



# Press Release

**WAR condemns recent 2 hospital NICH and PIMS harassment cases by employees with the patient and the attendant.**

War Against Rape (WAR), Karachi, expresses its outrage for the attempt of sexual molestation with the mother of the child patient in the Nephrology ward at National Institute of Child Health (NICH) and the patient, 22 year old being raped at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad by the staff.

WARs urges the government and in particular the Federal Govt, to immediately take action, instead of trying to block the news of the shocking incident. The Federal Govt must immediately have the perpetrators of this heinous crime arrested and ensure all connected to this hideous crime are arrested. War Against Rape (WAR) strongly urges the Govt to register FIR's against all those nominated by the Survivors family and let the case be handled through the process of the Judiciary. WAR warns the Government & relevant authorities that are trying to ignore or hide this heinous crime, will only make the Perpetuators bolder and lead to more violence against children and women, including rape, sodomy and the increasing cases of Cyber Crime.

WAR also offers the capacity building services to NICH staff regarding the sexual violence and suggests the authorities to review their SOP's for the staff.

WAR strongly urges the Management of NICH and PIMS to take immediate action in constituting an impartial committee. WAR urges the Management to also take immediate action to bring about serious reforms in the workplace, which can only start when the hospital management is willing to take disciplinary action up to termination, when required.

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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.

Regards,

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