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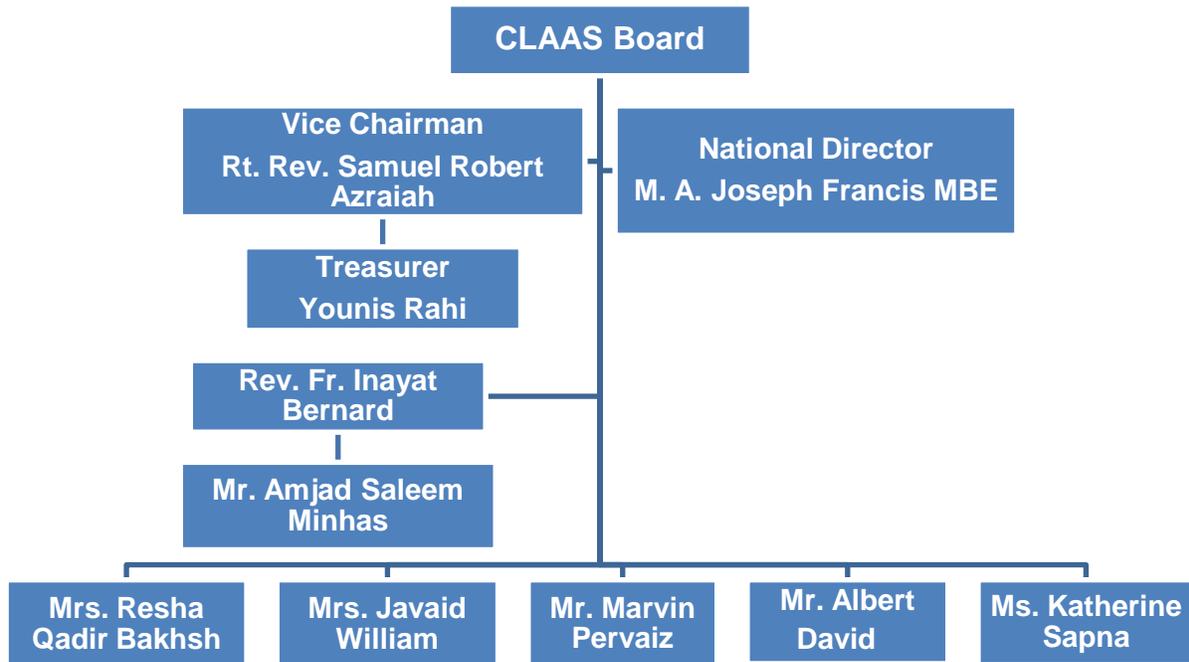
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FOREWORD

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Foreword

As you read this account of the human rights activities of CLAAS, turning one page after another, you will encounter story after story of horrendous injustices, legendary sufferings, and near mythical levels of inhumanity.

But as you read, keep in mind that successes which have been gained during the past year, though modest in number, present us with untold value and gains in personal terms for the victims themselves, and solid evidence of growing effectiveness and a pattern for future efforts in the face of almost impenetrable opposition.

It is not, however, easy reading. The voiceless people of this report—brutalized men, violated women and vulnerable children—deserve much more than our sympathy—they deserve our salute—a heroic salute, for their heroic stand, fighting peacefully, by opposing the tyranny of evil, enforced upon them through inhumane and illegitimate subjugation, such as blasphemy laws and enslavement of various forms. Not only do these blasphemy laws violate the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, they open a wide door and provide a lethal mechanism for further abuses against all non-Muslim communities.

But why is this happening—one might ask? For simply being different? By being of a different gender? By being a follower of a different faith? By being from a different ethnic background, for choosing one's own spouse or even for just holding a different opinion?

Beyond that, what is even worse, is simply believing the myth that one's rights are guaranteed by the law of the land as enshrined in the constitution of the nation state called Pakistan.

As for CLAAS and all her associates, the board and its chairman, Joseph Francis MBE¹, its most noble and courageous CEO, and all its fearlessly bold staff, all of them rank and file, have our boundless admiration.

For CLAAS is no ordinary NGO, humanitarian, or Human Rights organization. CLAAS has been and remains, a multi-dimensional threshing sledge by her relentless pursuit of justice in a virtually lawless society, through all means and avenues, battling through corrupt law enforcement agencies, through dysfunctional judiciary, and through notorious prison systems, all of which have surrendered to the lawless mob justice in various degrees.

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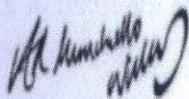
CLAAS doesn't stop there, CLAAS is a shade and a shelter to those victims of abuse, persecution and torture who have faced the scorching heat of blind fanaticism, while simultaneously ministering, healing and restoration to them through rest and reprieve.

CLAAS is an educator and a reformer of an immense magnitude in the midst of a brutal and legally regressive justice system.

To stand in such an environment championing freedom is to court death, yet CLAAS continues to defy death through her love of righteousness, hope for equitable justice and her faith in the Lord.

Hence my reading of this report despite all of its gruesome details, speaks hope. For few good people, known as CLAAS, have decided against all odds to stand up, and speak out.

For that CLAAS is to be commended, complimented, congratulated, celebrated and supported in all her noble endeavours for the persecuted and suffering children, women, and men of Pakistan!



Andrea Minichiello Williams

Chief Executive

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Executive Summary

Someone said that societies would increasingly be judged on how they dealt with difference. In Pakistan today the society and people are at loss as they are taking difference as an adversity, and that is how they treat and deal people who have different faith or opinion.

Christians in Pakistan are especially vulnerable because unlike Hindus – who are the biggest non-Muslim group in the country – Christians are part of a vibrant middle class where conflicts are frequent and giving any conflict a religious touch instantly gives majority group – the Muslims – a clear edge.

This report details fact-finding in the cases where Christians' position as a weaker segment of the society was exploited to trample their rights and gain unjust advantage. There are some cases of Hindus, Ahmadis and even Muslims, but these exceptions only point towards the trend of a society where anyone seen as weak or "different" is treated as a non-entity.

Fact-finding – CLAAS strength

CLAAS has ample expertise and an experience of over 30 years of conducting, and reporting on, the fact-finding missions. Besides accuracy, comprehensiveness and essential local impact, one resounding aspect of CLAAS' successful work has been that it has not slowed down over this long period of time and its response time – a critical factor in validity of any fact-finding mission – has been as good as it needs to be.

CLAAS has support of friends, other social activists and organizations, administration and most importantly, trust of the people involved in these difficult situations. The situation become worse when Christian woman Shakeela was victimized and Bhago Ram Hindu by faith involved in fake blasphemy case and Margrate Bibi victim of domestic violence burnt alive by her husband. In March 2013, Muslim extremists attacked Joseph Colony, setting fire to more than 170 houses and two churches, as revenge to an alleged act of blasphemy by a young Christian, Sawan Masih. George Naz a Christian leader conducted a protest demonstration in Jhelum against the misuse of blasphemy law where Muslim extremists tried to involve him in fake blasphemy case. It was not an end; the Christians were threatened and attacked at Francisabad (a big Christian settlement) by Muslim over a minor issue between young Christian and Muslim dispute. On refusal of embracing Islam Younis Masih was murdered in Quetta. Village Eassa Pur 31- Chak a big dispute occurred between Christian and Muslims and in result a young Muslim boy was killed by Christians while they opened fire for their safety/defense. Faisal Patras a young Christian boy was murdered in Khushpur Faisalabad.

A young Christian Adnan Masih was murdered brutally by police in the police station Sharaqpur while the police tortured him physically and mentally. Christian attacked and threatened to burn

their house by Muslim in Raheem yar khan. Irfan Masih was murdered by Muslim extremists at Gujranwala. Samson a 4 years old Christian minor was murder suspiciously at Daska. Humera a young Christian girl was gang raped by three local Muslims at Vaharie, Sahiwal. Waliha a young Muslim girl was falsely implicated in fake blasphemy accusation in Lahore. Shafqat Emmanuel and Shagufta Anwar both husband and wife (parents of four children) implicated in a false blasphemy case and confined in district jail Toba Tek Singh.

Muslim youth attacked Christian houses in Shad Bagh Lahore near Joseph Colony Lahore on a minor dispute. Ishaq Masih was murdered by Muslims in Okara. A young Christian and his family have had to face hurdles by Muslim extremists due to his good business in Sheikhpura. Waseem Raza was involved in fake blasphemy allegation at Kot Radha Kishan. A Christian social worker Roseleen Siraj was attacked and harassed by a local Muslim. All Saint Church Peshawar was attacked and two bombs blasted one after another, approximately 80-100 people including men, women and children were died and several injured while few of them to be held paralyzed. A young Christian boy Adnan Masih alleged to commit blasphemy and blamed to write derogatory remarks against the Prophet of Islam. Asif Pervaiz was implicated and arrested in alleged blasphemy case for passing derogatory remarks against the Prophet of Islam at Township Lahore. Two brothers Tariq and Arif alleged for committing blasphemy in Wazirabad.

Cases and conflicts: This report is a collection of cases where the vested interest played on haplessness of the weak, and more importantly, failure of the administration to act properly and/or timely.

The blasphemy scourge: Not surprisingly, most of these cases involve blasphemy law, a legislation that suffers from a vague definition. The trouble caused by ambiguity of the law is blown out of proportion by an ill-guided religiosity of society and evil designs of the extremists.

Before going into details of the cases, a word on nomenclature must be put in. Sometimes a broad term of “blasphemy” is used for all those cases where an allegation of disregard to others’ religious feelings or of disrespect to religion, is made. Now these cases of disrespect and disregard could be divided in various categories as according to law but the use of term “blasphemy” by any party – complainant, supporters, administration or the media – unfortunately brings down the wrath of blasphemy law, the infamous 295 C, that carries the maximum punishment possible – the death penalty; but most absurdly once the word “blasphemy” is incorporated in proceedings and reports at any stage, the case brings the most serious threat and consequences for the accused. In most instances these consequences are enormously bigger than even the ultimate punishment of death. The worst example of this scenario was the Gojra in August 2009 and Joseph Colony Lahore in March 2013 incidents in which an allegation of desecration of Quran brought out an angry mob that caused unnecessary destruction, and death of 9 Christians.

Similarly in Francisabad Gujranwala the conflict among the Muslims and Christian youth occurred on playing of music slow or loudly but the potential danger – and demand of some of the mischief mongers – was an allegation of blasphemy.

In Jhelum however, the “crime” was “original” and allegation was that of what was done by Salman Taseer i.e. commenting on ambiguity of the blasphemy law. Demand of the clerics in Jhelum was a blasphemy case should be registered against the Christian protestors, death penalty for Christian leader involved and possibly, death and destruction for a whole lot of Christians.

All the above cases cited among those where CLAAS reached well in time and averted such conflicts as escalate with each hour passing, and in absence of attention. In all three cases timely and hectic efforts by CLAAS helped the locals. In case of Joseph Colony (Lahore), CLAAS was the first among the human rights organizations to reach the area but unfortunately their pleading and negotiations were defeated by behind-closed-doors meetings of the powerful land mafia in collaboration with religious extremists. The Bahawalpur Hindu Bhaggu Ram faced an illiterate mob for the innocuous remarks he made in gratitude to God for the on time rain.

Kidnappings and forced conversions:

Another main area of crime is kidnapping of young girls and “consuming” them in any manner that their captors deem fit. According to a report published in daily Dawan, a famous English newspaper in Pakistan that 1000 minority girls including 700 Christian & 300 Hindus are forced in marriage against their wills annually in Pakistan. The girls abducted may be sold out to others, kept for sexual abuse, given in prostitution, converted to Islam for giving in marriage to elderly men or just for having fun with them in the name of marriage for as long as their captors desire.

Three cases reported here – and countless others that CLAAS deals with – invariably give the same picture and trends.

Success stories: In human rights work one has to be contended with efforts that bear fruit for the society in general and not necessarily for the survivors of the particular cases. CLAAS however thankful to the Lord that almost in all cases reported here a timely intervention checked the cruel trend where the respective case was going, and in at least half of these cases CLAAS was able to avert the possible conflict getting out of hand.

In Jhelum and Francisabad (Gujranwala) both, CLAAS takes pride in reporting that its hectic negotiations with the Christian community, complainant, clerics, administration and the higher officials made an amicable solution possible. Same is the case with individual blasphemy or desecration cases like that of Sajid of Farooqabad, Bhaggu Ram of Bahawalpur and Adnan Masih blasphemy case. In the cases where an outright truce was not possible, CLAAS instituted free legal aid to at least let a legal sense prevail.

Special thanks:

CLAAS is grateful to all those who support, facilitate and implement its activities for the benefit of Christians as well as for the support of friends belonging to other faiths.

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A word from National Director

Killing of innocent citizens in the name of religion, war on terror, suicide attacks by the so called militants and the country facing political instability, law and order situation, judicial crisis and extra judicial killings, financial crisis, hunger & un-employment and religious intolerance crash the country over the years and this year too. The present and previous inhuman acts faced by the non-Muslim citizens of the country and the way they are suffering for their survival is not out of sight. The government is totally failed to protect the minorities especially Christians and also not even bothered to highlight facts of the brutal attacks' the findings in public at large. The government also failed to execute their policies to discourage extremists and radical elements and abortive to stop the propaganda against non-Muslim citizens in the country. The hard liner groups and the state spread hatred and religious intolerance among different communities and as a result many innocent people killed and injured. The government is prejudiced and supporting militant's therefore religious minorities suffering and their future is dark in Pakistan.

Attacks on churches, Christian colonies, false blasphemy accusations and registration of false blasphemy cases by the extremists groups for the completion of their vested interests, forced marriages after forced conversions (where under age Christian girls were forcibly converted to Islam and later forced them for marriage), inequality (where Christians also suffered at their work places and faced discriminatory behaviors by the co-workers) especially with the bonded laborers at brick kilns' & social boycott by the fellow residents after false allegations of blasphemy, discriminatory legislation and various other forms biased and unfair attitudes of judges in the courts not new in Pakistan. Because of the impunity people are provoked and misinterpreted by religious extremists from the Mosque's loudspeaker usually a mob without inquiring the matter enraged and attacked.

This report is a picture and massacres witness that how the Christians attacked in series, maltreated, killed and tortured in year 2013.

Shakeela Bibi abducted, gang raped and murdered brutally, Bhago Ram a Hindu implicated in a fake blasphemy case, Margrate Bibi (victim of domestic violence) was burnt alive by her husband, Muslim extremists attacked Joseph colony Badami Bagh (a big Christian settlement) after alleged allegation of blasphemy implicated falsely on Sawan Masih, 147 Christian houses burnt and Sawan Masih got arrested by police and sent to prison. George Naz a Christian leader facing threats for life since after he hold a protest demonstration in Jhelum in the reaction of Muslims attack on Joseph Colony. Muslim extremists get ready to attack Christians and burn their houses in Francisabad Gujranwala. On refusal for embracing Islam Younis Masih was murdered in Quetta. Christians of the Village Eassa Pur Chak 31 attacked by Muslim extremists who wanted to grab Christian's property. Faisal Patras a young Christian boy was murdered by Muslims in Khushpur Faisalabad in the matter of property.

Adnan Masih a young Christian tortured brutally to death by police in the custody at Sharqpur district Sheikhpura. A Christian Muslim dispute occurred in Rahim-Yar-Khan on the property matter. Irfan Masih was murdered by Muslims extremists in Gujranwala. Samson a minor Christian aged 4, murder suspiciously in Daska by unknown after committing sodomy to him.

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Since the violent attacks are going to be happened and till date 70 churches attacked where as 158 people killed, 275 were injured and four innocent Christians lost their eyes. There are no effective bars on extremists from the majority Muslim community waging allegation against religious minorities for desecration of Holy Quran, derogatory remarks against the prophet Mohammad, hurt of religious feelings, holy personages or places and forced occupation of churches and associated lands and graveyards.

CLAAS is at the forefront along with other civil society organizations to save & protect the injured as well the affected Christians after attacks by extremists and actively involved for their rehabilitation as well as their legal counseling. The civil society continuously played an important role in ensuring institutional guarantees for the protection and promotion of all civil, political, social and cultural rights for all citizens without cast and creed. They urged harmonious co-existence, regard for difference of opinion, respect for basic rights and democratic values and norms. CLAAS remained engaged in extensive advocacy at grass root, national and international level to drawing attention for addressing evils as poverty, ignorance, violence, coercion, injustices and victimizations.

CLAAS tried its level best to raise the core issues faced by the Christians in Pakistan and demonstrated continues struggle to protect religious minorities from hatred, discriminations, violent attacks and maltreatment in the name of religion by the extremists and other religious fundamentalists. This report will tell the readers how in every walk of life Christians are being discriminated constitutionally, politically, religiously, socially, economically, educationally and culturally.

Although the religious minorities in Pakistan are oppressed and depressed and deprived form their basic rights but still we hope for the bright future and will continue to struggle for the change.

Thank You

M. A. Joseph Francis MBE

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INTRODUCTION CLAAS

CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT (CLAAS) started in 1992, with the commitment to address the acute need of legal aid assistance, protection and settlement for the victims of religious intolerance (especially victims charged under blasphemy), human rights violations faced by vulnerable groups, such as religious minority's women and children. CLAAS is a Multi-religious Organization and helping victims of abuse and discrimination without cast and creed. Therefore, a group of concerned Christians along with few progressive Muslim colleagues encouraged Mr. M. A. Joseph Francis MBE to start working for the protection and promotion of human rights and formed CLAAS in Lahore. The CLAAS operates and works at secular & ecumenical level and this incorporation is visible in the CLAAS board.

MOTIVATION (Background reasons for setting up CLAAS)

Mr. M. A. Joseph Francis MBE started this initiative as human rights activist in 1965 when war broke out between India & Pakistan and the Christians were blamed as traitor and spy as Indian secret agent. Through these serious allegations under defense of Pakistan article 132-A & 132-B, thousands of Christians were arrested and hundreds of Christians were murdered. In that situation Mr. Joseph Francis MBE began talks with government officials for release of innocent Christians. Later Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto came in to power as Prime Minister of Pakistan he therefore released the innocent Christians arrested under the fake charges deserter. The hatred against Christians never ended till date and the period from 1977 to 1988, when the military dictator, General Zia ul Haq, got rid of his political & fundamentalist adversaries to enjoy economic, social and political freedom to obtain religious backing for his spread of fundamentalism and obscurantism of Islamization and forcedly introduced discriminatory legislation such as including, Hudood Ordinance relating to Zakat, Ushr, Qisas and Diyat, the Qanoon-e-Shahadat (Law of Evidence), Blasphemy Laws under sections Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) 295, 295-A, 295-B, 295-C (the most draconian of all laws offence punished with death or imprisonment for life), 298 A, 298-B and 298-C PPC added for Ahmadis.

The disparity of political strength encouraged the overzealous Islamists to persecute religious minorities through these laws of blasphemy. A separate electorate system was introduced which was based upon the religious identity of the citizens whereby persecution against them also increased in government services. Non-Muslim citizens could not contest as general candidates in the parliamentary elections. Under 167&168 Martial Law Order the Christian educational institutions nationalized and captured. A separate column introduce for obtaining national identity cards as well as in the passports. Article 2 of the Constitution of Pakistan declares that Islam is the state religion and Article 2-A makes the Objectives Resolution a substantive part of the Constitution. Non-Muslim citizens cannot hold two of the highest public offices (The President & The Prime Minister) of the land and Islamic provisions of the Constitution (Articles 227-230) are designed to ensure that all laws conform to the Holy Quran, Sunnah and enforcement of the Federal Shariat (Islamic Fiqh-Jurisprudence) Court. Resultantly the discriminatory legislation prompted an atmosphere of intolerance against religious minorities in the country, which not only encourages sentiments of religious prejudice and bigotry against non-Muslim citizens but also poses a serious threat to basic human rights.

The laws interpreted with chauvinism against non-Muslims and consequently the courts are biased also influenced by radical extremist elements. The citizens belonging to other faiths are systemically excluded and relegated to a secondary position. Religious discrimination, inequality and contemptible legislation institutionalized within the state structure which completely alienated religious minorities/non-Muslim citizens of the country.

ORIGIN OF CLAAS

Since the creation of the blasphemy laws the religious zealots have been exploited throughout for their ulterior gains. The blasphemy laws are disputed since its beginning. In early 1992, first ever fake case of blasphemy happened in the history of Pakistan in which Mr. Tahir Iqbal, a paralytic Christian convert from Islam to Christianity and resident of Lahore, was allegedly accused of abusing Prophet Mohammad and the charges were that he was teaching anti-Islamic education to children during tuitions. He was arrested and later was poisoned and brutally killed in Kot Lakhpat jail, Lahore. This brutality and inhuman act was never accepted by the human rights groups and individuals consequently they raise their voice and demanded repeal of all discriminatory Laws especially the Blasphemy and Hudood Laws but unable to rescue every victim of religious intolerance and intimidation. It has also been observed that the problems faced by victims belonging to the minority community multiply on account of a culture of suffering and silence which fears of further retaliation. The victim feels more comfortable if they are able to get in touch with human rights activists from religious minorities and lawyers to seek assistance. Violent circumstances against non-Muslim citizens of the country stimulated an initiative of motivation of help persecuted Christians for Mr. Francis to rescue of every victim of religious intolerance and oppression. The objectives and methodologies adopted as to provide legal aid assistance & representations in court trials, settlement, rehabilitation, shelter/protection, sexual abuses and domestic violence.

GOALS

The ultimate goal of CLAAS is to work for the protection and promotion of human rights and elimination of all forms of violations and help to build a just and peaceful society.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of CLAAS is to provide legal aid assistance, settlement, protection, rehabilitation for survivors of religious intolerance (especially men, women & children) and fortification of persecuted places of worships desecrated by Muslims fanatic and extremists. They need to distribute Christmas get-together in the form of Islamic organization. They feel unsecure due to discriminatory laws

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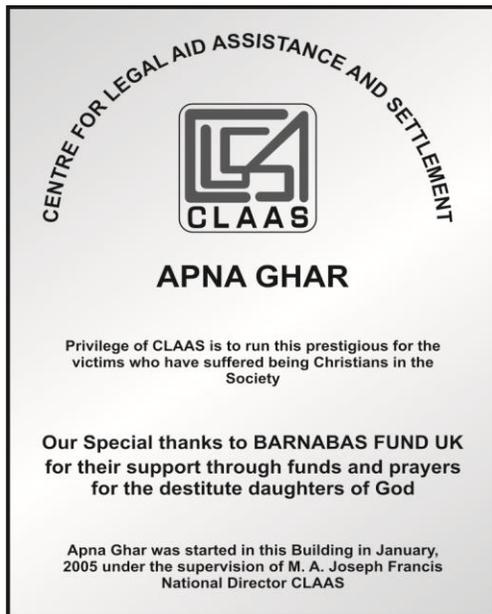
LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE



Legal aid assistance in particular all forms of violence, discriminations and human rights violations is a prime responsibility of the CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT (CLAAS). This enthusiasm is continue in CLAAS work by providing free legal aid assistance in all cases of blasphemy, cases of church profanations, forced conversions, forced marriages, murders, gang rape, rape, sodomy, kidnapping, abduction, habeas corpus, police torture, domestic violence, harassment, allegations of theft, job matter as well as cases of discriminations

at work place, legal aid assistance to foreign nationals, family matters, extra judicial killing, child abuse, land disputes including illegal possessions on church properties and all others related to religious minorities. It has also been observed that the victim feels more comfortable to state their positions and innocence after getting the conveniences of legal aid assistance.

REHABILITATION CENTRE (APNA-GHAR)

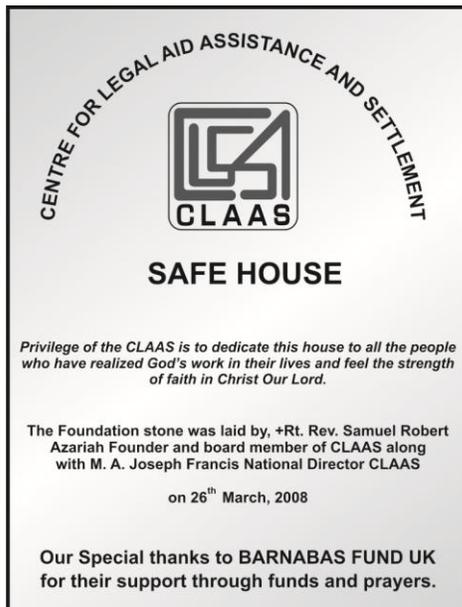


Apna-Ghar is a shelter as well as rehabilitation centre for the women victims of violence. The primary function of this shelter home is to offer protection against violence and to give appropriate legal counseling and assistance to the women victims of violence such as women implicated in blasphemy, rape, gang rape of minor girls, sexual abuse & sexual harassment and abduction etc. In many cases the victim women in need of protection because of litigation against the State, victims of domestic violence, women escaping sexual exploitation, women facing oppression at home, women who are denied the right of free choice in marriage or have been forced into marriage without consent, women who were abducted and is forced into marriage. Apna-Ghar providing free accommodation, food, clothing, medical care, education, counseling in cases, recreational activities, spiritual guidance,

awareness talks on different basic rights issues and also empowering them to learn skills such as stitching cloths, training in beauty parlor etc.

Violence against women is a revolting reality in Pakistan and non-Muslim women are discriminating twice as first for her gender and second for her faith. The main objective of Apna-Ghar is to provide a reliable platform to the Christian women (who are marginalized community in our society and have no voice) where they could come for help without any fear. In 2000, CLAAS started Apna-Ghar in a rented house, with the financial support provided by Dr. Sam Soloman from United Kingdom and Ms. Jo Nell from USA. Later in 2003, +Rev. Rev. Munormal Shah (Bishop of Peshawar Diocese-Church of Pakistan) supported for the purchase of land, Barnabas Funds UK, provided funds for construction and friends from HMK Germany provided some funds for the completion of registration of land documents and finally it has been completed in January 2005.

SAFE HOUSE



Right to Life is also a rule of Natural Justice as well as also the United States adopted this covenant in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. CLAAS Pakistan is fully agreed upon this fundamental right to life. CLAAS Safe House (protection home for survivors) is a home for the victims of faith, blasphemy and converts whose lives are in danger, and cannot survive in the society openly and with their free will. After enforcement of discriminatory laws it was very difficult for the Christians survivors if were implicated in blasphemy accusations in this country, but they are not only one who has to face such persecution because of their faith, their families also become the victim of cruelty and intimidation of Muslim extremists. The converted from Islam to Christianity have no right to live they are treated inhumanly by their own families as well as the fellow residents and does not have right to report to the authorities when they are being harassed,

threatened or beaten up by their families or extremist groups and the law does not provide protection to an apostate. The instigation of criminal cases against new converts to Christianity is on the increase and blamed on false accusations of insulting the Islamic faith and the Holy Prophet. The lower functionaries of the state do not even protect the victims of these nefarious acts against mob violence and there have been many extra judicial murders with the police just standing by. The police are usually prejudiced i.e. in favor of the fundamentalist and therefore do not fulfill the normal legal obligations. The motive for registering cases is evidently religious retaliation. In 2006 CLAAS took a rented a safe place for protection of the victims of religious intolerance and the same year purchased a piece of land with the financial support of HMK Germany while the Barnabas Funds UK, provided financial help for construction to build a sanctuary for the alleged victims. In this regard, we seek support from our friends and well wishers in order to help our brothers and sisters who give their live to our Savior Jesus Christ and thus become prime targets of religious intolerance at the hands of Muslim extremists. In 2007, the construction of the building started and till May 2009, ground floor, first floor including five rooms, one kitchen, one hall and a prayer room completed. In the growing situations religious intolerance and violence against Christians, obviously the number of victims of faith is increasing day by day while the present accommodation is not enough to accommodate them.

MOBILE MEDICAL HEALTH CARE UNIT (for bonded laborers)

CLAAS office received numerous complaints of health problems as well as forced labour from the marginalized community particularly the brick kilns (labourers working in brick making). CLAAS made survey and found that the brick kilns and their family member are working in the clay almost for twenty four hours and they obviously got different diseases mostly they are suffering with skin infections, scabies, respiratory tract infections, fever, anemia, diabetes and liver diseases.

The poor slave brick kilns have no accessible or affordable healthcare facilities available.



CLAAS also observed that they are working on very low wages and surviving just hand to mouth usually made to work forcibly without payment. CLAAS also received many complaints of forced labour and illegal detention & chained as slave, following these complaints CLAAS rescued and freed 781 brick kiln labourers with the help of 11 bailiffs of the High Court at once. CLAAS started this project in October 2004, with support of Medic Assist International UK.

The MAI-UK also provided a full equipped ambulance. The CLAAS appointed a team of certified doctors along with a staff-nurse, laboratory technician and a driver. The monthly plan was described as twelve visits in every month (six new and six follow-up visits) at different brick kilns situated in the area of province of the Punjab for providing free medical health facilities to the people working and living at Brick Kilns. The moment CLAAS is providing medical as well as legal assistance.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF VICTIM FAMILIES IN DAILY NEEDS & IN EDUCATION



CLAAS helping the families troubling by the false allegations of blasphemy and illegally implicate in other cases. CLAAS financially assisting the affected children in education from 2000 and the idea was to resume the studies of children victimized under the issues of religious intolerance.

The project was focused on the children and families are not able to afford their expenses of education for the continuation of their studies after communal violence and therefore CLAAS bears all their financial expenses accordingly.

Through this project the affected children are getting education in various schools with the help JUBILEE CAMPAIGN USA & UK and all the way through hundreds of children had been completed their education.

JAIL VISITS (CLAAS OWN INITIATIVE)



Legal aid assistance to the victims of all sorts of human rights violations such as the survivors of religious intolerance (especially the victims implicated in blasphemy accusations) men, women and to the juveniles is a prime duty of CLAAS. In this thirteenth CLAAS conducted surveys, time to time visits and become conscious over the worst situation of Christian prisoners as well as confined since years without legal aid assistance in various jails situated in the province of Punjab. The motive of the said visits

was to be familiar with the problems faced by the innocent Christian women men and juveniles without committing any offence are imprisoned. After the excruciating situation of the Christian prisoners CLAAS decided and started jail visits in order to providing legal aid to those do not have access to lawyers to pursue their cases in the courts for release.

FEEDING PROJECT



The main objective of CLAAS is to provide legal aid assistance, protection rehabilitation to the survivors of religious intolerance, sexual abuse, domestic violence victims of blasphemy and their families and all sort of oppression. CLAAS work is a part of the human rights movement in Pakistan and its activities reinforce and strengthen the human rights issues. CLAAS ultimate goal is to end human rights violations, and always tries to provide practical help to the victims. In July 2011 with the help of Barnabas Funds UK CLAAS has

started Feeding Project for the poor needy and victims' families who are involved in different fake cases especially in blasphemy accusations. They live hide and cannot work openly therefore they are unable to fulfill the needs of their families. Looking towards their poverty CLAAS decided to provide them some food items and grocery on monthly basis.

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ABOUT CLAAS UK



CLAAS UK is a sister organization of CLAAS Pakistan, it's a non-denominational human rights organization which is working since 1998 for the religious freedom of Christian in Pakistan who are suffering because of their faith. CLAAS UK raised awareness, lobbies and advocates at the international level as part of a campaign to repeal discriminatory laws which make Christians and other religious minorities vulnerable in the society, through letter writing, signature campaigns, awareness workshops, printing and documentary martial.

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Work of CLAAS UK

1- Religious Freedom:

Christians, in particular, are the targets of religious extremist in Pakistan and continues to be arrested and face charges for allegedly contravening principles of Islam. Charges filed against Christians included preaching, distributing Christian literature, converting Muslims to Christianity and building Churches. Previous Pakistani President General Pervaiz Musharraf has called for changes to the discriminatory laws to give a good impression to the international community, as national and international observers have repeatedly condemned these laws as severely restricting religious freedom.

2- Discrimination & Persecution:

A lack of political will on the part of the Pakistani government to put an end to the destructive trends has encouraged the extremist groups to persecute and victimize individuals and groups with impunity. The government refrains from taking action against extremist for reasons of political expediency.

3- Shariah Law:

Islamic Shariah Law applied harsh punishments. Christians cannot preside in court or appear in the court to defend Christians. Non-Muslim witnesses are not admissible against Muslims. CLAAS UK is campaigning to exempt Christians from the discriminatory Shariah Law. Those arrested and imprisoned under Shariah law should be released or put on trial under the PPC.

4- Discrimination against Women:

Violence against women and girls, including domestic violence, rape, abduction, forced conversion, honor killings and trafficking are rampant in Pakistan. The existing legal code discriminates against women and girls and creates major obstacles to register or investigate cases and bring perpetrator to justice. Under Pakistan's existing Hudood Ordinance proof of rape generally requires the confession of the accused or the testimony of four adult Muslim men who witnessed the assault. If a woman cannot prove her rape allegation she runs a very high risk of being charged with fornication or adultery. The criminal penalty for which is either a long prisons sentence or public whipping, or though rare, death by stoning.

The testimony for women carries half the weight of man's testimony under this ordinance. The government has yet to repeal or reform the Hudood Ordinance, despite repeated calls for its repeal by the government run National Commission on the Status of Women, as well as women's rights and human rights group. Informed estimates suggest that over 2,00,000 cases under Hudood laws are under process at various levels in Pakistan's legal system. Proposed legislation on honor killings drafted in consultation with NGOs and the HRCP were sidelined in favor of a far weaker bill.

5- The Blasphemy Law:

The Blasphemy law continues to promote religious intolerance and hatred against Christian and other religious minorities in Pakistan. Several Christians and people of other faiths are in prison, many were falsely accused by those bearing grudges.

6- Asylum Seekers/ Refugees:

CLAAS has provided assistance and advice to refugees who fled Pakistan to save their lives. CLAAS is also fighting for many Pakistanis who have genuine problems in Pakistan but who are struggling to find protection in the United Kingdom.

