



## Inside

Director & Editor Note	01
Success Stories	02
Advocacy on Anti-Rape Laws	02
WAR Sexual Violence Fact sheet	03
International Women's Day Celebration 2016'	04
Protest Demonstration	04
Community Meetings	05
Training Workshops with School Teachers	05
Sensitization Session with Students	06
Awareness-raising Session at Mosque (Madrasa)	06
Referral Networking Meetings with Police	06
Awareness-raising & Prevention through Media on Sexual Violence	07
Survivor Support Program	07
Services through the Legal Aid Program	07
WAR's Presentation on Elimination of violence against women at residence of General Council of Switzerland	08
WAR's Participation at WOW Festival	08
Internship Program 2015-16	09
Incest	10
WAR in Media & others	11
WAR in the Press	12

WAR Newsletter  
January 2015 to June 2016

# hurmat

### Coordinator's Note

For over 27 years, War Against Rape (WAR) has been committed to providing legal and mental health aid to the rape survivors and their families with essential advocacy and research part. Over the years, WAR has grown into a strong, vibrant forum, providing high quality assistance to the rape survivors.

I am pleased to announce WAR has started helpdesks in government hospitals for the very first time in Pakistan which has been a challenge for us. Since, rape is a taboo, it has always been a challenge for us in terms of funding, awareness sessions say it community or youth sessions, advocacy, lobbying, helpdesks and what so not.

Specifically, the only six numbers of women medico legal officers throughout Karachi and the number of rape cases reported is the area which needs more attention to increase the number of women medico legal officers.

Yet, surviving for 27 years in such state where nobody even wanted to talk about issues like rape where it is the most common crime happening in our own society. Breaking the Silence campaign in the initial years of WAR had really helped us to go ahead with the cause and cases were than reported.

**Nida Idrees**

*Credits*  
Editor: Sheraz Ahmed  
Photography: Farzana Basheer & Tehmina Khan  
Design & Printed by: Gul Hasan : 0321-2626235

### Editor's Message

This year WAR has broken its previous record by winning six rape cases, and a counter case on survivor's family, the most so far in a year. I salute and extend my gratitude towards all survivors of sexual violence and their families' courage, strength and amazing spirit despite all the horrifying lapses in the state's criminal justice system, police and the medico-legal sector services. WAR's team of professionals also deserves a round of applause for their passion, dedication and commitment in order to extend their support towards this righteous cause.

WAR has achieved another landmark under its advocacy and lobbying campaign along with her ally NGOs in terms of passing of the 'Anti Rape Laws (Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2016. Over the years, WAR has strongly advocated from the dark days of Hudood Ordinances, break the silence issue, Criminal Laws Amendment (Protection of Women) Act, 2006 to the passage of Anti Rape Laws 2016.

During the last 12 years, Pakistan's government has made some considerable important advances in legislation relating to women and children, however, despite pro-women and children legislation cases of sexual and gender-based violence against women and children keep on increasing. In reality, 58096 cases of violence against women were reported across Pakistan between 2008-2014<sup>i</sup>, child sexual abuse (CSA) cases are at an alarming rise with 19633 children having been sexually abused between 2009-2015<sup>ii</sup>. Advancements in legislation are futile if they are not understood by the population they are meant to protect and serve. Hence, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure the effective implementation of the Anti-Rape Laws 2016 and all the pro-women and children legislation in order to protect and serve the vulnerable members of the society.

**Sheraz Ahmed**

### About War Against Rape (WAR)

WAR Against Rape (WAR) is a certified non-profit, non-sectarian, non-governmental, apolitical, organization. It was founded in Karachi in 1989 and became a registered organization in 1992. WAR is committed to creating a rape free society. It endeavors to work on all social, legal, medical, and administrative issues that could help either in the reduction of such acts of violence or in the supporting, facilitating and improving of human rights and conditions for survivors.

