

Report on Subjects of Pakistan's Hindu Oppressions

Appeal for helpless status

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Suffering of Hindu's in Pakistan with no help or hope of light from anywhere

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Disclaimer

1. This facts listed in this report is not against any particular religion, it's all about oppression of Hindus in Pakistan
2. This is all about our dignity, faith and respect, which is being exploited by some thugs.
3. All information's provided in this report are correct at the best knowledge of Author.

Introduction:

Ever since the inception of Pakistan, the left over Hindus has faced a hostile environment there. They have been suffering at the hands of government's negligence and religious fanatics' atrocities working hand in glove systematically in ethnic cleansing in Pakistan.

The Hindus of Pakistan are a group of helpless bunch of people in their forefathers' land where they lived for time immemorial and are now considered a liability, an obstacle to majority's progress and disloyal and unfaithful to their own motherland. They are being ridiculed, called names, their thousands of years old faith is maligned, kidnapped for ransom and worst of all their young daughters are kidnapped and forced to marry to unknown people.

These girls are lost forever, no one knows about their fate afterwards. To rub salts to their wound not a single state machinery be it governing party, opposition, police, administration, media and above all judiciary comes to their rescue. Everyone is either scared of these fanatics who hold whole nation a hostage in the name of religion or have a soft corner for them being co-religious. Although some cry foul about these fanatics but no one has courage to counter them, hence such indecisiveness emboldens these people to carry out such heinous crimes at their will without any resistance.

Hindus of Pakistan facing such brutality, injustice, and unfavourable environment for their business, education, faith, prosperity in this country are forced to take only one decision – "quit Pakistan".

This report is an attempt to provide an appraisal of helpless situation of Pakistani Hindus, and gain support from world community for redemption of their lost dignity, self-respect, and livelihood.

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Ethnic Cleansing of Hindus

While overall population of Pakistan since its birth has increased by 5 times, Hindu population has dwindled. At the time of creation of Pakistan there were 15% Hindus and current Hindu population is less than 2%. Most of the Hindus live in province Sindh as there was mass migration from provinces Punjab and NWFP during 1947 and only a small fraction of them now lives there.

According to one estimate population of Hindus in Sindh was nearly 10 million (1 crore) in 1951 and it has now gone down to nearly 7 millions (1998) despite the fact that population of Sindh has increased by 4 times (Pakistan census).

Below is the table showing the latest available figure of Hindu population in various towns in Sindh:

SINDH	
DISTRICT NAME	POPULATION
JACOBABAD	152,079
SHIKARPUR	47,565
LARKANA	81,963
SUKKUR	89,400
GHOTKI	194,451
KHAIRPUR	136,356
NAUSHERO FEROZ	43,374
NAWABSHAH	92,472
DADU	103,470
HYDERABAD	1,047,501
BADIN	679,269
THATTA	96,417
SANGHAR	878,061
MIRPURKHAS	889,665
UMERKOT	946,185
THARPARKAR	1,109,994
KARACHI-EAST	44,406
KARACHI-WEST	22,911
KARACHI-SOUTH	141,009
KARACHI-CENTRAL	12,717
MALIR	33,261
TOTAL	6,842,526

(Courtesy: Hindu council of Pakistan)

It is the sense of insecurity that is causing Hindu community to migrate to India rather than economics. Most of the time it is the upper and upper middle class that migrates compared to lower income people.

Young Girls' abduction and forced conversion

According to Human rights commission of Pakistan report at least 25 Hindu girls are forcibly abducted and converted to Islam each month. Most of the cases go undeclared as family feel that their dignity and honour has been put on stake. Another reason being a soft target they are easy prey. They generally do not stand up or speak up against such crimes due to fear or in worst situations even when they try to speak up and call for actions they are accused of having Indian connections or killed by local fanatic Islamic groups. Eventually these people either suffer in silence or migrate to other towns or if lucky enough get a visa to migrate to India.

However, the girls are left at the mercy of her abductors who in most cases divorce them and then get them remarried to other people or forced into flesh trade. [Ref: **Amarnath Motumal – member Human Right Commission of Pakistan**].

Attached is the copy of allegation and counter allegation of Muslims fighting each other over possession of a Hindu girl kidnapped and converted a year ago (Express Tribune: 18th April 2012)

Below is the list compile privately by a young fellow of Daharki town, of girls forcibly abducted and converted to Islam. These cases have occurred in recent past.

