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### **PCHR DEMANDED DEATH SENTENCE AGAINST ACID THROWING**

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) has taken serious notice of an incident of throwing acid on the faces of eight sisters in Jahanian and demanded death sentence for the culprits.

Chief Coordinator PCHR Shafique Chudhery maintained on Monday that MNA and Member of Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) Begum Mahnaz Rafi had already demanded death sentence through a resolution submitted by her in National assembly against culprits throwing acid on the face of anybody.

Meanwhile she has taken serious notice of an incident of throwing acid on eight daughters of one farmer Anwar of Jahanian on July 25, 2004. Her resolution may come on the floor of the House on (today) Tuesday. She has demanded death sentence for this heinous crime against humanity.

Shafique Chudhery was of the view that cases of throwing acid on the faces of people particularly women are increasing in the country especially in South Punjab. As many as 56 cases were reported in 2002, 67 were in 2003 and now number by the end of the June was 41 in South Punjab in year 2004.

These numbers are only the tip of the iceberg, considering that most incidents go unreported in rural areas. What makes the case of Acid Throwing more heart wrenching to those of us, the more privileged ones, are the grotesque pictures of disfigured women who are now struggling to survive in society. He said that PCHR has always been vigilant about and responsive to such type of human rights abuses.

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