

PRESS RELEASE

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PCHR has taken serious notice over alleged disappearance of Dr. Safdar Sarki by secret agencies

Islamabad. Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) has taken serious notice over the alleged disappearance of a political activist Dr. Safdar Sarki. Giving detail of the incident Chief Coordinator Mr. Shafique Chaudhry said that some worthy members of National Assembly from Sindh including Syed Zafar Ali Shah MNA, Nawab Yousuf Talpur MNA and Abdul Mujeeb Pirzada MNA have approached Chairman PCHR Mr. Riaz Fatyana MNA and informed him of the alleged disappearance of Dr. Safdar Sarki. Pointing out the detail, Chief Coordinator said that Dr. Safdar Sarki is a political activist and leader of a political party Jiay Sindh. He has been a former president of Sindh Association of North America and holding American nationality as well. Dr. Sarki is missing since couple of weeks and his whereabouts are yet to be known. It is allegedly reported that men of secret agencies have kidnapped him and by an eye witness Dr. Sarki has been found soaked with blood prior to arrest which indicates severe torture inflicted by the men who arrested him. Similarly, he has not been produced in any court of law and many organizations have staged protests and demonstrations on this issue.

Chief Coordinator said that alleged arrest and continued disappearance of Dr. Sarki is an explicit violation of human rights and Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. It is clearly stated in the constitution that every person who is arrested and detained in custody shall be produced before a court of law within a period of twenty-four hours of such arrest. In addition to this, every citizen in Pakistan has been granted right to freedom of speech and expression. No one can be detained or arrested for expression of his thought and speech except the conditions prescribed in the constitution.

Concerning measures taken for production of Dr. Sarki in court of law, he said that Chairman PCHR Mr. Riaz Fatyana MNA has contacted the officials of Ministry of Interior, Home Secretary Sindh, and I.G Sindh and demanded their immediate intervention urging upon them to take practical steps to ensure production of Dr. Sarki in the court of law so that every measures should be taken in accordance with the legal procedure. Mr. Chairman assured that Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights will continue raising voice for the protection of human rights at all levels.

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