is very obvious. This was the simple case of a property deal which never got through. But Due to criminal negligence of police an innocent citizen is behind the bars and facing criminal charges which are in fact baseless.

Talking on the incident, Chairman PCHR, Mr. Riaz Fatyana MNA further expressed his anguish of the criminal negligence of the local police authorities. He further stated that PCHR will raise this issue on the floor of the national assembly on upcoming session of the national assembly by submitting an adjournment motion. He further resolved that This matter will be brought into notice of Chief Minister, home secretary and IG Punjab with a request of strict action against responsible police officials.

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