

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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No. 4(28) 2022/ Admn/NCHR

Islamabad, the 15th December, 2022

Subject: COMMISSION TO INQUIRE AND INVESTIGATE THE GRIEVANCES OF STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE PROVINCE OF BALOCHISTAN UNDER ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT ORDER W.P.NO. 794/2022, DATED 3rd OCTOBER, 2022.

This is with reference to Senate Secretariat letter no No.4 (1)/2022-24/C-II, dated 12th December, 2022 on the subject cited above.

2. The present Commission was formed in November 2021 under the NCHR Act 2012, after a gap of almost 2.5 years. Comprising of the following:

- A Chairperson,
- One Member from each province
- One Member for Minorities
- One Member from ICT where in the seat is still vacant.

3. The NCHR has already given the information on the subject to the Commission in its meeting held on 11 November, 2022, the detail of which is as under:

- i. NCHR is the national body for the protection and promotion of Human Rights as provided in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the various International instruments to which Pakistan is a state party or shall become a state party.
- ii. Since the formation of present Commission in November, 2021, the Commission has serious concerns about the practice of Enforced Disappearances. This practice of Enforced Disappearances is a violation of international human rights conventions and the Constitution of Pakistan.
- iii. The Chairperson NCHR, Ms. Rabiya Javeri Agha visited the camp of Baloch students in person to meet and enquire about their problems, who staged protests outside the Islamabad Press Club. Asked them to submit a written application with the names of their missing university fellows but no response was received. The Commission observed a sense of insecurity in them. NCHR has deep concern regarding the safety and protection of the victims' families. *Practically the Commission has not received any*

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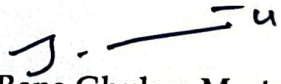
written complaint in this regard so far. Powers to investigate the issues of enforced disappearance vest with the Commission of Inquiry and enforced disappearance.

- iv. Member Baluchistan NCHR visited the families of missing persons when they were protesting outside the Press Club Quetta and after hearing, their grievances were communicated to the concerned authorities of the Home Deptt of Government of Baluchistan, but no response from any quarter in spite of repeated reminders.

4. However, the NCHR recommends the following:

- i. NCHR is particularly concerned about number of enforced disappearances in Baluchistan. Those who are in custody of State Authorities should be charged with a crime and brought before the court of law.
- ii. NCHR calls on the Government of Pakistan to sign and ratify International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances.
- iii. The ratification of Rome Statute of the International criminal court which declares enforced disappearances as the crime against humanity.
- iv. A comprehensive updated record of enforced disappearances needs to be called from the concerned authorities (the Commission of Inquiry and Enforced Disappearance) which is the relevant and apex body dealing with enforced disappearance.
- v. Members of law enforcing agencies and intelligence agencies must be trained in field of human rights.

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