

## **Press Release**

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War Against Rape (WAR) expresses shock and disgust on the recent child abuse scandal from Kasur. WAR urges the Punjab 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 immediate have the perpetuators of this heinous crime arrested and ensure all connected to this hideous crime are arrested. War Against Rape (WAR) strongly rejects any Judicial Commission nominated by the Punjab Govt and urges the Govt to register FIR's against all those nominated by the Survivors family and let the cases 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.

Child Sexual Abuses (CSA) cases are increasing day by day, In 2009, there were total number of 2012 reported cases of CSA in Pakistan, the figure rose to 3508 reported cases in 2014. The gender distribution shows that 2141 (61%) girls and 1367 (39%) boys were sexually assaulted. WAR has previously been highlighting the shocking trend in the alarming rise in the percentage of the male gender in CSA. This means that 10 children were sexually abused per day, in 2014, and reported cases were shockingly increased by 43% during the last 6 years. More shocking and scary is that these figures only reflect the tip of the iceburg, as these statistics do not include the many cases of rape, sodomy, incest and other cases of sexual violence and Cyber Crimes and connected blackmail which remain shrouded in secrecy and remain hidden.

WAR urges the authorities to immediate take urgent action towards stopping the increasing number of CSA cases, and ensure immediate and speedy justice.

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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.