WAR offers services to survivors of sexual violence including free legal aid, psychotherapeutic counseling, medical assistance and crises intervention, and has an aggressive advocacy component through which various activities are undertaken for awareness-raising and capacity-building purposes.

## Success Stories

### 1. The State vs. Mohammed Tahir

**Overview:** A 6 year-old minor was taken away by a young seminary teacher to a roof top of a Madrasa when she left her house to buy some sweets. The accused forcibly raped her and threatened to kill her and other family members if she disclosed the event to anyone.

**Judgment:** The accused has been convicted under section 376 of Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) and sentenced to life imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 50,000. In default of payment of fine, the accused shall suffer three months of additional simple imprisonment.

### 2. The State vs. Aijaz Hussain

**Overview:** The survivor was teaching at one of the schools in her area. The accused (Principal) asked a student to call survivor at his office on the first floor. The accused then followed her from downstairs and dragged her into a close by room on the ground floor and raped her forcibly.

**Judgment:** The accused has been convicted under section 376 PPC and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 20,000. In default of payment of fine, the accused shall suffer six months of additional simple imprisonment.

### 3. The State vs. Irfan Ali

**Overview:** The survivor was a 13 year-old girl. She was kidnapped and raped by a hotel worker. The survivor's friend saw her when the accused kidnapped her, and informed her parents. The police arrested the accused and recovered the survivor.

**Judgment:** The accused has been convicted under section 364-A PPC and 376 PPC and sentenced to a

rigorous imprisonment for 14 years with a fine of Rs. 50,000. In default of payment of fine, the accused shall suffer two months of additional simple imprisonment.

### 4 & 5. The State vs. Bashir Ahmed & other

**Overview:** In this case two camel riders kidnapped, brutally raped, and murdered the 8/9 year old girl. They were identified by a motorcyclist when he was cleaning his motorcycle, who heard shouting while both accused tried to rape another small girl of the same age. He gathered people in the area and informed the police. The police arrested both the culprits.

**Judgment in case no. 4 & 5:** Bashir Ahmed and his accomplice both have been convicted under section 7(e) of Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) 1997 and sentenced life imprisonment.

### 6. The State vs. Ubaid-ul-Haq

**Overview:** The survivor's brother used to take his father to hospital due to cardiac problem. The accused is her father's friend and he advised him to take spiritual treatment. The accused build trust on survivor's family and advise her father to overcome such evil density we needed to write the holy book, QURAN-E-PAK in your daughter's hand writing. He took her father's permission writing training of QURAN-E-PAK. But he raped her constantly and made a video and picture and blackmailing and threatened her for the dire consequences if she disclose this matter to anyone.

**Judgment:** The accused has been convicted under section 376 PPC and sentenced to a rigorous imprisonment for 14 years with a fine of Rs. 50,000/. In default of payment of fine, the accused shall suffer two months of additional simple imprisonment.

## Advocacy on Anti-Rape Laws (Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2014

WAR, under its advocacy and lobbying campaign, held an open meeting comprising of members of the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) which called upon the Government not to let the Anti-Rape Laws (Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2014, recently passed by the Senate, to lapse and urged the Government and the Opposition to ensure passage of this Bill as soon as possible in the National Assembly. The Alliance in Support of Anti Rape Law (ASARL) was formed and presses the Government and the MNAs of various political parties to focus on issues of women's welfare.





## Seminar on International Women's Day Celebration 2016

### 'SHARING SUCCESS STORIES OF SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE (SV)'

WAR has celebrated International Women's Day, 2016 by organizing a seminar 'Sharing Success Stories of Survivors of Sexual Violence'. Participants from different segments of life including NGOs, doctors, journalists, actors, govt. departments etc. participated with great enthusiasm.

WAR team; Ms. Rukhsana Siddiqui, Program Officer and Ms. Asia Munir, In-house Lawyer highlighted the obstacles/challenges and experiences that they faced while handling SV cases. Ms. Nida Idrees, Coordinator, highlighted WAR's achievements over the years.

