



**Monitoring visit of Alisha, a 5-year-old rape survivor
in Shaikh bin Zaid Women and Children Hospital,
District Larkana.
Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW)
Government of Sindh, 13th of November 2020.**

Delegation comprised of:

Ms. Nuzhat Shirin, Chairperson, SCSW.

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Background:

The Chairperson SCSW, Ms. Nuzhat Shirin visited Shaikh bin Zaid Women and Children Hospital, District Larkana after receiving news about a 5-year-old girl, Alisha, and her mother Tabassum Mughal who had been gang raped in Kasmore, Sindh.

Alisha was rescued in the village of Khawand Malik, near Doli Check Post District Kashmore. Rafiq Malik one of the accused, was arrested by the police but was allegedly killed by his accomplice Khairullah Bugti also accused in this case during Khairullah's arrest, the third suspect is still at large.

Alisha's mother Tabassum Bibi stated that she was called to Khawand Malik under the false pretext of work where her and her 5-year-old daughter were taken hostage and gangraped. According to Tabassum's statement, she was subject to gang rape for two days after she arrived at the residence of the accused and then released and instructed to find another girl for the gang in order for her 5-year-old daughter to be released. Tabassum further elaborated that she went to Karachi and then to the house of ASI Muhammad Bux in Kashmore to ask for help. As per ASI Muhammad Bux's wife's statement she spoke to the suspect over the phone and then they volunteered their own daughter to go with Tabassum in order to trap the accused.

Observations:

1. No women police officer was present, during or after the arrest. ASI Muhammad Bux used his own daughter as bait to trap the accused. SCSW is deeply concerned that a civilian girl was used in this dangerous operation instead of a trained woman police officer.
2. No medical report has been provided for the mother Tabassum Mughal, who was also reportedly gang raped. Tabassum's medical examination should be carried out immediately and be shared with SCSW. The medical report of the daughter should also be shared with the Sindh Commission on the Status of Women, Government of Sindh.
3. Following the monitoring visit the question arises on why Tabassum did not go to the register her complaint with the police after being released and went to Karachi? Furthermore, it is also unclear why she eventually complained to the wife of the ASI at the ASI's residence instead of the police station.
4. The FIR was not shared with SCSW, if the FIR has been registered, it should be shared with SCSW immediately.

5. SCSW should also be informed of the IO assigned to this case.
6. It is the job of the police to catch the accused and protect provide relief to its citizens. In regard to this case no proper procedure was followed in the registration of the case and the arrest of the accused.
7. This case has been widely publicized in the news and through viral videos, before a proper investigation has taken place this should be avoided in order for the police to carry out a proper investigation.

Recommendations:

1. A high-level inquiry should be conducted in this case.
2. A responsible and committed IO must be appointed for this case.
3. The DNA and chemical examination of the survivors must be completed immediately, and the report be shared with Sindh Commission on the Status of Women, Government of Sindh.
4. The other culprit in this gang rape case should be arrested immediately and the police must carry out their investigation without any external pressure.
5. The Challan must be submitted within a month.
6. The mother of the girl should be included in the inquiry.
7. The State should take the responsibility of Alisha and her mother Tabassum Mughal and provide them with security and shelter in a state institution and not under any police officer.
8. Alisha and her mother Tabassum should be kept in isolation, in order to avoid exposure to COVID-19.
9. A Judicial high-level inquiry should be conducted in order to understand why there has been a surge in cases of gang rape and whether there is a gang operating in Sindh, which is involved in these gang rapes.
10. An inquiry should be held to determine who is behind unauthorized sharing of the videos related to this case.

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