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Cases registered with CLAAS in 2013

File No	Title of the case/ Defendant/ Complainant	Nature of the case	Advocate	Court & District	Up-dates
1.	Shumaila Bibi Vs Mumtaz Nawaz Complainant	Forced Conversion 1- Dissolution of Marriage	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	1- On January 18, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Shumaila which was decreed on July 04, 2013 in her favor. Status: Closed
2.	The State Vs Martha Bibi Defendant	Blasphemy 1-Trial	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Additional Sessions Judge Lahore	On July 27, 2013 Martha Bibi is not appearing before the court to face her trail even on last three or four dates as she has gone to abroad due to which the honorable court the case file consigned to the record room. Status: Closed
3.	Farah Nadia	Property	Mr. Malik	Civil Court	1-Suit for

	Vs Cyril Shahzad Defendant	Matter 1-Suit for Permanent Injunction 2- Application for stay	Asif Tauffique Awam	District Rawalpindi	permanent injunction was filed by Farah Nadia against Cyril Shahzad which is under proceedings. 2-Cyril Shahzad moved an application for stay which is pending for arguments because Cyril Shahzad has no documentary evidence. Status: Pending
4.	Ather Mehmood Vs The State (Kausar Bibi victim) Complainant	Attempt to Rape 1- Pre- Arrest Bail Contested	Mr. Nasir Ahmed	Sessions Court District Rahim Yar Khan	Pre-arrest bail of accused Ather Mehmood was contested on behalf of Kausar Bibi but due to non-appearance of Kausar Bibi bail granted. Further Kausar not pursuing the case. Status: Closed
5.	Nayab Vs Raheel Pervaiz	Family Matter 1-Dissolution of Marriage	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	1- Suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on

	Complainant				February 01, 2013 on behalf of Nayab which was decreed on June 13, 2013 in her favor. Status: Closed
6.	Bhago Ram Vs The State Complainant	Blasphemy 1- Post-Arrest Bail	Mr. Saleem Gill	Additional Sessions Judge District Bahawalpur	1- On February 16, 2013 post-arrest bail of Bhago Ram was moved in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Bahawalpur which was granted and Bhago Ram bailed out on February 18, 2013. Later the concerned police submitted Challan file before the concerned court but court did not accepted challan file and rejected challan after objection. Status: Closed

7.	Sardar Masih Vs Ali Hussain etc Complainant	Habeas Corpus Petition	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Lahore High Court, Lahore	On February 22, 2013 a Habeas Corpus Petition was filed on behalf of Sardar Masih in Lahore High Court for the recovery of his sons Ashfaq and Ittifaq from the illegal custody of a landlord. On February 25, 2013 his sons were recovered through court bailiff and produced them before the honorable High Court and later the custody of recovered persons was handed over to Sardar Masih and habeas corpus petition disposed off accordingly. Status: Closed
8.	Parveen Bibi Vs SHO (Police Station	Criminal Case 1-Petition under section 22-A, 22-B for the registration	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Sessions Court Lahore	1- On February 23, 2013 a petition for the Registration of FIR was filed

	Factory Area, Lahore) Complainant	of FIR 2- Compliance Petition			<p>on behalf of Parveen Bibi which was disposed off on February 25, 2013 with the direction to the concerned SHO to register a criminal case against the nominated persons but the SHO did not registered case FIR against the accused persons.</p> <p>2- So, on March 15, 2013 a compliance Petition was filed against concerned SHO which was disposed off on March 27, 2013 in favor of Parveen Bibi.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
9.	The State Vs Muhammad Ramzan	Murder Appeal 1- Murder Appeal Contested	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	High Court Lahore	1- On March 01, 2013 power of attorney was submitted in the court on behalf

	Complainant				<p>of Hadayat Masih for contesting murder appeal while the appeal was under proceedings, the accused Muhammad Ramzan has been died in the jail on April 21, 2013, due to the death of accused appeal disposed off on April 23, 2013.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
10.	<p>Hera Masih Vs State & Baber Masih (Margaret Bibi)</p> <p>Baber Masih Vs The State</p>	<p>Burn Case 1- Application for recording statement of Margaret</p> <p>2- Pre- Arrest Bail of Baber Masih (Contest)</p>	Mr. Tahir Bashir	<p>1-Sessions Court Lahore</p> <p>3-Additional</p>	<p>1-On March 2, 2013 an application was moved in the court of Sessions Judge for recording the statement of victim Margaret which was accepted and on March 03, 2013 statement was recorded by the area</p>

	<p>Khushi Masih alias Kilo</p> <p>Vs</p> <p>The State</p> <p>Complainant</p>	<p>3- Post-Arrest Bail of Baber (Contest)</p> <p>4- Post-arrest bail of Khushi Masih</p> <p>5-Post- Arrest Bail of Khushi Masih</p> <p>6- Habeas Corpus Petition</p> <p>7- Post-Arrest Bail of Khushi Masih</p>		<p>Session Judge Lahore</p> <p>4- Judicial Magistrate Lahore</p> <p>5-Sessions Court Lahore</p> <p>6- Sessions Court Lahore</p> <p>7- Lahore High Court Lahore</p>	<p>Magistrate.</p> <p>2-Accused Baber Masih moved his pre- arrest bail which was contested by CLAAS and dismissed on March 11, 2013 due to non- appearance of Baber Masih.</p> <p>3-Accused Baber moved his post-arrest bail before the Additional Sessions Judge which was disposed off on April 15, 2013 with the direction to move the said bail petition before the Anti-Terrorism Court.</p> <p>4-On April 03, 2013 co- accused Khushi Masih alias Kalo moved his post-arrest bail before the Court of Judicial Magistrate Lahore which was rejected</p>
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		<p>8- Post- Arrest Bail of Khushi Masih</p> <p>9-Post- Arrest Bail of Khushi Masih</p> <p>10- Trial</p>		<p>9- Lahore High Court Lahore</p> <p>10- Anti-Terrorism Court</p>	<p>on April 06, 2013.</p> <p>5-On April 16, 2013 Khushi Masih moved his post-arrest bail before the Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore which was dismissed as withdrawn on April 30, 2013 with the direction to move said bail petition before the Anti-Terrorism Court.</p> <p>6- On May 05, 2013 Habeas Corpus Petition was filed on behalf of Margaret's mother Naziran Bibi for the recovery of Margaret's son Jeevan from the custody of grand-parents and on May 21, 2013 habeas petition disposed off and the custody of recovered son was handed over to</p>
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					<p>Margaret.</p> <p>7- Khushi Masih moved his post-arrest bail in Lahore High Court Lahore which was dismissed by the honorable court on May 31, 2013.</p> <p>8- Khushi Masih moved his post-arrest bail before the learned court of Anti-Terrorism Lahore and the same was duly dismissed by the Learned Court on June 11, 2013.</p> <p>9- Subsequently on July 04, 2013 the post-arrest bail of accused Khushi Masih was allowed by the honorable Division Bench (DB) of Mr. Justice Mazhar Akbar Ali Naqvi and Mrs. Justice Alia Neelam, Judge Lahore High Court Lahore.</p>
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					<p>10- Challan has been submitted in the court on November 06, 2013 and on the same day Mr. Tahir Bashir moved his power of attorney in the court and after two months court proceeding the accused Baber Masih has been convicted imprisoned and punished and the case disposed off on January 7, 2014</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
11.	<p>The State Vs Sawan Masih Defendant</p>	<p>Blasphemy Case 1- Jail Trial (Sawan Masih arrested on 08-03-2013 and presently confined in Camp Jail Lahore)</p>	<p>Mr. Naeem Shakir</p>	<p>Additional Sessions Judge Lahore Badami Bagh Joseph Colony Lahore</p>	<p>1- Case is under Jail Trial fixed for Sawan's evidence Status: Pending</p>
12.	<p>State Vs Tariq Gujjar , etc State</p>	<p>Criminal Case 1- Pre-Arrest Bails Contest 2- Post-Arrest Bails Contest 3- Trial</p>	<p>Mr. Naeem Shakir & CLAAS' lawyers</p>	<p>Anti-Terrorism Court Lahore</p>	<p>1- Pre-arrest bails under proceedings 2- Post-arrest bails under proceeding 3- Case is</p>

3)	Vs Yousaf etc (Trial) State Vs Ifzal etc (Trial) Complainant				under trial but challan was not completed Status: Pending
12-B	Badami Bagh incident Complainant	Constitute Petition 1- Suo Moto Notice	Mr. Naeem Shakir	Supreme Court Islamabad Badami Bagh Lahore	On March 25, 2013 constitute petition disposed off. Status: Closed
13.	Misbah Bibi Vs SHO etc	Rape Case 1-Application for Medical Examine 2-Registration of FIR 3- Writ petition for collecting Medico legal report	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Sessions Court Lahore	1- On March 26, 2013 application moved for Medical Examination of Misbah Bibi which was accepted on the same day. 2- On March 26, 2013 petition for the registration of FIR filed on behalf of Misbah which was disposed off on April 10, 2013. 3- On March 28, 2013 a petition filed for collection Medico legal report which was accepted

					and report collected and submitted in the court on April 04, 2013. Status: Closed
14.	Shakira Ameen Vs Dildar Ahmed Complainant	Family Matter 1- Suit for Maintenance Allowance	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	On March 27, 2013 suit for maintenance allowance was filed on behalf of Shakira. After seven months court proceeding case was fixed for October 21, 2013 for evidence of Shakira. But she did not appear for recording her evidence because she rejoined her husband after compromise. Status: Closed
15.	Shazia Ranjha Vs Awais Abdul Nabi Complainant	Property Matter 1- Suit for Permanent Injunction	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Civil Court Lahore	Suit for permanent Injunction was filed on 27-03-2013 on behalf of Shazia Ranjha which was accepted on the same day. On several court hearing suit

					<p>was fixed for further proceedings but due to non-appearance of Shazia the said suit was dismissed on July 17, 2013</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
16.	<p>Binyamin etc</p> <p>Vs</p> <p>The State</p> <p>Defendant</p>	<p>Criminal Case</p> <p>1- Post-Arrest Bails</p> <p>2- Trial</p>	<p>Mr. Kamran Yousaf Khan</p>	<p>Sessions Court Hafiz Abad</p>	<p>1-On April 02, 2013 post-arrest bail of accused Binyamin and Aslam was moved in the court of Sessions Judge Gujranwala which was granted on May 16, 2013 later Binyamin and Aslam has bailed out.</p> <p>2- Case is under Trial</p> <p>Status: Pending</p>
16-B	<p>Madiha Bibi</p> <p>Vs</p> <p>The State</p> <p>Defendant</p>	<p>Criminal Case</p> <p>1- Statement recorded</p> <p>2-Quashment</p>	<p>Mr. Tahir Bashir</p>	<p>1- Sessions Court</p>	<p>1- On April 30, 2013 application was moved for recording the statement of Madiha Bibi was moved in</p>

		of the FIR		2- High Court Lahore	<p>the Sessions court which was accepted and on May 02, 2013 Madiha's statement was recorded.</p> <p>2- On May 07, 2013 Petition for the Quashment of FIR was filed on behalf of Madiha and after several court hearings the petition was fixed for September 18, 2013 for Madiha's evidence but she did not appear in the court and due to non-prosecution petition dismissed on September 18, 2013.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
17.	Nazia Bibi Vs SHO etc Complainant	Habeas Corpus Petition	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	High Court Lahore	Habeas Corpus Petition was filed on 5-4-2013 on behalf of Nazia for the recovery of her son Rizwan from

					<p>her husband's custody and on April 10, 2013 petition disposed off. On the same day compromise took place between both parties and case closed.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
18.	<p>George etc Vs SHO Complainant</p>	<p>Harassment Petition</p>	<p>Mr. Tahir Bashir</p>	<p>Sessions Court Lahore</p>	<p>A Harassment Petition was filed on 12-04-2013 on behalf of George Masih and on the same day petition disposed off.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
19.	<p>Bushra Vs SHO (Police Station Sutokatla) Complainant</p>	<p>Torture 1- Application for Medical Examine 2- Registration of FIR</p>	<p>Mr. Tanvir Masih</p>	<p>1-Sessions Court Lahore</p>	<p>1-On April 15, 2013 application for medical examiner was submitted before the Magistrate Lahore. The learned Judge ordered to the concerned police station for Bushra's medical.</p> <p>2-On April 15, 2013 an</p>

					<p>application for Registration of FIR was also moved in the police station. Later Bushra's medical was completed whereas Bushra not contacted for further proceedings.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
20.	<p>Uzma Bibi</p> <p>Vs</p> <p>Muhammad Jahangir</p> <p>Complainant</p>	<p>Family Matter</p> <p>1- Dissolution of Marriage</p> <p>2- Recovery of Dowry</p> <p>3- Execution Petition</p>	<p>Mr. Nasir Anjum</p>	<p>Civil Judge Family Court Lahore</p>	<p>1- On April 24, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Uzma Bibi which was decreed on September 12, 2013 in her favor.</p> <p>2- On April 24, 2013 suit for recovery of dowry articles was also filed which was decreed on September 12, 2013.</p> <p>3- Execution Petition filed on October 02, 2013 case has been executed and after several court</p>

					hearings fixed for December 19, 2013 for notice. Status: Pending
21.	Beenish Fakhar Vs Faisal Hafeez Complainant	Family Matter 1-Habeas Corpus 2- Dissolution of Marriage	1- Mr. Saleem Gill 2- Mr. Tanvir Masih	1-High Court Multan 2- Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	1- On April 23, 2013 Habeas corpus petition was filed on behalf of Beenish for the recovery of her children from the illegal and improper custody of her husband. On April 25, 2013 Habeas corpus petition dismissed with the direction, Benish approached Guardian Court to redress of her grievous 2- On June 27, 2013 Suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Beenish which is under proceedings Status: Pending
22.	1- Sara	Abduction and	Mr. Tahir	1-High Court	1-On 03-05-

	<p>Fatima Vs SHO etc</p> <p>2-Patras Masih Bhatti Vs SHO</p> <p>Complainant/ Defendant</p>	<p>Forced Conversion</p> <p>1- Quashment of FIR Contested</p> <p>2- Protection Writ</p>	<p>Bashir</p>	<p>Lahore</p> <p>2-Muh. Ali ASJ Ferozewala</p>	<p>2013 power of attorney was submitted and CLAAS' lawyer advanced his arguments upon which the High Court instead of Quashing the FIR issued direction to IO to investigate the matter strictly in accordance with law.</p> <p>2-On 15-08-2013 a protection writ was filed on behalf of Patras Masih which was disposed off on 20-08-2013 with the direction to the concerned SHO to provide protection to Patras Masih and his family.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
23.	<p>Ayesha Bibi Vs Mohsin Ali</p> <p>Complainant</p>	<p>Forced Conversion</p> <p>1-Dissolution of Marriage</p>	<p>Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba</p>	<p>Civil Judge Family Court Lahore</p>	<p>1- On April 07, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Ayesha (Saba) which</p>

					was decreed on September 20, 2013 in her favor. Status: Closed
24.	Mona Vs SHO etc Complainant	Criminal Case 1- Registration of FIR	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Sessions Court Lahore	A petition for the registration of FIR was filed on May 08, 2013 on behalf of Mona and the same was disposed off in favor on May 15, 2013 with the direction to the concerned SHO to register a case FIR. Status: Closed
25.	Riaz Masih Vs SHO etc (Komal Murdered) Complainant	Murder Case 1- Petition u/s 22-A & 22-B for Protection	Mr. Tahir Bashir extend	Sessions Court Lahore	1- Petition for protection was filed on May 17, 2013 on behalf of Riaz Masih and disposed off on May 18, 2013 with the direction to the concerned SHO to provide protection to Riaz and his family. Status: Closed

26.	Kiran Mushtaq Vs Asif Masih Complainant	Family Matter 1- Dissolution of Marriage 2- Recovery of Maintenance Allowance 3- Execution Petition	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	On May 17, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage and suit for recovery of the maintenance allowance was filed on behalf of Kiran and both suits were decreed on November 07, 2013 in her favor. 3- On November 22, 2013 an execution petition was filed which is fixed for December 13, 2013. Status: Pending
27.	Perue Ram Vs The State (Murder of Kamo Maai Marqas' sister) Complainant	Murder Case 1- Trial 2- Post-arrest bail	Mr. Saleem Gill	Sessions Court Bahawalpur	1- Case is under trial 2- Peru Ram moved his post-arrest bail while the case was under trial and the bail application was contested by the CLAAS' lawyer which was rejected. Status:

					Pending
28.	Shamoun Masih Vs Khalid Mahmood Virk etc Complainant	Habeas Corpus Petition	Mr. Tanvir Masih	High Court Lahore	Habeas Corpus Petition was filed on 08-06- 2013 on behalf of Shamoun Masih for the recovery of his family from the illegal custody of Khalid. On June 11, 2013 the habeas corpus petition was disposed off in favor of Shamoun, his four family members were recovered and produced before the honorable High Court and later the custody of recovered persons was handed over to Shamoun Masih. Status: Closed
29.	1- Riaz Masih Vs DPO	Police Torture & Murder 1- writ Petition for the arrest of accused	Mr. Tahir Bashir	1- Additional Session Judge	1- writ petition for arrest of the accused was filed on behalf of Riaz Masih which was disposed

	2& 3- Riaz Masih Vs State			2-Sessions Court	off on August 15, 2013 as the IO (Investigation Officer) submitted a report in the court that he has declared the three police official innocent and they are not required to police.
		3- Application for disinterment		3-Sessions Court Lahore	2- CLAAS also filed an application for re-examination of dead body of Adnan by the Provincial Standing Medical Board. Which was duly disposed off by the Area Magistrate
	4- Riaz Masih Vs Judicial Magistrate	4- Writ Petition Pre-Arrest Bail(contested)		4- Lahore High Court Lahore	vide it's ordered dated July 11, 2013 with the observation that the learned court has no jurisdiction to pass an order to Provincial Standing Medical Board for re-examination of
		5- Pre-Arrest Bail Registration of FIR contested		5- ASJ Ferozewala	
	5- Tariq etc Vs The State	6- Petition for Registration of FIR		6- ASJ	

	6-Najma Bibi Vs SHO			Lahore	dead body. 3- After refusal by the area Magistrate in disinterment petition CLAAS' lawyer filed a writ petition for the Sessions Court Lahore which was dismissed.
	7-Sulman alias Samanda Vs ASJ Ferozewala	7- Writ against the order of ASJ Ferozewala		7- ASJ Ferozewala	4- After the dismissal of application for re-examination of dead body CLAAS filed a writ petition before the honorable Lahore High Court Lahore against the order of Judicial Magistrate which is still pending before Mr. Justice Mazhar Iqbal Sidhu Honorable Judge Lahore High Court Lahore.
	8-Najma Bibi	8- Petition for Compliance		8- Lahore High Court Lahore	5- Two accused of Adnan murder case namely Tariq and

	<p>Vs SHO</p> <p>9- Riaz Masih Vs Riaz UI Din etc</p> <p>10- Asher Saroya Vs The State</p> <p>11- Asher Saroya Vs The State</p>	<p>9- Private Complainant</p> <p>10- Pre- Arrest Bail titled as "Asher Saroya</p> <p>11- Pre- Arrest Bail titled as "Asher Saroya</p>		<p>9- ASJ Ferozewala</p> <p>10- ASJ Ferozewala</p> <p>11- Lahore High Court Lahore</p>	<p>Imran moved their pre-arrest bail before the court of Mr. Zahid Ghaznavi ASJ Ferozewala on July 01, 2013. On August 23, 2013 pre-arrest bail of accused was dismissed by the court of Mr. Zahid Ghaznavi ASJ Ferozewala. The Honorable court in its order observed that the accused remained fail to prove their innocence.</p> <p>6- On July 24, 2013 Najma Bibi real sister of accused of Adnan murder case namely Tariq imposing a false accusation and to give the benefit to the accused filed a petition for registration of FIR against brother of deceased Adnan namely</p>
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					<p>Salman Samanda alias Jeeva and others as a counter blast. CLAAS lawyer contested the case and on July 27, 2013 petition was decided in favor of Najma Bibi.</p> <p>7- Being aggrieved by the order of ASJ Ferozewala in the case of Najma Bibi Vs SHO CLAAS lawyer filed a Writ Petition against the said order before the honorable Lahore High Court Lahore and resultantly the honorable Judge Lahore High Court Lahore on August 02, 2013 issued a stay order against the order of Learned ASJ Ferozewala.</p> <p>8- On August 01, 2013</p>
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					<p>Najma Bibi filed a compliance of order for registration of FIR passed by the Mr. Zahid Ghaznavi ASJ Ferozewala which was fixed for August 05, 2013. On August 07,2013 CLAAS lawyer submitted stay order of Lahore High Court Lahore upon which the counsel of Najma Bibi withdrew the compliance petition.</p> <p>9- Riaz Masih the father of Adnan moved an application of Transfer of Investigation but, unfortunately nothing was done by the high officials. Riaz Masih was pessimistic with the attitude of the said higher</p>
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					<p>officials and on September 10, 2013 CLAAS filed a Private Complaint. After two courts hearing private complainant fixed for September 22, 2013 and on the same day Riaz Masih withdraws the case.</p> <p>10- After the statement of Saima Bibi u/s 164 CRPC in case FIR No. 329/ 13, on September 10, 2013 the CLAAS lawyer filed a pre-arrest bail of Asher Saroya and after several court hearings on September 25, 2013 the pre-arrest bail of Asher was refused by the ASJ Ferozewala.</p> <p>11- On October 2, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate</p>
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					<p>moved pre-arrest bail of Asher Saroya before Lahore High Court Lahore and the same was confirmed October 11, 2013 by the honorable Lahore High court Lahore.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
30.	<p>Saira Bibi Vs Saleem Peter Complainant</p>	<p>Family Matter 1- Custody of Minor</p>	<p>Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba</p>	<p>Guardian Court, Civil Judge Lahore</p>	<p>1- On June 24, 2013 a Guardian Petition for the custody of minor was filed on behalf of Saira. Notice sent to respondent on several court hearings but he did not appear and after publication of proclamation in newspaper petition fixed for January 16, 2014 for evidence of Saira.</p> <p>Status: Pending</p>
31.	<p>Chanda</p>	<p>Family Matter</p>	<p>Mr. Tahir</p>	<p>Civil Judge Family Court</p>	<p>On June 28, 2013 a suit for</p>

	<p>Vs Vickram Lal alias Vicky Complainant</p>	<p>1- Dissolution of Marriage</p>	<p>Bashir</p>	<p>Lahore</p>	<p>dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Chanda Bibi which is pending for Chanda's evidence. Status: Pending</p>
32.	<p>Shumaila Vs Rafique Rafial etc Complainant</p>	<p>Family Matter 1-Habeas Corpus Petition 2- Dissolution of Marriage</p>	<p>Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba</p>	<p>1-Sessions Court Lahore 2- Civil Judge Family Court Lahore</p>	<p>1-On June 27, 2013 a Habeas Corpus Petition was filed on behalf of Shumila for the recovery of her daughter Joice and son Johnson. On July 02, 2013 minors were recovered and produced before the honorable court and the custody of recovered children handed over to Shumaila and the Habeas Corpus Petition disposed off accordingly. 2- On July 05, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage was</p>

					also filed on behalf of Shumaila which was contested by respondent Rafique and under proceeding for reply. Status: Pending
33.	The State Vs Junaid Hafeez Defendant	Blasphemy 1- Trial	Mr. Tahir Bashir	1-Session Court Multan	Under trial Status: Pending
34.	Amna Bibi Vs Muhammad Sajjad Complainant	Family Matter 1- Dissolution of Marriage 2- Recovery of Dowry Article 3- Execution Petition	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	1- On July 05, 2013 Suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Amna which was decreed on November 26, 2013 in her favor 2- On July 05, 2013 suit for recovery of dowry article was also filed which was decreed on November 26, 2013 3- Execution Petition under proceedings

					Status: Pending
35.	Rabia Rehmat Vs Abid Mehmood Complainant	Family Matter 1- Dissolution of Marriage 2- Recovery of Dowry Articles	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	1- On July 13, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage on basis of Khula filed on behalf of Rabia which was contested by respondent Abid Mehmood. 2-On October 09, 2013 suit for recovery of dowry articles also filed on behalf of Rabia. On December 13, 2013 both suits dismissed as withdrawn because Abid Mehmood gave divorce and dowry articles to Rabia Status: Closed
36.	Rafique Masih Vs Muhammad Hussain etc Complainant	Habeas Corpus Petition	Mr. Tahir Bashir	High Court Okara	Habeas Corpus Petition was filed on behalf of Rafique Masih for the recovery of 4

					families from the illegal custody of Muhammad Hussain owner of the brick kiln and Habeas petition disposed off on 24-07-2013 and 17 persons were recovered through court bailiff and handed over to Rafique Masih Status: Closed
37.	Shazia Bibi Vs SHO etc Complainant	Harassment Petition	Mr. Saleem Gill	Sessions Court Bahawalpur	Harassment Petition was filed on behalf of Shazia and disposed off on 19-07-2013 with the direction to concerned SHO not harasses her. Status: Closed
38.	Naseem Rasheed Vs Sohail Hadayat Complainant	Family Matter 1- Appeal for the Recovery of Dowry Article	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Civil Judge Family Court Okara	1- On July 25, 2013 Appeal for the recovery of dowry articles was filed on the behalf of Naseem Rasheed in the Court of Civil Judge Family

					Court Okara which is under proceeding Status: Pending
39.	Albert etc Vs State Complainant/ Defendant	Murder 1- Post-arrest bail of accused 2- Private Complainant	Mr. James Joseph	Additional Sessions Judge Khanewal	1- Post-arrest bail of four accused were moved in the court of Additional Sessions Judge, Khanewal and they bailed out while the one main accused is behind the Bar. 2- The opponent party filed a private complaint therefore trial proceedings stop. Status: Pending
40.	Shazia Bibi Vs Arif Complainant	Habeas Corpus Petition	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Sessions Court Lahore	Habeas Corpus Petition was filed on 6-08-2013 on behalf of Shazia for the recovery of her daughter and Disposed off on 7-08-2013

					Status: Closed
41.	Malak Hussain Vs The State (Patras Bhatti)	Murder 1-Post-Arrest Bail 2- Trail	Mr. Rai Javaid Iqbal	Sessions Court Faisalabad	<p>On May 17, 2013 Faisal s/o Patras Bhatti was murdered by the Muslim. On the same day a case offence under section 302/109, 148/149 PPC was registered against 16 accused persons in the police station Tarkhani, Faisalabad. Five accused persons declared innocent by the police and 11 accused persons confined in the District Jail Faisalabad.</p> <p>In September 2013 Challan was submitted in the court and case fixed for trial while the case was under trial, six accused persons bailed out and five accused persons confined in the</p>

					<p>jail. One accused moved his post arrest bail on October 14, 2013 which is fixed for October 22, 2013 and case is fixed October 30, 2013 for trial hearing.</p> <p>Status: Pending</p>
42.	Haneef Masih Vs SHO	Criminal Case 1- Pre-Arrest Bail (Contest)	Mr. Zeeshan Haider Gillani	Sessions Court Khanewal	<p>The accused persons moved their pre-arrest bails in the court of Sessions and District Judge Khanewal which was fixed for September 11, 2013. While pre-arrest bail petitions were pending in the court on September 26, 2013 a compromised took place between the parties by the intervene of the Panchayat (Local committee of villagers)</p>

					Status: Closed
43.	Fozia Bibi Vs Nasir John	Family Matter 1- Dissolution of Marriage	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Civil Judge Family Court	1- On September 03, 2013 a suit for dissolution of Marriage was filed on behalf of Fozia Bibi which is under proceeding and pending for final arguments or order. Status: Pending
44.	Razia Bibi Vs Rashid Masih Razia Bibi Vs Public at Large	Family Matter 1-Dissolution of marriage 2- Custody of son	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Civil Judge Family Court Guardian Court Lahore	1-On September 03, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Razia. On several court hearings notice sent to respondent but he did not appeared in the court and after publication of proclamation in newspaper Razia's evidence was recorded and suit is fixed for December 13, 2013. 2-On

					September 03, 2013 a Guardian Petition was also filed on behalf of Razia for custody of his son which is fixed for January 17, 2014. Status: Pending
45.	Natasha Vs Naeem Saleem	Family Matter 1-Suit for dissolution of Marriage 2- Maintenance allowance	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Civil Judge Family Court	On September 03, suit for dissolution of marriage and suit for maintenance allowance was filed on behalf of Natasha. While both suits were under proceeding a compromise took place between the parties and suits were dismissed as withdrawn on December 16, 2013 Status: Closed
46.	State Vs Waliha Ifat	Blasphemy 1- Trial	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Sessions Court	1- On September 03, 2013 power of attorney submitted in

	alias Easha	2- Post-Arrest Bail 3- Application of Medical			the court for jail trial proceedings and next date is 03-10-13 and next date is 20 11-2013 2- On September 18, 2013 Post-Arrest Bail of Waliha was moved and fixed for 24-09-13 for arguments due to strike case is adjourned 26-9-13 and on 27-09-2013 bail dismissed 3- Application for medical treatment was moved on 12-10-2013 and on the same day disposed off in favor. Status: Pending
47.	1-Wasif Vs The State etc Zeshan Vs The State etc	Criminal case 1-Pre-Arrest Bail	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Sessions Court	On July 30, 2013 two accused moved their pre-arrest bail petition in Session Court Lahore which was contested by CLAAS on

					<p>August 27, 2013.</p> <p>On July 31, 2013 six accused persons moved their pre-arrest bail petition in Session court Lahore which was contested by CLAAS on August 27, 2013.</p> <p>On September 12, 2013 while the pre-arrest bail petitions were under proceeding a compromised took place between the parties and due to compromise pre-arrest bail were accepted on the same day.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
48.	Nasreen Bibi Vs SHO etc	<p>1- Habeas Corpus Petition</p> <p>2- Harassment Petition</p>	Mr. Tanvir Masih	<p>1-High Court Lahore</p> <p>2- Sessions Court Pattoki</p>	<p>1-On September 13, 2013 Habeas Corpus Petition filed on behalf of Nasreen Bibi for the recovery of her</p>

					<p>husband 13-9-2013 and disposed of on 16-09-13</p> <p>On 25-09-2013 Harassment Petition was filed on behalf of Nasreen Bibi which was disposed off on 19-10-2013.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
49.	Mehroz etc Vs The State	Sodomy Case 1- Pre-Arrest Bail	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Sessions Court	<p>On September 21, 2013 Power of Attorney submitted in the court for contesting pre-arrest bail on the same day compromise took place between the parties and case is closed</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
50.	Sonia Vs Shahid	Family Matter 1-Dissolution of Marriage	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Civil Judge Family Court	<p>1- On September 17, 2013 a suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Sonia which pending for Sonia's evidence.</p> <p>Status:</p>

					Pending
51.	Salma Saman Vs National Bank of Pakistan	Job Matter 1- Harassment of women at workplace	Mr. Malik Asif Taffique Awan	Federal Ombudsman Secretariat Islamabad	1- On September 17, 2013 and next date is 18-9-13 and fixed for and next date is 24-9-13 for arguments. On the said date due to strike case is adjourned 25- 10-13. On 25- 10-13 inquiry report conducted by NBP and IG was not submitted and case is fixed for Nov. 06, 2013 and on the said date arguments completed. Status: Pending
52.	Pervaiz Masih Vs SHO	Criminal Case 1-Registration of FIR 2- Compliance petition	Mr. M Aslam Chaudhry	Sessions Court Sheikhupura	Filed on 18-9- 13 and on 26- 09-2013 disposed off with the direction to the concerned SHO to register a case against the accused persons.

					Status: Closed
53.	Amna alias Rani Vs Javaid Iqbal	Family Matter 1-Dissolution of Marriage	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	On September 23, 2013 a suit for dissolution of marriage filed on behalf of Amna Rani. After notices and publication of proclamation in newspaper suit was fixed for Amna' evidence. Later a compromise took place between the parties. Status: Closed
54.	1- Humaira Bibi Vs The State	Murder Case 1- Post-Arrest Bail of Humaira 2- Trial 3- Post-arrest bail of Humaira	Mr. Tahir Bashir	1-Sessions Court Lahore 2- Sessions Court 3- High Court	1-On September 24, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir moved Post-Arrest Bail of Humaira in the court of Additional Session Judge Lahore which was dismissed on October 12, 2013. 2- On September 25, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir moved his power of attorney in the

					<p>court of Sessions Judge Lahore in trail proceedings.</p> <p>3- On December 04, 2013 post-arrest bail of Humaira was moved in Lahore High Court Lahore and on January 13, 2014 Humaira Bibi bailed out.</p> <p>Stats: Pending</p>
55.	Tahir Bashir Vs SHO	Robbery Case	Tahir Bashir	Police Station Lytton Road	FIR Registered Status: Closed
56.	Parveen Vs Younis Masih	Family Matter 1- Custody of Minor	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Civil Court Guardian Judge, Lahore	1- On October 01, 2013 a Guardian Petition for Custody of minors was filed in the court of Guardian Judge Lahore on behalf of Parveen alias Meean Bibi. After two notices the said petition was fixed for October 21,

					<p>2013 for proclamation in newspaper. While the petition was under proceeding on October 25, 2013 Parveen Bibi informed to CLAAS office that respondent Younis left her children at her parents' house. Therefore she wants to withdraw her custody case and on November 28, 2013 case dismissed as withdrawn.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
57.	Shumaila Vs Javed Masih	Family Matter 1- Recovery of Maintenance Allowance 2- Recovery of dowry article	Mr. Tanvir Masih	Civil Court Family Judge Lahore	<p>1- On September 23, 2013 Mr. Tanvir Masih advocate moved his power of attorney and submitted reply on behalf of Shumaila in her suit for maintenance allowance.</p> <p>2- Suit for</p>

					recovery of dowry article was field on 05-11-2013 and is under proceedings. Status: Pending
58.	Javaid Masih Vs SHO etc	Murder 1- Registration of FIR	Ch. Riaz Ahmed Ghumman	Sessions Court	1-On August 27, 2013 petition for the registration of FIR was moved in the Sessions Court. On August 31, 2013 Petition disposed off with the direction to the concerned SHO to register a case FIR. On September 07, 2013 case FIR No. 320/13, offence under section 302 PPC was registered against Amir Ashraf in the police station Saddar Daska Amir Ashraf confined in the police station and case is

					<p>pending for further proceeding because the report of exhumation (ascertaining cause of death) is pending in Forensic Science Laboratory.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
59.	Amina Bibi etc Vs State	<p>Criminal Case</p> <p>1-Post- Arrest Bail</p> <p>2- Harassment Petition</p> <p>3- Karamat Masih</p>	Mr. Tahir Bashir	<p>1-Judicial Magistrate</p> <p>2- Sessions Court Lahore</p>	<p>1-On October 8, 2013 Post-Arrest Bail of five accused was moved before the Judicial Magistrate. On October 9, 2013 Post-Arrest bail granted.</p> <p>2- On October 11, 2013 a Harassment Petition filed on the behalf of Riaz Sohan and others in the Sessions Court and on the same day disposed off.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
60.	Noreen Bibi	Habeas Corpus	Mr. Tanvir Masih	High Court Lahore	On October 09, 2013

	Vs Ashfaq	Petition 1-petition for Establishment of Benches			Habeas Corpus Petition filed on behalf of Noreen for the recovery of her daughter Angel aged about 2-1/2 from his father. On October 22, 2013 Habeas allowed and next date is 14-10-2013 for notice to respondent and next date is 22-10-2013 Status: Closed
61.	1-Khushi Masih Vs The State & CCPO 2- Khushi Masih Vs The State 3-Rajash etc Vs The State 4- Balqees etc Vs The State	Criminal Case 1- Compliance Petition 2- Pre-arrest Bail 3- Pre-arrest Bail 4- Pre-arrest Bail	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Additional Sessions Judge Lahore	On November 02, 2013 a compliance petition was filed on behalf of Khushi Masih which was disposed off on December 04, 2013 with the direction to the concerned SHO to register a criminal case against the accused persons. 2- Two case

					<p>FIR was registered against Khushi Masih and four other accused persons. In both cases Khushi Masih and other moved their Pre-arrest bail. In case FIR No. 1015 pre-arrest bails of Khushi Masih dismissed due to non-appearance while the other accused pre-arrest bail dismissed on November 22, 2013 due to non-submission of bail bonds.</p> <p>Status: Decided</p>
62.	Mushtaq Masih Vs Muhammad Anwar etc.	Habeas Corpus Petition	Mr. Tanvir Masih	High Court Lahore	On November 12, 2013 habeas corpus petition was filed on behalf of Mushtaq Masih for the recovery of his 8 family members and on 13-11-2013 habeas was accepted and fixed for

					November 19, 2013 disposed off. Status: Decided
63.	Maria Javaid Vs The State	Rape Case	Mr. Kamran Khan	Sessions Court Gujranwala	Trial was fixed --- and next date 23-11-2013 Status: pending
64.	Mewish Javed Vs Raja Saleem	Family Matter 1- suit for dissolution of marriage 2- suit for maintenance allowance 3- recovery of dowry articles	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Civil Court Family Judge Lahore	1- On November 26, 2013 suit for dissolution of marriage, suit for recovery of the maintenance allowance and suit for recovery of the dowry articles was filed on behalf of Mewish Javed and all cases is under proceedings. Status: Pending
65.	Yousaf Masih Vs CCPO & SHO police station Bata Pur Lahore	Habeas Corpus Petition	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Sessions Court	On November 28, 2013 a habeas corpus petition was filed on behalf of Yousaf Masih for the recovery of his four sons from