Dr. Abdul Bari Awan, WAR Working Committee Member, has given the welcome note by congratulating WAR and its team on their speechless efforts to make the year productive and successful despite challenges and obstacles they faced for the won cases. Furthermore, he added, being male we should **Respect** our women and should take stand for the rights. He ended with the saying in urdu 'har kamyab mard k peechy ek Aurat ka haath hota hay'. 'Behind every successful man there is a woman'.

Sheema Kirmani of Tehrik-e-Niswan, a renowned social activist and artist emphasize the government to ensure equal universal human rights for women. She also described the importance of power of Art and storytelling by sharing a story, which can change the mindsets.

Dr. Kaleem Shaikh, Additional Police Surgeon (APS), Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre (JPMC) in his speech discussed the shortage of women medico-legal officers (WMLOs), only 07 in three major government hospitals. WMLOs can only examine in female sexual violence and post-mortem, hence they need more WMLOs to overcome the burden of these cases. He further added, the advocate of perpetrators asked irrelevant and shameless questions and cross their limits, as a consequence we feel that we have done this heinous crime.

Syeda Ghazala Siddiqui, Station House Officer (SHO) of Meethadar, Police Station discussed that 75 junior male police officials are working under her supervision. She always encourages her juniors. She furthermore added that they have strong coordination with WAR team. She disclosed that female police officials are also get harassed by their male colleagues.

Dr. Lubna Bokhari, on her closing remarks extended her gratitude and salutes all survivors of sexual violence and their family members by fighting their cases till the end. She also congratulated WAR team for their extended support, enthusiasm, commitment and dedication while handling case of sexual violence.

Note: Please visit page 2 for success stories.



## Protest Demonstration in Solidarity with Survivors of Kasur Incident

WAR along with members of different NGOs held a protest demonstration in front of the Karachi Press Club in solidarity with the Kasur sexually abused child survivors and their families. The CSOs Members demanded Speedy Justice and immediate arrest of all the real perpetrators of these heinous crimes of rape, sodomy, blackmail, and cybercrime. The real culprits are the powerful influential people of that area, who have **financially gained** from this sordid Kasur scandal.

WAR and the members of CSOs rejected the JIT nominated by the Government, as the intent of this JIT like the previous JITs nominated by the Government, is only to hide and save the Powerful and Influential. The Civil society demanded that the JIT, if constituted, should consist of well-respected and well known members of the Civil Society.



## Community Meetings

### Sensitizing and Preventing Communities from Sexual Violence (SV)

The community meeting campaign was aimed at eradicating the crimes against women and children, especially Sexual Violence (SV) and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), and improving community responses to tackle the issues. Myths and misconception are dispelled around SV in these settings. This component also aims to explore ways of increasing community participation, especially of women in challenging the widespread acceptance of violence against women. Parents and other community members were guided about preventive measures in order to eliminate children from all forms of sexual exploitation.



These meetings were organized and conducted by Rukhsana Siddiqui and Sheraz Ahmed, Program Officers (POs). Some of the young girls were provided security alarms, which they can use in a situation when someone tries to harass them. Participants were also guided on how to raise the alarm for their safety in order to prevent crimes of harassment, abuse and sexual violence. An estimated **415** men and women directly benefited through this campaign, while **8,300** were reached indirectly. Schedules and details regarding community meetings can also go through the link follows: <file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/Mama%20Cash%20Project-2014-2015%20>.

## Training & Sensitization Workshops with School Teachers & Administration

### Identifying, Preventing & Responding to Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

The teachers' training was aimed at exploring their understanding of sexual violence, developing their understanding of the early signs and symptoms of children who have been sexually abused and survivors of sexual violence as part of an early identification and early intervention. In addition to this, they were taught how to initiate initial contact with the survivor, basic counseling skills essential in dealing with such cases and ways forward were related topics under discussion during the training sessions.

