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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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NATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Islamabad, the 12th December, 2022

Subject: **MULTIPLE FIR'S AGAINST INDIVIDUALS**

Dear Sir,

The NCHR is an independent statutory body set up by an Act of Parliament, the National Commission for Human Rights Act 2012 for the promotion and protection of human rights as provided for in the Constitution of Pakistan and the various international instruments to which Pakistan is a state party.

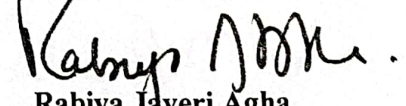
2. As a watchdog of the Government NCHR looks into matters of violations of human rights in the country. It is therefore of great concern to the Commission that time and again, multiple FIR's are being registered against persons for similar offences, for example the multiple cases against late Mr. Arshad Sharif and recently against Senator Azam Swati. In this regard, reference may be made to the Supreme Court case of Sughra Bibi vs State in case no 10842-P 2018 with regard to registration of multiple cases against individual person.

3. Multiple and parallel criminal legal proceedings complicate the process of law. The judgement in the Sughra Bibi case clearly states;

4. "During the investigation conducted after registration of an FIR, the Investigating officer may record any number of versions of the same incident bought to his notice by different persons which are to be recorded by him under Sec 161 CrPC in the same case. *No separate FIR is to be recorded for any new version of the same incident bought to the notice of the investigating officer during the investigation of the case*".

5. The Inspector Generals of Police may kindly refer to the above judgement and issue directions to officers concerned to desist from this practice which obfuscates justice and goes against the tenets of a fair and impartial investigation process.

Yours Sincerely,


Rabiya Javeri Agha
Chairperson (NCHR)

Inspector General of Police,
Government of Pakistan,
Islamabad.