					<p>the illegal custody of a landlord from Bata Pur Lahore. The honorable Judge ordered to the concerned SHO for the recovery of détentés. On December 09, 2013 SHO recovered the détentés and produced them before the honorable court and the custody of recovered persons to hand over their father and habeas corpus petition disposed off accordingly.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
66.	Adnan Yaqoob Vs The State	Criminal Case 1- Post-arrest bail	MR. Nasir Anjum Suba	Sessions Court	1- On December 02, 2013 post-arrest bail of Adnan was moved in the court of Sessions Judge which was granted on December 11, 2013 by

					the learned Judge Mr. Abdul Sattar Langah ASJ Lahore.
67.	Tariq Mahmood Vs The State (Meena Bibi)	Accidental Case 1- Pre-arrest bail contested	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Sessions Court	On December 05, 2013 power of attorney was submitted in the court for contesting pre-arrest bail of accused Tariq on behalf of Meena Bibi fixed for 20-12-13 Status: Pending
68.	Liquate Masih Vs SSP etc.	Theft Case Petition for recording the statement	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Sessions Court	On June 03, 2013 a petition filed on behalf of Liquate Masih issuance of direction to the concerned authorities to record the supplementary statement of petitioner Liquate Masih which was disposed off accordingly with the direction to the concerned SHO for recording his

					statement. Status: Closed
69.	1-Allah Rakhi Vs Yousaf Masih 2-Noreen etc Vs Yousaf Masih	Family Matter 1- Suit for dissolution of Marriage 2- Recovery of Maintenance Allowance	Mr. Akhtar Masih Sindh	Civil Judge Family Court Kasur	On December 06, 2013 two suit were file on behalf of Allah Rakhi which were under proceedings Status: Pending
70.	Majeedian Bibi etc Vs Muhammad Mushtaq	Family Matter 1- suit for recovery of maintenance allowance	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Civil Judge Family Court Lahore	1- A suit for recovery of maintenance allowance was filed on December 11, 2013 on behalf of Majeedian Bibi which is under proceedings. Status: Pending

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CLAAS carried of fact-findings in 2013

File no	Title of the case	Nature of the case	District	Status
1.	CLAAS Fact Finding Report on Murder of Shakeela Bibi	Murder	Muridke, District Sheikhupura	Fact Finding by CLAAS on January 31, 2013
2.	Report on a Hindu man beleaguered, ineffectually tortured and falsely implicated in a Blasphemy case in Bahawalpur	Blasphemy	Bahawalpur	Fact Finding by CLAAS on February 14, 2013
3.	Fact Finding Report of a burnt Victim Margaret Baber	Burnt incident	Nishtar Colony District Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on February 25, 2013
4.	A report on brutal attack of Muslims extremists on Joseph Colony Lahore & Swan Masih blasphemy case	Blasphemy	Joseph Colony Badami Bag, Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on March 8, 2013
5.	Muslim Extremist tried to implicate a Christian Leader in a Fake Blasphemy case in Jhelum	Blasphemy	Jhelum	Fact Finding by CLAAS on March 13, 2013
6.	CLAAS Fact Finding Report on Gujranwala conflict	Dispute between Christian and Muslims Community	Gujranwala	Fact Finding by CLAAS on April 07, 2013
7.	Younis Masih was brutally murdered by the Muslim extremists when he refused to embrace Islam at	Murder	Bilal Town Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on April 22, 2013

	Quetta			
8.	Fact Finding Report on Village Eassa Pur Chak 31- 10/R, District Khanewal	Dispute and Murder	Khanewal	Fact Finding by CLAAS on April 27, 2013
9.	Fact Finding Report of a young Christian boy of Murdered in Khushpur, District Faisalabad	Murder	Khushpur District Faisalabad	Fact Finding by CLAAS on May 28, 2013
10.	Fact Finding Report of Bomb Blast at Waris Pura, District Faisalabad	Bomb Blasting	Waris Pura District Faisalabad	Fact Finding by CLAAS on May 28, 2013
11.	A Christian Youth severely tortured by police and murdered in the Sharak Pur Sharif Police Station	Police Torture and Murder	Sharqpur Sharif, District Sheikhupura	Fact Finding by CLAAS on June 10, 2013
12.	Fact finding report on Christian & Muslim Dispute in Rahim Yar Khan	Dispute	Tehsil Rahim Yar Khan District Sadiqabad	Fact Finding by CLAAS on June 23, 2013
13.	A scuffle between the armed attackers and family women at Pattoki	Dispute	Police Station Saddar Pattoki, District Kasur	Fact Finding by CLAAS on June 28, 2013
14.	Report on brutal murder of Irfan Masih	Murder	Vandalia District Gujranwala	Fact Finding by CLAAS on July 03, 2013
15.	Report on Murder of Samson 4 years old Christian boy kidnapped suspiciously and murdered by his Christian neighbor	Murder	Daska Sialkot	Fact Finding by CLAAS on July 05, 2013
16.	A young Christian girl	Rape Case	Vaharie District	Fact Finding by CLAAS

	Humara raped by Muslims		Khanewal	on July 20, 2013
17.	CLAAS Report on a false blasphemy case against a young Girl	Blasphemy Trial	Police Station Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on July 23, 2013
18.	Report on Gojra Blasphemy Case	Blasphemy	Police Station City Gojra	Fact Finding by CLAAS on July 25, 2013
19.	CLAAS fact finding report of Shad Bagh Amir Road Lahore where Christian attacked by Muslims	Dispute between Christian and Muslims	Police Station Shad Bag District Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on July 28, 2013
20.	Fact Finding Report on brutal murder of Ishaq Masih	Murder Case	Chak 8-4/L Okara	Fact Finding by CLAAS on August 20, 2013
21.	CLAAS Fact Finding Report on sodomy with a Christian boy	Sodomy	Police station Qila Gujar Singh , Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on September 10, 2013
22.	Muslim youngsters attacked Christian youth in Sheikhpura	Muslims and Christian Dispute	Sheikhpura	Fact Finding by CLAAS on September 11, 2013
23.	CLAAS Monitoring Report of Muslim Extremist tried to implicate a Christian Laborer in a Fake Blasphemy case in Kot Radha Kishan	Blasphemy	Kot Radha Kishan	Reported by CLAAS on September 13, 2013
24.	All Saints Church attacked in Peshawar	Church Attack	Peshawar	Fact Finding by CLAAS on September 22, 2013
25.	CLAAS Report on the incident of a scuffle between the armed attacker and working women at Model Town Lahore	Criminal Dispute &	Liquate Abad Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on September 26, 2013

26.	Business jealousy became the result of another Blasphemy case in Township Lahore	Blasphemy	Town Ship	Fact Finding by CLAAS on October 09, 2013
27.	Fact Finding Report on blasphemy case of Asif Pervaiz	Blasphemy	Green Town	Fact Finding by CLAAS on October 10, 2013
28.	Two minor Christian girls become victim of physical violence	Attempt to Rape	Race Course Lahore	Fact Finding by CLAAS on October 28, 2013
29.	Two Christians allegedly accused for blasphemy	Blasphemy	Sadar police station Wazirabad District Gujranwala	Fact Finding by CLAAS on 30-10-2013
30.	A Pastor of independent Church attacked in Lahore Pakistan	House Attack		Fact Finding by November 13, 2013

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CLAAS carried out Fact finding of the details 2013

Sr. #	Nature of case	Number of Cases
1.	Blasphemy Cases	09
2.	Murder	08
3.	Christian under attack (Dispute between Christians and Muslims)	05
4.	Rape Case	01
	Attempt to Rape	01
5.	Sodomy	01
6.	Burnt Issue	01
7.	Bomb Blasting	02
8.	Dispute and Criminal	01
9.	House Attack	01
Total		30

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List of the person visited CLAAS in the year 2013

Sr. #	Month	Total
01.	January	205
02.	February	228
03.	March	311
04.	April	361
05.	May	412
06.	June	381
07.	July	439
08.	August	246
09.	September	397
10.	October	374
11.	November	372
12.	December	303
Total Visitors		4029

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Activities, Net-working and development of CLAAS in the year 2013

On January 10, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Mr. Tahir Bashir (legal advisor) attended the consultation meeting between political parties and civil society organized by Supreme Court Bar Association at PC hotel Lahore.



On January 16, 2013 CLAAS hold a press Conference against Interior minister Rehman Malik for passing derogatory remarks against Excellency Pope Benedict XVI at Ambassador Hotel Lahore.



The same day CLAAS arranged a protest demonstration against Interior minister Rehman Malik for passing derogatory remarks against Pope Benedict XVI in front of Punjab Assembly Hall Lahore.

On January 20, 2013 British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) news reporters visited CLAAS and met with blasphemy victims.



On January 21, 2013 British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) news reporters visited CLAAS, interviewed Mr. Joseph Francis in his office and also visited victims of blasphemy and forced conversion at CLAAS rehabilitation centre "Apna Ghar" and conducted interviews of the victims.

On January 29, 2013 Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant program officer) and Ms. Rubina Ghazal (In-charge legal department) attended Advocates Pakistan conference at NCCP Lahore.



On January 30, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) met with Mr. Makhdoom Syed Ahmed Mehmood Governor Punjab Lahore along with Christian delegation including Rev. Fr. Andrew Ansari Parish priest Catholic Cathedral Church Lahore, Rev. Pastor Hizkiel Serosh FGA Church Lahore, Rev. Shahid Miraj Church of Pakistan, Mr. Naveed Walter President Human Rights Focus Pakistan (HRFP), Mr. Emmanuel Azad President

Christian Youth Federation and Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer CLAAS to discuss the current situation of Christians in Pakistan especially in Punjab.



On February 02, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director and Ms. Katherine Sapna Program Officer attended the National Prayer Breakfast with United State President Barack Obama.



On February 08, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) and Mr. S.P Mall CLAAS friend from USA had meet with Ms. Sherry Rehman Ambassador Pakistan Embassy USA at her residence the same time they met Ms. Sanam Bhutto and Ms. Bakhtawar Bhutto.

On February 13, 2013 Mr. Imtiaz Ashraf from Release International UK visited CLAAS and rehabilitation center along with UK delegation.

Ms. Rama Rasheed Assistant Program officer and Ms. Huma Lucas (Office Assistant) attended two-days training workshop on “Report Writing” on February 18-19, 2013 organized by The Asia Foundation Islamabad.

On March 01, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) met with Honorable Makhdoom Syed Ahmed Mehmood Governor Punjab Lahore.

On March 05, 2013 Netherlands delegation met with Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer at Avari hotel Lahore).

On March 09, 2013 Australian delegation visited CLAAS and met with Ms. Katherine Sapna Program Officer to discuss the work of CLAAS.

On March 11, 2013 Ms. Attiya Hidyat and the Project Manager CIDA visited CLAAS for the evaluation of the CIDA project.



On March 12, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director was called upon by Jhang Forum (most popular Urdu newspaper of Pakistan) to speak on the issue of Joseph Colony Badami Bagh attack by Muslim extremists.

On March 20-21, 2013 CLAAS organized two days Human Rights training workshop for police official in Gujranwala-Region in collaboration with British High Commission Islamabad.



On March 21, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director and Ms. Katherine Sapna Program Officer went Europe for the meeting with Partners in Germany, EU parliamentarians in Brussels, a few human rights organizations in Belgium and Mr. Joel Voordewind Parliamentarian Holland.

On March 25, 2013 CLAAS organized protest demonstration in Brussels at the front of European Union Parliament in collaboration with Pakistan Minority Aid Belgium and other Pakistani Christians asylum seekers and residents in Belgium to demand the equal rights and status of Christians in Pakistan, against the discrimination and misuse of blasphemy law against Christians in Pakistan.

On March 25-26, 2013 CLAAS organized the Human Rights workshop for police official in Faisalabad-Region in collaboration with British High Commission Islamabad.



On March 28 to April 07, 2013 CLAAS staff including Mr. Joseph Francis, Ms. Katherine Sapna, Mr. Sohail Habel, Mr. Asher Sarfraz and Ms. Neelam Uzma went Europe for different official meetings and international exposure.



On April 06, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis, Ms. Katherine Sapna and Ms. Rama Rasheed met with European Delegation Islamabad at Avari Hotel Lahore.



On April 08, 2013 a group photo of CLAAS staff along with Younis Masih victim of blasphemy, after his release from death sentence and the acquit from the blasphemy accusations. CLAAS shifted him safely from Mianwali Prison to Lahore.



On April 23, 2013 Pastor Dwayne Mullins from glory to glory USA visited CAAS along with Mr. Aftab Javed Director Giyan and Pastor Nadeem Sadiq.



On April 24, 2013 CLAAS hold a press conference on “Badami Bagh incident” at Press Club Lahore.



On April 25, 2013 Navy Commodore Mr. Akbar Naqi Station Headquarters Pakistan Navy presented appreciation Award to Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS for his credible work for the persecuted and protection of the victims of violence attacks in Pakistan.



On April 27, 2013 at NCCP Lahore CLAAS staff was given certificates among advocates and others who worked hard in the case of Joseph Colony Badami Bagh by the Bright Future Society and UK Christian Concern at NCCP Lahore



On May 06, 2013 Ms. Victoria from police department UK and Mr. Simon Minshull Consular section British High Commission Islamabad Pakistan and Ms. Azoor Raheel



Consular Assistant Officer met with Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director, Ms. Katherine Sapna Program Officer and Ms. Rama Rasheed Assistant Program Officer at PC hotel Lahore.

On May 07, 2013 US delegation visited CLAAS and received their certificates on the excellent work and support of Christian community in Pakistan.

On May 18, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director and Ms. Rama Rasheed Assistant Program Officer attended the Mother Day program organized by Bright Future Society.

On May 20, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director and Ms. Katherine Sapna Program Officer met with Mr. Marvin Pervaiz Director Church World Services Pakistan/ Afghanistan in Islamabad.



On May 22, 2013 Mr. Wilson Saraj (Asian Desk) Barnabas Fund UK and Ms. Stephanie Dole Barnabas Funds New Zealand visited CLAAS and also visited Badami Bagh Joseph colony to meet and see the situation of Christians after they attacked by Muslim extremists.



On May 24, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) attended the reception party of Mr. Stephane Mund first secretary of Royal Embassy Belgium Islamabad.



On May 30th, 2013 CLAAS hold a joined press conference on “Current situation of minorities” especially Christians in Pakistan at Press Club Lahore.

On June 10, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) attended the Christian Study Centre (CSC) General Board meeting at Rawalpindi.

On June 12, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director), Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Manager), Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) and Mr. Asif Raza (Assistant Field officer) attended the reception of Ms. Shunila Ruth when she was selected as a Member of Provincial Assembly at Lahore.



On June 17, 2013 CLAAS hold a press conference on the brutal torture and murder of Adnan Masih by police in Sharqpur district Sheikhpura at Press Club Lahore.

On June 25, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director and Ms. Katherine Sapna Program Officer attended the bid farewell of Dr. Stephane Mund first secretary Embassy of Netherlands by Netherland Ambassador Mr. Peter Claes.

On July 08, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director and Ms. Katherine Sapna met with Mr. Theo Peter Political Officer Dutch embassy in Islamabad.



On July 10, 2013 Mr. Imtiaz Ashraf from Release International UK visited

CLAAS and met with blasphemy victims.



On July 10, 2013 Ms. Zoe LEFFLER from the EU delegation Islamabad visited CLAAS for the update of cases of blasphemy registered with CLAAS.



On July 19, 2013 Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant program officer) attended the two days seminar on "Basic Concept of Liberalism" organized by Fur Die Freiheit (FNF) Islamabad.



On August 16, 2013 Ms. Katherine Sapna attended the seminar "5 Days Bible and Sports

Camp 2013” in Murree as resource person.



On August 15, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director), Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) and Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) attended the Youth conference in Murree.



On August 24, 2013 CLAAS organized certificate distribution ceremony in reference to the two days police human rights workshop among police officers in Faisalabad region.



On August 28, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) and Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) met with H.E. Marcel de Vink new ambassador of The Kingdom of Netherlands and Ms. Suszen (Political Officer) Embassy of Netherlands and discuss the overall situation of minorities in Pakistan.



On August 31, 2013 CLAAS organized a certificate distribution ceremony among police officials in Gujranwala region.



On September 02, 2013 Ms. Victory white (head of Consular Section) and Mr. Albert David (head of consular section) visited CLAAS.



On September 21, 2013 CLAAS hold a peaceful protest on international world Peace day from G.P.O to Punjab Assembly Hall.



On September 23, 2013 CLAAS hold a press conference on Peshawar All Saint Church attack at Press Club Peshawar to highlight the issues of injured regarding their medical facilities in the hospitals.



On September 24, 2013 CLAAS joined a protest demonstration on Peshawar all Saint church attack.



On September 25, 2013 CLAAS hold a press conference regarding All Saint Church Peshawar bomb blast at Press Club Lahore. On September 29, 2013 CLAAS hold a press conference regarding Peshawar All Saint Church attack.



On September 30, 2013 Ms. Anjali Lowe Political Officer Canadian Embassy Islamabad and HR officer from Canada visited CLAAS.

On October 03, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) and Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) attended the German Republic day at German Embassy Islamabad.



On October 04, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) and Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) met with Mr. David A. Lewis (Political Officer) Embassy of United State America at Serena Hotel Islamabad.



On October 14-15, 2013 a delegation of Release International UK headed by Imtiaz Ashraf visited CLAAS and Apna Ghar shelter home CLAAS.



On October 22, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis and other CLAAS staff attended the program in honor of Dewan Bahadur S.P Singha on his 64th death anniversary organized by Ms. Shunila Ruth Member Provincial Assembly Punjab.

On October 24, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director and Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) attended the National Harmony and Peace seminar in Islamabad organized by Church World Services P/A Islamabad.



On November 28, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director), Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) and Ms. Neelam Uzma (Assistant Finance Manager) meet Mr. Feije Duim Program Officer ICCO Kerk-in-Actie Holland in reference the asylum cases of Pakistani Christians in Holland.



On December 04, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) and Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) attended the European Prayer Breakfast at Belgium.

On December 05, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS and Ms. Katherine Sapna has meeting with Mr. Al-Fiaz VAIYA and Ms. Maryna ZAITSAVA from the secretariat of the European Parliament Working Group on Freedom of Religion or Belief in their office in Brussels.



On December 05, 2013 Mr. Francis and Ms. Katherine Sapna had meeting with Mr. Jean-Bernard BOLVIN, European External Action Service / Advisor to Mrs. Catherine Ashton on religious freedom and (tbc) Mrs. Moya Michaela WRIGHT, European External Action Service, Pakistan desk officer at EESA Schuman Square, Brussels.

On December 15, 2013 CLAAS organized Annual Christmas Dinner for families and friends at St. Peter Hall, 17- Waris Road Lahore. Honorable Mr. Akbar Naqvi Station Commander Lahore and Rt. Rev. Irfan Jamil Bishop of Lahore diocese was the Chief Guest of the occasion.

Few Pictures of the Program



CLAAS Staff welcome the Honorable guests, Board Members with flowers





On December 15, 2013 CLAAS presented appreciation awards to Bright Future Society to acknowledge their services for Joseph Colony Lahore and during the bomb blast at All Saint Church Peshawar.



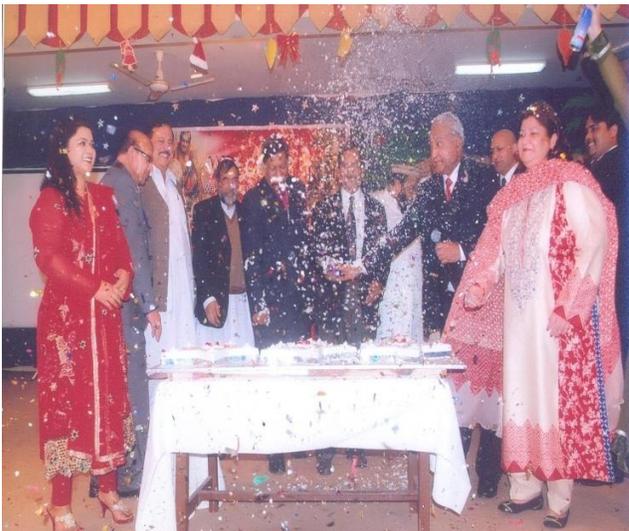
On December 15, 2013 CLAAS presented appreciation awards to Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Ms. Rama Rasheed Assistant Program Officer and Ms. Neelam Uzma Assistant Finance Manager to acknowledge their hard work and dedicated services in CLAAS for the victims of faith.





On December 15, 2013 CLAAS staff gave a special tribute to Mr. Joseph Francis with an award for his countless services for the protection of persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

Christmas cake cutting along with friends, politicians and Human Rights defenders



On December 15, 2013 CLAAS distributed Christmas gifts among 100 children



On December 16, 2013 CLAAS distributed food items, Christmas gifts for children, cloths and cash among 30 poor and persecuted Christian families at CLAAS office to share the Christmas blessing with them.



CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT

CLAAS strongly condemned the statements of Rehman Malik Interior Minister and Ahmed Raza Kasouri Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan for passing derogatory remarks against Pope Benedict XVI's

Lahore, (January 16, 2013) Mr. M.A Joseph Francis MBE, National Director (CLAAS),



Chairman Pakistan Christian National Party (PCNP) called an emergency press conference and strongly condemn the statements of Rehman Malik interior Minister, and Ahmed Raza Kasouri advocate Supreme court of Pakistan while they gave reference of Pope Benedict XVI's during their satterments against Tahir-ul-Qadri when he executed a long march. CLAAS also conducted protest demonstration against Rehman Malik interior Minister, and Ahmed Raza Kasouri on this immoral act.

Mr. Joseph Francis expressed that POPE is Christian's spiritual father and he is the king of the world and everyone is bound to obey him. He further said that Rehman Malik is not

able to tie even the laces of his shoes. We are Pakistani and discriminated at every stage but we never tolerate and spare this kind of statements. He said that Malik Rehman has hurt the sentiments of Christian not only Pakistan but also all over the Christians community.



Mr. Joseph Francis urged that Rehman Malik should apologize for his words to all Christian community on the media within 24 hours. If he did not apologizes for his Christians has right to start protests and

demonstrations not only Pakistan but also all over the world. Provincial and Federal Governements are liable for the circumstances and consequenses.

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Press Conference on Current situation of Badami Bagh Incident:



Lahore (Wednesday April 24, 2013) Mr. M.A Joseph Francis MBE, National Director Centre for Legal Aid Assistance & Settlement (CLAAS) and Chairman Pakistan Christian National organized a press conference at the Press Club Lahore along with few other Christian Leaders Mr. Martian Javed Michael leading person (Pakistan Minorities Movement), Samuel Payara representative (Pakistan Minorities Movement), Saleem Gabriel Chairman

(Pakistan Minorities Movement), Christian laws Association Pakistan President Ijaz Farhat (Advocate) and Ms. Katherine Sapna Coordinator CLAAS.

While addressing to the press Mr. Francis said that Christian Community in Pakistan is not satisfied with the investigation of the investigation officers in the Badami Bagh incident. Police was the complainant in the case and now the police are declaring the accused as innocents and they all get free by the courts. He expressed in his statement that Punjab police has joined hands with culprits and took heavy amount as bribery therefore giving favor to the accused of heinous offence. He also mentioned that unfortunately Christian communities are attacked and they are provided with money and other things but not with Justice and protection. Mr. Francis criticized Punjab government; being failed again to curb violence against minority groups. Muslim League N is the responsible for this attack on Christians and that is the reason **“we are boycotting part of Muslim League (N)”** in 2013 election of Pakistan.

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Peaceful protest on Pakistan Minority Day:

Centre for Legal Aid Assistance & Settlement (CLAAS) organized a peaceful rally on Minority Day on Sunday August 11, 2013 in front of Lahore Press Club. Different minority groups and leaders, including the Pakistan Christian National Party (PCNP), Human



Rights Focus Pakistan (HRFP) and Bright Future Society in the leadership of Mr. Joseph Francis and a large number of minority representatives and hundred participants took part on the rally. The protesters chanted slogans demanded the government to work for removing all such articles in the constitution, especially Article 295-B and 295-C. They also demand to provide

equal employment opportunities to minorities of Pakistan.



Mr. Joseph Francis said the state had failed to protect the minorities and he would raise the issue in the human rights conferences of the European Union and United Nations. He said August 11 was a significant day, as the Quaid-e-Azam had delivered a speech on the day saying the minorities would be protected in Pakistan. He also said that

minorities have played an important role in the creation of Pakistan. He also urged the government to amend the law to end discrimination against minorities and to provide equal rights and security to them.

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CLAAS protest with Civil Society against rape minors:



On Thursday 19, 2013 JAC (Joint Action Committee) called a protest demonstration at Charing cross opposite Punjab Assembly Hall Lahore against the rape of a five-year-old minor girl. Civil society, non government organizations (NGOs) and human rights organizations like HRCP (Human Rights Commission of Pakistan), Aurat Foundation, Women Worker Help Line (WWHL), South Asia Foundation, CLAAS (Centre for Legal Aid Assistance and Settlement) and many others participated on this protest and

demand justice for minor rape victim. The protesters holding placards inscribed with demands, "Arrest and Hang culprits." Save the girl, save the world," Provide safety and security to minor, "No more violence", "Sumbal wants justice" and many others.



The protesters chanted slogans against the government and authorities for not arresting suspects even after seven days of incident. Protesters also organized a candle light vigil for the health of rape victim. They protested against the suspects and demanded immediate arrest of suspects involved in this heinous crime. They also condemned the increasing rape incidents with minors.

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Peace Rally on International Peace Day:

On September 26, 2013 CLAAS organized a Peace rally on World Peace Day September



21, 2013 from G.P.O Chowk to Punjab Assembly Hall Lahore.

A large number of people from different walks of life including St. Joseph Girls High School students, teachers Nuns, lawyers and Civil Society organizations like War against rape, Support Protection and Right Children Pakistan Spar

and many others participated on this peace rally.

Mr. Joseph Francis (National Director) CLAAS, (Chairman) Pakistan Christian National Party (PCNP), Mr. Manzoor Gillani advocate lead this peace rally.

The participants shouting and holding placards/slogans such as, Peace is liberty in tranquility, I stand for peace, We want Global Peace, We believe we can live in peace, Stay together Peace forever, Peace be with every living being, Peace we hope we dream, If you want Peace work for Justice, To reach Peace Teach Peace, Peace is every Step, Peace and Justice go together and many others.



During peace rally Mr. Joseph Francis made speech on need of Peace in Pakistan. He said Peace means sympathy and development and these aims can be achieved only when peace will prevail in Pakistan. And everyone wants peace in their life so we should do work to promote peace in world wide. He said the main objective of the peace rally was to advocate sustainable peace with solidarity and integrity of the nation among different castes, regions and youths.



On the occasion of World Peace day Mr. Joseph Francis (National Director) CLAAS along with Students Vigil candle for Global peace.

Mr. Manzoor Gillian advocate and Mr. Joseph Francis also release and fly pigeons for peace all over the world. And last offered prayer for peace in world.

In the world peace day for the promotion of the Peace rally international.

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MAKING LAW-ENFORCES AWARE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Report of Training Workshops for police at Gujranwala and Faisalabad,

March 2013

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Acknowledgement

CLAAS is grateful to the police authorities of Gujranwala and Faisalabad divisions and the Consular Section of the British High Commission for making this training successful.

Executive Summary

Ill treatment by the police officials is taken as a norm in Pakistan today. Despite statements from the political as well as executive leadership to improve the police stations culture, the behavior of police officials towards people remains extremely authoritative – to say the least.

People generally avoid any communication with a police person if they come across one in the street. According to the high officials of the department, countless studies within the police have been carried out but none has borne any fruits owing to multiple factors including lack of political will, inadequate funds, scarce training opportunities and to top it all, an unwillingness to let go of the power that can be wielded through, or by the police.

Centre for Legal Aid Assistance and Settlement (CLAAS) has been dealing with the police at various levels for more than 20 years. CLAAS realized the need for introducing human rights values to the police very early and over the years this need has been confirmed to the extent of being an essential. CLAAS got an opportunity for this necessary training on human rights through a collaboration of the British High Commission whose own assessment of the Pakistan police was not much different through their own experience.

This collaboration resulted, in its initial phase, two such trainings at Gujranwala and Faisalabad. First of the two trainings was held for 34 police officials of Gujranwala Division and included ranks of Assistant Sub Inspector, Sub Inspector, Inspector and Deputy Superintendent Police with some constables also. The two-day training was held at the Shelton Hotel, GT Road, Gujranwala on March 20-21, 2013.

Second training was held at the Police Lines Faisalabad premises with the facilitation from Pearl Continental Hotel, Faisalabad on March 25-26, 2013. The 33 participants from the Faisalabad Division of the Police Department including ASIs, Sub Inspectors, Inspectors and 3 under training women Assistant Sub Inspectors as well.

Main areas covered in both the trainings were:

- History and evolution of human rights,
- Police Order 2002 and investigation,
- Gender discrimination,
- Civil and Political Rights,
- UN Convention Against Torture,
- Use of force by the law enforcing agencies,
- Community's grievances and the Police,
- Rights of Prisoners and People in custody

Most significant feature of these training sessions, and of the whole exercise overall, was interest and enthusiasm of the police – both at the officers’ and the participants’ level. While participating officials showed that they were receptive of any form of reform that could help their lot, the officers took meaningful ownership of the effort.

Follow up discussions and certificate distribution events confirmed usefulness of the training while the process of evaluation and constant feedback has helped a lot to improve the content and arrangements for future such endeavors.

CLAAS finds it necessary at this point to jot down some of observations like that Police officials had a common and constant complaint of long working hours; young participants as well as those having some exposure of foreign training/deployment had greater acceptance of human rights norms; most of them complained of inadequate promotions; police personnel were clearly concerned about how media showed them because in individual cases, as they had been issued notices upon media reports; modern equipment and methods for investigation are not available as much as required by the police; training in using new techniques of investigation, in handling the people without threatening them and in standards of human rights were scarce at this level of the department.

CLAAS recommends that with increased number of people getting education in Pakistan, the age-old eligibility standards of police may be raised; more resources should be put into recruiting more police so that a rational number is available to cater to the increasing population; political referencing during recruitment of police should be totally done away with; emphasis should be made to train police personnel on job, within the department with an external body overseeing the training process and module; more resources should be allocated to modern techniques of investigation and police should be encouraged to make use of them.

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Brief sketches of Resource persons

CLAAS's supplemented its own experience through expertise of the following resource persons who facilitated the training sessions:

- i. **Mr. Mehboob Ahmed Khan:** Mr. Khan works with the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP). An advocate by training, Mr. Khan is an expert of the fact finding missions looking into the cases of human rights violations. His commitment to the human rights in Pakistan spans a period of over 30 years.
- ii. **Ms. Bushra Khaliq:** Ms. Khaliq is from among the younger lot of the women rights activists in Pakistan. She has a long standing political and activist work to her credit. She is Executive Director of the organization "Women in Struggle for Empowerment (WISE)".
- iii. **Mr. Arif Goraya:** Mr. Goraya is a lawyer of outstanding repute in Gujranwala. He has 20 years' experience in dealing with the criminal justice system and has command over the police rules, practices and policies.
- iv. **Mr. Nadeem Fazil Ayaz:** Mr. Ayaz is an advocate with specialization in human rights law and the Constitution of Pakistan. He has a long standing association with human rights organizations like HRCP and War Against Rape etc.

Gujranwala workshop: 20-21 March 2013

Evolution of Human Rights (by Mr. Mehboob Khan)



Mr. Mehboob Khan set up the context for two days of sessions on human rights. He went into the history of human rights detailing some of the major sources of modern concepts of rights, like Magna Carta, scope of the League of Nations, Charter of the United Nations and Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

He also related international human rights law and its influence on the

development of Constitution of Pakistan especially the chapter on the fundamental rights.

His session was followed by a healthy discussion when one police official suggested that human rights concepts are relative to the needs of respective countries. Mr. Khan agreed and responded that there is room for domestic provisions and reservations in international law.

Rights of Prisoners and People in Custody (by Mr. Nadeem Fazil)

Mr. Fazil introduced the theory on the rights of the prisoners but for detail and elaboration he limited his input on the treatment of the accused or any person hauled up by the police. He emphasized the rights of any person arrested, his production before the court and a fair treatment.

He particularly mentioned the treatment of women – whether complainant or the accused – at the hands of the police. He said that once police makes up mind about a person they treat him or her accordingly and become the judge themselves.

The participants of the workshop strongly denied ill-treatment of women. All were unanimous in stating that times had changed and not only that police “men” were not supposed to arrest any women on their own but also that women were not allowed at all to be kept at the police station. They also denied detaining people without registering arrest. They however stated that many a times if a person was brought to the police station, he immediately had a deal with the complainant therefore the need for his arrest etc. did not arise.

Police Order 2002 and Investigation (by Arif Goraya)

Mr. Goraya Advocate narrated the practices that follow the rules stipulated in the Police Order 2002. He elaborated Police Order 2002 Chapter 2 which deals with the custody of a person and guided participants towards the responsibilities of the police personnel.

The participants largely commented that Police Order 2002 was only functional in accountability of the subordinate police officials selectively.

Gender discrimination (by Bushra Khaliq)

Ms. Khaliq introduced the basic theories of Gender equality among men and women. Taking a feminist approach she said that it is the society that determines the roles of men and women. She also pointed out that syllabus and media in Pakistan strengthened the stereotypes regarding perceived social roles of the two sexes.

The participants found this session challenging. They vehemently questioned notion of equality and examples of gender discrimination that were quoted by the facilitator. However they kept response limited to their department suggesting that their field duties could not be performed by women.

Community's grievances against the Police (by Mr. Mehboob Ahmed Khan)

Mr. Khan premised his input within the training module and referred to the complaints of violations of human rights by the police. He said that police was neither supposed to accept any kind of gratification from the complainants nor was allowed to threaten any accused to draw him towards offering them a gratification.

While participants remained silent on the issue of gratification, they commented that their won officers and political pressure was largely responsible for what state of affairs was there. They also said that police was not as bad as is perceived and the misconception about police had been strengthened by the unscrupulous media.

Civil & Political Rights (by Mr. Nadeem Fazil Ayaz)



Mr. Ayaz presented a case study to bring participants to discussing their usual attitude in a case. He contextualized civil and political rights present in the constitution of Pakistan and listed the international laws that have been signed and ratified by Pakistan. He also discussed International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in detail.

The participants agreed that Police was reluctant to take up a new case. They stated that due to lack of training and resources normally modern methods of investigation were not

employed.

UN Convention Against Torture (by Ms. Bushra Khaliq)



Ms. Khaliq used an elaborate multimedia presentation to supplement her sharing on the UN CAT. Her comprehensive input was very informative and detailed Pakistan's responsibilities in making sure that torture is eliminated as a tool from the text books of the laws enforcing agencies. She reminded that the Pakistan report for the UN CAT

was pending which was due in 2011.

The participants liked the information but were not sure if the academic requirements on Pakistan could translate into reality at the ground level.

Use of force by the Law enforcers (by Mr. Arif Goraya)

Mr. Goraya referred again to the Police Order 2002 and pointed out that use of force was not desired under the order rather police was supposed to be polite and assisting. Mr. Goraya detailed how in practice force is used by the police and how with stricter rules like Police Order 2002 in place, Police had found new ways of hiding their activities. He specially mentioned unofficial detention centres used by the police so that they could avoid public wrath, their own officers, media and the occasional court bailiff when they keep a person without lawful authority and/or torture him.

Participants said that they had no other “efficient” method of extorting evidence and a statement other than what was being termed as torture. Participants at both stations kept talking about “right” of the complainant almost suggesting that recovery or redress was more important than the rights of the accused. They also stated that if an accused would not budge, police was proceeded against immediately under section 156 of the Police Order terming them as inefficient investigators.

Faisalabad workshop: 25-26 March 2013

Evolution of Human Rights (by Mr. Mehboob Khan)

Mr. Khan detailed historical sources of law converging into modern concepts of international human rights norms and instruments. He particularly related how Magna Carta, League of Nations, Charter of the United Nations and Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He then explained the influence of UDHR on early constitutional developments in Pakistan, and eventual formation of fundamental rights in Pakistan.



While in later discussions, one SHO participant dismissed the UDHR and other international standards and reminded the gathering that Islam gave a basic document on human rights in form of the last sermon of the Prophet Muhammad at the Hajj occasion. His assertion was taken into account by Mr. Mehboob Khan who said that later Muslim

civilizations failed to develop rights framework established by the Holy Prophet.

Civil & Political Rights (by Mr. Nadeem Fazil Ayaz)

Mr. Nadeem Ayaz brought the participants to Police daily routines and practices just as to highlight their relationship with civil and political rights of the people. By narrating each and every point included in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) he diverted attention towards the gap between international norms and the standards prevailing at the national level in Pakistan.