Symptoms of CSA and its physical, psychological and social effects on children were also under discussion, as well as myths surrounding CSA.

Teachers' trainings were conducted by Ms. Nida Idrees, Coordinator and Ms. Arisha Qayyum, Consultant. An estimated total number of **10,500 children** were reached through **300 teachers**. New Karachi, Korangi, Punjab Colony, and Neelam Colony to name a few are some of the areas where these training sessions were conducted. WAR ensures the sustainability by monitoring teachers who will continue to impart these lessons on new teachers and students. The teachers' training activities schedule and other details can be found on the following link:

<file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/Mama%20Cash%20Project-2014-2015%20>



## Sensitization Sessions with Students

### Identifying, Preventing & Responding to Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

The main objective for these awareness raising sessions were to conduct sensitization sessions with students at schools, identify cases, and develop networking and referral mechanisms with WAR. All students were made aware of their rights and preventive measures were discussed to avoid sexual violence, harassment, and abuse. The main content was related to "Good Touch" and "Bad Touch". Role playing, group presentations, and quiz were the main methodologies to deliver the sessions.

These sessions were conducted by Arisha Qayyum, Consultant, Rukhsana Siddiqui and Sheraz Ahmed, POs, WAR. A total of **35** awareness raising sessions were conducted with a total of **1565** students of primary and secondary sections of schools who were the direct beneficiaries of these sessions. WAR ensures the sustainability by monitoring teachers to ensure that they will continue to impart these teachings onto new students every year. The following is a link of the sensitization sessions with students:

<file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/Mama%20Cash%20Project-2014-2015%20>



## FIRST TIME IN HISTORY SENSITIZATION SESSION AT MOSQUE (MADRASA)

It was one of the biggest challenges for WAR to conduct an awareness-raising session at a Madrasa with seminary teachers due to their biased and judgmental attitudes and non-cooperation. WAR has made history in its ability to overcome this challenge and to have been able to conduct this sensitization session with both seminary teachers, and the administration of Madrasat-ul-Madina, Punjab Colony. They have been able to address important issues as well as raise awareness of sexual violence against women and children. Seminary teachers were also guided about the preventive measures to take in order to eliminate Sexual Violence (SV) and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) from the society.

The administration at the Madrasa thanks the WAR team and is willing to hold an awareness-raising and prevention session on CSA with students at the Madrasa in 2016.



## Referral Networking Meetings with Police

These meeting were conducted with a view to sensitized police force while dealing with case of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and to establish a referral mechanism to refer SGBV cases to WAR for free legal aid and psycho-social counseling. WAR ensures that the police officials are sensitize in order to handle SGBV cases, so that women do not feel reluctant to report sexual assault cases without fear, harassment and threatened. In these settings, WAR disseminated a guideline 'My Responsibilities as a Police Officer' for the sensitization and capacity building of police force.



The Meetings were organized and conducted by Rukhsana Siddiqui and Sheraz Ahmed, POs. In this connection, WAR held **19** meetings with police force in various police stations, Awami Colony Police Station (P.S), P.S Zaman Town, P.S Boat Basin, P.S Dacks to name few. **105** police officers were sensitized through these settings.

## Awareness-Raising & Prevention Campaign Through Media on Sexual Violence (SV)

An awareness-raising campaign through local cable operators was initiated for the first time by WAR. Through this component, WAR spread awareness regarding the prevention of SV and CSA. Parents were given guidelines to help them identify early signs and symptoms and to create close relations with their children in order to prevent increasing number of CSA cases. In the event of rape, people would be able to inform WAR in order to gain immediate support. If the law enforcement authority didn't register the FIR or medico-legal examination of survivors of sexual

violence, they would be supported by WAR through the contact information provided.

**2 million** People have been reached through WAR's media prevention and awareness-raising campaign regarding CSA and SV through the Delta Cable Operator and Multi Max Service. The number was estimated according to the figures provided through the Delta Cable and Multi Max Channel household coverage in **(70) and (293) areas of Karachi, West and South Zone** respectively.