Name	D/o	From
Pooja	Sri Chand	Daharki
Versha	Satiwan Das	Jarwar
Rinkle	Nand Lal	Mirpur Mathelo
Aasha	Unknown	Jacobabad
Dr. Lata	Dr. Ramesh Lal	Jacobabad
Dr. Sulachhni	Ghansham Das	Daharki
Daya	Chandu Ram	Daharki
Pinky	Dr. Chela Ram	Panoakil
Unknown	Pooran Das	Khairpur
Rajni	Chetan Das	Ubaro
Aneeta	Unknown	Moro
Shishpal	Bhajan Lal	Daharki
Papu	Shankar Lal	Daharki

The most recent infamous case that got public and media attention is the kidnapping and forced conversion of a young girl, **Rinkle Kumari**, who was married to an unknown person, threatened, coerced to change her statement, and

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finally forced by court order to live with people who are tormenting and torturing her every moment of her life.

Below are the events that occurred from her kidnapping to Supreme Court's (unjustified) adjudication:

- The girl was kidnapped by accomplices of Mr. Mithu on 24th Feb 2012 early morning at 5'O'clock and police did not file FIR because of fear from fanatics. After big protest, that included blockage of a main highway, FIR was lodged at 8'o'clock in the evening.
- It is worth mentioning that Mr. Mithu has a huge following for religious members, he is a member of national assembly of Pakistan and a powerful member of Pakistan People's Party. He belongs to the clan who is accused of killing Bhagat Kanwar Ram, a saint of Sindh.
- On 25th Feb 2012 in the morning she was produced before magistrate at Ghotki. In the presence of advocates of both sides Rinkle Kumari gave a statement that she wanted to go with her mother but the civil judge Ghotki MR.HASAN ALI KALWAR refused to record the statement and told MR.RAJ KUMAR maternal uncle of abducted girl, in private, that due to pressure of Mian Mithu and his extremist group he can't take risk. In this situation there will be spillage of blood. He, therefore, ordered to send her to the women police station and transferred the case to Mirpur Mathelo, another town.
- On 27th Feb 2012 she was taken from Sukkur women police station at 2:00 am, mind it early hours of the day, for production before civil judge Mirpur Mathelo. The drive is only 1 hour from Sukkur to Mirpur Mathelo. So why was she taken there at 2:00 am in the morning?
- Between 2 O'clock to 8:30 am she was in the custody of Mian Mithu and his sons. She was sexually abused. At 8:30 she was produced under the guns before civil magistrate MR.SAMIULLAH QURESHI in the leadership of Mian Mithu and sons and his extremists present in huge numbers with heavy weaponry. To record the free will statement under section 164 CRPC parents and their advocates were not allowed to enter in the court. Within fifteen minutes it was announced that she has become Muslim and married with Naveed Shah (a person unknown to her before that). And video clip shows that the girl under the guns were taken from court room to outside grabbed from neck and arm by armed persons, Mian Aslam and Mian Rafique.
- On 6th march 2012 the constitutional petition filled by Mr Raj Kumar in the Sindh High Court against the orders of the Civil Judge Ghotki and Mirpur Mathelo, against police officers and Mian Mithu and his accomplices.

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- The Sindh High Court ordered for production of Rinkle Kumari on 12th march 2012 and she was sent to a shelter house in Karachi.
- In the meanwhile on 8th march 2012 there was a hearing of constitutional petition no. 70/2007 by Hindu Counsel against force conversion. The application was submitted for production of three (3) abducted Hindu girls against forced conversion. The Chief Justice of Pakistan ordered for their production on 26th march 2012 before Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- Rinkle Kumari in her first appearance in the Supreme Court stated that she wanted to go with her parents and the CJP himself announced that the abducted girl Rinkle Kumari would go with mother/parents in the presence of national and international media persons. (attached herewith 'The News' 27th March 2012)
- Instead the CJP during hearing sent Rinkle Kumari to a protection house (Dar-ul-Aman) against her wishes
- The above mentioned protection house is not a protection house *per se* as it can be manipulated by influenced people like Mr. Mithu. She was sexually abused there as well.
- She was abused and tortured and forced to give a written piece of paper the CJP given to her by police officers.
- On the final day of hearing the CJP although patiently heard the advocate of so called accused Naveed Shah the so called husband BUT refused to hear properly the advocates of the petitioners and hurriedly handed over her to police without recording her statement as he assumed and announced that all Hindu girls have embraced Islam. Though rinkle Kumari neither gave a statement before any court of law that she has become Muslim nor even before registrar. She with other two girls was left at the mercy of biased police to record the statement who coerced them to change their earlier statements before the Registrar. It is noteworthy that the statements of all the three girls were stereotype without any difference of punctuation, let alone words. And most importantly none of them said that they have converted to Islam

The above case provides holistic picture of state of Hindu affairs in Islamic Republic of Pakistan, where a Hindu is so helpless at the mercy of majority who hate him for reasons best known to them. There is hardly any media attention, apart from one to two local Sindhi print media, main media stream lacks any empathy towards them.

Situation of Pak Hindus in India

There is no place for Pakistan Hindus to find a shelter under this vast sky, as even they think they will be safe in India and trying their hard to immigrate. But they end up with lots of disappointment and resentment.