As compared to the corresponding session at Gujranwala, in Faisalabad, participants exhibited resistance to hints of non-compliance of international standards by the administration in Pakistan. There was a claim that Faisalabad division police is far ahead of other divisions in adhering to the Police Order and other laws related to their work.

Police Order 2002 and Investigation (by Arif Goraya)

Mr. Goraya Advocate explained and elaborated the provisions of the Police Order 2002. He especially detailed Chapter 2 of the Order which deals with the custody of a person.

Although participants were wholly familiar with the provisions of the Order, they benefited from the angle that Advocate Goraya took as a legal practitioner and how the cases against police are brought up in the local courts.

Gender discrimination (by Bushra Khaliq)

This session generated significant discussion – even to the point of one to one argument – on the issue of rights of women in context of Pakistan. Participants looked at the respect of women in terms of teachings of the religion while the facilitator brought them to respect the rights of women as an equal individual. One participant totally disagreed to her point of view and stated that women were totally separate from men and they had to follow the instructions in religious texts. Towards the end of the discussions however enough tolerance was demonstrated to each other's point of view.

Community's grievances against the Police (by Mr. Mehboob Ahmed Khan)

The discussion on community's grievances against the police is always difficult to handle as it necessarily includes reference to gratification police receive from people for registering or handling their cases. Mr. Khan said that any kind of demand or gratification caused unspeakable damage to the system in general and to the law & order in particular. He emphasized that police was not allowed to threaten any accused to draw him towards offering them a gratification.

Interestingly participants did not much challenge the assertion of the facilitator. But in the bargain they diverted the allegations towards political and sometimes, official pressure to take a particular stance in any case.

Rights of Prisoners and People in Custody (by Mr. Nadeem Fazil)

Mr. Fazil limited his talk on rights of the prisoners to treatment of the accused or any person hauled up by the police. He emphasized the rights of any person arrested, his production before the court and a fair treatment. He dovetailed this session with his earlier one on Civil and Political Rights to drive his point home. He said that over time human rights activists had observed an improvement in SOPs for treating women at police stations; he attributed it to international pressure and media, and also acknowledged that exposure of police officers to international environs had made the progress possible.

The participants expressed that in urban areas of Punjab they had also seen an improvement, and for their part, showed total adherence to international standards for treatment of people in custody, especially women.

UN Convention Against Torture (by Ms. Bushra Khaliq)

Ms. Khaliq – like her earlier session at Gujranwala – helped the participants visualize the concepts better through her use of multimedia. Her sessions on the UN Convention Against Torture (CAT) was very well received. She elaborated her presentation with practical examples from Pakistan, and more particularly from Punjab. She also linked participants to the processes going on at the international level where Pakistan is lagging far behind its reporting requirement on CAT since 2011.

Although participants listened carefully they did not seem very convinced that in near future the anti-torture legislation could take any solid shape in Pakistan.

Use of force by the Law enforcers (by Mr. Arif Goraya)



Mr. Goraya premised his topic in the Police Order 2002 and emphasized that use of force was not desired at all under the order. Mr. Goraya gave practical examples and case studies where police high-handedness had been brought to courts and police had been held responsible.

He pointed to the new ways of hiding illegal use of force by the police, to which the participants reacted stating that they did not

have enough scientific and modern facilities to collect evidence and hence resort to torture became a compulsion for them.

Follow up and feedback: Certificate distribution

CLAAS kept its link with the participants of the two workshops alive with follow up activities especially the certificate distribution ceremonies at Faisalabad and Gujranwala.



CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT

Report on CLAAS' visit to Bangkok Thailand

On October 08 – 12, 2013 a delegation of five members headed by Mr. Joseph Francis, National Director CLAAS, including Ms. Katherine Sapna Program Officer CLAAS and Ms. Rama Rasheed Assistant Program Officer CLAAS, Mr. Samuel Payara President Bright Future Society and Ms. Shamim Sadiq senior staff from disaster management of Bright Future Society approached Bangkok, Thailand to see the situation of Pakistani Christian asylum seekers.

Church World Service (CWS) sponsored accommodation of the team at Hotel Windsor Suites at Sukhumvit Road Soi, for 4 days stay in Bangkok. The team visited different Church Leaders, Immigration Detention Centre and Christian Refugee Centre to draw their attention towards the plight of minorities in Pakistan and their suffering in Thai being an asylum seeker.



On October 09, 2013 the team met with Revd Tim Eady Associate Minister/Pastor at Christ Church Thailand. After the introduction of the team Mr. Francis informed and updated Pastor Tim about the situation of Christians in Pakistan. He also mentioned that how the Christians are persecuted on daily bases. They are discriminated at work places and implicated in fake blasphemy cases by their co-workers and owners. Christians are threatened to embrace Islam. He added that, there are hundreds of families moving from Pakistan to Thai for refugee status. But they are suffering as they do not have proper support from the UNCHR in Bangkok.

Mr. Francis asked the Pastor for some support from church to the Christian families who are facing trouble in Thailand, as they have no food and other basic needs.

Pastor Tim informed the team that their church used to support to the Christians families not only from Pakistan but from all Asian Countries. Christ church give them food and accommodation and other possible support as well. But currently several families coming

to Thai from Egypt, Iran, India and Pakistan and therefore it has become difficult for the Church to provide food and accommodation to every of them.

He mentioned that Thailand is a Buddhist country where Christians are in low numbers. The Church receives small donations therefore we do not have big fund to support all Christian families. Pastor Tim said that there are few families getting monthly support from the Church. The team said thanks to the Revd Tim Eady and appreciated the services of his church for asylum seekers especially Pakistani Christians.

On October 10, 2013 team met with two senior Pastors of Concordia Gospel Ministry (CGM). They are from Brahma but settled in Bangkok for long time. Pastors inform the team that there are approximately 400 Christian families from Pakistan in Bangkok for refugee status. They are facing problems of accommodation, food and other basic needs. UNCHR do not support asylum seekers until their cases are accepted and given refugee status, asylum seekers have to arrange everything personally.



Mr. Francis informed the Pastors about the difficulties in getting visas from the European or US and Canadian embassy in Pakistan as they are in doubt that Christians will not return back because of persecution in Pakistan. Embassies refuse visas flatly saying that they do not trust if they come back or not. As per international immigration law it is need that a person or family have to move to any third country/place to get refugee status they can not apply for refugee status from the home land.

In Pakistan the visas of Thailand, Sri Lanka and Malaysia are in easy access of people therefore they are moving in big numbers to file application for the political asylum to get refugee status to live safely and to protect their lives from the militants.

The pastors informed the team that it is our bad luck that Pakistani Christians are not united even when they are in problem in Thai.

Pastors asked blessings of the Lord for the all asylum seekers in Thailand and also asked Jesus to provide them sources to live better and also for the UNCHR staff to work on the asylum applications fast and give them heart to understand Christians suffering in Muslim Countries.

The team had chance to visit the asylum seeker Pakistani Christians in their homes in Bangkok and saw them living a miserable condition.

They often victimised in Pakistan but there was no hope of justice and protection, in Thai they are facing difficulties but lives are safe and they are in hope for the bright future, asylum seekers said. They have one room accommodation without bed and other facilities (glass, plates, cups, cooking pans, bedding etc), but with attached bath and small place to use for kitchen and washing and they have to pay 1500-2000 baht per month excluding utilities. They sleep on floor without mattresses, few house owners provided old mattresses and pillows to the families but mostly do not have. The team could see happiness on their faces and satisfied with this life as they were in hurdles because they hope that after this dark night a shining morning will be waiting for them.



Team met with families from Gojra, Joseph Colony, Gujranwala, Youhanabad Lahore, Rawalpindi, Jhelum and Faisalabad fled for safety.



The team members did prayer with the families and encouraged them for keeping strong believe on Jesus Christ, that He will set them free from all difficulties and take them to the place which he has decided for them like people of Egypt according to the Old Testament. Team also visited few families whose cases have been accepted by the UNCHR and they were waiting for their call for travel to the other countries as refugees/immigrant.

They shared with the team, their experience of life in Thai as asylum seeker and informed that UNCHR only helps refugees with a small amount as stipend per month and also provides some food. There are many churches, Christian Refugee Centres, and individual NGO's supporting asylum seekers as UNCHR is not giving them stipend. Some church provide accommodation and food to a few families.



Furthermore they said that they have to pay extra money to agents to obtain 3 months visa for Thailand. They have to pay money for each passport to Pakistan immigration on airport for their exit; otherwise they are not allowed to go. After three months they need to extend visas and have to pay money to agents for visa extend. It takes normally 6-8 months that UNCHR respond for the asylum applications and after about one year the families can get refugee status and support from UN. During their stay in Thai people cannot earn and mostly living

without visas as they cannot manage money to pay agents for visa extend. Later their cases are passed by the UNCHR and they get refugee status, they have to go in prison (immigration detention Centre) for a month because of over stay and also pay fine before they leave to other country.

It is fact that Christians suffering around the world, mostly in Muslim Asian Countries especially Pakistan. We do not know how long they have to suffer due to their belief.

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Christians of Mehrabad suffering even after Rimsha Masih has been acquitted from the fake blasphemy case and settled in Canada along with her family

On October 18, 2013 CLAAS visited the people of Mehrabad G-11 Islamabad where a minor mentally challenged Rimsha Masih was implicated in a fake blasphemy case; her neighbors and other Christians were beaten up by the local Muslims and kicked out from the locality. There were announcements in the local mosques that the Christian must leave the place otherwise they will burn them in the house along with their belongings.



The miserable Christians have to leave the place as they were frightened because of the aggression of the Muslim extremists. They left to the safe places along with their children, but could not come back to their house at





Mehrabad.

Few of them who lived in rented houses they came back but the area shopkeepers denied supplying them food items. They have been living without food for a week or two. Then CLAAS arranged for one month food for these families who were unable to work as well. Rimsha case not only affected the local Christians but also surrounding areas where Christians live over the years and they were also forced to leave.

Since the blasphemy case registered against Rimsha Masih, she along with her family was provided with security by the government but the other Christian families were on severe threat and facing problems by Muslim extremists. It became difficult for Christians to live at their place and they made complaint with police and The Capital Development Authority (CDA) was agreed to resettle them in another sector but local people didn't want Christians in their area. Therefore these Christians find an open place in forest on Kashmir More in Islamabad very far from the other sectors or settlements and started to live in tents or without tents. Then other Christians of the same locality also started to come there and lived.



Mostly families do not have proper tents and they covered their places with bed sheets posters and Pena Flexes used in election campaign and later they were not in any use. Some of them are trying to build their one room houses.

Presently there are about 800-1000 families living in tents, but they are facing problem by CDA, who threatening Christians to leave the place. Christians are forced and threatened by different groups and asked to pay money if they want to live at the place otherwise they



cannot stay there. Children plays all the time in the streets, they have no activity to do and they do not have school at the moment.

Christians are forced to pay money to live in the tents as they know that this is not a



permanent settlement. It's about one year that Christians living in tents without facilities of water, electricity, school, hospital, church etc. They have only three water pumps which they connected with the main water supply pipe without any information.

There are few small house shops in this big area to fulfill their needs. And also some vendors come with small things to sell for children. CLAAS visited barbers shop, a little general store and a small shop of an old man who sell some cooked/fried items.



Even they do not have washrooms and they have to go in open areas for wash room which is dangerous especially for young girls. The locals informed CLAAS team that they had chances twice when Muslims attacked girls when they were in forest for washroom. They said that they are worried and cannot sleep properly in the night because of fear from Muslim extremists. The locals informed CLAAS that they cannot build houses because they have no money to build the permanent houses. Even it is hard for them to give food to their children as they have no work. Since the blasphemy case of Rimsha Masih, these Christians are facing a lot. They are discriminated at work places and refuse to give work in surrounding areas. On the other hand they are in fear that CDA can kick them out any time. They are seeking government support that they should given this settlement permanently as giving them ownership rights.

Mr. Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS assured people that they are not alone, all national and international community is with them and they are in continue prayers.

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Christmas Gifts distribution at Brick kilns

On December 23, 2013 CLAAS team travelled to the brick kilns to share Christmas blessings among 100 children on three brick kilns. The gift consisting on Sweets, Dry Fruits Chocolates etc were distributed among children aged 3-12. They were happy and very thankful to CLAAS while receiving these gifts.

These are few photos of distribution:







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Victims of Faith

The following victims approached CLAAS office for legal assistance and settlement

Sr. #	Name	District	Brief Facts
01.	Manght Masih	Faisalabad	Manght Masih aged 40 Christian by faith lived along with his wife Naseem and two children Sheeza Manght and Sara Manght at Faisalabad. After marriage he went Karachi to earn good for his family. During his stay for job, he was pursued by a hard-line and fanatic Muslims Jihadi group to change his Christian faith and become Muslim. He came back his village but he was followed by the Muslim Milliants and Islamic Jihadi Group.
02.	Sheraz Pervaiz	Islamabad	Sheraz Pervaiz s/o Lal Pervaiz aged 36 Christian by faith lived at Islamabad along with his mother Parveen Bibi and father Lal Masih. His father worked within the building and construction industry in Islamabad and after finished studies Sheraz started to help his father in his business. In 1998 he was implicated in a false armed burglary case by the local fanatics who want to grab their business. In Police station he was forced to confess his crime offered by a Muslim group that if he wants release from the case, he should embrace Islam. Later he was released by the court on bail. But the Muslim extremists never stopped to threatening him and his family.
03.	Kamran Bhatti	Sialkot	Mr. Kamran Bhatti s/o Boota Bhatti aged 29 Christian by faith resident of Sialkot. By his good attitude his 3 Muslim friends converted into Christianity in 2012. Muslim extremists came to know that the converted three Muslim into Christianity. They started to threaten him to convert into Islam but he refused then they filed a blasphemy case against him and also attacked Kamran and his brother when they came from the church after worship. Police arrested him and with the help of local pastor he was released from Jail. And arrange his travel in Europe. But the families of these converters never stopped to threatening his family.
04.	William Sadiq	Lahore	Mr. William Sadiq s/o Sadiq Masih aged 38, Christian by faith lived at Lahore along with

			<p>his wife Sibca William and four daughters. He was assistant Pastor of the Flames of Fire Church founded by Pastor Sohail Barkat. Pastor also accommodated at Church compound with family. He was also doing work as security guards at Punjab Institute of Cardiology Jail Road Lahore and started working with a Muslim Colleague Mustafa, who always tried to speak on Muslim and Christian religions, and with the passage of time he started to force William to embrace Islam. William wanted to stop his work but at the same time he was helpless before the daily expenses of his family. Mustafa and William were on their duty while Mustafa again started the same conversation about religions and forced William to convert into Islam. In the meanwhile he blamed him a blasphemer as he insulted Islam. Mustafa shouted and asked Muslims, working nearby to be gathered there and beat William brutally. There were few other Christians also working saved him and he escaped from the place. Now he and his family have severe life threats.</p>
05.	Imran Danish	Lahore	<p>Imran Danish Gill s/o Peter John Gill Christian by faith resident of Lahore got married with Sheeba and God bless them with three children. By profession he is musician and popular singer. He had a small home studio on the top floor of his house and released many commercial songs and produced Gospel albums. There was a big mosque and Madrassa for women rights across the street of this house. The Mollans of the Madrassa forced him to accept Islam and send girls to their Madrassa to learn about Islam. Since then even the local Muslims in neighbors started to create problems for Imran Gill and his family.</p>
06.	Pastor William John	Sialkot	<p>Pastor William John s/o Nazir Masih aged 46 resident of Sialkot Christian by faith got married in 1998 and God blessed him with a baby girl. By profession he was building construction man and had good reputation. During work progress he got admission at National Christian college to get religious studies as he wanted to become a Pastor. Due to his religious interest the local Muslim blamed him that he spread Christianity in their area and converting his poor Muslims labors</p>

			into Islam.
07.	Kashif Haroon	Lahore	Kashif Haroon s/o Haroon Rehmat aged 27, Christian by faith got married with Sikwa and God blessed him with two children. He worked on his father's book shop as sales man but he was active in the welfare work for community and actively involved in church activities. He and his family have to suffer in Pakistan due to their Christian believe.
08.	Suneel Emmanuel	Lahore	Suneel Emmanuel s/o Emmanuel Gulzar Christian by faith resident of Lahore got married with Saima Emmanuel and they have one child. Suneel was an evangelist of New Life Pentecostal church with Pastor Manzoor Barkat. During his Evangelism, he was persecuted and beaten up by the Muslim extremist and they filed false blasphemy case against him. He and his family have severe life threats.
09.	Shamim Rohail	Lahore	Shamim Rohail w/o Rohail Christian by faith resident of Lahore. By profession she is staff nurse and was working at Punjab Institute of Cardiology Hospital Lahore. Doctor Waheed who kept bad eye on her and forced her to embrace Islam. On the refusal of embracing Islam he become furious and started beating her and shouted on her saying that she is blasphemmer. He instigated and mobilized Muslims to kill Shamim as she is a blasphemmer because she denied to embracing Islam.
10.	Sarfraz Yousaf s/o Yousaf Masih	Lahore	Sarfraz Christian by faith approached on July 04, 2013 and asked for help as his life was in danger and narrated that he established his own organization "Sukh Life Association" in 2008 to work for the development of youth and also for the persecuted Christians especially the victims of violence attacks. In April 2013, he along with few other colleagues went to Raiwind famous for Muslim extremists as there is a big centre of Tabilghi Jamaat for an official meeting. On April 25, 2013 some Muslims extremists came to Sarfraz's office and said that they wanted to meet him but they gave a message for Sarfraz that they are waiting for him, and left the place. They never stopped to following him and threatening him.
11.	Dawood Siddique s/o Pastor Siddique	Youhanabad Lahore	Dawood Siddique s/o Pastor Siddique Masih aged 47, Christian by faith lived along with his wife and four children. By profession he is an

	Masih		advocate. Beside his duties and political activities Dawood Siddique had heart for his community and worked a lot against the discrimination and persecution of Christians and raised voice against the articles of the constitution of Pakistan which are against the fundamental rights of minorities. He and his family have life threats from Muslim extremists.
12.	Saleem Masih s/o Gabriel	Lahore	Saleem Masih s/o Gabriel Christian by faith lived along with his wife and four children. He was a property dealer and running his own business of property. He was also chairman of a human rights organization namely "Pakistan Minorities Movement" which works for the minority's rights specifically. On September 21, 2013 St. Paul Luther Church Mardan was burnt and completely destroyed by a violent mob of extremists while protesting against the Anti-Islam film. On July 11, 2013 at about 12:10 pm he was going back to his home after attending court hearing of Joseph colony. Hanif Masih reached at Sundar Das Road suddenly three unknown persons on motorbike armed with deadly weapons appeared and threatened them for dire consequences. They warned Mr. Saleem, stop helping Christians in the Badami Bagh otherwise he will be killed. He and his family have life threats from extremists.
13.	Ahsan Yousaf s/o Sultan Yousaf	Lahore	Ahsan Yousaf aged 28 a Christian by faith and a resident of Lahore involved married with Saima a Muslim by faith and residing in his neighbors. Saima parents registered a Kidnapping case against Ahsan but Saima in her statement recorded in the court and confessed that she has married Ahsan with her own free will. Court released Ahsan from all charges. At present they are living as hiding. And God blessed them with two children one boy Harry and one daughter.
14.	Asif Khan s/o Akbar Khan	Lahore	Asif Khan s/o Akbar Khan Christian by faith lived with his wife Zara and two daughter and mother Maream, brother Kashif Akbar, sister-in-law Aneeta Kashif and nephew Zaron Kashif and brother-in-law Faisal Javaid. He is an I.T. officer at CLAAS since 2007. CLAAS know the indisputable problems of him and his family which he has to face in Pakistan by the Militants from Jamaat-ud-Dawa just because of his Christian beliefs and because he was

			uploading stories of persecuted people from the minority groups on the CLAAS website.
15.	Rama Rasheed d/o Rasheed Amir Bhatti	Lahore	Rama Rasheed d/o Rasheed Amir Bhatti aged 25 Christian by faith lived along with her parents and four sisters and one brother. She is doing work at CLAAS as assistant program officer since 2009. She is activity involved in all CLAAS activities and been always ready to help persecuted through CLAAS. She is also a member of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) since 2009 and been a part of fact finding missions and investigation of cases in CLAAS. Because of the close involvement of her in several cases of violation, intolerance and blasphemy she got attention of Muslim extremists and Islamic outfits. Now she and her family have life threats by the militants and extremists.
16.	Ayaz Gill s/o Munshi Masih	Sahiwal	Ayaz Gill s/o Munshi Masih aged 27 Christian by faith lived along with his parents and seven brothers and sisters. He is doing work at CLAAS as Court clerk since 2009. He is activity involved in all CLAAS activities and been always ready to help persecuted through CLAAS. He attended the court hearings of blasphemy victims and met with them in jails and been a part of fact finding missions and investigation of cases in CLAAS. Because of the close involvement of his in several cases of violation, intolerance and blasphemy he got attention of Muslim extremists and Islamic outfits. He and his family have life threats by the militants and extremists.
17.	Asher Sarfraz	Lahore	Asher Sarfraz s/o Edward aged 40, Christian by faith lived at Lahore along with her wife Barkha and two children Vishal Francis aged 12 and Vandhana Francis aged 10. He worked with CLAAS since 1995 as Field Officer and served the persecuted Christians in Pakistan. He was member of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan since 2000 and been a part of fact finding missions of HRCP and CLAAS regularly till 2013. He was an information secretary and media advisor of Pakistan Christian National party (PCNP) since 1992 and has been actively involved in all PCNP activities and responsible for the publications, news alerts, press conferences and press releases and conducting/organizing protests on different issues to raise voice less

			especially during Gojra, Bahmaniwala Kasur, Joseph colony and Peshawar church attack. Due to his work for human rights and especially helping the blasphemy victims he has been facing life threats by Muslim because he used to visit Sawan Masih victim of blasphemy from Joseph Colony Lahore and other blasphemy victims in prisons in all Punjab. He and his family have serious life threats by the militants and extremists groups. There were continue threats to Asher and his family therefore CLAAS accommodated them at safe house. He and his family have serious life threats by Muslim extremists.
18.	Neelam Uzma	Lahore	Neelam Uzma d/o Karamat Masih aged 30 Christian by faith lived at Lahore along with her husband Samson Javed and mother Nargis Mariam and brother Suneel Karamat and two sisters Katherine Sapna and Nomee and niece Imssal. She was doing work at CLAAS as assistant Finance Manager since 2009. She was activity involved in all CLAAS activities and been always ready to help persecuted through CLAAS. She was also a member of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan since 2009 and been a part of fact finding missions and investigation of cases in CLAAS. Due to his work for human rights and especially helping the blasphemy victims she has been facing life threats by Muslim extremists since July 2013 when she was started to go to prison to visit Sawan Masih victim of blasphemy from Joseph Colony Lahore and other blasphemy victims. She and her family have serious life threats by the militants and extremists groups. Due to threats she was given shelter at CLAAS safe house along with her family. She has serious life threats by Muslim extremists.
19.	Rauf Khurram s/o Naseem Masih	Karachi	Rauf Khurram s/o Naseem Masih Christian by faith lived at Lahore. Now at present he and his family is an asylum seeker in UK. They have serious life threats in Pakistan.
20.	John Paul Bernard	Lahore	John Paul Bernard Christian by faith lived at Lahore along with his wife Solomi and three children. He was doing work at CLAAS as driver since 2000. He is full time staff and also member of CLAAS fact finding team. He and his family have severe life threats from militant groups who actively working in Pakistan.

21.	Huma Lucas	Lahore	Huma Lucas Christian by faith lived at Lahore along with her husband Sunil Jamil. She was doing work at CLAAS as office assistant since 2009. Because of the close involvement of her in several cases of violation, intolerance and blasphemy she got attention of Muslim extremists and Islamic outfits. Now she and her husband have life threats by the militants and extremists.
22.	Ivan Rufus David s/o David Masih	Karachi	Ivan Rufus David s/o David Christian by faith lived at Karachi along with his family. He has life threats from extremists and his life is not safe in Pakistan.
23.	Pastor Nadeem Sadiq	Lahore	Rev. Pastor Nadeem Sadiq Christian by faith lived at Lahore along with his wife and four children and serves his life for preaching the name of Our lord. But he and his family have to face life threats from militants due to their believes.
24.	Akash William	Sheikhpura	Mr. Akash William worked as an accountant at Sayid Paper Mills (Pvt.) Ltd. He also worked with CLAAS as volunteer in Sheikhpura during Aasia Bibi (accused of Blasphemy on death sentence) case. Some Muslims observed his activities to support blasphemy accused Aasia and become furious against him and followed him to his house along with the local Molana's. Luckily he was not at home but they beat severely to his father William Naresh and warned him to stop him otherwise they would have to face severe consequences and also threaten them that he should not come back to home. Therefore Akash managed flee from Pakistan with the help of relatives and agent but his wife, children and 2 sisters are still in the rehabilitation center of CLAAS.
25.	Robin John	Lahore	Robin John s/o Samer John aged 32 Christian by faith lived along with his wife Sabita at Lahore. According to facts his older sister Maria John was abducted by Muslims, forced to get married to Abdul Ghaffor (Muslim) and forced to embrace Islam in 1998. With the help of CLAAS Maria was recovered and she was able to get divorce form Abdul Ghaffor. On November 06, 2013 Robin again approached CLAAS and informed about the life threats by Abdul Ghaffor a former husband of his sister Maria through telephone calls. He wants back Maria as his Muslim wife and mother of his children. He threatens Robin if

			he will not tell him about Maria's whereabouts he will kill him and his wife.
26.	Mr. Nazir Tabassum	Lahore	Mr. Nazir Tabassum and his family has have been suffering in Pakistan by the Muslim extremists who were forcing them to embrace Islam. The whole issue started when his young daughter Marina had a religious argument in her class mates. Due to the severe life threats from the Muslim militants the life of this family is on grate risk.
27.	Mr. Anwar Masih		Anwar Masih and his wife and a son were on grate risk in Pakistan. They hardly managed to escape for safety but rest of the family is still in trouble in Pakistan by the extremists groups.
28.	Abdul Malak	Faisalabad	Abdul Malak Bhutta aged 62, converted to Christianity lived at Faisalabad. After conversion he was facing difficulties not only by Muslims but also by his family and real brothers who wants to kill him as he has changed his faith. He contacted with CLAAS and requested to provide shelter as his life has not saved.
29.	Bashir Masih	Lahore	Bashir Masih and his family has have been suffering in Pakistan by the Muslim extremists who were forcing them to embrace Islam. The whole issue started when his elder son refused to gave admission to Muslim boy in their School Saint Marry Grammar School. Due to the severe life threats from the Muslim militants the life of this family is on grate risk in Pakistan.
30.	Sabir Masih	Lahore	Sabir Masih and his wife and children were on grate risk in Pakistan. They hardly managed to escape for safety but rest of the family is still in trouble in Pakistan by the extremists groups.
31.	Pastor Yaqub Masih	Gujranwala	Pastor Yaqub s/o Mulak Masih aged 41 lived at Gujranwala along with his wife and three children. He serves as Pastor at Presbyterian Church of Pakistan for 18 years since 1996. He and his family have severe life threats because of their Christian beliefs and for serving the Lord. Due to the severe life threats from the Muslim militants the life of this family is on grate risk.
32.	Umer Draz s/o Karamat Masih	Gujranwala	Umer Draz Karamat aged 33, Christian by faith lived at Gujranwala along with his wife and two children. He is musician and Gospel singer. He is active member of Presbyterian

			Church and led the church Choir every Sunday. His bad time was started when his Muslim friends forced to convert into Islam at his work place therefore he resigned from the school. But they never stopped to follow him and threaten him.
33.	Humayun Paul Gill	Rawalpindi	Humayun Paul Gill, is a born Catholic Christian lived along with his family in Rawalpindi Pakistan. He worked in a hotel in Islamabad where he had to face problem by a Muslim Tanveer Sah who often visit the hotel. He forced Humayun to convert in to Islam along with his family and relatives, but he was not willing to accept the invitation. But he got successes to convert his sister in-law. Therefore Tanveer started to threaten Humayun that he will kill him and his family. Latter he planned with Mulla's to plant an evidence, took some pages of Quran and torn them and spread at the front of Humayun's door. He went to the police station and filed a blasphemy case against Humayun. As Humayun got afraid and he fled for safety. He and his family is still on severe life threats by Tanveer and Mulla's who tried to involve Humayun in Blasphemy case. His life is in danger and his family also cannot survive in Pakistan.
34.	Khalid Gill	Lahore	Khalid Gill is a former Chief Organizer, Punjab, APMA. He worked shoulder to shoulder with Martyr Shahbaz Bhatti in the peaceful struggle for fundamental rights of voiceless Christian community in Pakistan. He was on the hit list of Tehrik-e-Taliban and other militant organizations.

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Progress Report of Apna- Ghar (Rehabilitation Centre)

Introduction

Since 1998 CLAAS is providing shelter to the women victims of violence who were not accepted by their own family members merely because the survivors dare to speak up against the violence and in some cases the family were reluctant to take them back to home because of the severe life threats from the perpetrators. The primary function of this shelter home is to offer protection against violence and to give appropriate legal counseling and assistance. The institution runs strictly in accordance with rule and regulations; without exercising any unlawful custodial control over the movements of the inmates. Women and children are admitted at their own request and leave when it is safe for them to go back to their families. The organization provides full opportunity to “Apna Ghar” residents to have interaction with their family members but due to safety these visits are arranged in CLAAS office twice a month (on the 1st and 15th of every month). The period of stay of every resident varies depending on the nature of their case and keeping in view the level of threat they face in their home town.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

1- Legal Aid:



Most of the residents at Apna Ghar are allegedly involve in different cases, through CLAAS they are provided free legal assistance. The meetings with lawyers are arranged at CLAAS office and when they need to appear in the court they are accompanied by female CLAAS staff, these survivors and their families are updated on the legal proceedings of their cases. In family cases (divorce, child custody or maintenance) our first priority is to arrange dialogues (reconciliation) between the two parties (husband and wife), however, all such

meetings are arranged with the consent of the female survivor.

Legal Cases of Apna-Ghar Survivors registered with CLAAS in 2013

Sr. #	Title of the case	Advocate	Nature of the	Court and District	Status
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			Case		
1.	Tania Vs The State	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Abduction, Forced Conversion & Forced Marriage 1- Statement under section 164 PPC 2- Application for Medical Examine	1-Magistrate city Police Station Nankana Sahib District Nankana Sahib	1- statement recorded on 13-06-2012 2- Medico Legal Examination Report confirmed on 13-06-2012 Status: Closed
2.	Maria & Marriam Vs Abid Zafar Bhatti etc	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Harassment Petition	Sessions Court Lahore	On 22-10- 2012 Harassment Petition filed on behalf of Maria and Marriam which was disposed off on the same day in favor of Maria etc. Status: Closed
3.	Binyamin etc Vs The State	Mr. Kamran Yousaf Khan	Criminal Case 1- Post-Arrest Bails 2- Trial	Sessions Court Hafiz Abad	1-Binyamin and other accused bailed out on May 16, 2013 2- case is under trial

					Status: Pending
4.	Madiha Bibi Vs SHO etc	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Quashment Petition 1- Quashment of FIR 2- Statement of Madiha	1-High Court Lahore 2- Sessions Court Lahore	1- On September 18, 2013 case fixed for evidence of Madiha and due to non- appearance of Madiha Quashment Petition dismissed on the same day. 2- Statement recorded Status: Closed
5.	Ayesha Bibi Vs Mohsin Ali	Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba	Forced Conversion 1-Dissolution of Marriage	Family Judge Lahore	1-Suit for dissolution of marriage decreed on September 20, 2013. Status: Closed
6.	1- Riaz Masih Vs DPO	Mr. Tahir Bashir	Police Torture & Murder 1- writ Petition for the arrest	1- Additional Session Judge Ferozewala	1- writ petition for arrest of the accused was filed on behalf of Riaz Masih

					has no jurisdiction to pass an order to Provincial Standing Medical Board for re-examination of dead body.
			3- Application for disinterment	3- Sessions Court Lahore	3- After refusal by the area Magistrate in disinterment petition CLAAS' lawyer filed a writ petition for the Sessions Court Lahore which was dismissed.
	4- Riaz Masih Vs Judicial Magistrate		4- Writ Petition Pre-Arrest Bail(contested)	4- Lahore High Court Lahore	wait for proclamation in news paper 4- After the dismissal of application for re-examination of dead body CLAAS filed a writ petition before the honorable Lahore High

	5- Tariq etc Vs The State		5- Pre-Arrest Bail Registration of FIR contested	5- ASJ Ferozewala	<p>Court Lahore against the order of Judicial Magistrate which is still pending before Mr. Justice Mazhar Iqbal Sidhu Honorable Judge Lahore High Court Lahore.</p> <p>5- Two accused of Adnan murder case namely Tariq and Imran moved their pre-arrest bail before the court of Mr. Zahid Ghaznavi ASJ Ferozewala on July 01, 2013. On August 23, 2013 pre-arrest bail of accused was dismissed by the court of Mr. Zahid Ghaznavi ASJ Ferozewala.</p>
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	6-Najma Bibi Vs SHO		6- Petition for Registration of FIR	6- ASJ Lahore	<p>The Honorable court in its order observed that the accused remained fail to prove their innocence.</p> <p>6- On July 24, 2013 Najma Bibi real sister of accused of Adnan murder case namely Tariq imposing a false accusation and to give the benefit to the accused filed a petition for registration of FIR against brother of deceased Adnan namely Salman Samanda alias Jeeva and others as a counter blast. CLAAS lawyer contested the case and</p>
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	7-Sulman alias Samanda Vs ASJ Ferozewala		7- Writ against the order of ASJ Ferozewala	7- ASJ Ferozewala	<p>on July 27, 2013 petition was decided in favor of Najma Bibi.</p> <p>7- Being aggrieved by the order of ASJ Ferozewala in the case of Najma Bibi Vs SHO CLAAS lawyer filed a Writ Petition against the said order before the honorable Lahore High Court Lahore and resultantly the honorable Judge Lahore High Court Lahore on August 02, 2013 issued a stay order against the order of Learned ASJ Ferozewala.</p> <p>8- On August 01, 2013 Najma Bibi</p>
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	<p>8-Najma Bibi Vs SHO</p>		<p>8- Petition for Compliance</p>	<p>8- Lahore High Court Lahore</p>	<p>filed a compliance of order for registration of FIR passed by the Mr. Zahid Ghaznavi ASJ Ferozewala which was fixed for August 05, 2013. On August 07,2013 CLAAS lawyer submitted stay order of Lahore High Court Lahore upon which the counsel of Najma Bibi withdrew the compliance petition.</p> <p>9- Riaz Masih the father of Adnan moved an application of Transfer of Investigation but, unfortunately nothing was done by the high officials. Riaz Masih</p>
	<p>9- Riaz Masih Vs Riaz UI</p>		<p>9- Private</p>	<p>9- ASJ Ferozewala</p>	

	11- Asher Saroya Vs The State		11- Pre- Arrest Bail titled as "Asher Saroya	11- Lahore High Court Lahore	<p>hearings on September 25, 2013 the pre-arrest bail of Asher was refused by the ASJ Ferozewala.</p> <p>11- On October 2, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate moved pre-arrest bail of Asher Saroya before Lahore High Court Lahore and the same was confirmed October 11, 2013 by the honorable Lahore High court Lahore.</p> <p>Status: Closed</p>
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Total Cases	06
Decided Cases	05
Pending Cases	01

2. Record Keeping:

Documentation of admission and case histories of the survivors are properly maintained by the CLAAS staff. The information about the number of women taken into “Apna Ghar” is maintained in the following registers:

- Admission register
- Discharge register
- Visitor’s book
- Separate case files

To keep transparency and accountability in the funds a separate account has been maintained for “Apna Ghar”. Audit of this project is being conducted annually (ending period is 31st December) by authorized Chartered Accountants.

