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### **PCHR takes serious notice of torture on lady journalist**

ISLAMABAD: The Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) has demanded an immediate action against the Deputy Secretary, Federal Ministry of Environment, who was alleged to have physically tortured a lady journalist of an Urdu daily, Saima Zahoor.

The Commission strongly criticized the conduct of local police who refused to register the case against the government official, as under the law registration of FIR is the minimum right of any victim. The PCHR also submitted a Calling Attention Notice in National Assembly as well as in Senate to discuss the issue at length.

Chairman PCHR and MNA Riaz Fatyana along with members of the Commission including MNAs Omar Ayub Khan, Khawaja Saad Rafique, Mian Mumtaz Matiana, Syed Javed Ali Shah, Farid Ahmed Paracha, Sardar Nasrullah Khan Dareshak, Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Syed Naveed Qamar and Kashmala Tariq and Senator Dr. Shehzad Wasim took a serious notice of the incident. They regretted that the incident took place in the Federal Capital where lawmakers from the whole country sit to enact laws. They were of the view that a special amount is being spent on the training of Islamabad Capital Police (ICT) out of the public exchequer for making this Force a true representative of the Federal Capital, however, this incident showed that ICT Police does not have any respect for human rights and law of the country.

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