Nothing could have been timelier than the latest article published in Outlook Hindi, July 2012 issue, highlighting the problems faced by Pakistani immigrants facing in land of their hopes.

After facing such harassments in India they naturally feel disappointed, dejected and frustrated. Some of them may feel if it was worth taking that huge risk of leaving the land of their forefathers. Of course these people in this article are mostly from backward socio-economic strata, but situation of middle income people is not in good shape either.

There are a number of professional including doctors, engineers, lawyers who moved to India and wanted to continue in the field of the expertise but there is hardly any help. For example, a medically qualified doctor from Pakistan cannot practice in India as his degree, however hard earned, is not recognised. Although we acknowledge that they may have not synchronised themselves with the system existing in India and medical council of India is not wrong in not recognising their degree. Other countries like USA and UK also do not recognise most of such degrees. But, there exists, a system to incorporate such fellows like PLAB or USMLE (medical tests in UK and USA for foreign medical graduates). There also exists similar tests in India for Indian nationals who graduated from Russia or China etc, but a Pakistani doctor cannot attempt these tests until they become Indian nationals. It takes painstakingly long time to get Indian nationality.

Some article published in Indian media about helpless Pakistani Hindu's situation in India:

What can be done?

- Inform Indian Hindus about state of affairs of Pakistani Hindus and do not let that information die down with the passage of time.
- Let World/Indian media take up these issues and give it its due importance.
- Relax visa rules for Pakistani/Bangladeshi Hindus as they are been oppressed in their own motherland.
- Expedite the naturalisation process for these Hindus
- Recognise their academic credentials or at least finalise a process of recognising it
- Talk to Indian politicians and create a pressure group so that they put pressure on Pakistan government by
 - o Raising these issues through diplomatic channels and ensure that protection is granted to Hindus, wherever they are in Pakistan.
 - o Ensuring an end to ethnic cleansing of Hindus in Pakistan
 - o Taking steps to first return these girls to their families and punish the perpetrators.
 - o Carrying out a credible probe in all instances of kidnapping, sexual offences, forced conversions and disappearance of Hindus. The offenders must be brought to justice.
- Pakistan must perform its part of obligation under the **Liaquat-Nehru Pact (Delhi Pact, 1950)** in entirety with honesty.
- The life, property and honour of Hindu minorities in Pakistan must be protected and full sense of security must be created.

Articles published in Pakistani Media



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SC sends Hindu converts

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When the court summoned Rinkle, now Faryal, to record her statement, she could not express herself freely. The chief justice said Faryal appeared to be under pressure and was hesitant to talk. He then ordered everybody present in the courtroom to go outside, so that the court could record the girls' statements in a free environment.

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After sometime, when all the people were called back to courtroom, the chief justice said that Faryal, who first claimed to have married on her own will, met her parents and then decided to go with her mother.

The chief justice observed that there was no doubt that the girls had embraced Islam and gotten married and had been living with their husbands.

The court said being adults, both women must freely decide about their better future and directed the Sindh Police to take back them back to shelter home and produce them before the court on April 18. Dr Khalid Ranjha, counsel for Hafsa's husband, read out a

statement by her, saying that she had contracted marriage with Nadir with her free will and later converted to Islam. He said now they were in the court's parental jurisdiction.

The chief justice however observed that it was not the issue of the court, but an issue of weak segment of society. "These are our children and we have to protect them," the chief justice said.

Mujeeb Pirzada, counsel for parents of Faryal's husband, told the court that instead of shifting them to a Karachi shelter home, they should be kept in Rawalpindi. The chief justice however said they should be sent back to the shelter home.

During the hearing, Dr Ramesh Kumar, Hafsa's father started crying, pleading that "our child wants to come with us... allow her to go with us".

Hafsa, who was sitting with the police in the courtroom also tried to rise up and said she wanted to go with her parents. Later, the court adjourned the hearing until April 18, directing that the girls be kept at shelter home in Karachi until the court took its decision.

Ahmadin on Afghan prompts

DUSHANBE

AFP

A US delegation walked out of a conference in Tajikistan Monday during a speech by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad lambasting US policy on Afghanistan as the source of all the nation's troubles. Ahmadinejad launched his new tirade against Washington at the meeting in the Tajik capital Dushanbe attended by leaders of Afghanistan's neighbours as well as a US delegation led by Assistant Secretary of State Robert Blake.

"The cause of all the ills in Afghanistan is the presence on Afghan soil of NATO forces and above all those of the United States," the Iranian president told the Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA). As the firebrand Iranian president was giving

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Final Word

Collection of information is still in progress but in this first report we are trying to provide as much insight for these issues/oppression/helplessness of Pakistani Hindus are facing and looking out in hope in this world that may help or make some difference in their lives.

This report, will grow with the time and have much more details information and evidence soon.