3. Awareness Rising



The first step towards getting rights is the knowledge of those rights. Keeping this in mind CLAAS conduct series of workshops every year to provide basic awareness on women rights and to familiarize the survivors on our legal system. CLAAS staff and Apna Ghar staff works in close association in organizing these workshops.

4. Physical Facilities:

Accommodation: The building consists of two floors. The ground floor has a conference hall, where workshops and informal gatherings are arranged. There are two guest rooms and stitching centre, where Apna Ghar residents learn to sew and stitch. The first floor has three bedrooms, a prayer room, TV lounge and a kitchen. All residents are provided



separate beds, clothing, toiletries and other personal accessories for daily use. Each room has a ceiling fan and gas heater. The second floor has four rooms, TV lounge and a kitchen. Apna Ghar has a large terrace.

Food: The matron prepares a weekly menu, meat is served twice a week, vegetables thrice a week, lentils twice a week and rice twice a week. Seasonal fruits are served everyday with one

meal. Children and sick residents are served special food, which include milk, eggs, porridge, biscuits, fresh juice and soup. To provide clean water a filter unit has been implanted. To make sure that labour is divided equally among the residents; Apna Ghar in-charge assign duties to residents which include cooking breakfast and meal, cleaning their rooms and washing dishes. Each floor is equipped with a refrigerator to preserve the food and other eatables. Once a month CLAAS management takes them out for dinner or lunch. But this has not been possible right now due to non availability of a large vehicle.

Clothes: There is not enough provision in the budget to provide clothes to the survivors but on special occasions like Christmas and Easter all residents are provided two sets of clothes. In cases where women have no contact with their families or have no family of their own they are provided clothes by the management.

Medical Care: CLAAS has a qualified medical staff which includes a male nurse, a female staff nurse; they provide medical care for any minor sickness but in case of major sickness the residents are taken to hospital. Special dietary is provided to sick residents.



Education: It has been our priority to provide formal education to Apna Ghar residents who wish to continue their schooling. Special arrangements are made to have them pick and drop from school. One of the office staff has monthly meeting with the teachers to obtain the progress report. The women who do not take formal education CLAAS has made arrangements for them to learn stitching and sewing in the centre. CLAAS intend to open a beauty school where they can learn cosmetology, nail treatment, hair cutting and skin

care. This would help them to obtain skills to generate income for themselves.

Spiritual Guidance: It is our priority to make sure that the women who seek shelter in Apna Ghar become strong in their Christian faith because it is through our spiritual strength that we are able to overcome all hardships. Apna Ghar residents are encouraged to study Christian literature. If someone cannot read or write; a girl is deputed to give tuition to them so that they can learn to read Bible in Urdu.

Apna Ghar residents begin their day with mutual prayer and end their day with a mutual prayer. Due to non-availability of a large vehicle Apna Ghar administration was unable to take the residents to attend Sunday Mass.



Recreational Activities: Apna Ghar is equipped with a colored television, tape recorder and indoor games. Once a month CLAAS staff arrange get together dinner with Apna Ghar residents in a local restaurant or hotel.

Counseling: Working with women and children under stress because of abuse in their lives requires special training, skill and understanding. Therefore, CLAAS and “Apna Ghar” staff is sensitized on gender issues and are trained in stress and conflict management and family counseling. Regular counseling is being done by the In-Charge of Apna Ghar, who resides in the shelter home and project officer who regularly visit the centre. In case a survivor is mentally disturbed and need professional attention in such cases CLAAS make arrangements for a professional female therapist. So far we have not had any such case.

Number of women/children accommodated at Apna Ghar from January to December 2013

Sr. #	Months	Female	Children	Male	Permanent Staff to look after Apna Ghar & Safe House	Total
1.	January	03	00	00	03	03
2.	February	03	00	00		03
3.	March	03	00	00		03
4.	April	10	09	11		30
5.	May	11	10	08		29
6.	June	09	08	01		18
7.	July	11	11	06		28
8.	August	12	10	05		27
9.	September	06	02	00		08
10.	October	09	01	00		10
11.	November	03	00	00		03
12.	December	00	00	00		00
Total		78	51	31	03	165

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4- Report on Safe House for victim families

a. Introduction:

Like other third world nations, Pakistan as an under developed country is struggling with the issues of democracy, human rights and good governance. Today in Pakistan minorities have become an embattled and isolated community. Religious and political minorities envisioned by the father of nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Pakistan came into being as a liberal, democratic and progressive welfare state with equal rights to its citizens, but what the Pakistani state has failed to give its minorities is the sense of belonging, which is defined by words such as home and nation, emerges from law. However, when the article 2 of Pakistani constitution declares Islam to be the state religion then the question for all religious minorities is the same. Have they been allowed to think of Pakistan as home? The sectarian legislation today have promoted an atmosphere of intolerance in the country, which not only encourage sentiments of religious prejudice and bigotry against non-Muslim citizens but also poses a serious threat to basic human rights of citizens in general and thus jeopardizes the whole process of democratization. The laws are interpreted with prejudice against non-Muslims and the courts are influenced by sectarian intolerance for example in the cases of forced conversions or blasphemy.

The girls are forced to embrace Islam and have marriages registered under Islamic laws. The families of the abducted girls face hardships in having cases registered for abduction and rape because it is said that since the girls gave embraced Islam, their non-Muslim parents are not entitled for their custody. The law on Blasphemy, which was amended in 1991 to provide mandatory capital punishment, is being widely abused for setting personal scores the prisoners who belong to minority groups whether innocent or guilty of any crime are mistreated in the prison both by the officials and by Muslim prisoners. They are forced to do minimal jobs such as cleaning toilets etc.

The instigation of criminal cases against new converts to Christianity is on the increase. Local fundamentalist and in some cases the local Molvis (prayer leader), get criminal cases registered against such converts on false accusations of insulting the Islamic faith and the Holy Prophet. The police are usually prejudiced i.e. in favor of the fundamentalist and therefore do not fulfill the normal legal obligations. The motive for registering cases is evidently religious retaliation. The lower functionaries of the state do not even protect the victims of these nefarious acts against mob violence and there have been many extra judicial murders with the police just standing by. Progressive and secular forces working to improve the situation of the ordinary people face a lot of hardship. They are suppressed politically, economically and socially.

Therefore, in 2006 CLAAS took a rented house in a local Christian Locality to provide safe and free accommodation to the victims of faith, blasphemy and converts whose lives are in danger, and cannot survive in the society openly and with their free will. The same year purchased a piece of a land with the financial support of HMK Germany while the Barnabas Funds UK, provided financial help for construction to build a sanctuary for the alleged victims. In 2007, the construction of the building started and till May 2009, ground floor, first floor including five rooms, one kitchen, one hall and a prayer room completed. In the growing situation of religious intolerance and violence against Christians, obviously the

number of victims of faith is increasing day by day while the present accommodation is not enough to accommodate them. Due to the several discriminatory laws found in Pakistan it has had become very difficult for the Christian minority to survive in this country, but they are not only one who has to face such persecution because of their faith, their families also become the victim of cruelty of Muslim extremists. These converts (from Islam to Christianity) have no right to live, they are treated very cruelty by their own families and does not have right to report to the authorities when they are being harassed, threatened or beaten up by their families or extremist groups because as the law also does not provide protection to an apostate.

b.Number of victim families staying at Safe House from January to December 2013

Sr.#	Months	Families	Female	Men	Children	Total Members
01	January	05	05	05	09	19
02	February	05	05	05	09	19
03	March	04	04	04	09	17
04	April	05	05	05	12	22
05	May	04	04	04	08	16
06	June	04	04	04	08	16
07	July	04	03	04	07	14
08	August	04	03	04	07	14
09	September	03	03	03	05	11
10	October	03	03	03	05	11
11	November	03	03	05	06	14
12	December	02	02	02	05	09
Total		05	44	48	90	182

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5- Report on General Education & support program

CLAAS is helping school going children from the families involved in the legal cases that are troubled and alleged for the blasphemy accusations. Either they are living at Apna Ghar or in their own houses. CLAAS bears all the education expenses of the children, in various schools and have been supporting for last many years. The hundreds of children have been benefited by this act of generosity of CLAAS management.

Pictures of students who benefits the Project



Name: Raza Rasheed s/o Rasheed Masih (who set himself on fire when he heard about the registration of a theft case against his wife Rukhsana a house maid)

Age: 13-year-old

Class: 5th Grade

School: Naunihal Public School Rawalpindi



Name: Rizwan s/o Rasheed Masih (who set himself on fire when he heard about the registration of a theft case against his wife Rukhsana a house maid)

Age: 10-year-old

Class: 3rd Grade

School: Naunihal Public School Rawalpindi

Name: **Brine s/o Anwar**

Age: 23-year-old

Class: 11.Com part 1

College: **St. Mary's College Lalazar Rawalpindi.**

Name: **Eram d/o Khushi**

Age: 15-years-old

Class: 10th Grade

School: **Saint Joseph's Girls High School**

Name: **Samreen Khushi**

Age: 14-years-old

Class: 9th Grade

School: **Saint Joseph's Girls High School**



Name: **Maria Abid**

Age: 23-years-old

Class: 8th Grade

School: **Hope Fellowship School System**



Name: **Mariam Abid**

Age: 18-year-old

Class: 5th Grade

School: **Hope Fellowship School System**



Name: **Joshua Christopher**

Age: 5-years-old

Class: Prep

School: **Hope Fellowship School System**

Student's expenses per month and per year

Sr. #	Name of Students	Grade	Monthly fee	Per Year
1.	Raza s/o Rashid Masih	5 th Grade	1000	12000
2.	Rizwan s/o Rashid Masih	3 rd Grade	1000	12000
3.	Brine Anwar	I.Com II	1300	15600
4.	Eram d/o Khushi	10 th	1000	12000
5.	Samreen d/o Khushi	9 th grade	800	9600
6.	Joshua Christopher	Prep	300*5	1500
7.	Maria Abid	8 th grade	450*4	1800
8.	Marriam Abid	5 th grade	400*4	1600
Total in PKR				66100

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6- Feeding Project:

The main objective of CLAAS is to provide legal aid assistance, protection rehabilitation to the survivors of religious intolerance, sexual abuse, domestic violence, victims of blasphemy and their families and all sort of oppression. CLAAS work is a part of the human rights movement in Pakistan and its activities reinforce and strengthen the human rights issues. CLAAS ultimate goal is to end human rights violations, and always tries to provide practical help to the victims. CLAAS is helping the victim families in their settlement and support them financially to meet their basic needs. In July 2011, with the help of Barnabas Fund UK CLAAS started Feeding Project for the poor needy and victim' families who are involved in different cases and especially in blasphemy. They live hide and cannot work openly therefore they are unable to fulfill the needs of their families. Looking towards their poverty CLAAS decided to provide the following food items and grocery on monthly basis.

List of Food Items

Sr. #	Items	Quantity
1.	Floor	20 Kg
2.	Rice	2 Kg
3.	Sugar	3 Kg
4.	Tea	190 Gm
5.	Cooking Oil	3 Liter
6.	Black Grain (Black Chana)	1 Kg
7.	Brain Grain (Dal Chana)	1 Kg
8.	Turmeric (Haldi Powder)	40 Gm
9.	Red Chilli Powder	200 Grm
10.	National Salt	100 Grm
11.	Safe Guard Soap	3
12.	Sun Light Surf	1 Packet
13.	Colgate	1

Some pictures of food distribution







Testimonies of Survivors



1- Shahnaz Bibi aged 50, is a widow of Lawrence Masih and residing along with her two children in Youhanabad Lahore. After the death of her husband due to the pressure by the Muslim fanatics on him to embrace Islam Shahnaz Bibi got a stroke and resultantly her left side of the body was attacked and she was paralyzed. In this condition she was unable to do any kind of work to fulfill the needs of her children. She was grateful to CLAAS for the monthly food by Barnabas Funds. She is thankful to God for CLAAS and its sources.



2- Younis Masih aged 45, lived along with his four children in CLAAS shelter due to the life threats to Younis and his family. He was falsely implicated in a fake blasphemy case in 2005 and acquitted in April 2013 from district jail Mianwali. Since he released he cannot work and totally dependent on CLAAS. CLAAS helped the family by providing the food package given by Barnabas Funds UK. He was very much thankful to CLAAS and Barnabas Funds UK for their support. He said that he was almost dead as he was sentenced to death but it was the Jesus who helped me to come

to life through CLAAS and now I am in my family. He said that he feels that his difficult time is not finished yet but he believed in Lord that he will bring a permanent light in his life through CLAAS. He was thankful to CLAAS for the monthly food and everything CLAAS did for him to start his new life along with his family. Younis Masih said that he keeps CLAAS and Barnabas Fund in his regular prayers.



3- Pastor Shafique son of Aziz Masih aged 40 lived in Narowal, with his family. He had a big and beautiful church in the locality. He was implicated in a fake blasphemy case by local people in 2009. He said that it's almost 5 years that CLAAS is helping him and his big family. He said that these are only CLAAS efforts that he is free from the court case. Although I have to live hide but thanks God that I am freely living along with my family. He said that my family is

very much thankful to CLAAS and Barnabas Funds for this monthly food, because it is a major need of the family. He also said that I hope that CLAAS will keep continue this project for persecuted Christians in Pakistan.



4- Rubina w/o Amjad Masih aged about 25 resident of Gujranwala. She has two daughters and two son namely Alina aged 6, Liza aged 4, Yashwa aged 3 and Vishal aged 6 months. She was falsely implicated in a fake blasphemy case on March 2010 and was confined at district jail Gujranwala. CLAAS pursue her case in the court and she was released from all blasphemy charges with the legal help of CLAAS on August 11, 2010.

Due to life threats from opponents and Muslim extremists CLAAS accommodated this family at “**Apna Ghar**” shelter home and afterward shifted at secure place. They were living financially crisis because they were unable to continue their work openly.

CLAAS helped the family by providing the food package given by Barnabas Funds UK. She was very much thankful to CLAAS and Barnabas Funds UK for their support. She said that the whole family is very grateful to CLAAS and keeps the CLAAS and Barnabas Funds UK in their pray.

5- Bano Bibi



Bano Bibi aged 37 is a widow of Munir Masih and residing along with her eight children in Kasur. Her husband was murder in a road accident due to discrimination at his work due to his faith. He was the only source of income for the family. CLAAS is dealing his husband murder case which is pending in court. After the murder of her husband Bano started work as domestic worker to feed her children which was not sufficient therefore she requested CLAAS for financial support. Therefore CLAAS started help by providing monthly food items through Barnabas Fund UK since July 2013. She is thankful to CLAAS for this monthly support which is enough for a month and she can easily manage other needs of her children.

She said that pray daily for the providers and very thankful to Jesus for the sources.

6- Sobia Sawan:



Sobia Sawan is wife of Sawan Masih blasphemy victim of Joseph Colony Lahore. CLAAS is dealing with the legal case of Sawan Masih and also provided protection of his family including three children and wife. CLAAS monthly support this family with 10,000 rupees in cash and responsible for the education expenses of children. Which appeared not enough and Sobia requested CLAAS for more help.

Therefore CLAAS decided to add this family in the monthly food distribution which made difference and now Sobia is happy with her children and thankful

to CLAAS for on time support. "The food is enough for the family for a month and we thank Lord for this great blessing" she said.

She said that she is grateful to CLAAS for this love and care for Pakistani persecuted body of Christ. May God bless CLAAS and Barnabas Funds abundantly she said.

7- Alisha Bibi



Alisha aged 14 d/o Majeed Masih (late), is a victim of rape. She is a student of Grade 10th and lived alone with her mother Musarat Bibi after the death of her father.

She was in matriculation and after finishing her final exams she took admission in a computer academy to learn computer skills. On July 16, 2012 on the way to home she was kidnapped and raped by Muhammad Aftab and his other friends. After sexual assault and violence she was threatened to remain silent otherwise they will kill her along with her mother. She along with her mother approached CLAAS for legal assistance. CLAAS took up her case and provided her a lawyer for legal assistance. Her

mother requested CLAAS for financial help because after the incident her son stooped helping them. Therefore CLAAS started them providing food items monthly.

They were happy and thankful to CLAAS for helping them in legal case and also with the food items monthly. She said thanks Lord for this great support as it is enough for a month, at least we have food on the table. She also requested CLAAS to keep continue this support for the persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

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7- Jail Visit

Younis Masih victim of Blasphemy confined in District Jail MianWali

Younis Masih aged 37 resident of Factory Area, Walton-Lahore father of four children was arrested on September 10, 2005. A blasphemy case FIR No. 723/12 registered offence under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) against him at police station Walton, Cantonment-Lahore on the same day. On May 30, 2007 Mr. Muhammad Bukhsh Masood Hashmi, the Additional District & Sessions Judge, Lahore convicted Younis Masih under blasphemy allegations and sentenced him for death with fine of Pak Rs 100, 000/- and in default of payment of fine, he will further under go for simple imprisonment for further 6 months.

At present his appeal No. 711/07 against the conviction is pending before the Lahore High Court and before the two members bench of the Lahore High Court and CLAAS is providing Legal Aid Assistance. At present, he is imprisoned in Central Jail, MianWali.

During CLAAS visits team finds that he was became emotional because he is far from his children since last eight years and obviously missing his wife and children affectionately. Now he was not behaving like a normal person. He looks disturbed and was worrying about the life and future of his family.

He also shared with team about his habits of daily prayer for the country especially for those who falsely implicate him in false blasphemy case. He has strong faith that **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME AND HE WILL GIVE ME JUSTICE.**

He was also suffering with prejudice and unfair attitudes of the jail staff and was despondent. On January 08, 2013 at 12: 00 p.m. he got a severe heart attack and he was referred to Service Hospital. CLAAS staff members Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) and Mr. Asif Raza (Assistant Field Officer) went to MianWali for his help and care in this situation. After treatment he was shifted to Mainawali Jail. At present he was not feeling well because now he is heart patient.

CLAAS provide a rented house for his family and also financially help by providing monthly uncooked food. And her wife was doing domestic work and children are getting education.

Additionally, CLAAS team assured him full support as well as enlightened him that the next court hearing in account of his appeal against conviction before the Lahore High Court will be February 26, 2013.

2- Sawan Masih victim of blasphemy Camp Jail Lahore

Sawan Masih alias Boddy aged 30 lived in Joseph Colony Badami Bagh Lahore along with his wife and three children. He was alleged for committing blasphemy by passing derogatory remarks against the Prophet Mohammad by his closed Muslim friend named

Shahid Imran. They daily sit together in the evening to drink liqueur alcohol and used slang language for each other in routine. A fake case FIR 112/13 under offence section 295-C has been registered against him. After his arrest he was taken on judicial remand and send to the judicial lockup Camp Jail Lahore on 10 March 2013 where he is confined to-date. Police has submitted completed challan (investigation report) in the court of Chaudhry Gullam Murtiza Sessions Court Lahore and the case is fixed in the court on April 15, 2013 for proper hearing of case trial.

On April 12, 2013 CLAAS legal team Mr. Naeem Shakir Advocate Supreme Court, Mr. Tahir Bahir Advocate High Court headed by Mr. Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS visited Sawan Masih (in the office of Jail Superintendent) in Camp jail Lahore. Sawan Masih was happy when he met Mr. Joseph Francis and the team and said that he is satisfied now and he wants the help of CLAAS to deal with his case. He believes that if CLAAS will fight his case he will definitely release soon from false charges of blasphemy. He also requested CLAAS to look after his wife and children because he was the only source of the family. CLAAS assured him full support of his family as well as his legal case. He informed that he asked LEAD to consult with CLAAS before they file his bail application in the court, but they did not do, therefore I am not agree and satisfied with them and do not want to pursue the bail application. He signed CLAAS Power of attorney and requested to deal with his case.

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Successful Cases in 2013

Younis Masih: Another Victim of the Draconian Law

Introduction:



Younis Masih s/o Wasan Masih resident of Lahore lived along with his family. The locality was populated with about 30-35 Christian families who lived for a long time among the Muslim community (more than 300 families). Most of the Christians were domestic servants and laborers. The Muslim and Christian community had been living there peacefully before the midnight of 9th / 10th September 2005.

Background:

On the midnight of 9th/ 10th September 2005 the Muslim community had arranged a Qawali (mystical chorus) program. Younis Masih had a severe quarrel with a Muslim Hafiz Abdul Aziz and others on questioning them about the names of their saints "Panjtan (five saints)". Younis was then beaten by the mob and was told to leave the place. But on 10th September Hafiz Abdul Aziz lodged an FIR against Younis for committing blasphemy against Prophet Muhammad.

CLAAS being informed:

At about 9:30 p.m. on 10 September one elder Rasheed Masih informed CLAAS by a phone call about the critical situation at village Amar Sadhu. Immediately the team of CLAAS headed by Mr. Joseph Francis National Director reached at the scene but could not gather the correct information. They angry mob tried to attack the vehicle carried CLAAS team but fortunately with God's help everyone was safe. Then CLAAS team went to the police station and met Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Model Town Range Dr. Abid and told him about the situation at the , which sent only seven policemen with the team.

The incident (Statement of Meena w/o Younis Masih)

Younis Masih (aged 35 years) had been living in the area from his birth, as hid forefathers had lived there since partition. Younis was married and has three children. He was an addict and sell drugs to earn bread for his children. between the midnight of 9th/10th September the Muslim community of the village Amar Sadhu had arranged for Qawali in the house of one Christian Chaba Masih, because the Christian and Muslim community of

the village Amar Sadhu had arranged for Qawali in the house of one Christian Chaba Masih, because the Christian and Muslim community was living without having any problem with each other. While the musicians were praising God and Prophet Muhammad, Younis whose house was close to the house of Chaba Masih went at his place, while intoxicated and stopped them from singing Qawali and asked them about the names of their (Muslims) saints "Panjtan". No one in the gathering knew about the real name, while Hafiz Abdul Aziz, imam of the local mosque was also present there. At that moment Chaba Masih told Younis to leave the place since the program was arranged at his house. This was the beginning of the quarrel and thus the Christians started beating Younis but the Muslims did not say anything.

That night Younis went home and the next morning on 10th September went again to the house of Hafiz Abdul and threw bricks on his door and told him to beat Younis. Hafiz Abdul Aziz and others gathered around him and started beating him severely, when Younis' wife Meena saw her husband being beaten she went to save him but the crowd, mostly young boys, started heating her too. During this scuffle Meena's clothes were torn and she was made seminude. In the evening one of the Christians namely Sadiq Masih who had good relations with Muslims and was also involved in beating Younis at night before, told Hafiz Abdul Aziz and others that Younis had made derogatory remarks against Prophet Muhammad. Hafiz Abdul Aziz and others went to the police station registered an FIR against Younis alleging him for committing blasphemy against Prophet Muhammad. This was done to save the skin of those responsible for tearing the clothes of Meena w/o Younis Masih as this comes under Hudood Ordinance to seminude a woman in public.

When Younis and Meena came to the police station to complaint about what the Muslims did to them the police refused to listen to them and arrested Younis immediately and with him another innocent Nobel was also arrested who was accompanying them. While in the police station announcements were made in the mosque that every Muslim should gather at one point and should take vengeance from those (Christians) who has desecrated the name of Prophet Muhammad. Young men and small boys about 10 years old gathered in the area and closed the road to stop anyone from entering or leaving the area. The mob then attacked the Christians and ransacked their houses.

They also threw bricks in their houses and broke their door and other households. Militants also attacked on the church and threw stones in the church and desecrated the Holy Bible.

CLAAS Team's View:

The team took Meena Bibi w/o Younis and one of her child with them and kept her safely in the Rehabilitation Centre of CLAAS. The team also met several other Christians and was told that there are two parties of Muslims who sell drugs and Younis used to sell drugs for one of them and this incident has been maneuvered by the other party who wanted Younis to sell drugs for them.

Another mentioned thing is that the police force that was called from different police stations and was present before the team went to the place of occurrence, did not do

anything to stop the mob from attacking the innocent Christians and destroying their houses. In fact the police force went to the house of one Liquate (local councilor) and was resting there rather than saving the lives of the innocent.

Also while the team was meeting the ASP at that moment about 50-60 Christians including women, young girls and children gathered near the police station as they left their houses open for the attackers and saved their lives. The team asked the ASP to escort the police force with them in order to safely shift the scared Christians back to their houses. But the ASP refused to do so and continuously tried to insist the team that the police is already at the spot and can handle things, whereas, the police present at the scene was resting at the place of Liquate. After a long conversation the ASP agreed to send only seven policemen with the team who safely shifted the Christians back to their houses.

Younis was sent to the Kot Lakhpat Jail, Lahore and Nobel is in the custody of one of the Christian MPA. Meena has been back with her elder brother-in-law Babu Masih (Younis' brother) who wanted to keep the family together in a safe place, as her two children were living with her parents in Kasur. Also none of the Christians want to take legal action against the Muslims who attacked them as they fear again for their and their family's lives. Thus once again we can see that injustice has been done against the Christian community and they are left their own. CLAAS had offered its services to the victim and his family and other Christians but it seems like that the fear of another attack by the Muslims has stopped them from helping themselves.

CLAAS has taken the custody of Younis Masih (blasphemy victim) and his family

"Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come". Psalm 65, 1-2

We are extremely glad to inform that Lord has heard our prayers and finally we have seen the day when Younis Masih is free from the Prison as well as from the fake blasphemy accusations. CLAAS has taken the custody of Younis Masih from the Mian Wali prison about 337 kilometers from Lahore and transferred him safely to unknown place.

The release warrant for Younis Masih by the High as well as Session's Court Lahore was issued Late on Friday, April 06, 2013 in the supervision of CLAAS Attorney Mr. Tahir



Bashir. Normally Release warrants are sent through courts by post, and take the process of months. Therefore CLAAS preferred to hire a man named Younis Masih who works in Central Jail Kot Lakhpat Lahore and deal with the releases of all prisoners in this prison since last many years. He took the release order by hand to the Prisons where Younis Masih was detained during his 8 years imprisonment. After his arrest in the fake Blasphemy case he was sent to Lahore Prison, when he was awarded with death sentence he was shifted Sahiwal Jail, in June 2012 he was shifted to Mianwali

Prison. Therefore it was need to inform all prison authorities for their prison record that Younis Masih has been released.

Mr. Tahir Bashir went to Lahore prison on Monday at 7:00 am. After the required process in Lahore prison Mr. Tahir requested prison authorities Lahore to send Younis Masih with him by hand release order for the Sahiwal prison about 4 and half hour's drive from Lahore, the process at Sahiwal prison was completed within half hour as CLAAS has long time very good understanding with Mr. Gulzar Butt, the Jail Superintendent who was already in contact. Then Mr. Tahir derived man with release warrant and reached Mian Wali at 10: 30 pm 400 kilometer from Sahiwal.

Meanwhile Mr. Joseph Francis along with CLAAS team also arrived Mian wali at midnight 1:30 am (early morning of Tuesday, April 9, 2013) with 2 heavy, special vehicles for the security of Younis Masih. CLAAS Team headed by Mr. Francis and Mr. Tahir Bashir senior advocate CLAAS reached Mian Wali Prison at 9:00 am as they were already in contact with Jail Superintendent and Abdullah Khan Niazi, the deputy superintendent Mian Wali prison. CLAAS Director Mr. Joseph Francis received the custody of Younis Masih from Jail authorities at 12:30 pm and rushed to the safe destination by transferring Younis in to 2 vehicles for his safety. When Younis Masih saw Mr. Francis in the prison, he gave a huge to him. His eyes were full of tears and he was happy. He said thanks to Mr. Francis and CLAAS team for this day when he is freed. He started crying and said that thanks Jesus, he has heard me.



“THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. THE LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people”. Psalm 99

CLAAS Director Mr. Francis along with Younis and other team members reached Lahore office at 6:30 pm. Younis Masih started crying and said loudly “Praise the Lord, he is great”.

On Feb 27, 2013 the final arguments of the CLAAS leading lawyer Mr. Naeem Shakir Advocate Supreme Court, and supporting Lawyers Mr. Tahir Bashir, Mr. Nasir Anjum and Mr. Tanvir Gill on Younis Masih’s appeal against death sentence were recorded in the

High Court before the DB of Justice Ali Baqar Najafi and Justice Khawaja Imtiaz Ahmad but the decision of the court was not announced because there was a pressure of Mulla's on the court on the day of hearing as they demanded to keep continue Younis's death sentence. The judgment was reserved which was announced on April 03, 2013 almost a month later. Since then CLAAS advocates and other staff who daily visits courts to attend court hearings facing threats by the unknown elements and fanatics. Due to these reasons CLAAS office is closed since the Easter Holidays and we hope to open it in the next week on Monday April 15, 2013.

We are not taking risk to keep Younis and his children even at CLAAS "Safe House" because he needs high security due to the open threats by the Mullah's he is on target. Younis Masih's wife Meena Bibi and his Children are in CLAAS and we are shifting them at some other place.

CLAAS Team said thanks prayer after they reached with Younis Masih safely at CLAAS Lahore.



Younis Masih along with his family at CLAAS office after acquittal

Statement of Younis Masih

I was delighted to hear about my release and then I distributed sweets among the fellow prisoners. They all were happy and prayed for me and safety of my children. I am grateful to God for giving me new life as I am poor and can never come out from the prison, without the help of CLAAS. It is just CLAAS who advocated my case in the court, looked after me in the prison providing medical care and all basic needs and completely looked after my wife and children on monthly bases.

I am grateful to God for meeting me with CLAAS a caring and determined organization, and all CLAAS staff who have been visiting me in prison especially Mr. Joseph Francis who was always ready to help me through CLAAS.

I want to extend my thanks on behalf of National Director and all CLAAS staff for the support through your Prayers for the release and safety of Younis Masih during his appeal trial and now we again request your prayers for life security of Younis and his family.

Due to life threats from the opponents and Muslim extremists he and his family were shifted to CLAAS shelter home (Apna Ghar) and later CLAAS has arranged some hidden place for his family. CLAAS also financially help the family by providing monthly food package.

2- Khanewal Christian & Muslim dispute

4 Christian accused of murder case at Eassa Pur Katcha Kho got post-arrest bails by the Additional Session Judge of the lower court Khanewal.

We are glad to inform you that four accused Albert s/o Nathaniel, Kamran alias Kamu s/o Albert, Samuel s/o Yaqoob and Asher s/o Yaqoob (Interim bail) got post arrest bails from session's court Khanewal. In July 2013, CLAAS filed post-arrest bail applications of these accused in the court of Mr. Bashir Ahmed Chaudhry (Additional Sessions Judge, Khanewal) through James Joseph, advocate high Court Multan (CLAAS' Attorney for this case). On August 29, 2013 post arrest bail applications were accepted, by the learned judge.

On April 26, 2013 CLAAS was informed about a dispute among Christians and Muslim at village Chak 3- 10/R Eassa Pur Katch Khoo (Christian Village), District Khanewal. There was created a situation like Joseph Colony Lahore by the Muslim extremists. Christians were threatened to vacate their houses as there were open threats by Mulla's that they will burn the houses of Christians like Joseph Colony. On April 26 in the morning a big mob of armed Muslims attacked Christian's colony and opened fire in the air to threaten Christians. During this dispute a Muslim boy Yousaf Khan was murdered by Christians during the cross firing. On April 27, CLAAS fact finding team visited the police station and found that five Christians namely Albert s/o Nathaniel Masih, Kamran alias Kamu s/o Albert, Asher s/o Yaqoob, Samuel s/o Yaqoob and Asif Kaleem s/o Emmanuel Masih were arrested with police at Katcha Kho police station under a murder case FIR (First Information Report) no. 127/13 offence under section 302/324, 148/149 by Adaad Khan father of Yousaf Khan (deceased). During CLAAS fact finding the victims requested CLAAS for legal assistance in this case but through resources CLAAS came to know that some other organization was dealing the legal case therefore CLAAS did not promise to help them in their legal case.

In June 2013 Ch. Asghar Fazal, Numberdar (head of the village local council) and some other locals contacted CLAAS and requested for legal assistance in their case. On June 29, 2013 CLAAS team headed by Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director), Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Manager), Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) and Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) visited the local residents and the families of the arrest persons in the village. Asif Kaleem who was nominated in the FIR but released during police investigation informed CLAAS that the Investigation officer was very cooperative with Christians and did fair investigation of the occurrence. I O reported in his investigation that Christians are innocent, they were attacked by Muslims with deadly weapons but Christians opened fire for their defense which is a normal act. CLAAS took responsibility of the legal support and assigned James Joseph a Christian Advocate of High Court Multan. All accused have got Post-arrest bails but the case is still under trial in the Session Court district Khanewal.

We hope that these accused will definitely get acquittal from the accusations of the FIR. Please keep praying.

3- State Vs Saleem Masih

Emmanuel Masih s/o Mehar Din, resident of Clerk Abad District Kasur, has four sons namely Saleem, Sarfraz, Heleem alias Baga and Naeem, by profession all are cultivator. Emmanuel Masih had some land dispute with one Haji Hakim Ali. Consequently a quarrel was happened and Haji Hakim Ali was murdered upon which FIR 44/2001 dated 28-01-2001, Offence under Section 302/ 324/337-A(iii) /F(iii)(iv) / 148/149 PPC (Pakistan Penal Code) was registered at Police Station Raiwind Sadar District Kasur against Emmanuel Masih and others. Trial of this case was ended in shape of Judgment dated 20-06-2005

passed by Mr. Chaudhry Badar–ud–Din Additional Sessions Judge Kasur, according to this judgment accused Haleem Masih alias Baga was convicted sentence to life imprisonment whereas accused Emmanuel alias Bara Masih, accused Muhammad Ashiq and Muhammad Akram were acquitted in the said case.

The accused Saleem Masih and Sarfraz Masih was sentenced to death. Against the conviction of both the accused a criminal appeal No 16-J of 2006 was filed by the jail authorities. CLAAS argue this appeal through its lawyer and subsequently on 30-11-2010 both the accused were acquitted from the charge of murder of Haji Hakim Ali by the honorable Lahore High Court Lahore.

Later on the brother of Haji Hakim Ali namely Mukhtar Ahmed reported a case FIR No. 47/2004 dated 05-02-2004, offence under section 302/ 324/337/148/149 PPC at Police Station Raiwind Sadar District Kasur regarding the murder of two persons namely Noor Hussan and Abdul Majeed against 08 persons namely Muhammad Ashiq, Muhammad Akram, Illyas, Iqbal, Abbas, Sarfraz, Naeem and Saleem Masih. During the investigation of this case police declared Ashiq, Akram, Illyas, Iqbal and Abbas innocent on the plea of alibi as these five persons were busy at the memorial service of their relative which fact was witnessed by more than seven hundred people of the vicinity, remaining three accused were declared guilty by the local police.

Formal challan report was submitted in the court of competent jurisdiction and the innocent persons were dually summoned to face their trial. The trial remained under proceedings about more than five years. During the trial it was came into the knowledge of the court that at the time of alleged occurrence the accused Sarfraz Masih and Naeem were confined in court Lakhpat Jail Lahore in another criminal case, the report was called by the learned trial court which was ultimately positive. Learned trail court vide its judgment dated 30-04-2009 acquitted Akram, Ashiq, Illyas, Iqbal, Abbass and Sarfaraz from the charge of murder whereas the accused Naeem was declared proclaimed offender (PO) for not facing the trial. The accused Saleem Masih was sentenced to death by Mr. Aqil Hussain Chohan Additional Sessions Judge Kasur on the sole ground that 9 crime empties used during the commission of offence were recovered on the spot and out of which three were matched with the pistol recovered from Saleem Masih.

On May 11, 2009 criminal appeal was filed before the Lahore High Court Lahore against conviction and the same was admitted and fixed for hearing on May 08, 2013, which was later on adjourn for May 27, 2013. On the same date after hearing the arguments at length advanced by CLAAS' lawyer Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court, the Divisional Bench of honorable Lahore High Court Lahore Mr. Justice Manzoor A-Malik and Mr. Justice Malik Shahzad Khan accepted the appeal and acquitted the accused Saleem Masih from the murder charge. It was a very big achievement for CLAAS that a victim of false murder case was acquittal after 3 years with the help of CLAAS. It is also acknowledgeable that accused are released for all false charges of murder.

They have to help the victims of faith due to restriction of money we are unable to help those victims. We need financial and moral support.