## Survivor Support Program

### First Contact:

In first contact; WAR team visit survivors home at their doorstep where they offered basic counseling and information to the survivors' of sexual violence and their families regarding their legal rights and how WAR can provide these free of cost to them.

WAR team initiates first contact with survivors and their families when they come to know incidents through media reports, reference from judges/lawyers, NGOs, Police or the medico-legal officers (MLOs). Survivors of sexual assault not very often approach WAR directly for the legal and psycho-social assistance.

### Investigation:

WAR team investigated 30 cases of sexual violence between January 2015 to June 2016. Team paid 30 visits to different police stations in order to collect data on sexual violence cases, including women police stations and Additional Inspector General of Police (AIGP), Crime Branch, Sindh, Karachi. Police Station visits are also necessary when assistance is required in the filing of reports.

Total of 6 visits were also made to three major government hospitals, Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Civil Hospital and Abassi Shaheed Hospital, where medico-legal examinations (MLEs) in sexual violence cases are conducted by the medico-legal officers (MLOs).

### Psychotherapeutic Counseling:

Psychotherapeutic counseling plays an important role in rape survivors and their family members' rehabilitation process to get through the emotional and psycho-social issues that arises in such incidents. It helps them in order to develop coping mechanisms so they may be able to once again lead a normal life. During January 2015 to June 2016; 25 counseling sessions were held with 10 survivors and their families.

### Financial Support:

During this period; WAR also provided support to survivors and their families for the provision of food, medicines, clothing, education etc. (Survivor Only).

## Services through the Legal Aid Program

WAR provides free legal support to the survivors of sexual violence. WAR's legal aid program aims to extend access to justice to every individual in society, especially to those who cannot afford it. Currently WAR is providing litigation services in **26** sexual violence cases.

January 2015 to June 2016; WAR team investigated 30 cases of sexual violence. Out of the total cases, WAR took 30% cases to court for prosecution; however, 70% of the cases have yet to go to court for prosecution. (for further details please refer to WAR's Fact Sheet 2015-16 on our website [www.war.org.pk](http://www.war.org.pk)). Still, there is a vast majority of cases that never get reported, reaching up to 90%. The main reason is the judgmental, discouraging, and suspicious attitude and behavior of the service providers. The social pressure placed upon survivors, poverty, lengthy court proceedings, and the irregularities in the system are also major hindrances that ultimately lead to the conviction rate in rape cases to lie only at 3-4% in Pakistan.

## WAR's Presentation at Residence of General Council Switzerland on Elimination of Violence Against Women (VAW)



WAR and other NGOs, Aurat Foundation, Aahung, and Tehreek-e-Niswan, were invited to the General Council of Switzerland Residency, Karachi, in order to mark the 16 days of activism on the elimination of VAW. WAR and other civil society members presented their expertise, services, achievements and areas of work through a power point presentation. Discussions were held between the Swiss Consulate and all the NGOs regarding the elimination of sexual and gender based violence against women worldwide. The efforts of all the NGOs were appreciated by the Swiss Consulate on that occasion.

## War's Participation at Women of the World (WOW) Festival

WAR has set an information booth in order to spread awareness regarding sexual violence. People from different walks of life including NGOs, CBOs, doctors, lawyers, students etc. participated with passion in that event. WAR oriented them about its activities, experiences, challenges/obstacles, achievements and way forward to achieve advocacy endeavors.

WOW is now a global movement of festivals for everyone that celebrates women and girls and looks at the obstacles that prevent them from achieving their full potential. Karachi was the first full WOW festival in South Asia.

The day long festival held of talks, workshops, debates, speed-mentoring, performances, a marketplace, events for young people, and networking opportunities.





## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2015-16

### Building Stronger Alliances with Educational Institutes

In 2015-16, WAR had successful internship programs with students of various national and international universities. Students took active part in WAR's activities throughout the year including newspaper screening, data-compiling, fund-raising, community meetings, awareness-raising at schools, and field visits to the courts, police stations, and protest demonstrations.

**International Countries:** In 2015, most of WAR's International Volunteer Interns came from China and Chile via AIESEC-IBA (Association of International Exchange of Students in Economics and Commerce partnered by Institute of IBA) program.

**Internship Placement:** WAR offers great opportunity for students from various national and global colleges/universities through its Annual Summer Internship program in order to work along its professional staff in various activities and programs related to issues concerning all forms of sexual violence against women and children. It is also a great learning experience on the challenges that exist in addressing sexual and gender based violence in Pakistan.



# Talking About Incest

## *What is Incest?*

- Simply put, Incest is any sexual act between two individuals who are too closely related to marry.
- Most incest occurs between older male relatives and younger female children in families. Common perpetrators include fathers, uncles and brothers.

## *How is Incest different from other form of Sexual Abuse?*

- Incest differs from other forms of sexual abuse in that the perpetrator is assumed to stand in a protective or parental role to the survivors.
- This is also the reason why the psychological damage to the survivor is much worse in incestuous abuse cases, as there is a betrayal of trust and a sense of powerlessness.

Under Pakistani law, there are no special legal provisions or punishment for cases of incest. The cases are dealt with under **Section 376**, which deals with rape.

## *What are the factors that contribute to Incest?*

- The factors that contribute to incest and sexual abuse of children are very complicated. When boys and men are supported in the belief that they have a right to dominate and control women and children, they may well decide that this includes the right to use them sexually.
- Amongst the lower order working classes, it is mostly the women who go out to earn whilst the men stay at home. In these families, where 6-10 members are sharing a one or two bedroom house, girls have no privacy, and frustration levels are at an all time high. Thus, children fall prey to such crimes.
- Amongst the affluent classes, especially in cases of brother-sister incest, it has often been noted that the perpetrator blackmails the survivors, forcing her to concede to incestuous behaviour.

## *What can we do?*

- [www.way2hope.org](http://www.way2hope.org) suggests using a buddy system; always have another trusted friend or relative around so there are always 2 adults with the child.
- Watch out for sudden and unexplained behavioural changes in children; such as extreme mood swings, withdrawal, fearfulness or excessive crying, as well as physical symptoms such as poorly explained cuts or injuries, or pain, bleeding or rawness in the private areas.
- Also keep in mind that children do not always demonstrate obvious signs such as these but may do or say something that hints at the exploitation

Since 2004, WAR has investigated a total number of 40 incest related cases, 80 percent of which involve men in a fatherly position

## WAR IN MEDIA

WAR's team of professionals was invited on the following TV programs to participate on the issue of sexual violence against women and children.

1. Morning show "Ye Hai Zindagi" DAWN News, May 19, 2015.
2. Talk to DAWN News channel regarding Kasur Child Sexual Abuse case on August 13, 2015.
3. Voice of America (Radio) on December 1, 2015.

## Registration & Certification:

WAR is registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Registration No. KAR 2322), as of 21 September, 1992.  
Tax exemption certificate number: JUD/CIT/COS-V/ (ENF-DIV-11)/2007/5279  
Certified by Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy as a Non-Profit organization.

WAR is also a registered and approved charity under the umbrella of I-Care Fund America. Zakat and all donations from USA to it are tax exempt.

## Sponsor or Donate:

Bring a social change by empowering a survivor of sexual and gender-based violence through your generous support.

