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### SAIRA GANG RAPE CASE

#### **PCHR expresses deep concern over the alleged gang rape by police officials in Capital**

Islamabad. Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) has expressed its deep concern over the alleged gang rape with fifteen years teenager girl Saira by police personnel at Shehzad Town Police Station. The incident has serious fall-out, as it had been committed in the capital city of the country that is an abode of top civil, political and military bureaucrats. If such heinous human rights violations go on in the Capital, then rest of the cities of the country cannot be subjected to criticism.

PCHR has welcomed the timely taken decision of the President of Pakistan Pervaiz Musharaf and Senator Dr. Shehzad Waseem, Minister of State for Interior over this heinous gang rape with fifteen years old Saira at Shehzad Town Police Station by an alleged police personnel. Minister of State for Interior has taken a step in right direction while suspending four policemen and ordered for instituting a judicial inquiry for heinous crime.

The gravity of growing rape cases in the country necessitates timely and earnest response of the government. In addition to this, the image of police authorities is already blotted in the public environs; and the occurrence of gang-rape with teenager by an alleged police personnel in the high security zone of the country amounts to jerking the public minds as well as distorting the image of the country regarding law and order situation.

Commenting upon the recent development on the rape case, Chief Coordinator PCHR, Mr. Shafique Chaudhry, said that the decision of Senator Dr. Shehzad Waseem deserves appreciation, as it is first time that government has displayed swift and quick response to the incident, and it is well expression of President Pervaiz Musharaf commitment with cause of human rights in general and protection of women rights in particular and to exterminate the elements putting barriers in the idea of enlightened moderation which aims at making Pakistan a real democratic state. He maintained that the timely taken decision by the present government is clarion call for the offenders to beware of making innocent women the target of their craving, and deteriorating law and order situation in the country.

He hoped that the under process proceedings of Judicial Committee will not become victim of any political or bureaucratic pressure; and that the investigation will be conducted in transparent, honest and impartial manner so as to bring the alleged offenders to the justice. He added that such sort of crimes particularly in the capital of the country clearly undermine the President Pervaiz Musharaf endeavor to enhance the image of Pakistan abroad and idea of enlightened moderation.

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