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Law Open to Abuse

Blasphemy Law

The blasphemy law is a part of the PPC, which was introduced in 1860 by the British Government to protect religious feelings. It may be observed that Section 295 provides protection to worship places of all classes of religions living in the subcontinent. It does not contain element of discrimination or preference to any class. It maintains equality of all before the law. The law appears to maintain mutual harmony and peace as well as to promote sense of mutual tolerance, understanding and respect in the multifaceted society of the subcontinent. This section represents the typical example of a secular democratic law for benefit of all and loss to none. But it gradually was envenomed and the additions in it made this law a weapon of annihilation.

There have been instances of intolerance relating to the blasphemy laws, promulgated by General Zia in 1985. They state that whoever says anything disparaging about Holy Qur'an and Muslims can be punished by life imprisonment and that anyone who blaspheme against Prophet Muhammad [PBUH] is liable to the death penalty.

The blasphemy law continues to be abused because of its vague formulation, which allows arbitrary enforcement. In additional, it only takes the testimony of four Muslims to bring about a conviction. It is not worthy that in several cases complaints have been filed at the insistence of local clerics or members of the Islamic parties. The motives are varied and some seem to be purely because the accused is a member of minority faith. In other cases this fact is exacerbated by economic or profession rivalry.

Original Sections of 1860 Code: 295-298

Section 295

Injuring (or) Defiling Place of Worship, with intent to insult the Religion of any class

'Whoever destroys, damages, or defiles any place of worship, or any object held sacred by any class of persons with the intention of thereby insulting the religion of any class of persons or with the knowledge that any class of persons is likely to consider such destruction, damage or defilement as an insult to their religion, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.'

Section 296

Disturbing Religious assembly 'Whoever voluntarily causes disturbance to an assembly lawfully engaged in the performance of religious worship, or religious ceremonies shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.'

Section 297

Trespassing on burial places, etc 'Whoever, with the intention of wounding the feelings of any person, or of insulting the religion of any person, or with the knowledge that the feelings of any person are likely to be wounded, or that the religion of any person is likely of sepulture, or any place set apart for the remains of the dead, or offers any indignity to any human corpse, or cause disturbance to any person assembled for the performance of funeral ceremonies, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine or with both.'

Section 298

Uttering words etc with deliberate intention to wound Religious feelings 'Whoever with the deliberate intention of wounding the religious feelings of any person, utters any word or makes any sound in the hearing of that person, or make any gesture in the sight of that person, or places any object in the sight of that person, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.'

First Addition

In 1972 section 295-A was introduced as a result of the failure to convict one Rajpal who had written a scurrilous tract against the holy Prophet [PBUH]. Rajpal's acquitted led to serious Muslim-Hindus communal tension. To fill the lacunae in the laws that had enabled his acquitted 295-A was introduced by Act XXV of 1927. This was the second blasphemy law.

Section 295-A

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage Religious feelings of any class by insulting its Religious (or) Religious believers 'Whoever, with deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class of His Majesty's subjects, by words either spoken or written, or by visible representations, insults or attempts to insult the religion or religious beliefs of that class, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.'

Additions by General Zia-ul-Haq

Thereafter the laws remained unchanged until 1980. Between 1918 and 1947 there are only 4 reported cases in India under sections 298 and 295-A i.e. the blasphemy laws. Between 1947 and 1986 there were only 5 reported cases in Pakistan.

All the above laws also continue to be part of the Indian and Bangladesh Penal Codes.

In 1980 section 298-A was introduced. This was the third blasphemy law.

Section 298-A

Use of derogatory remarks etc in respect of Holy personages ‘Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or by any imputation, innuendo or insinuation, directly or indirectly, defiles the sacred name of any wife [Ummul Mumineen], or members of the family [Ahle-bait], of the Holy Prophet [PBUH] or any of the righteous Caliphs [Khulafa-e-Raashideen] or companions [Sahaaba] of the Holy Prophet [PBUH] shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine or with both.’

Section 295-B

Defiling etc of copy of Holy Qur’an ‘Whoever willfully defiles, damages or desecrates a copy of the Holy Qur’an or of an extract there from or uses it in any derogatory manner or for any unlawful purpose shall be punishable with imprisonment for life.’

Section 295-C

Use of derogatory remarks, etc, in respect of the Holy Prophet [PBUH] ‘Whoever by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representation, or by any imputation, innuendo, or insinuation, directly or indirectly defiles the sacred name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad [PBUH] shall be punished with death, or imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to fine.’

The two technical changes introduced with this law are that for the first time blasphemy becomes a capital offence. Further, in 1991 the Federal Shariat Court ruled that the option of life imprisonment was to be removed and the death penalty became the mandatory punishment for this offence. The second innovation is that this is the only law in the entire PC that requires the presiding judge be a Muslim. The other noteworthy aspect of this section is the absence of the expression willfully or intentionally in the text of the law. Disregard of the element of will or intention in the law makes the whole environment suspicious of the reason that “will” or “intention” is an essential part of human behavior in the context of identifying a criminal offence. Thus under section 295-C, a person committing offence without “will” or “intention” is awarded death sentence at par with one committing it “willfully” or “intentionally.” We can see that law is required to punish the “unintentional” offence on the same scale as in the case of “intentional” one, without any justification.

Blasphemy laws, like other discriminatory laws, have changed the fate of Pakistani Christians, the Ahmadis community and even the Muslims are not safe from this brutal and savage law.

Christians and Ahmadis are the main target of the fundamentalist and religious-political parties. The law is being used for forced conversions, forcibly taking the lands and businesses of non-Muslims and for settling personal scores, rivalries and vengeance. These laws have also hindered the preaching of any other faith except Islam. Nevertheless, these laws have proved to be the most injurious weapons for active religious persecution used by the extremists.

Once a person is held under blasphemy charges, the victim and his/her family are sore-pressed and are harassed with problems. As a matter of fact, none of the victims has ever availed relief from the lower courts and have to go in appeal in the higher or even if the person gets relief from the higher courts he/she can never go back to this place and have to live in danger for his/her entire life.

Hudood Ordinance (Rape and Adultery)

This law was promulgated on February 22nd 1997. It covers theft, drunkenness, adultery, rape and bearing false witness. Zina (adultery) is a part of this ordinance, which is divided into two sections, Zina (adultery and fornication), Zina-bil-jabar (rape). In this it is easy to accuse women, at times even falsely of adultery. Both sections are liable to hadd, and victim requires at least four Muslim adult male witnesses about whom the court is satisfied having regard to the requirements of “tazkyah-al-shuood” that they are truthful persons and abstain from major sins give evidence as eye-witness of the act of penetration necessary to the offence. Non-Muslim witness is not admissible, against Muslim, but if the accused is a non-Muslim, the eyewitness may be non-Muslim.

Moreover the presiding officer of the court by which a case is tried or an appeal is heard under this ordinance shall be Muslim. In the case of a non-Muslim accused the presiding officer may be non-Muslim.

If a victim is non-Muslim and perpetrator(s) Muslim, it becomes hard to prove rape, because non-Muslim witness is not admissible and four male-Muslims cannot be provided anyway. In such cases female victims cannot prove their case are subsequently charged with Zina or Qazaf (Islamic law) for making a false statement, and becomes liable to hadd. This is an effective deterrent against women complaining of rape or abuse. Many women are suffering in different jails in Pakistan charged under this law.

Qanoon-e-Shahadat (Law of Witness)

This law came into effect in 1984. It is discriminatory against women and the non-Muslims. In this law the evidence of two women equals to that of one man in the case of non-Muslim while four male witnesses are needed if they are non-Muslims. In the case of non-Muslim women there is much confusion as to how many witnesses are required testify. In fact non-Muslims cannot give evidence in Hadd (maximum) punishment if a Muslim is on trial. Moreover in the case of Hadd punishment, the Zina Ordinance does not take into account a woman's evidence even if she is the victim.

Qisas-o-Diyat (Blood Money)

Qisas literally means retribution, with the logic of an eye for an eye, while Diyat is blood money for murder, or financial compensation for physical injury in lieu of retribution. It provides for punishment for murder and injury but it is discriminatory towards women in terms of their number of witnesses in order to testify in the court of law. Only two male witnesses can testify for maximum punishment while women can only testify for awarding lesser punishment. Evidence of non-Muslims is only acceptable if the accused is also a

non-Muslim. Diyat is meted out with discrimination, as blood money awarded for women to the aggressive party is only half to that of a man while women are liable to the same punishment.

Inter-Faith Marriages

Interfaith marriages are not very common in Pakistan, as people prefer to stay in their respective religions. People in Pakistan when settling a marriage between a man and a woman try to get information of the family they are suppose to have their son/daughter to be married. They often do investigation through different sources for their satisfaction and to avoid any problems faced in the future.

Every person/family tries to get married in their respective religion, caste and sects of beliefs. Like a Muslim Sunni would prefer to be married in a Sunni family, the same is in Shia and other sects of Muslim religion.

Christians also prefer to marry in their own religion and would not like to go out of their cultural differences. It is not possible for either side to accept and follow the religion of any side especially in case of a Christian woman. Legally there is no objection for a Christian or Muslim to tie in bond of marriage but the pressure from the families and the communities from either side make it impossible for a Christian or Muslim to get married. But still these marriages take place in the community with or without the permission of both the families.

These marriages take place in two different ways:

- Forced Marriages
- Love Marriages
 - Muslim boy & Christian girl
 - Christian boy & Muslim girl

Forced Marriages

Most of these marriages take place in rural areas where a Muslim feudal marries a Christian woman by force. This usually happen to teach a lesson to a Christian servant either for not obeying the orders of the master or if the Christian woman is beautiful the feudal gets a desire to have her and this force him to marry that Christian woman. This also happen in brick kilns and other labor industries where whole of the family works and Christian women are being subjected into this forcible marriage and are asked to forget about their previous marriages as their marriages automatically dissolves after marrying a Muslim man. These marriages also take place when a minor is forcibly converted to Islam and to prevent her from going to her Christian parents they are usually forced into marriage with a Muslim male twice older than their own age.

Love Marriages

Muslim Boy & Christian Girl

Unlike the marriage between a Christian boy and a Muslim girl, there is no problem for a Muslim male to marry a Christian girl. It is said in the Muslim community that by marrying a Christian girl and bringing her into the circle of Islam is to commit a good deed for the male and for Islam. Muslims welcome Christian girls in their family and expect the girl to get involved in the new environment and to follow her religion obediently. But soon they start to have conflicts with the girl and these types of marriages do not last long and in the end the girl gets tired and wants to get freedom from her husband and his religion. This enrages the Muslim husband and his family and they take this against Islam to let the girl go to her previous religion. They often kill her or do not give her divorce and keep her in their custody forcibly. Even if the girl manages to escape from her Muslim in-laws they follow her and try to threaten her and her family to send her back or else they (Christian girl and her family) will be killed. Even after getting divorce from her Muslim husband that Christian girl lives her life in fear and tries to live where no one can recognize her. Therefore, interfaith marriages do not bring any good results for Christian men or women as in either way they lose in the end.

Christian Boy & Muslim Girl

It is not possible for a Christian boy to get involved with a Muslim girl. If a Christian boy and a Muslim girl fell in love with each other they cannot get married because of the fear and pressure from their families and also the pressure built by the extremists. Muslims do not allow their daughter to marry a Christian by faith then they take it against their pride and honor. They take it very seriously, and if the couple goes into hiding they search them, find them and kill both including the family of that Christian boy. They also charge the boy/man and his family for abduction of their daughter and try to get them behind bars.

Constitution of Pakistan Relating to Women

Rights of women are being protected in the constitution of Pakistan as well in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

- All citizens are equal before law and are entitled to equal protection of law.
- There shall be no discrimination on the basis of sex alone.
- No citizen otherwise qualified for appointment in the service of Pakistan shall be discriminated against in respect of any such appointment on the ground only of **Sex**
- Steps shall be taken to ensure full participation of women in all spheres of national life.....
- The state shall protect the marriage, the family, and the mother.....
The state shall..... [ensure] that women are not employed in vocation unsuited to their sex.....

Constitution of Pakistan, Articles 25,27,35,37

- All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.....
- Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this declaration, without distinction of any kind.....

- All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.....
- Men and women of full age.....are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.
- Marriage should be entered into with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.
- Everyone has the right to equal access to public service in his country.
Mother and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Articles 1,2,7,16,21 (2), 25 (2)

Constitution of Pakistan Relating to Children

Child rights are being protected in both the Constitution of Pakistan and in the UN declaration for the protection of child rights.

- No child below the age of 14 years shall be engaged in any factory or mine or any other hazardous employment. Constitution of Pakistan, **Article 11 (3)**
- The state shall protect the marriage, the family, the mother and the child. **Articles 35**
- The state shall make provisions for ensuring that children.....are not employed in vocations to their age.....Article 37 (e)
- In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public to private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interest of the child shall be a primary consideration. Article 3 (1)
- childhood is entitled to special care and assistance.

UN Convention of the Right of the Child, Preamble

Due to the lack of proper administration of the law in Pakistan the law and Constitution is being violated and the government has no means to stop it to protect children.

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CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT

Fact Finding Reports of 2013

1- CLAAS Fact Finding Report on Murder of Shakeela Bibi

The information

On January 24, 2013 Ghullam Masih s/o Allah Dittah aged 40, Christian by faith and resident of Muridke informed Mr. Joseph Francis MBE, National Director CLAAS about the murder of his daughter Shakeela. Keeping in view the death of a Christian girl a CLAAS fact-finding team on January 31, 2013 headed by Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer CLAAS), Ms. Huma Lucas (Office Assistant CLAAS) and Mr. John Paul Bernard (Support Staff CLAAS) visited Ghullam Masih's house.

Family Background

The sadden family identified as Ghullam Masih s/o Allah Dittah aged 40, a Christian by faith and resident of Muridke, District Sheikhpura. Ghullam Masih was married with Shehnaz with the consent of both families under the Christian sacrament. Out of this wedlock they blessed with seven children named Liquate aged 26, Saima aged 23, Nagina aged 21 (late), Shahzad aged 18 and Nabeela aged 16. By profession Ghullam Masih is laborer while Shehnaz is a housewife.

The Incident



According to Shehnaz Bibi, that on January 23, 2013 her daughter Shakeela (late) fought with her brother Shahzad on minor domestic issue at 08:30 pm. After that Shakeela (late) went to the local pastor Walter Ramzan's house and shared with him about her quarrel along with her brother Shahzad. Pastor Walter Ramzan informed Shakeela's family that she is in his house and spent night with his family.

Next morning, on January 24, 2013 at 9:00 am Shakeela (late) came back home. Shehnaz told that as she entered in the house everyone noticed that she was not looking well, her face was pale and continuously vomiting. She told that while Shakeela (late) was vomiting a medicine of poison fell down from her hand. Shehnaz Bibi immediately sends Shakeela to the local doctor for medical treat along with his son Liquate and Shahzad. But the local doctor suggested them to take Shakeela (late) to Lahore for medical treatment because her condition is going critical. As, they were moving towards Lahore Shakeela died on way. Shehnaz told CLAAS team that till up she do not came to know the reason of her death. Shakeela (late) often quarrel along with her brothers on minor issues but did not take poison pills before.

while mother Tulsa Mai aged 50 is an indolent person. Bhaggu Ram has six siblings including him namely Kaanu Ram, Bhaggu Ram (victim) Kaaku Mai, Ram Chand, Jaanu Ram and Bhaanwari Mai. By profession he is laborer and worked in the fields of Chaudhry Abbas Cheema. Bhaggu got married with Seebi Mai with the consent of both families under the Hindu rite, out of this wedlock he blessed with one baby boy namely Mohan aged 1 year.

Context of false Blasphemy accusation against Bhaggu Ram

According to the details the incident happened near about 10:00 am on February 04, 2013. Bhaggu Ram was preparing Naakah (in streams) along with Zahoor Ahmad s/o Noor Muhammad aged 75, Muslim by faith and resident of 144 DNB (Tenure 144 DNB) Tehsil Yazman. Bhaggu Ram said Zahoor Ahmad that "GOD has soft corner for human beings last night he rain over the city and because of that canals are filled with water, while on the other hand humans are mean and has no mercy towards the other human. Zahoor Ahmad thought that Bhaggu said him rude and unsympathetic, he got aggravated cruelly beat him and started to blame Bhaggu passed derogatory against the Glory God that. Within seconds a mob of Muslim scholars gathered on the place of occurrence started to beat Bhaggu and decided to kill him on the spot. Meanwhile, brothers of Bhaggu and his maternal uncle Dhaariya Ram came on the place.

Luckily, wife of Chaudhry Abbas Cheema came on the palace and requested the mob to give Bhaggu to the police custody and informed police about this incident. Police approach on the palace and arrested Bhaggu Ram same day.



Registration of Blasphemy Case FIR:

On February 04, 2013 a blasphemy case FIR no 22/13, offence under section 295-A of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) registered at the Derawar police Station, Bahawalpur against victim Bhaggu Ram.

CLAAS Team Visited Bhaggu Ram in Central Jail Bahawalpur

On February 05, 2013 CLAAS team visited Bhaggu Ram in Central Jail, Bahawalpur. CLAAS team noticed that Bhaggu Ram was disturbed and

unable to say anything. Team solaces him and requested to share the incident along with them and promised to provide him legal assistance regarding in blasphemy case. After this Bhaggu started crying and said that "He is a poor man he didn't say anything against the glory of God" but Zahoor Ahmad trapped him in a fake case. He told team that he only say that

“GOD has soft corner for human beings last night he rain over the city and because of that canals are filled with water, while on the other hand humans are mean and has callous attitude towards the other human”.

Zahoor Ahmad thought that “I said him rude and arrogant he gathered a mob of fanatic Muslims and said, he Kafir (An infidel) started to blame I passed derogatory against the Glory of God”. Bhaggu shared that his mother is an indolent further he has one child it was quite hard for him to fill full family daily needs. But, after this false accusation it is further difficult for his family to survive in this locality.

CLAAS team met Zahoor Ahmed (Complainant of the FIR)

Team met with Zahoor Ahmed and requested him to narrate the facts of this incident. He shared with CLAAS that at 10:00 am on February 04, 2013 Bhaggu Ram was preparing Naakah (in streams) along with him and Bhaggu Ram said that **“GOD feel shame and rain over the city last night and because of that canals are filled with water”** I stopped him to do not say anything against the glory of God. You are an infidel and I am true Muslim but he repeated his words again started to beat me. Meanwhile a mob of Muslim scholars gathered on the palace gave severe beatings to him and lodged FIR against him.

Visit to the Derawar Police Station

Team met Mr. Farhan Hussain Sub Inspector (SI) at Derawar Police station. He discussed that on the day of incident he arrested Bhaggu Ram from the palace of occurrence because of the social pressure of Muslim scholars he accepts his crime. I asked him personally twice a time to share with him the real facts but he didn't say anything in his clearance. According to the law I recorded his statement, completed complainant evidences and submitted in the court.

Statement of Tulsi Mai (Mother of Bhaggu Ram)



Tulsi Mai Narrated Facts to CLAAS



Tulsi Mai requested for Legal Assistance

Tulsi Mai (widow of Cheetan Ram), told CLAAS that they are vulnerable and ignorant due to their low rate of literacy. The relations between Hindus and Muslims are cordial. The Hindus residing in the village are poor and the financial deprived situation is a big cause for their conversion into Islam because after conversion they got everything they need.

“I am an indolent woman, my son is our source of income” on the day of incident after arresting my son a mob of Muslim people came to their house destroy their house hold things further threat them to leave the place immediately.

She told CLAAS they are poor and do not have enough sources for the legal assistance. Tulsi Mai requested CLAAS to provide legal assistance in the case accordingly because his son is innocent.

Dhaariya Ram (Uncle of Bhaggu Ram)



Dhaariya Ram aged 45, Hindu by faith resident of Chak 49 DNB (Tenure 49 DNB) Tehsil Yazman, stated that Zahoor Ahmed has personal grudge with Hindus. About 3 years ago he converted one Hindu boy into Islam and got him marry along with his younger daughter. There should be some personal grievance behind this incident.

Dhaariya Ram sharing Incident with CLAAS team

Findings/ Observations

- The alleged incident of blasphemy is false and frivolous.
- Bhaggu Ram is innocent and has nothing to do with Blasphemy.
- The behavior of Muslim towards Hindus is inexcusable.
- The complaint Zahoor Ahmed has religious grudge with Bhaggu Ram.
- The miss use of blasphemy law rising gradually in our society.

Legal Aid & Assistance

On February 16, 2013, CLAAS lawyer Mr. Saleem Gill Advocate High Court Bahawalpur submitted his power of Attorney in the Session court, Bahawalpur on behalf of Bhaggu Ram. On the same day he filed a petition of post-arrest bail in the session court which was fixed on February 18, 2013.

Achievement in the Case

On February 18, 2013 petition of post-arrest bail was fixed in the session court, Bahawalpur. Luckily, on the same day Bhaggu Ram post- arrest bail decided in favor and he was bailed out. Later police submitted Challan file before the concerned court but concerned court did not accepted challan filed and after objection challan was canceled.

3-Fact Finding Report of a burnt Victim Margaret Baber



File Photo of Victim Margaret

Margaret d/o Hera Masih aged 20; Christian by faith and a resident of Lahore was brutally beaten up and burnt by her husband on February 14, 2013.

On February 25, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis was informed about this brutal incident. Keeping in view a fact finding team from CLAAS consisting with Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer CLAAS), Ms. Huma Lucas (Office Assistant CLAAS) and John Paul Bernard (Supporting Staff CLAAS) went to the Mayo Hospital, Lahore to investigate the real facts of this incidents. He met girl's father Hera Masih and inquired about the incident.

Family Background of Margaret:

Margaret d/o Hera Masih got married with Baber Masih s/o Nazeer Masih , aged 25, Christian by faith and resident of Lahore with the consent both families on December 04, 201 and she was blessed with a baby boy namely Jevons Babar aged 4 months only. Her husband is a barber by profession.

Statement of Hera Masih (Father of Victim)



Margaret father Hera Masih informed CLAAS that "I am a poor father of 8 children. It's pretty difficult for me to accomplish my house expenditures. Right after 4 months of Margaret marriage Baber Masih started quarreling with her on the substance of dowry articles and gold ornaments. Baber Masih always shouted on Margaret and taunted her that her parents did not give luxury items in dowry articles and gold ornaments on her wedding. Mostly he gave severe beating to her and kicked her out from the house and she lived at her parents place for months. He further said that some elders of the family tried to

convince Baber and requested Margaret for compromise and then Baber took her back to home. Baber was a cruel and edgy, he started to blame Margaret for having illicit relation with some other men. Meanwhile, she got pregnant but Baber declined that this is not his child and again kicked her out from his house. On October 20, 2012 she gave birth to a baby boy while she was at her parent's place and Baber do not contacted her and did not

come to see his child. Later Nazeer Masih (father of Baber Masih) along with some respectable members of community asked Baber for reconciliation with Margaret. On February 12, 2013 again compromise took place between Baber Masih and Margaret. He told team with heavy heart that on February 14, 2013, he received a phone call about Margaret that she is burnt and taken to the hospital immediately. He along with his wife rushed to the hospital and found that she was 60% burnt. Margaret was in critical condition shared with her parents that her husband splash petrol on her body and set her on fire.

Financially Support:

After taking the facts team asked this miserable family what kind of help they need in this difficult time. They requested for prayer in this crucial time and asked for the help in the medical treatment of Margaret. Margaret father Hera was grateful to team for taking care and sharing the problem of this poor family.

Doctors informed the team that girl was 60% burnt and there were less chances of her survival.

Registration of FIR (First Information Report):

CLAAS team helped Hera Masih in the registration of FIR at Nishtar Colony, Police Station Lahore which was registered on February 15, 2013, offence under section 324 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) at Nishtar Colony, Police Station Lahore, against Baber. Meanwhile Baber filed a petition for the pre-arrest bail in the Sessions Court, Lahore which is pending.

Statement Margaret:



CLAAS Team recorded statement of Margaret

The next day when Margaret came in to senses Mr. Joseph Francis along with his team met her in Mayo Hospital Lahore and encouraged her for endurance. She hardly described the whole incident. She shared with the team that her husband is Barber by profession. After their wedding they were happy but suddenly her husband changed attitude towards her and beat her severely on minor issues. He had illicit relation along with his aunt; when she inquired he gave harsh beating to her and kicked her out from the house and complained that she has not sufficient dowry articles

and gold ornaments.

After reconciliation on February 14, 2013 again they had a dispute among them when Baber returned home after his work he went to his aunt's room and stayed there for long. When she inquired he became furious and gave severe beating to her and then splash petrol over me and set me on fire with the help of his sister and brother in-law. She was

shouting and crying but no one was there to help me or protect her, child was on the floor he was crying too, she became unconscious and found herself in the hospital when she became in senses.”

Statement Recorded By Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI)

On February 25, 2013, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Mr. Muhammad Aslam, Nishtar Police station, Lahore recorded Margaret statement against the three accused persons namely Baber Masih, Naseem and Kaloo.

Team Joined the Investigation:

Later, on February 26, 2013 Senior Police Officers Mr. Muhammad Aslam (Assistant Sub-Inspector) and Mr. Rana Muhammad Saddique called both parties (Complainant and accused) for investigation. CLAAS team also joined investigation. Mr. Rana Muhammad Saddique (SHO) asked the parties to record their statements for the further proceedings.

Team Follow-Up the Case

On February 28, 2013, CLAAS team again visited Margaret in Mayo Hospital, Lahore. He met with Hospital staff and inquired about Margaret’s condition. Doctors showed doubt in her recovery because her condition was going worst time by time; her body was burnt 60 %. Suriya Bibi (aunt of Margaret) informed that on February 29, 2013 doctors have informed family about the serious condition of Margaret and took the signatures of her parents for hospital formalities. On the other side doctors were giving her a good and expensive treatment to save her life. Margaret has lost courage about her survival.

Findings / Observations:

- Margaret directly became the victim of domestic violence and prejudice.
- The poor father was trying to settle her daughter’s marital life.
- Baber deliberately burnt her for the revenge of his personal grudge.
- Baber has spoiled the future of his 4 months son as well.
- Police was not serious in this case, just tried for the compromise between families.

Legal assistance provided by CLAAS

As soon as CLAAS heard about the incident of Margaret on March 02, 2013, through a lawyer CLAAS moved an application in the court that the Area Magistrate should come and recording the statement of the injured Margrate d/o Hera Masih who was unable to go to the court. On direction the Area Magistrate came himself to the Hospital to record the statement of Margrate Bibi on March 03, 2013. On February 16, 2013 accused Baber Masih (husband of Margaret) moved pre-arrest bail in the Court of Session Judge, Lahore. CLAAS contested bail the bail was dismissed and Baber Masih was arrested by the police and sent to Kot Lakhpat Jail Lahore.

On March 29, 2013 Baber Masih again moved his post-arrest bail before the Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore which was contested by CLAAS and it was disposed off on April 15, 2013 with the direction to move the said bail petition before the Judge Anti-Terrorist Court. On April 03, 2013 co-accused Khushi Masih alias Kaloo also moved his post-arrest bail before the Court of Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Chaudhry Judicial Magistrate, Lahore which was contested by CLAAS and rejected on April 06, 2013.

After their bails were rejected they tried two or three times more but they could not get bails. On May 18, 2013 CLAAS filed a Habeas Corpus Petition in Sessions Court Lahore on the behalf of Margaret' mother Naziran Bibi for the recovery of Margaret's son Jevons aged 1-1/2 year from the custody of grand parents. On May 21, 2013 the minor Jevons was recovered and produced before the concerned court and the custody handed over to Margrate Bibi by the court.

On June 15, 2013 Khushi Masih alias Kaloo again filed his bail petition in the Lahore High Court, on July 04, 2013 he got bail by the Honorable Division Bench (DB) of Mr. Justice Mazhar Akbar Ali Naqvi and Mrs. Justice Alia Neelam, Judge Lahore High Court Lahore. Meanwhile the trial of the case was started and after the case trial Baber Masih was sentenced for life imprisonment and 200,000 rupees fine. The accused has filed an appeal in the High Court Lahore against the punishment by the Session Court Lahore.

4- A report on brutal attack of Muslims extremists on Joseph Colony Lahore & Sawan Masih blasphemy case

In another shocking display of violence in Pakistan, Islamists set ablaze about 160 Christian houses and a Church at Joseph Colony Badami Bagh Lahore on Saturday March 9, 2013 at about 11:00 am after a false blasphemy accusation was leveled against a Christian youth, Sawan Masih alias Buddy s/o Chapman Masih resident of Joseph Colony, Noor Road, Badami Bagh, Lahore. Sawan Masih s/o Chaman Masih aged 40 resident of Joseph Colony, Noor Road, Badami Bagh Lahore. He has a wife, 1son and 2 daughters and lived along with his parents. He worked as a Sweeper in Muncipal Committee Lahore. Sawan has a Muslim friend named Shahid Imran who was a barber and ran his own shop. Since 4 years they had friendship and used to sit together in the evening and drink liqueurs. They sit together late night for drink and used slang language



Sawan Masih s/o Chaman Masih

for each other in routine.

According to the facts, on March 7, 2013 Sawan and Shahid sit together for drink in Barber's shop while drinking their behavior to each other was not new, they have been shrinking and using slang language and abused each other. Later they went to their houses to sleep in the night. Next day on March 8, 2013 they have been doing their own works. In the evening there was a rumor by Shahid Imran that Sawan Masih has passed derogatory remarks against the Prophet Mohammad. Local Muslims became furious, they called upon some more Muslims from the locality and informed them about blasphemy, and then the anti-Christian hostility spread like a wildfire in the area. Living up to their reputation of penalizing so-called "blasphemers", local Muslim clerics accused the father

and the son, of committing blasphemy and made inflammatory statements against Sawan Masih and his father and incited Muslim residents of Joseph Colony and adjoining other Muslims from surroundings to attack on the Christians of the area to avenge alleged blasphemy. Above than 3000 Muslims from surrounding armed with firearms and explosives, were gathered there to attack on the Christian Colony. They put pressure on the police to get register a false and fabricated case FIR number 112/13 Under Section 295-C against Sawan Masih in Badami Bagh Police Station

Sawan Masih was at his work and when he heard about registered FIR against him, he became scared and ran away. At about 5:00 p.m CLAAS was informed about the tense situation at Joseph Colony by Fr. Inayat Barnard a Catholic Priest, the area in-charge and board member of CLAAS informed Mr. Joseph Francis that Christians were frightened (because of the example of Gojra and Korean village in District Toba Take Sing in 2009, where 147 houses were burnt and 7 people were burnt alive due to the fake blasphemy accusation) and they left to the save places. Many families still at the place were scared and they were waiting for help. CLAAS national Director has urged to the local police for the security of Christians at the place because of the tense situation. Immediately, CLAAS team headed by Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director, including Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Mr. Asif Raza Assistant Field Officer, Mr. Sohail Habel Finance Manager, Ms. Huma Lucas Assistant In-charge Legal Department and Ayaz Gill Court Clerk reached at the place to help Christian residents. CLAAS team observed there a few police man in the area for security of Christians against the mob of above 3000 people. Who demanded the arrest of Sawan Masih otherwise they will set the houses of all Christian Colony on fire, police arrested Sawan Masih's father to calm down Muslims aggression.

Samuel Masih a local social activist and work for the welfare of the Christians, he informed Mr. Joseph Francis, there were announcements in the mosques urging Muslim to target Sawan Masih and his family to kill them at the spot. Therefore he kept safe Sawan and his



Sawan Masih along with Mr. Joseph Francis MBE, National Director CLAAS, at CLAAS Office

family at some unknown place.

Samuel brings Sawan Masih at CLAAS Office at 01:00 a. m in the night and through CLAAS he handed over him to the custody of police. Investigation officer of this case also came to CLAAS office and recorded the statement of Sawan Masih and took him in to the custody. He promised to CLAAS that he is responsible of Sawan Masih security and he will keep him at some other police station (hide).

Sawan Masih assured CLAAS that he was not an accused. He was confused that why he got involved in such a dreadful case. He also informed CLAAS that the complainant Shahid Imran was his good friend. He requested CLAAS to handle his legal case as he only trusts CLAAS. He also requested for the shelter of his family as he has a son, 2 daughters, wife and parents.



At 1:00 a. m some other leaders of different Christian organizations took gathered in the area and went to the police station but police officials were not ready to hear them. Later at about 3:00 a. m they all including Mr. Joseph Francis from CLAAS and team, gathered at Catholic Church Anar Kali Lahore along with Fr. Inayat Barnard a Catholic Priest to make the work strategy for this case. Fr. Inayat Barnard showed his trust on CLAAS to deal this case.



Today morning at about 11:00 the Muslims attacked the Christians of the Joseph colony incited by broadcast from local mosques. The Christian residents fled to safety as Muslim clerics announced their verdict to “kill the blasphemers.” The chemical used by the Muslim mob to set fire to Christian houses was so inflammable that it utterly destroyed the targeted houses. The mob broke into the houses, looted the valuable things and burnt the remaining belongings in the houses. SSP Operations Suhail Sukhera and the SHO Hafiz Abdul Majeed of Police Station Badami Bagh Lahore were also reportedly injured when the mob pelted a police party with stones.

Till evening no one was allowed to enter in the area even the fire brigade could not come to help Christians.

There is left nothing in the houses for Christians of Joseph Colony. They have lost everything and they are helpless the moment. The charged group had gathered around



Joseph Colony on Noor Road, led by Shafiq Ahmed a local, who was in search of the accused Sawan, alias Buddy. The mob then attacked Sawan's house, setting it on fire and pelting it with stones. About 160 other houses in the locality were also attacked and set on fire. Many residents, including women and children, hastily fled to save themselves. The attack was failure of the government security department which is totally failed to protect the non-Muslims especially Christians of the country. The police force could not control extremists who were demanding alleged accused of blasphemy.

Through reporters, Punjab government has announced that all those whose property had been damaged will be compensated within five days and that the cases have been registered against those responsible for burning the houses of Christians will be prosecuted. While the eyewitnesses said that the Christian community of Joseph Colony Lahore has become the victim of aggression of armed Muslim extremist with the support of Punjab government. The MPA's and MNA's of the Punjab government gave courage to the extremists to attack Christian belongings and threatened them to flee from the place as they want to grab the property of Christians.

5-Muslim Extremist tried to implicate a Christian Leader in a Fake Blasphemy case in Jhelum

Information:

CLAAS was informed through a phone call by the local Christians of Jhelum that they have severe threats by the Muslims to burn their houses like Joseph Colony, Badami Bagh Lahore.

On March 13, 2013 at 10 a.m. CLAAS team headed by Mr. M.A Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS including Huma Lucas Assistant Legal In-charge, Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Asif Raza Assistant Field Officer and John Paul rushed to Jhelum to make sure the safety of Christian brothers and sisters in the area, about 120 miles from Lahore. Mr. Francis made a call to the Governor of Punjab and urged for proper security to the Christians in Jhelum. He also informed to Mr. Akram Masih Gill Minister of State, Ministry of Interfaith Harmony and Minorities Affairs Government of Pakistan, who asked Dar Ali Khan Khatak, District Police Officer (DPO) Jhelum to make sure the security of the Christian residents of Jhelum, he also said to the DPO clearly that if he is failed to provide security to the local he can arrange by self.

Background:



George Naz aged 47, a Christian resident of Mohallah Machine No.1; Jhelum has a wife Josephine, 3 daughters and 2 sons, all children are getting high studies in university. George Naz is president of Sanitary Worker Union, Jhelum. He is also a Pastor of The Voice of the Holy Spirit Church of Pakistan and his wife Josephine is teacher in St. Benedict School, Jhelum.

The area is populated with 26 - 30 Christian families who lived among the Muslim masses at Mohallah Machine no. 1 in Jhelum City since the time of their forefathers. There are 9 big centers of Islamic Tableghi Jamatt (Islamic Preachers) in this area, and one Centre is close to Christian houses.