Support a Rape Survivor (per case)	
Transport	2,000
Counseling	2,000
Vocational Training & Skills Development	5,000
Legal Case Costs	20,000

## Deposit your donations directly to:

BANK AL-HABIB (ZAMZAMA BRANCH)  
D.H.A Phase V, Karachi - 75500, Pakistan.  
Account Title: War Against Rape (WAR)  
Account Number: 1005-0072-007463-52-2  
IBAN: PK83BAHL 1005007200746352

## Note of Thanks

WAR would like to thank its donors, Mama Cash and Global Fund for Women, for 2014-15 programs, and individual supporters without whose support and faith none of this would have been possible. WAR would also request them to continue their generous support in coming years as well.

### References:

- <sup>i</sup> Aurat Foundation (AF) Violence Against Women (VAW) Report 2014
- <sup>ii</sup> Cruel Numbers Report, Sahil (2009-15)

# WAR IN THE PRESS

## 'Hospitals had 516 sexual assault cases, but only 122 FIRs registered'

WAR report cites Korangi, Orangi Town as most sexually violent areas of city, 51 percent difference between number of cases registered with offices of city police chief and AIGP Special Branch

By Zia Ur Rehman

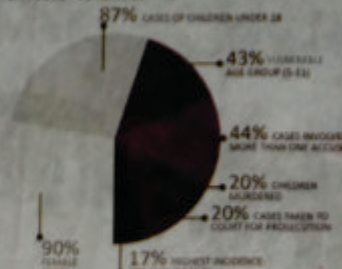
Identifying the prevalent, lesser-known hotspots of Korangi and Orangi Town as the most sexually violent areas of the metropolitan district, a report released on Tuesday by War Against Rape (WAR) of data recorded from January 2013 to June 2014 indicates that 516 cases of sexual assault were reported at the city's three major hospitals, but 122 were registered by only 24 percent of the cases.

(AIGP), and the data shows that 90 percent of the legal documentation being submitted for sexual assault cases, the number of FIRs reported at 122 police stations, including various police stations, stood at a paltry 122 out of 516.

Some district magistrates in War and the police force have been reporting low-level statistics, which pressure and persuade police to register FIRs and cases behind the closed doors of FIRs registered against cases of sexual violence.

"To take around six months to get an FIR registered at a police station, an official stated, adding that, "There are pressures from anti-social elements (ASLE) to bring a case government hospital area."

### ANALYSIS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE INVESTIGATED - WAR JAN 2013 - JUNE 2014



Human Rights Day

## 'Rape survivors assaulted a second when they seek

Speakers at PILER seminar speak about taboos associated with rape and acid attack survivors

A. OUR CORRESPONDENT KARACHI

A rape survivor is invariably assaulted for the second time when she steps out from her home to get justice, said an advocate fighting for such cases.

"A survivor is raped a second time when she is questioned by the police. At every stage, she suffers and is not taken seriously," said lawyer Ashya Mumtaz of War Against Rape.

On Human Rights Day on Thursday, an awareness seminar, "The State of Survivors: Rape, Burn and Acid Throw Victims in Focus," was organised by the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER). The session

violence against women. Speaking about the suffer of a rape survivor, Mumtaz said that the medico-legal examination may write in her report that the survivor was habitually in the court, the case may be delayed. The survivor faces of legal counselling and is eventually blamed for crime, she added.

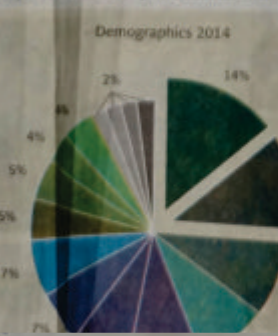
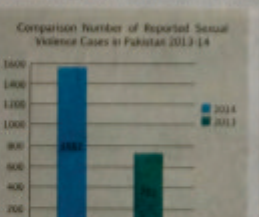
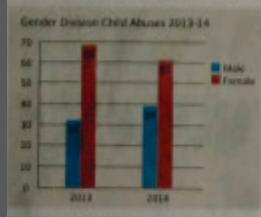
In our society the survivors are blamed for the atrocities against them, said PILER executive director Karamat, adding that it will take time to improve the situation. It is important to think of the way violence can be eliminated from society, he claimed. "Pakistan is obligated to implement laws and make institutional arrangements," said Ali, speaking about the international covenants of human rights that Pakistan has signed. Calling for equality of human

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF CASES

Miserable figures

## Rape a bigger problem than meets the eye

In 2014, only 27.6 per cent of the sexual assault cases were reported to the police in Karachi



of the 516 sexual assault cases reported at hospitals across Karachi last year. FIRs were registered against only 122 out of 516 cases. This was revealed in a report released by War Against Rape (WAR).

