



Press Release

Pakistan Passes Anti-Rape and Anti-Honour Killing Bills

War Against Rape (WAR), Karachi expresses its immense pleasure on the Government's passage of the Anti-Rape Laws (Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill 2014 and the Anti Honor Killing Bill. WAR congratulates the Government and WARs ally organizations for their untiring contribution.

The passage of the Anti-Rape bill will ultimately be beneficial for rape survivors. Court case processing times will be significantly reduced to 3 months whereas previously it was between 5-7 years. Medical testing and extraction of DNA of both victim and perpetrator will be made mandatory.

WAR hopes that this will encourage more rape survivors to come forward to report rape crimes.

The next most important step after passage of the bills is immediate implementation. WAR urges the government to ensure its effective execution in order to reduce crimes of sexual violence against women, children and the transgender community

As far as recommendations are concerned following this, there is a need for more female Medico-Legal Officers for appropriate examination and collection of evidence and consideration needs to be given to the prospect of DNA testing laboratory facilities to be made available within Karachi.

WAR is one of many NGOs lobbying and advocating for these bills to be passed and this is a significant milestone in the history of pro women legislation in Pakistan

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War Against Rape (WAR) is an apolitical, Non-Profit and Non-Government Organization working since 1989 for providing sexually abused women and children FREE legal aid, psychotherapeutic counseling, basic medical assistance and crisis intervention for survivors of rape, incest and other forms of sexual violence.

War Against Rape (WAR) also has an aggressive advocacy component through which various activities are undertaken for awareness raising and capacity building purposes. Included as part of its advocacy programs are sensitizing and training sessions for other stake holders i.e. police officers, in particular women police officers, medico-legal doctors, lawyers & journalist etc. As part of its advocacy programs, War Against Rape (WAR) has held community based awareness sessions, as well as sessions in Universities / Colleges & Schools.

War Against Rape (WAR) publishes annual newsletters, reports, statistics & data including many research publications on topics of its core interest including Incest, criminal justice system etc.