After the incident of Badami Bagh Lahore Mr. George Naz and Mr. Naveed Gill has a meeting with the local Christians and informed them about the cruel incident of burning the houses of Christians. They also shared the concern of Christians from all over Pakistan and instigate them that we should also show our sympathies and solidarity with the affected brothers and sisters in Lahore. On March 12, 2013 George Masih along with local Christians, taken out a peaceful rally from GPO Chowk to District Commissioner Officer's Office Jhelum with the permission of Dar Ali Khan Khatak, District Police Officer (DPO) under security. There were about 2500 Christian students, laborers and local people

who participated in the rally and chanted the slogans in the favor of providing Justice to the affected Christians.

Incident back ground

In the evening at about 03:00 p.m. after rally some Muslim religious leaders of the Islamic centers went DPO office to file an application against George Masih. They alleged him for committing blasphemy after a false allegation was leveled against George and pressurized DPO to pass an order to register blasphemy case under section 295-C against George Naz within 72 hours, otherwise after the Jumaah Prayers (Friday Prayer) they will take law in their own hands and District Administration would be responsible.

CLAAS visit to the DPO Jhelum

CLAAS team visited DPO office Jhelum and informed about the situation at Christian Colony created by the extremist groups. DPO assured Mr. Francis that several police officers were deputed to guard the area. Meanwhile Mr. Akram Masih Gill was continually in contact with DPO and Mr. Mirza Mehmood UI Hassan DCO (District Coordination Officer). He suggested and requested them to inquire and control the matter before lodging the FIR under a serious allegation 295-C. DPO shared that Muslim extremists are pressurizing police for the registration of FIR under blasphemy sections against George Naz, and they demanded his possible arrest till Friday. DPO shared with CLAAS that he is working in this area for 5 years and he know George Naz as a disciplined, decent and a gentle man. I cannot believe that he can hit the passions of any one. He said that he is sure that there are few elements behind this incident who want to pull down the reputation of George.

He also said that he is personally conducting investigation and anyone who will find guilty would be punished and assured CLAAS for full cooperation and complete security of Christian's community Jhelum. The mean while a group of more than 45 persons went to the DPO office and assured that George Naz is innocent and he is not blasphemer. They feel that there are few elements who are falsely implicating George in to this case. They were worried due to the announcements from the Mosque and Islamic centers and open threats that if within 72 hours police did not take action against George Naz they will burn Christian's houses. Muslims also spread this news this news by using website www.jhelumnews.com.

Christians repeatedly demanded the protection of local Christians and especially George Naz and his family.

CLAAS meeting with the Christians of targeted area

CLAAS team met the Christian community at Mohallah Machine no. 1 Jhelum City who were frightened and most of them left to the safe places for their life security. They informed CLAAS that there were some unknown people with long beards who have been inquiring about George Naz the whole day one after an hour frequently. CLAAS encouraged people and assured the scared Christians to remain firm that our international brothers and sisters are praying for your strength and safety from all dangers.

CLAAS team visited the family of George Naz and met him in an independent church named Eternal Life Full Gospel Ministries of Pakistan where they were hiding for their

security. George informed CLAAS team that the rally was taken out with the permission of Dar Ali Khan Khatak, District Police Officer (DPO), and the material/slogans before printing the banners was also shared with the DPO, who provided security to Christians for this peaceful rally of about 2500 Christian protesters.

Mr. Francis showed sympathies to this family and moved these scared to some other safe and unknown place. CLAAS team also relocated George Naz to other secure place far from Jhelum.

Statement of Pastor Naveed Gill

Naveed Gill aged 40, is a pastor of an independent church he started Eternal Life Full Gospel Ministries of Pakistan few years back. He shared with CLAAS that he is the one of the persons who planned the rally on March 12, in solidarity with the affected Christians in the recent attack of Muslims at Badami Bagh Lahore. About 2500 Christian participated in the peaceful rally. He also said that it was conspiracy and mala-fide intention against George Masih to implicate him in to dreadful charges.

Compromise/reconciliation between Muslims and Christians at Jhelum City

CLAAS Director Mr. Joseph Francis urged Mr. Dar Ali Khan Khatak, District Police Officer (DPO) and Mr. Mirza Mehmood UI Hassan DCO (District Coordination Officer) that reconciliation between Christians and Muslims should be conducted to avoid any mishap in the locality. On this suggestion DPO called all Mullahs's from the local Mosques, Islamic leaders from the centers nearby and the Christians who were targeted by the extremists and asked them for compromise. DPO assured them that George Naz is innocent and he can only order the registration of FIR after complete enquiry and found him guilty. He also said that he will register case against the person who would be directly involved in creating this tense situation in the area.

During conversions Mr. Francis realized Muslim leaders that we all are brothers and sisters and we should tolerate each other and there is a good example of democracy from the holy Prophet Mohammad that he gave in Medina. He also said that any Christian can never disgrace the Quran as well as the Holy Prophet of Muslims. We respect all religions and the Christians never ever want to create any hassle or disturbance among the other religion followers he added. All Mullahs' were agreed. Some Mullah's complained that George Masih wrote on the banners which he used in the demonstration that Blasphemy law is a black law which hit our emotions because blasphemy law is an Islamic law and it is the insult of Islam. Mr. DPO suggested the concerned Mullah's that any law does not have colors and the blasphemy is not an Islamic Law.

After a long discussion DPO and Mr. Francis were succeeded to write down a compromised and the all Muslim leaders and Mullah's were happy to sign it.

All Glory to the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ that CLAAS did a good job and the efforts to restore the situation in the locality were succeeded.

The Christians in the area are alert and continually in contact of CLAAS. Security is still available in the area in civil dresses. We thank Jesus for protecting his people from a cruel incident.

6- Fact Finding Report on Gujranwala conflict



Catholic Church Francis Abad

A Christian friend from Gujranwala informed Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director CLAAS) on April 03, 2013 about a dispute between Christians and Muslims in Francis Abad area of Gujranwala in which the infuriated mob of Muslims attacked the houses of local Christians in Francis Abad. Following sensitivity of the matter a fact finding team headed by Mr. Joseph Francis MBE and including Mr. Kamran Yousaf (legal advisor of CLAAS in District Gujranwala), Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer) and Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) visited the place of occurrence on April 07, 2013, meeting with the area residents, Church leaders and also the Muslim community; the team

has the following to report:

Condition of Christian residents of the area:

Francis Abad is the largest Christian Colony in District Gujranwala. Around 3,000 Christian families are living in this locality. The Christian inhabitants here are laborers, domestic workers, masons and sanitary workers. The area has two main Churches, one Catholic and the other one new evangelical church.



Pastor Aslam narrating the facts of the incident

CLAAS team met with Pastor Aslam Gill (Pastor of New Evangelical Church) who lives in Francis Abad. He said that besides the Church responsibilities, he was also running a school with the name of Saint Methodism High School in this area for many years. He shared that in the evening of Tuesday April 02, 2013 three Christian and three Muslim boys were returning to their homes by a motorized rickshaw when one of the Christian boys asked the driver to turn on the radio. One Muslim rider of the rickshaw, Muhammad Mushtaq, objected to it, stating that playing

music was forbidden in Islam. A minor scuffle started and the two boys beat each other but the dispute was later settled with the help of elders and all went to their homes peacefully.



This peace was however short-lived as late at night, Muhammad Mushtaq, along with almost 100 Muslims from nearby village Norse came to Francis Abad and started shouting and threatening Christians. He also alleged that the Christian boys disrespected his beard and this was they disrespected the Sunhat Nabi (Principles and Rules of Holy Prophet PBUH).

This Muslim mob headed towards the nearby police post to get a blasphemy case registered against the Christians. Police officials present at post played a sensible role and they did not register any case; they also told

leaders of the mob to not make a religious issue out of a minor scuffle. This way the Police and elders of the area settled the matter peacefully.

Once again this peace proved to be a lull before the storm and the next morning, on April 03, 2013 some 500-600 Muslim attackers arrived from Noorkey village and attacked the Christian Colony of Francis Abad with deadly weapons and firearms. They were calling names to Christians loudly and using a very bad language for them. This move of the Muslim mob provoked Christians of the area and matters went worse when the Muslim attackers ransacked dozens of shops, damaged several vehicles and also Christian houses' utility meters. They tried to destroy the Catholic Church but it was saved by the Christian boys.

The attackers also demanded registration of a blasphemy case against Christians. The number of police available at the local police post was quite less but they tried to control the mob. The Muslim mischief-makers were in the meanwhile operating from the nearby Muslim colonies "Imran Colony" and "Ilyas Colony" and they managed to get announced from the mosques loudspeakers that Christians of Francis Abad had locked down the mosque there and had also tried to damage the mosque. The announcement urged Muslims of the area to come join the protest and to "teach a lesson to the Christian community".

When Christians heard of this totally false information being spread through the mosques' loudspeakers and the watched failure of the police to control the mob, they got worried about their safety. Around 2000-2500 Christians gathered near the police post while some of these brought along batons and sticks. While the Christians gathered there to surround their locality and to safeguard their lives and property, the angry segment among them attacked the police post damaging 4 police motor bikes and they also beat up police officers for their inability to provide security to Christians.

Pastor Aslam Gill also shared with CLAAS that when the situation got out of control and Christian boys started to destroy some properties, Christian church leaders and CCPO Gujranwala tried to stop these young Christians and appealed to them to not take law in their hands. CCPO also went to the church where he addressed the Christian community and appealed to them to stop the protest; he assured Christians of security from police.

Statement of Javed Masih:

Javed Masih, who lives in Francis Abad and runs an electrician shop in the area, told CLAAS that he is running his shop in this area for many years but it was the first time that there had been such a conflict and Muslims had attacked the Christians and that too because of a minor dispute. He said that the attackers had broken glass panes and racks of his shop and took away valuables from his shop.



Javed Masih explain the damages of his shop

Current Situation:

Although tension has diffused and apparently peace is prevailing but given the history of such incidents in the country, things can go bad any time again. Police has been deputed to stay in the area round the clock to control the any mishap. Christians are also ready to react again if Muslims attacked them. Children and women are frightened after this incident. CCPO has made a Peace committee consisting of 14 members of Christian and Muslim leaders to keep the peace intact. CLAAS team tried to see some Muslims to know their views over this dispute but they did not agree to talk about the issue.

Team Observations and findings:

- Team found that a religious issue was made out of a minor dispute among Christian and Muslim boys.
- Teen aged Muslims attacked Christians' houses.
- Team found that Christians eventually acted in their own defense.
- Government should positively take steps to curb violence against Christians.
- Fearing further attacks Christians are also patrolling the area.

Please pray for the Christians of Francis Abad Colony, Gujranwala that GOD keeps them safe in His own hands.

7- Younis Masih, father of four children was brutally murdered by the Muslim extremists when he refused to embrace Islam at Quetta

Meeting with the family

Younis Masih (Murdered) lived in Qila Abdullah, Quetta along with his wife Parveen aged



Family of Iqbal Masih (late)

50, and four sons Zafar Iqbal aged 27 is a teacher by profession, Atif Iqbal aged 25 is a Tailor by profession, Kashif Iqbal aged 23 is a computer technician, Asif Iqbal aged 10 is a student of 3rd grade.

Younis was a government employee and was working at Civil Hospital, Qila Abdullah Quetta, for last twenty three years as watch man. Government provided him accommodation in the civil hospital along with his family. Basically he belongs to Akhtar Abad District Okara and 25 years ago he along with his

family shifted at Quetta. In Qila Abdullah only three Christian families were living among Muslims. Three years ago two of them embraced Islam as a result of forced conversion. Since three years Younis Masih and his family had under threats by the Muslims extremist as well as the neighboring Muslim community to embraced Islam.

On March 06, 2013 Atif Iqbal came at CLAAS office and shared above mentioned incident. He also told that they have life threats from Mollans after coming Lahore. Due to life threats for team CLAAS team consisted on Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer), Ms. Rubina Ghazal (In-Charge Legal Department) and Mr. Tahir Bashir visited him and his family at Bilal Town Lahore.

The Incident:

Team met with the distressed family and they shared their grievance about the Younis blind murder. Talking to team, Parveen w/o Younis (late) said that her husband was a brave man was living happily; both of them shared everything with each other. She also told since three or four years the whole family members were in troubles because the attitude of the neighboring Muslim community was irritable towards her family. Many times Muslim extremist (Mollans) forced them to embrace Islam but they always refused them because they were strong believer of Jesus Christ. This situation made them difficult to

live in a Muslim community as they were hated by the Muslim fanatic being the believers of Jesus Christ, so Younis family started avoiding meeting with the people of the vicinity.



This entire terrible situation made the life of the family very miserable. Younis was worried about his family and often he decided to leave the place but due to his job and the needs of the family, he not bother the warnings by the Muslims extremist and even did not take any legal action against them.

Atif Iqbal told, on January 27, 2013 in the morning at 10:00 a.m. his father went to nearest bazaar to buy vegetables when he was attacked by the Muslim extremist, he received 8 fires

on his body and got severe injuries. They immediately shifted him in the Sandman Hospital Quetta. Seriously injured Younis Masih did not bear with the harmful injuries and died in the hospital on February 04, 2013. When Younis Masih was admitted in the hospital the concerned area police (Chapman Abad police station) recorded his statement but not registered any case against the culprits.

After the death of Younis Masih the suffering family requested to police for registered murder case but police also threatened them by saying to leave the matter, it was just an incident. Since January 27, 2013 the day of incident they did not went to their house and hidden at some place but the Muslims fanatic threatened them by phonically for dire consequences and they are facing continue threats from the unknown.

The whole family is under much pressure of Muslim extremists and depressed of the dead of his father Younis Masih. CLAAS team counseling the depressed family and financially supports them.

8- Fact Finding Report on Village Eassa Pur Chak 31- 10/R, District Khanewal

On April 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. a Christian local Yousaf Masih informed Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS about a dispute among Christians and Muslim at village Chak 3- 10/R Eassa Pur (Christian Village), District Khanewal. He also reported about 2 casualties and some injured Christians during this fuming dispute. Following the information on April 27, 2013 CLAAS team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate and Legal Advisor and Ms. Huma Lucas assistant in-charge legal department, Neelam Uzma Assistant Finance Manager and Rama Rasheed assistant Program Officer reached the occurrence place to help Christians and to get the real facts behind this atrocious fight.

The Village Eassa Pur

The village Eassa Pur, Chak 31-10/R district Khanewal is populated with Christians who use to live here before the Indo-Pak partition. The Christian are landlords and do cultivation in their own fields and grow crops in all seasons. After 1980 Christians started selling out their properties to Muslims cast Pathan (Khan) and allowed them to live along with them in the said village. Later, Khans started a business of micro credit on heavy interests and began grabbing Christian properties while giving them loans on interests. With the passage of time Muslim Khans became the owners of their lands. Now there are few Christians who have lands and they work in the fields to grow crops, while Muslims wants to grab these land/properties too.

Background of the incident:



Local Christian residents of 31-10/R Khanewal

CLAAS team met the local residents, as they informed that on April 06, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Christian boys namely Gulfam Masih ages 30, Gulshan Masih aged 30, and some Muslims Gulchi and Muhammad Zafar were sitting in sunshine on a Charpai (a bed used in the villages) in front of a Homeo Pathic clinic of Mr. Asif Kaleem (a Christian doctor). The weaves of the bed were in the wrong direction towards the Ka'bba in the Makkah. Muhammad Zafar started shouting and said to Christians Gulfam Masih and Gulshan Masih that Christian always use to lay weaves of beds in the wrong directions towards the

Ka'bba. Meanwhile, Muhammad Zafar and other Muslim young's started to abuse and beat Gulfam Masih and Gulshan Masih that Christians are insulting the Holly Qibla and the Ka'bba of Muslims. Gulshan Masih explained that the bed was already set down and they

were just sitting on it. They also said that they do not know about the directions of Qibla and excused if they hurt the feelings but the Muslims threatened that they will set Christian houses and Churches on fire. Through a phone call Shafah Ullah informed his cousins Muhammad Yousaf Khan and Muhammad Iqbal Khan about the incident of insult of the Islam. Within seconds Muslim boys Madaad Khan, Muhammad Adreem Khan, Zafar Khan, Yousaf Khan, Iqbal Khan, Ajmal Khan, Ameen Ullah Khan and others gathered there and they beat Christian youth severely. Later the matter was solved when the Panchayat (Local committee of villagers) intervened and asked them for compromise, but Shafah Ullah remained threatened Christians for the dire consequences.

When Christians noticed that Shafah Ullah has not good thinking for them and was planning to take revenge, they made a phone call to police (mobile police) at 15. At about 5:00 p.m. police approached and in the presence of police and panchayat, Madaad Khan, Muhammad Adreem Khan, Zafar Khan and others said excuse to Christians that they were wrong, and again a contract of compromise between both parties was written and signed on a stamp paper that if the Muslims again tried to harm Christians, a legal action would be taken against Madaad Khan, Muhammad Adreem Khan (brother of Madaad Khan) and Zafar Khan, but Shafah Ullah was still angry and did not change his attitude. Subsequently, Khans took grudge in their hearts and started to find ways to create dispute among Christians. On April 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Naveed Ullah (Son of Adreem Khan) and Muhammad Yousaf Khan came to Asher Masih s/o Yaqoob Masih, aged 25 (runs his own general store) and started arguments that why his father did not use his thrasher machine for the cutting of wheat, while he asked him earlier. Asher Masih explained that they wanted to cut their wheat crops soon as they needed to make ready their field for the next harvesting and after the many requests for thrashing their wheat, there was not any reply from Yousaf Khan therefore they have to call someone else's thrasher machine to thrash wheat.

Muhammad Yousaf Khan gave slaps on the face of Asher Masih and both Naveed Ullah and Yousaf Khan started to beat him brutally. When Asif Kaleem (Homeo Pathic Doctor) saw Muhammad Yousaf and Naveed Ullah beating Asher severely he rushed towards them to rescue him.

The same day at 11:30 a.m. a mob of 50-60 Muslims armed with deadly weapons gathered in the village Chauk (a square of the village). Christian immediately informed the Station House Officer (SHO) of the concerned police station about the situation. Soon after Muslims attacked on Christian residents and started to beat them severely. They were throwing stones on Christian's houses and Albert s/o Nathaniel got a severe injury on his forehead, it started bleeding. While Samuel s/o Yaqoob Masih got injuries on the back of his head. Meanwhile Muhammad Yousaf and Muhammad Iqbal open fire on the Christians. When Christians saw that Muslims wanted to kill them, they went on the roofs and started throwing stones on Muslims, but Kamran and Asher take out their guns and opened fires on Muslims to defend themselves and other Christian fellows. Then gunfire of Kamran and Asher hit Yousaf Khan and he fell down on the ground, Iqbal Khan also got a severe head injury. Muslims immediately took both to the Civil Hospital, Khatcha Khoo District Khanewal, but Mohammad Yousaf could not survive and died on the way while Iqbal Khan admitted in hospital.

Registration of Case FIR:

On April 26, 2013 Madaad Khan got registered a case FIR number 127/13, offence under section 302/324, 148/149 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) in the Katcha Kho police

station, Khanewal against Albert s/o Nathaniel Masih, Kamran alias Kamu s/o Albert, Asher s/o Yaqoob, Samuel s/o Yaqoob and Asif Kaleem s/o Emmanuel Masih by name but police did not proceed against armed Muslims who opened fire on Christians and attacked first. Albert Masih and Samuel Masih got arrested by the police on the spot while Kamran, Asher, Asif Kaleem and others were absconded. Muslims protested against the police that they will bury their dead only after the arrest of the nominated of the FIR and after burning the houses of Christians. It is also worth mentioned here that the Christian families from the nearby neighbor villages also ran away for their safety and took shelter at their relatives at different places as there was a threat to burn them as well.

Police asked local Christians to vacant the houses

It was a big pressure as police did not want to see the situation of Christians of Eassa Pur as the situation of Christians in Badami Bhagh Lahore. Therefore police requested Christians to save their lives and vacant the houses just for security. Heavy Police force was present at the spot and controlled the furious mob and saved the Christian's lives and their belongings.

Statements and views of the local residents



CLAAS team meeting Asgher and his family

CLAAS team met the local residents and asked their views and opinions over the issue and recorded the following!

CLAAS team met with Ch. Asghar Fazal aged 45, Numberdar (head of the village local council) He informed that Christians of Eassa Pur are peaceful and spend their whole time in their fields and caring cattle's, they do not have enough time to fight with Muslims, while Muslims treat them as slaves. He also said that Madaad Khan and his sons

kept an eye on Christian's property and wants to be powerful as feudal lords in the village and the basic reason of this dispute is land/property because Asher has 4- acres land (more than all others in the area).

Asif S/o Yaqoob Masih (Brother of Asher Masih)

Asif (the younger brother of Asher) informed the team that on April 22, 2013 they requested Naveed Ullah to trash their wheat but he ignored and asked them to wait for some days. On April 25, 2013 Asif's father Yaqoob Masih requested some other to thrash the wheat. When Naveed Ullah Khan came to know he came to his older brother Asher's general store and started to beat him severely and used insulting words for him. According to Asif, Madaad Khan and his sons have criminal records in the police stations and known

as land grabbers and blackmailers, they wants to grab the property of Yaqoob Masih (his father) as he has a big piece of land than that all others live in the village.

Gulfam Masih

Gulfam s/o Emmanuel Masih informed the team that on April 06, 2013 Muslim Pathans had fight with him on the base on religion when they asked that he insulted the Ka'bba but with the interference of Panchayat and police a written agreement took place between them. He said that the Muslims were finding out any reason to fight with Christians as the Christian are land lords and Muslims wants to grab their properties. He added that his brother Asif Kaleem is a doctor and runs his own medical clinic and the Muslims were jealous of him. On the time of incident and dispute among Christian and Muslims neither he was present at the place nor he was not involved in the fight, but Madaad Khan nominated him also in the murder case FIR because of jealousy.

Rimsha Bibi

Rimsha w/o Akmal Masih is a house wife; she has five children, her husband worked in a steel factory Lahore. She said there is a matter of property behind this dreadful fight. Pathan wants to grab Christian's property. She said that it is about three days that they fled from the houses when there was a threat by Muslims to burn down the Christian houses. Children were demanding to go back home but on the same time they were scared. She further said that her family do not have any concern with the said dispute but have to suffer.

Visit to the Police Station

CLAAS team went to the police station and met with Mr. Ghaznfar Ali SI (Sub-Inspector) to inquire the police report on the incident. SI informed team that a case FIR has been registered against 5 Christians but only two were arrested while others fled from the place. He also said that four DSP's and 6 Nafries (groups of Police force) has been assigned for the security of Christian residents and their house.

Meeting with DSP & DPO



CLAAS team along with DPO Khanewal

CLAAS team met Mr. Muhammad Waseem DSP (Deputy Superintendent of Police) and Mr. Ali Raza Kazmi DPO (District Police Officer) District Khanewal. They were present on duty in the village Chack no. 31 Eassa Pur. Approximately 15 police vans were on round while 7, 8 Nafri groups (Police force) were present in the village to look after the Christian belongings, while the residents were absconded. Mr. Waseem DSP told CLAAS team that it was a minor and personal dispute among the young Christians and

Muslims, but they got involved the whole village. CLAAS urged police for the fair investigation of the incident and demanded justice for Christians who were nominated in the case FIR.

DSP assured CLAAS that if the accused persons (the murderers) slanderer themselves before the police it would be helpful for their legal case in the court. He said that police believe that they opened fire for their own security and defense but they have murdered a person unintentionally. He also assured CLAAS team that police investigation should be conducted on merit.

CLAAS Findings:



Village chack no. 31-10/R district Khanewal

The reason behind this bloodshed was Christian's property which Muslim Pathans (Khans) wants to occupy. They have daily disputes among Christians on minor issues just to tease them and forced them to leave properties.

CLAAS observed that after the incident of Badami Bagh there are many incidents of atrocious fight among Christian and Muslims in all over Punjab. After this fake incident of disgrace of the Prophet Mohammad the Muslims have grudge for Christians as they dislike them in the areas and want to kick them out. CLAAS team noted that there are mostly Pathan involved in attacks on Christian colonies like Shanti Nagar, Chauck no. 31-10/R District Khanewal and Badami Bagh Lahore.

These Pathans (Khans) have links with the Talibans and militant groups in Mian Wali, Hazarra and Wazirstan and work for the religious groups as the religious groups and militants wants their hold on the areas and colonies in Pakistan.

Recently Muslim Pathans have grabbed Christian's property in Derakabad, Multan which was allotted to Christians in the reign of Mr. Zulfqar Ali Bhutto.

Updates of the case

In July 2013 CLAAS filed post-arrest bail applications of the Christian Albert s/o Nathaniel, Kamran alias Kamu s/o Albert, Samuel s/o Yaqoob and Asher s/o Yaqoob accused of murder while defending themselves and other Christian Community during attack by Muslim extremists of the same village. CLAAS filed bail application in the court Mr. Bashir Ahmed Chaudhary Additional Sessions Judge Khanewal through Mr. James Joseph Advocate High Court and on August 29, 2013 bail applications were accepted and the Christian accused bailed out.

The case is still under trail in the Sessions Court district Khanewal.

9-Fact Finding Report of a young Christian boy of Murdered in Khushpur, District Faisalabad

On May 18, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS came about a murder of a young Christian boy at village Chak 51, Khushpur (Christian Village), District Faisalabad. Following the information on May 28, 2013 CLAAS team consisting on Mr. Sohail Habel Finance Officer, Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Ms. Huma Lucas Office Assistant visited grieved family to get the real facts behind this atrocious murder.

The Village Khushpur

The village Khushpur, Chak 51 district Faisalabad is populated with Christians who use to live here before the Indo-Pak partition. The Christian are landlords and do cultivation in their own fields and grow crops in all seasons. The Christian of this Chak are educated and well established as they have their own lands in the village. While the Muslim people in this village are few kept bad eyes on their properties and wants to grab it through different sources.

Family Background of Faisal Bhatti (Murdered by Muslim)

Patras Bhatti s/o Munshi Bhatti aged 45 Christian by faith and resident of Chak 51-Khushpur, District Faisalabad. By profession he is Traffic Police constable while his wife Sabina is housewife. He has five children namely Sonia aged 17 (student of FSC), Danish Bhatti aged 16 (student of 10th grade), Faisal Bhatti aged 14, late (student of 10th grade) and Priya aged 10 (student of 7th grade) and Fariya aged 7 (student of 3rd grade). Patras is living in joint family along with his brothers.



Patras Bhatti saw his injuries to CLAAS team

CLAAS team met with Patras Bhatti (father of Faisal), he shared with team that the basic reason behind this bloodshed was their agricultural land which was Noor Ahmad, Muslim by faith wants to occupy. They have land disputes among 16 Qila and 25 Qila with Noor Ahmad since many years; they illegally harvested Patras Bhatti's fields many times. So, Patras Bhatti registered a case against Noor Ahmad in the court which was decided in his favor. On the other hand Noor Ahmad further filed a permanent injunction case against Patras Bhatti. But luckily Patras again got stay in the said case. Patras added that on April 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Noor Ahmad again try to harvest their fields but Patras informed 15 police and complained about his illegal act but with the intervention of police the

issue was solved but Noor Ahmad kept grudge in his heart and made plan to trap Patras Bhatti and his brothers in other matter.

So, on May 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Noor Ahmad and his nephews namely Muhammad Imran Ali s/o Amer Ahmad, Abid Ali s/o Muhammad Sadiq entered in their land and set their fields on fire. Later, they went to Tarkhani police station, Faisalabad to register a case against him and his brothers but police do not lodge their FIR. Later on May 9, 2013 an FIR (First Information Report), no 75/13 offence under section 435 PPC registered against Patras Bhatti and his other brothers namely Pervaiz Bhatti, Shoukat Bhatti and Rehmat Bhatti. But due to his job police do not arrested him and his brothers.

Subsequently, on May 16, 2013 the concerned SHO (station house officer) called both parties (complainant and defendant parties) for further investigation, during the investigation Noor Ahmad got aggressive and abused Patras Bhatti and his brothers in SHO presence further warned for dire consequences.



File Photo of Faisal Bhatti

On the day of incident May 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Danish (Patras son), Faisal (Patras son) and his nephew namely Asad was cutting grass for the cattle's. While at 6:15 p.m. Noor Ahmad and his brothers namely Hussain s/o Nazeer Ahmad was armed with axe, Khalid s/o Malik Hussain armed with rod, Tariq s/o Malik Hussain armed with wooden stick, Ahaaz s/o Taj Din armed with gun, Rashid s/o Taj Din armed with axe, Shahnawaz s/o Taj Din Akram s/o Noor Amhad, Nadir Ali s/o Sadiq armed with gun, Imran s/o Amer Ahmad, Zeeshan s/o Amer Ahmad, Ghufran s/o Amer Ahmad, Zahid alias Billo and one unknown person entered in their field and forcibly harvested their crops. When Patras and his sons try to stop them Noor Ahmad shouted on them and said his nephew Nadir to kill his sons meanwhile, Nadir shot on Faisal's neck and he died on the spot. When Patras, Danish and Asad saw that Nadir shot Faisal they rushed towards him. Meanwhile, Khalid strike rod on Asad shoulder and Rashid strike axe on the head of

Danish. Patras ran towards Danish someone strike axe on his head he got unconscious and fall down on the field, later they gave harsh beatings to all of them. Police reached on the place of occurrence and send Faisal's dead body for the postmortem.

Registration of Case FIR:

On the same day Patras Bhatti registered a case FIR number 82/13, offence under section 148/149, 302/109 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) in the Tarkhani police station, Faisalabad against Noor Ahmad and his companions. Same day police arrested 13 persons while Noor Ahmad, his son Akram and Sarwar were absconded.

CLAAS take up the case:

CLAAS team show grave concerns for the death of Faisal Bhatti and also offered for legal aid assistance of this murder case. Patras Bhatti thanked CLAAS for visit and show concern over the death of his son and also accepted the offered of legal aid assistance.

Now CLAAS has take up the case and will provide legal aid assistance to this case.

CLAAS Findings:

- The reason behind this bloodshed was Patras Bhatti's property which Noor Ahmad wants to occupy.
- They have daily disputes among Christians on minor issues just to tease them and forced them to leave properties.
- CLAAS observed that after the incident of Badami Bagh there are many incidents of atrocious fight among Christian and Muslims in all over Punjab.
- After this fake incident of disgrace of the Prophet Mohammad the Muslims have grudge for Christians as they dislike them in the areas and want to kick them out.

Up-dates of the Case

10 accused persons were arrested by the concerned police (Police Station Tarkhani) and after police investigation they were challaned and send to District Jail Faisalabad. Later on the Police joined hands with the culprits and declared five of them as innocent. Six were released on bail and five persons confined in the jail. After several court hearings case is still under trial.

10- Fact Finding Report of Bomb Blast at Waris Pura, District Faisalabad

CLAAS came to know through some sources that a bomb was blast in Waris Pura, Faisalabad on May 21, 2013. On May 28, 2013 CLAAS team consisting on Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Officer), Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) and Ms. Huma Lucas (Office Assistant) reached the occurrence place to visit and to get the real facts of the incident.

The incident:



Black Circle Photo of Zeshan Masih (late) when he was 10 years old

According to the information, several years ago Pastor Anwar Sadiq started his own home church namely St. Paul in street No. 01 Dawood Nagar Waris Pura Faisalabad and after his death his elder son Faraz Sadiq started to lead this church as a pastor. There was another Pastor Qaiser Sharoon s/o Bashir Masih aged 35 who also started a new ministry namely "Gospel Pakistan" and a church in 2009 in the same locality at Billal Town street no 07 Jhanda Peer Waris Pura, Faisalabad. The locals appreciated Pastor Qaiser Sharoon's Gospel work and preaching and get membership of his church and within the period of four years he had a big congregation then Pastor Faraz. Pastor Qaiser Sharoon's work was increasing and growing as he also works for the social welfare. Consequently Pastor Faraz and his

brother Sharaz alias Nooki aged 25, were jealous due to his success and they started to create difficulties for him. They started to threaten Pastor Qaiser through blank and unknown calls to stop his work. In Faisalabad there are many fanatic and militant groups like Lashker-e-Jhangvi, Sunni Tehreek,

Sipe-e-Sehaba who have been involved in previous murders and attacks on minorities and Pastor Qaiser was scared about his family and wanted to save them but he did not stopped his Gospel work in the church. On May 13, 2013 Sharaz along with Sohail and Zeshan sent a threat letter to stop his work or pay 10,00,000 rupees to Lashker-e-Jhangvi but Pastor Qaiser did not take it serious.

On May 21, 2013 in the evening at 5 p.m. Sharaz made a phone call to Pastor Qaiser and demanded the said money later at about 8 p.m. Sohail and Zeshan intended to blast a bomb at Pastor Qaiser's house and church but when they entered in to the street they were smoking and due to the flame of the cigarette bomb blasted before they reached Pastor Qaiser's house. Zeshan got brutally injured and fall down in the street while Sohail escaped and immediately informed Sharaz about the happen.

Statement of Pastor Qaiser Sharoon:

CLAAS team went to Pastor Qaiser's house, he shared with team that they are seven brothers including him, and all are evangelists. He stated that he is working for the welfare of the Christians through his ministry since 2009. Further he informed CLAAS that on May

13, 2013 he received a threat letter from unknown persons who belonged to Lashkar-e-Jhangvi to stop my work for community Or to pay 10,00,000 rupees otherwise they will kill him along with his family. He was harassed and threatened that if he did not provide the said amount they will kill him and his family. Soon later, after two hours they made a phone call and threatened him again for dire consequence. On the same day Pastor Qaiser Sharoon went to the area police station and submitted an application that he is receiving continue life threats from unknown persons but police did not register his complaint take any legal action and Pastor kept busy in his routine activities.

On May 21, 2013 in the evening he again received a phone call with the demand of money and threats to kill him and his family. The same evening at 8 pm there was a bomb blast near his house. Pastor got frightened when he heard the sound of blast he was scared as he reminded the threats on call. There was a crowd of vicinity people in the street and a Christian young boy was seriously injured as his lower body was completely burst. His condition was critical and he told to Pastor Qaiser that he was coming to kill him but the bomb was exploited before he reached his house. Meanwhile bomb squad and rescue police also reached on the occurrence place and took Zeshan in custody and taken him to the hospital, he could not survive and died.

Statement of deceased father:

CLAAS team went to deceased family for condolence, his father Shahbaz Masih informed



CLAAS team along with Zeshan's Father Shahbaz Masih

CLAAS that he has five children as Moon Shahbaz aged 21, Sonam aged 18, Zeshan (late) aged 16-1/2, Mehwish aged 14 and Saima aged 13. He works on brick kiln as bonded laborer and Zeshan helped him in his work. On the day of incident Zeshan came home after his work on brick kiln at 5:00 p.m. after 10 minutes he received a phone call and went out from. Later at 8 in the evening they were informed through neighbors about the blast in the street. Shahbaz rushed in the street and found his son in fierce condition, as his lower body was burst. When Zeshan saw his father he asked water but rescue team and police immediately took him to hospital where he died. The next day they received his dead body and took him to their native village for burial.

Shahbaz said that he was totally unaware about Zeshan's illegal activities and his friendship with Sharaz and Sohail.

Statement of Pastor Faraz Sadiq

Pastor Faraz s/o Anwar Sadiq aged 32, a local resident has four siblings. He shared with team that his younger brother Sharaz alias Nooki is a wise gentleman and teacher by profession but since 2 years he changed his attitude with everyone. He started to sit with

Sohail and Zeshan and Pastor Faraz was totally unaware about the hatred which he had for Pastor Qaiser and his plan to grab money from him by threatening.



From left to right Pastor Faraz Sadiq, Mr. Sohail Habel Finance Manager CLAAS and local resident of Waris Pur Faisalabad.

At the time of incident Pastor Faraz was visiting his relatives on his return he saw a crowd gathered in the street and talking about the incident and he came to know that Zeshan alias Babloo has died due to the suicide bomb blast attack. He rushed towards his house to see his brother Sharaz as he could be involved in this attack. The same night at 3 a.m (early morning) police raided at his house and arrested Pastor Faraz and his brother Sharaz and took them to the police station for investigation. The concerned SHO (Station House Officer) Sayed Warraich informed Pastor that he found the

number plate of his motorcycle from the place of occurrence, and the people of locality saw Sohail Sarfraz along with Zeshan at the time of blast. Later police also arrested Sohail and confined both of them in the police lock up. During the investigation, Sohail and Sharaz confessed their crime.