Speaking about the most vulnerable areas, Shalimar said that incidents such as Gulberg were highly vulnerable as it was densely populated. The people there do not go easily to the police. Cases tend to be low and children were often found playing in the streets.

## Kainat to attend UN session on Malala's invitation

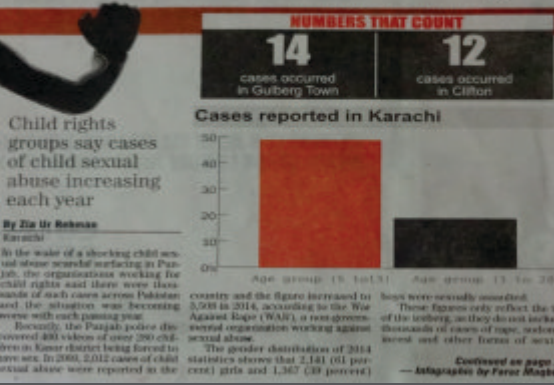
By Shahid Husain Karachi

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai has invited survivor Kainat Sumro to attend the UN General Assembly session scheduled from September 23 to 27. She will fly to New York September 23. "Malala has done her best," Kainat told News on Tuesday at the Urdu Press Club. Her visit to New York coincides with that of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who will address the UN General Assembly in a society still plagued by servative minds, Kainat was gang-raped in Mehrar of Dadu district in 2007, since gone on to become a role of inspiration for rape victims with her aggressive stance of a criminal case against the perpetrators and

their influential landlord. "Initially, the police were reluctant to lodge an FIR. My father appealed to the then Chief Justice of Pakistan Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry and Human Rights Commission of Pakistan chairperson Asma Jahangir," she recalled. "Finally, an FIR was lodged after nine days." The perpetrators had also suggested holding a jurga and offered money, but her father refused. Facing threats from those men, Kainat came to Karachi along with her brother and contacted the HRCP office.

Innocent Kainat and her family's brother was killed in May 2014. According to the State Human Rights 2014, a comprehensive report compiled by the HRCP, provisions are made for the protection and development of women each year but they remained unfulfilled till the end of the year. This year has been no different. The provincial governments have announced special measures to support women but most of them were rhetoric, with no practical steps being taken for their implementation. Despite these odds, women in Pakistan won laurels on various fronts in 2014. Malala Yousafzai became the first Pakistani and the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She also received several other awards.

## Thousands of Kasur-like horrors across country



country and the figure increased to 3,500 in 2014, according to the War Against Rape (WAR), a non-governmental organization working against sexual abuse.

Child rights groups say cases of child sexual abuse increasing each year

By Zia Ur Rehman Karachi

In the wake of a shocking child sexual abuse scandal surfacing in Punjab, the organisations working for child rights said there were thousands of such cases across Pakistan and the situation was becoming worse with each passing year.

Recently, the Punjab police discovered 400 victims of over 200 children in Kasur district being forced to have sex. In 2004, 2,012 cases of child sexual abuse were reported in the

WAR programs funded by:



WAR Against Rape

102, Pearl Crest, 18-C, 4th Commercial Lane, Zamzama Blvd, Karachi-75500, Pakistan.  
Tel: (9221) 3537 3008, 3530 1975, Email: waragainstrape.khi@gmail.com  
Website: www.war.org.pk, www.facebook.com/WarAgainstRape1989