They recorded their statement in the police station that their intention was not to harm anyone it was just to take money from Pastor Qaiser and harass him, but unfortunately they lose a good friend Zeshan in this game. After investigation police released pastor Faraz and a criminal case was registered against Sharaz and Sohail Sarfraz. Presently both are confined at police station Faisalabad as they are on the physical remand of seven days.

CLAAS Finding/ Observations

The said incident is happened due to the professional jealousy; Sharaz felt that their status is getting down.

The accused persons wanted to get money by black mailing Pastor Qaiser and to become rich in short time, but in this game Zeshan has lost his life.

Due to the poverty and unemployment the youth is getting depressed and finding the illegal ways to be wealthy to spend easy life.

CLAAS team noticed that Pastor Faraz must be involved in this matter because Sharaz used his personal laptop, mobile and number for this purpose. He should be investigated properly.

11-A Christian Youth severely tortured by police and murdered in the Sharak Pur Sharif Police Station



On June 10, 2013 at 9:30 a local Pastor Mushtaq Masih informed Mr. Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS that a Young boy named Adnan Masih s/o Master Riaz (Retired Head Master of Government Elementary School) was continually physically tortured by police for 6 days and murdered in the Sharak Pur Sharif police station on June 10. Pastor Mushtaq also informed that as the Christian villagers heard about the death of Adnan they come out from the houses and blocked the road in protest. There were over 4000 Christian on the road demanding justice and immediate arrest of the police officials responsible for Adnan's murder. Pastor requested Mr. Francis to come on the spot as the police was not handing over the dead body and not ready to conduct post - mortem of the dead body.

Mr. Francis comprised a team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz, Field Officer, Mr. Sohail Habel Finance Manager and Mr. Saleem Gabriel and sent them immediately.

On the same evening on June 10, 2013 the team reached at the spot at 11:00 p.m and met with Mr. Mohammad Khaliq, the concerned Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Mohammad Ahssan Younis, District police officer (DPO) and Mohammad Irfan Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) and urged them for the registration of FIR against the police officials at Police station SharakPur, responsible for the murder of Adnan and their immediate arrest. It was not easy to pressurize police to get registered case against the police officials but the Christian mob of 4000 people blocked main road and due to the CLAAS struggle.



Later DSP and DPO ordered to get registered a case FIR no. 333/13 offence under section 302, 149, 147 PPC against three main officials including Riaz -ul-Dine Gujar the Station House Officer, Rana Shahbaz Investigation Officer and Waryam Assistant Sub inspector, they were arrested and confined at A- Division Police Station Sheikhpura.

At 4:00 a.m CLAAS team was back to Lahore. On June 11, 2013, in the Morning at 11:00 a. m CLAAS team headed by Mr. Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS including, Mr. Asher Sarfraz, Field Officer, Mr. Sohail Habel Finance Manager Mr. Saleem Gabriel and Samuel Piyara from Bright Future Society went to the place as they wanted to be present in the hospital while the doctors conducted post -mortem of Adnan's dead body, DSP handed over the dead body of Young Adnan Masih to CLAAS team after post -mortem for

burial. The team also joined the funeral and assured victim's family that CLAAS is there to take responsibility of the case to deal in the courts.

Family informed CLAAS team that Master Riaz is a retired Head Master of Government Elementary School; he has seven children 3 sons and 4 daughters. Adnan Masih aged 18 was on the 4 th number in his siblings and lived along with his parents at Sharak Pur Sharif. He was Air - condition and Fridge mechanic and worked in Lahore and earning a handsome income monthly. On June 4, he got arrested by police and get involved in a legal case of Muslim girl kidnapping as he had no concern with the case. Adnan's family came to know through some sources that a Muslim girl Saima s/o Mohammad Tariq aged 20 from the same locality was married in the nearby village, she was not happy with her husband as she had relations with another Muslim man. Therefore after five months of her marriage she ran away from her in – laws place, and no one knows where she was. On the other side her parents get registered a case FIR in the police station for her kidnapping against unknown.



Police started raiding at the houses of young boys because of the doubt and investigated them in the police station. The all Muslim young's were released on the same day after investigation. Then the police raided at the house of Adnan Masih as he clearly informed to the police that he has no concern with the girl and do not know about her.

The parents handed over the custody of Adnan Masih to the police as they were confident that their son was innocent and not involved with the girl and he will return soon after investigation. Police took him to the police station for investigation. During investigation police tortured him severely in different ways.

Police took the mobile of Adnan and the mobile of Muslim girl as well and asked to the phone company to give the all record of their hand phone sets (mobiles) but in the record they could not find the exchange of even a single call which showed the understanding of Adnan with the Muslim girl.

Through the cell phone inquiry the police found that there were three Muslim young boys aged 18 -24 from the same locality who used to talk to the girl on telephone. Police called them to the

police station for inquiry; they came along with the influenced persons in the village and gave money to the Investigation officer to get free the Muslims from the case and the same evening they were released to go home.

Police freed all Muslims from the case but forced Adnan to admit the crime. Police made cuts at different parts of his body with sharp knife and beat him inhumanly in the head with iron road to commit the offense. They fractured his legs as he could not stand on his legs

and pulled out his nails of hands and feet. Due to the severe and continue 6 days torture, his condition was critical as he was almost dead, later the police break Adnan's neck on June 10 and murdered him in the custody. The police hanged his dead body in the bathroom as pretending that he committed suicide. As it was the malicious attitude of police towards him due to his Christian believe and the other side he could not give bribery in heavy amount to the police like others to safe himself.

Note: This is another case like Robert Fanish from Samberyal District Sialkot in September 2009, as he was involved in a Muslim girl and was murdered within two days while he was also severely tortured and murdered by the police and later his dead body was hanged in the prison to pretend that he committed suicide.

It also shows that how extend the Christians happen to be the victim of hatred due to their Christian belief.

Legal assistance provided by CLAAS

1-Petition for Arrest of accused titled as “Riaz Masih Vs DPO

In the charge of murder of Adnan police never arrested the accused persons and during investigation police declared them innocent. CLAAS filed a writ petition for the arrest of the accused on July 20, 2013 the honorable court ordered to investigating officer for his personal appearance before the court on August 15, 2013. On the said date the IO (Investigation Officer) submitted a report in the court that the all three accused/police officials Riaz-ul Din Gujar, Rana Shahbaz and Waryam are innocent and they are not required to police any more and the petition was accused disposed off.

Application for Judicial Inquiry:

CLAAS moved an application for judicial inquiry

2-Application for disinterment titled as “Riaz Masih Vs The State”

CLAAS also filed an application in the court in Sheikhpura for re-examination of dead body of Adnan by the Provincial Standing Medical Board which was referred to the Magistrate on district level courts in Ferozwala. Application was disposed off on July 11, 2013 with the observation that the learned court has not any jurisdiction to order Provincial Standing Medical Board for re-examination of dead body.

After refusal of the area Magistrate CLAAS' filed a writ petition in the Sessions Court which was again dismissed.

4-Writ Petition titled as “Riaz Masih Vs Judicial Magistrate” (High Court)

After the dismissal of application for re-examination of dead body CLAAS filed a writ petition in the High Court Lahore against the order of Judicial Magistrate.

5-Pre-Arrest Bail titled as “Tariq etc Vs The State”

Two accused of Adnan murder case namely Tariq and Imran moved their pre-arrest bails in the court of ASJ Ferozewala on July 01, 2013 CLAAS lawyer was there to contest the bail. On August 22, 2013 Adnan Murder case was fixed for final arguments. Mr. Joseph Francis along with CLAAS lawyer appeared in the court. CLAAS lawyer argued at length and assist the court through giving different cogent reasons that accused nominated in the FIR were the actual murderers of Adnan Riaz.

On August 23, 2013 pre-arrest bail of accused persons dismissed by the court and the order observed that the accused remained fail to prove their innocence.

09-Private Complainant titled as “Riaz Masih Vs Riaz UI Din etc”

Shabir Ahmed Inspector investigation of Adnan murder case declared the accused/police officials that they were innocent. Therefore CLAAS filed an application for the change of Investigation but, unfortunately nothing was done by the high officials. on September 10, 2013 CLAAS filed again a Private Complaint on behalf of Riaz masih which was withdrawn later by Riaz Masih on September 22, 2013 because he became disheart by the attitude of the court and judges. He lost hope to meet Justice and compromised with the fate.

12-Fact finding report on Christian & Muslim Dispute in Rahim Yar Khan

On June 22, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. a Christian lawyer Qamar Iqbal a local resident informed Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS about an overwrought situation and dispute among Christians and Muslims at Nasrat Colony Bheel Nagar (Christian Village), Tehsil Rahim Yar Khan district Sadiqabad. Following the information on June 23, 2013 CLAAS team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Manager) and Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer) reached the occurrence place to help Christians and to get the real facts behind this fight.

The Village Reham Yar Khan

The village Nasrat colony Bheel Nagar Rahim Yar Khan district Sadiqabad is the end of Punjab province about 765 kilometers far from Lahore where Sindh province starts. Christians are populated in this part before the Indo-Pak partition and above 500 families are living presently in this small village. Christians are educated and well-known in this area. The Christians has two main denominations the Catholic Church and Full Gospel Assembly (FGA) Church and a local ministry named Christian Fellowship Pakistan (CFP) while there are about 150 Muslim families and 60/70 Hindu families who lived separately in the same village. There are 3 mosques and five Madrasas (Islamic schools) are here in this small area.

Through sources CLAAS team came to know that terrorist and fanatic groups also live in this area and the attackers of Manawa Police Training Center Lahore and General Head Quarter of Army Rawalpindi were get arrested there. Siphab-e-Shaba radical Islamic organization is very active in this locality as Javed Bhatti Malik Ishaq President Siphab-e-Shaba was also got arrested here last month.

The Incident:

A local Christian Patras Masih s/o Sadiq Masih aged 40; he has five children including two daughters and three sons. His youngest son Ashley aged 10 years used to work along with him at fodder shop. On June 20, 2013 Ashley was playing cricket along with his Muslim friends in the ground near by the colony. A minor dispute accord between Ashley and his Muslim friends but it was settled among them later. The next day on June 21, 2013 when Ashley arrived home after his work at shop, he went bazaar to buy milk. He was on the way when two Muslim boys again started to tease him but he ignored and came back home.

After 15-20 minutes at 6:00 pm these two boys came Ashley home along with Muhammad Hameed gunmen of President Siphab-e-Shaba. He started to shout and abused, badly knocking the door. Ashley grandfather Sadiq Masih came out of the home and asked about his aggressiveness. He told that his grand-son harassing his nine years old daughter. Sadiq Masih told we will advise him and took apologize on behalf of Ashley. But he never stopped to abuse and he slapped on Ashley face. In this return Patras Masih father of Ashley also slapped him. Patras Masih started to beat him but he escaped and after 15 minutes he came along with 20-25 Siphab-e-Shaba molvies. They started to beat

Ashley family members with bricks, wood sticks. Christians Neighbors also came out of their houses and rescued the family of Sadiq Masih. And on the return they also beat Muslims when Muslims saw that Christians came out of the home and they were in strength. They escaped and gave threats that they will again come and burn all Christian houses like Shanti Nagar, Gojra and Badami Bagh.

After dispute Ashley went near shop along with his brother to buy sweets. Police came along with Muhammad Hameed and arrest him. Ashley's brother went home and told their parents that Police arrest Ashley. All Christian community came out on the road of National Super High way and blocked the road and burn tyres and start protest again Police. Police came to know that they blocked the road. They left Ashley for nearby village Thali after 40 minutes. After releasing of Ashley; Christians stopped their protest.

Christian went Police Station City C- Division to the file a complaint against the Muslim group. Muslim group was also present to file a complaint against the Christian. After giving their application Christian came to home and on the way Muslim attacked the Christians. In this result Maqsood neighbor of Patras Masih and Illyas brother-in-law of Patras Masih got injuries. When they returned home they heard the announcements on the loudspeakers of the Mosques that were inviting all Sipa-e-Sahaba groups to attack the Christian colony.

Christian again came out of the roads and blocked again super highway of Karachi. They raised slogans and demanded protection from Police. They blocked super highway for at least 2 hours. DPO (Deputy Police Officer) and DSP (Deputy Superintended Police) came and appealed to stop the protest; he assured Christians for security from police and not takes law in their hands. Christians stopped their protest. Police only provide two constables for protection of Christians. But Christians are not satisfied young Christian boys has perambulation the nights to safeguard their houses and families after the incident.

On June 23, 2013 at 9:00 pm Mian Mizra Ishar (Jamiat-Ullem-e-Islam) has arranged Christians and Muslims reconciliation meeting. CLAAS team was also present at the moment but not took part because only 5 people were called from Christians. And reconciliation was happened between the Christian and Muslims that both parties will lived peaceful as they lived before.

Meeting with Rev. Fr. Gulshan:

CLAAS team met with Rev. Fr. Gulshan (Catholic Church Multan) who family lives in this village. He told to team that he was on the way of Sahiwal when he came to know about this incident. Rev. Fr. Gulshan brother Illyas got injuries in this incident. He came Rehim-Yar Khan and met with Christian community and counseling Christians and also builds pressure for international community to secure the Christians for any mishap.

Statement of Ashley:

Team met with Ashley he told that "before one day of this incident I and Suleman and his brother Muslim by faith age fellow were playing cricket in the ground and during playing Suleman started to tease me and dispute was started but later it was solved. Next day

they came with his uncle and blamed, my little brother Asim aged (8) years that he was harassing his Muslim girl. But when I came out of the home they told that he was harassing a Muslim girl. I was much surprised that what they are saying. I told his uncle they are lying but he slapped on my face and then a dispute was started with my father and his uncle. Later he escaped from my home and after half an hour I went near store shop



along with my brother to buy some sweets. Police came and took me in the police van where Muhammad Hameed was also sit. He along with police officers told me that we will kill you because you harassing Muslim girl. But I told to police that I was not doing and I didn't know about her. They never took me in the police station. They just patrol on police van. And after 40 minutes they left me in Thali road near over village.

Statement of Razia Mother of Ashley:



CLAAS team member Rama Rasheed met with Razia and she told that it was first time ever that this incident was happened in this area. Children are very frightened after this incident especially Ashley. Three nights has passed but no one sleep in this area due to threats that they will burn the Christian houses.



Visit to City-C Division Police Station:

On June 24, 2013 team went City-C Division Police Station and met with ASI Qaisar. He told to team a reconciliation was settled between the both parties. He told to team that Christian role in this issue was very infuriate because they blocked super high way for four hours and took the law in their hands but police never do any proceeding against them.

Team finds that he was religious man. Team wants to meets with SHO Muhammad Ashraf but he was not present in police station. Team told to ASI that they want full surety for Christian community. And he will fully assure the team that they will provide full security to Christians.

Statement of Patras Masih:



Patras Masih Father of Ashley along with his son Asim

He told to team that it was just minor dispute. Muslims feel jealous for Christians because they have independent. He shared the real facts behind the incident. He told last Friday on June 14, 2013 his father Sadiq Masih landlord of the village solved the matter of Muhammad Gulzar. Actually Gulzar resident of the village converted into Islam and got married with Muslim girl last year. After this act his parents disinherited him from all the property. But now he came along with wife and demanded his share for his father property and forcibly started living in this village. His father contacted with Sadiq Masih and he called the *panchayat* and took decision that his father gave share of his property and he has to leave

the village. So his father and brothers gave 1, 5000 (one Lakh Fifty Thousand rupees) as share and kicked him out of the village. Gulzar took a rented house which was adjacent with Muhammad Hameed house. They made plan to threat and attack the Christian houses because he has grudge that Christian insulted him and kicked out of their village.

Statement of Qamar Iqbal Christian Lawyer:



Qamar Iqbal told to team he is only one Christian lawyer in district Sadiqabad. He told to team two weeks ago two Muslim boys were arrested from Fellowship Pakistan Christian (FPC) church after Sunday prayer. Christians called the police and during investigation we found that they have relation with Siphabe-Shaba and they came to attack church. But typical role of Police they were released after police investigation.

He also shared with team that one-half year before a molvie of near mosque started to gave address against Christian on

Friday prayers on loudspeakers and provoke Muslim community against Christians. Christians become frightened and also aggressive to hear this addresses against them. Somehow some *antigent* agencies came to know that he spread diffusion against Christians. They came and banned his mosque and only give permission to address Friday prayers without loudspeakers. Molvie and Muslims thought that Christians locked their mosque.

Current Situation:

Although the situation is under control but it will be prevailing any time because Muslims and fanatics of this areas never stopped to made plan against Christians. Team finds that Christians are united and ready to face any mishap. Team also finds that the role of Police is not satisfied like Gojra and Badami Bagh incidents.

13- A scuffle between the armed attackers and family women at Patoki

'Christian Women forced to parade naked' this was the headline of news published in Daily Times on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

Christian women were attacked and paraded naked by a mob with the support of the ruling party said a press release issued by Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC).

After the news published and press release issued by the Asian Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, many of CLAAS partners, friends and colleagues started to contact CLAAS to inquire either the story was true'.

A three-member fact finding mission headed by NCSW member Tanveer Jahan departed for Patoki at 8 AM on June 28, 2013. The mission comprised, apart from Tanveer Jahan, Robina Ghazal, from CLAAS Office and Ayra Inderyas from Women Desk, Church of Pakistan Lahore Diocese. The mission had secured a copy of the relevant FIR beforehand.

The mission first met Pastor Saleem Gill in Patoki. Gill explained the background of the incident saying that goats belonging to Mr. Shaukat had barged into the landlord Mr. Munir's farms. This happened twice. The first time, Munir returned the goats. However, when it happened second time, Munir detained the herd, triggering a brawl between the two when Shaukat attempted to retrieve his goats. Following the scuffle, Munir attacked Shaukat's house and misbehaved with the women there.

The mission inquired as to how the pastor came to know of this incident. The pastor informed the mission that women and children had carried out a protest in front of the police station. The protestors came to him, crying and then he and Mushtaq Gill went to the DSP to register the FIR. The SHO was called to the DSP's office. He promised to deliver justice to the people but he did not register the FIR the very same day. It was registered the following day.

The pastor claims that this incident took place, but he did not go to the crime scene himself. After interviewing the pastor the mission headed to Sareser Chak 21 and asked a passerby of the incident before entering the village. The man, named Zakariya, said that there had been no such naked parade. It was a dispute between two political rivals that had been severely exaggerated.

Mission reached the house of Buta Masih at 11 AM. Here Shaukat, Buta Masih's sister Allah Rakhi, Sajida, Rani, Irshad Bibi, Surrayya and Sadiq Masih were met. Allah Rakhi began to narrate the events of the incident, along with Shaukat Masih.

"Some of our goats happened to wander on to Munir's farms while grazing,' they stated, 'Munir detained the herd, as he has had a rivalry with us since the elections. He supported the tiger (PML-N) while we supported the iron. The independent candidate won in our village, instead of PML-N candidate. He has been our rival since."

"I, along with Irshad, Surrayya, Buta and Liaqat, went to Munir to get my herd released. Munir grabbed me by the collar, and then I struck him as well, Shaukat reported, 'we broke into a scuffle. The villagers separated us and put the matter to rest. Both the parties were reconciled after seven days. However, the evening that the agreement was made, at 11

pm 10-12 armed people barged into our house. One of them climbed over our wall and opened the door for the others to enter. They asked for me upon entering. I locked myself inside the room.'

'They tried very hard to open the door,' Allah Rakhi added, 'All of us women attempted to push them out of our doors. They began to break our things. Amidst this fight, they dragged us out into the street and tore our clothes.' At this point the mission inquired if they had truly been paraded naked in the streets, and upon being asked twice or thrice the women kept changing their statements and finally said that the clothes were made of voile and were ripped during the scuffle.

They continued narrating their story, saying that in this time one of their neighbors had called 15 for the police. The police took Shaukat's family members to the police station. When Shaukat's father Sadiq Masih was dragged to the police van, his knee was injured. The neighbors pleaded with the police to let this elderly man go. The police sent them back later, with instructions to appear in the station the following day.

'We went to the station the next day but our FIR was not registered. We were sitting in the station till four in the evening but they did not register it. The next day 150 or so of our Christian brothers protested in the streets but the police still did not register the FIR.,' Shaukat continued, 'Some people told us that if we protested in front of the Press Club in Lahore, the police would listen to us. We took a bus full of people to Press Club Lahore. There we protested. Our leader Mr. Sahotra was also present. He called the DSP, and it was only then that they agreed to register the FIR and examine the crime scene. There was no follow up after this.'

Buta Masih's family is convinced that SHO Haji Aziz has taken Rs 200,000 as a bribe from the other party which is why he was not taking any action. The mission asked them if apart from Sahotra, anyone else from the Christian community came to help them and they replied in the negative. Apart from our neighbors, nobody came to our aid. The mission was the first to approach them regarding the matter.

Shaukat further told mission that a certain Mr. Malik Ibrahim had also threatened them. He said that a Christian child works for Ibrahim and following this incident they threatened to shoot at her feet if she entered their house again. When the mission inquired as to why Ibrahim was doing this, Shaukat replied that he is related to Munir and did this as a show of support.

The mission asked after the torn clothes of the women and was told that they are with Mr. Sahotra in Lahore.

After finishing with Shaukat's family, the mission reached the house of Mr. Malik Ibrahim. The mission first met with Mrs. Zamia who was Malik Ibrahim's second wife. According to her statement: 'Mr. Munir Malik is a relative of Ibrahim's and he owns land near the village. The Christian's goats entered his land. The first time he released them but the second time they were detained by Munir. When the Christian's attempted to retrieve their goats, a fight broke out between them and Munir. Munir and Naveed Jutt went to register an FIR against the Christians. Later Munir reconciled with the Christians. However, a person named Basharat provoked the Christians into registering an FIR against Malik Ibrahim

because he is an old political rival of Malik Ibrahim's. Basharat persuaded Munir to involve Malik Ibrahim on the condition that he himself would later be withdrawn from the case.'

In the meantime, Malik Ibrahim's son Sajid and his wife arrived as well. Sajid lives directly opposite Shaukat Masih. According to Sajid, he runs a school in which Christians both study and teach. Sajid also hinted at the involvement of Basharat. He informed the mission that he had visited Sahotra's office and attempted to reconcile the parties at the home of Mian Latif Aryan.

'We offered an open cheque at the office of Sahotra, ensuring that if we were found guilty, any amount considered suitable could be taken as compensation,' said Sajid.

When asked of his relation to Malik Munir, Sajid said that he was a distant relative and not on speaking terms with Sajid's family. In this time, Malik Ibrahim also joined the conversation.

According to Malik Ibrahim, this incident was being portrayed in a political fashion, when it was not concerned with political rivalries. 'If we wanted revenge for our loss in elections,' Malik Ibrahim said, 'Why would we target only Buta Masih's family? This village had about a hundred Christian voters, and the private candidate had received many votes from the resident Muslims as well.'

Malik Ibrahim claimed that God had punished him for a past crime. 'Bibi Rani's son Liaqat had a while ago converted to Islam. We collected money from the Muslims in the village and gave him 150, 000 rupees. Six months later, he reverted to Christianity again. The villagers deemed him liable to death and began to beat him. He took refuge at my house. I protected him from the villagers with my life. I protected an apostate and God has punished me.'

The mission also questioned Liaqat Masih. Liaqat claimed that he had been in Lahore at the time of this incident and could not presume to know much about it.

The mission then met with Basharat. It seemed as if he had taken on the role of a film director, commanding people to do and say things as he pleased. He was adamant that the mission should take Munir's statement in his presence. The mission waited for forty five minutes at Basharat's dera while he attempted to contact Munir. Munir stormed in, declaring how important Friday prayers were to him as a Muslim and gave the mission his card to contact him if they had any questions. He immediately left again.

The mission then went to the Saddar Patoki Police Station. The SHO was not present at the time. The station reader and two police men met with the mission instead, and gave the mission a report prepared by SP Investigation Kasur. After this the mission departed for Lahore and after endless debate arrived at these conclusions.

Findings

1. There was a scuffle between Malik Munir and Shaukat Masih over herd of goats entering Munir's farms
2. Malik Munir complained to police

3. Police did not act on the complaint and arrest Shaukat
4. Munir reconciled with Shaukat, upon the villagers' intervention
5. Munir attacked Shaukat's house despite the reconciliation
6. The male members were in hiding except Shaukat, who hid when he saw the men attacking his house
7. There was scuffle between the armed attackers and family women. Women pushed the men out of the house and onto the street.
8. Women's clothes were torn during this tussle, and they came out into the street in this condition.
9. Someone called police, and upon the arrival of the neighbors, Malik Munir and his men fled the scene.
10. Police arrived and took Shaukat away and then released him asking him to come next day.
11. A third party tried to benefit from the dispute by including names of his rivals in the police complaint.
12. It is clear by the various statements that no one paraded the women naked in the streets for their amusement, but clothes of women were torn open during the scuffle between themselves and the attackers.

14- Report on brutal murder of Irfan Masih

On June 25 CLAAS was informed by an international contact Mr. Dick Kleinhesselink from Netherlands about the brutal murder of Tanveer Masih 18 years old which was forwarded him by a Pakistani contact, and the message was

“Tanveer Masih 18 years old who was shot in his head by Muslim group, he was rushed to a hospital, his conditions appeared critical. Some days ago over a minor quarrel between Tanveer Masih son of Farooq Masih resident of Jendwala, (Gujranwala) and Muslim boy's on using abusive language front of Christian woman. Mohammad Adil, Naeem and his friend Nazir Ali attack on Tanveer Masih with, they pointed the gun at his head and shot and fled. FIR (First Information Report) has been register in Sadar police station Gujranwala”

Following the information CLAAS inquired this case through its attorney in Gujranwala who informed that Tanveer Masih resident of Jandiala Bagh Wala, aged 18 -20 was involved in a Muslim girl in the same locality and used to go to their home in the absence of her parents. That was the reason, Muslim family murdered Tanveer Masih. Later they murdered their daughter as well; on advice of the locals to save them from a legal case proceeding as they wanted to pretend that an honor killing.

On July 03, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis organized a fact finding team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Ms. Rubina Ghazal In-Charge Legal Department including John Paul Barnard driver to go to the place and investigate the matter.

CLAAS team reached at the occurrence place to get the real facts behind the killing of young Christian at Shahzad Town, Jandiala Bagh Wala, District Gujranwala

At 12: 30 p.m. CLAAS team reached at District and Sessions Court and met with Mr. Kamran Yousaf Khan Advocate and Legal Advisor CLAAS, to get the up-dates and other relevant documents of the case. Mr. Kamran Yousaf informed the team that the name of Christian boy (deceased) was Irfan but not Tanveer as we heard in the news and the case was registered on December 31, 2012 FIR No. 1022/12, offence under section 302, 147, 149 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) against the accused Asif alias Mittho s/o Hameed, Nadeem Abbas s/o Rasheed, Javaid s/o Hameed, Rasheed and two unknown at Saddar Police Station Gujranwala.

He further informed that case is under trial in the court of Sessions Judge Gujranwala. According to the record the local police have arrested 6 accused who were nominated in the case FIR (First Information Report). Three were declared innocent in the police investigation while one of them got bail by the session court Gujranwala. Currently two main accused who truly murdered Irfan were confined in the Central Jail Gujranwala. Police has submitted challan (inquiry report, police file) in the court. After receiving the said details, team along with Mr. Kamran Yousaf Khan, went to Shahzad Town Jandiala Bagh Wala, to visit deceased family and to collect real facts by recording the statements of the locals.

CLAAS team members reached Jandiala Bagh Wala, at about 01:30 p.m. and visited Irfan's house. They met the aggrieved family and inquired about the murder of Irfan. In this area there are only 6 to 7 families living among Muslim masses. As the Muslims are in

majority and most of them are “Jutt” high cast Muslims who own lands and properties and financially and political they are very strong while the Christian are weak and poor.



Nawab Bibi (mother of Irfan) w/o Sadique Masih aged 60 informed that they are living at this place since 20 years and it is their own house. There is a Muslim family of Arshad (a police constable) in their neighbors who often create problems for them. She said, over and over again the minor disputes have been taken place between Arshad and her family when several times Arshad forcibly entered in to their house, for the connection of TV cables, and sometimes for the electricity connection. Nawab Bibi's sons forbid him, to come to their house without knocking the door, for which he started to threaten them

for dire consequences. This Christian family was poor and always tolerated the situation and do not file any complaint against Arshad because he was police constable himself.



Nawab Bibi has eight sons and three daughters while seven of them are married. Her elder son Shahzad informed CLAAS team that in 2003 Sunil Shatti a Christian boy was kidnapped by the local Muslims and they demanded Rs.500,000PKR (five hundred thousand rupees) as ransom, but the Muslims murdered the boy while the said amount was arranged and paid. A legal case was registered but the accused were acquitted by the Sessions Judge Gujranwala from the charge. Even the case was decided in the favor of accused when the victim's family filed an appeal in the Lahore High Court Lahore against the acquitted persons.

For this and several other examples, family was disappointed, CLAAS team noted. Police did not registered murder case FIR against Arshad because he is a police official. Shahzad further said that Irfan was 31 years old, he was a carpenter. He was bachelor and had company with Muslims, and usually he come home late in the evening. He had a licensed gun which he kept with him all time for his safety due to the criminal attitude of Muslims.

It was in the information of the local Muslim leaders that Irfan had a severe dispute with Arshd three months before his Murder and several times later. It was also in their notice that Arshad threatened Irfan for severe consequences.

The incident:

Shahzad brother of Irfan (deceased) informed the team that Abdul Rasheed s/o Munir Ahmed is a Muslim and Qurashi by cast. He is living along wit his family in the front of Irfan's house; he is a barber and had a small shop in the area. Actually Jandiala Bagh Wala, is a small town and mostly like a village beside the Gujranwala city, and the residents in this area are familiar to each other. The murderer Rasheed's nephew named Asif alias Mittho and Irfan (deceased) were good friends. On the day of incident, December 30/31, 2012 at night 12:30 a.m, Asif alias Mittho knocked at the door and Javaid Masih (Irfan's elder brother) found that there was Asif and wanted to meet Irfan. Irfan went out from the house along with Asif.



After 15 minutes there was noise in the street and Javaid saw that Asif, Abdual Rasheed and others were beating Irfan severely with deadly weapons. Javaid came back at home and informed his brothers Ishfaq and Shahbaz. Immediately they reached in the street and tried to rescue Irfan from aggressors. The attackers were armed with deadly weapons and they continuously hit Irfan Masih and also they beat Javaid, Ishfaq and Shahbaz Masih while they tried to help Irfan.

Javaid Masih noticed that Nadeem s/o Rasheed, armed with knife blade, Asif alias Mittho s/o Hameed, armed with iron rod, Javaid s/o Hameed armed with rafter, Hameed and Maqsood armed with wooden sticks and two unknown. After severe torture they pushed Irfan to Abdul Rasheed's house and locked him in his house. Javaid Masih, Shahbaz and Ishfaq jumped on the wall and saw, Nadeem s/o Rasheed was cutting Irfan' s neck with knife blade and killed him in his house, while Abdual Rasheed hit him on his head with



wooden rod. Later they came out of the house and started to threatening Javaid, Ishafaq and Shahbaz for dire consequences. They openly threatened for the life of whole family.

Soon after the killing of Irfan Abdual Rasheed murdered his daughter named Farah aged 17 as he wanted to pretend that it was an honor killing just safe himself from the legal case. Later the local police reached at the occurrence place and took both dead bodies into the police station Saddar Gujranwala for postmortem. After that a murder case was registered on behalf of Ishfaq Masih for the murder of Irfan Masih his brother while no murder case was registered for Farah

while she was also killed.

Shahzad informed the team that they feel that Arshad (policeman) was involved in the murder of Irfan and he used Abdual Rasheed for this purpose because Rasheed is a poor barber and need money. According to Shahzad and other family members Arshad must offered a huge amount to Abdual Rasheed for Irfan's murder. There was no reason of Irfan's murder therefore Abdual Rasheed murdered his own daughter Farah on the suggestion of Arshad policeman and recorded his statement to the police that he saw Irfan along with his daughter at his home in a discreditable condition and admitted that he has killed both.

Registration of Case FIR:

On the same day on December 31, 2013 in the morning a case FIR No. 1022/12, offence under section 302, 147, 149 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) was registered against the accused Asif alias Mittho s/o Hameed, Nadeem Abbas s/o Rasheed, Javaid s/o Hameed, Abdual Rasheed and two unknown at Saddar Police Station Gujranwala.

Up-dates of the Case:

On January 01, 2013 police arrested Abdul Rasheed and during investigation he confessed his crime. He admitted the murder of Irfan and Farah because of their illicit relation. On January 04 2013 Nadeem Abbas s/o Rasheed also arrested and now both are confined in Central jail Gujranwala while the other accused has been declared innocent during the police investigation. The challan was submitted in the court and case is under trial and court proceedings in the District and Sessions Court, Gujranwala.

15- Report on Murder of Samson 4 years old Christian boy kidnapped suspiciously and murdered by his Christian neighbor

On July 04, 2013 Javaid Masih and his wife Agnes Bibi approached CLAAS for legal help and assistance regarding their son's murder case. Their 4 years old son namely Samson was kidnapped and murdered by their Christian neighbor namely Amir Masih. Javaid Masih s/o Barkat Masih aged 50, is a resident of Raju-K Tehsil Daska, District Sialkot, he has six sons namely Shahzaib aged 15, Anthony aged 13, Indrayas aged 12, Patras aged 10, Samson aged 04 (murdered) and Youhana aged 01.

According to Javaid, he was government employ and has been working as sweeper in Army since 16 years. In 2008 he got paralyzed and due to his uncertain physical condition, he was retired from his job. After three years he has been recovered but his treatment is still continued and still he is not able to work properly but he has to work for his family because they are totally dependent on him. One year ago he started working as sweeper; in Allied Bank Daska while his wife worked as house maid somewhere in the same town. Javaid Masih informed CLAAS that Ashraf Masih his neighbor and living along with his family. He has 7 sons and one daughter. His son Amir is 26 years old and he is a mason by profession. In May 2013 Javaid, wanted to do some construction of his house and asked Amir to work for him on daily wages Rs. 700/- PKR. Amir started work but he was not doing good Job that is why asked him to stop work as he is not satisfied with the work. On this issue a minor dispute took place among Javaid and Amir and they both started shouting on each other, later the matter was solved by the locals.

The incident

On May 28, 2013 at about 07:30 P.M Javaid Masih's son namely Samson aged 4 was playing in the street. Soon after his mother Agnes Bibi went out to find her son but he was not in the street. She asked other children who were also playing in the street; she went to her neighbors and relatives to search him but all in vain. Within hours the news spread in the locality that Samson was missing.

The very next day early in the morning at 6:00 a.m. Javaid's elder son Shahzaib and Anthony went to make announcement in the nearest village Chak Gallan that Samson was missing and if any one find him please inform the family. On their return they saw the dead body of Samson in the fields near the water pool. Anthony immediately informed his parents about the dead body, both Javaid and Agnes rushed to the spot. There were gather some other people of the locality as well, they took Samson's dead body at home. Depressed parents could not even think that someone can murder their beloved. During the funeral of the child when the people gave bath to the dead body they discovered some spots on his body but they did not inform to the police. Some woman suggested Agnes to call the police but Jameel Masih (a Christian property dealer) said that there is no need of any legal action. Later, Javaid was informed by some reliable source that his son was murdered by strangulation. Javaid Masih was stunned to know about the murder of his just 4 years child as he did not have any enmity or litigation with anyone in the area except Amir who have a minor dispute with him while working at Javaid's house. Therefore they

both Javaid and Agnes have doubt on Amir and blamed him for the murder of their beloved son.

Agnes shared with CLAAS that when Jameel heard that they have doubt on Amir he immediately arranged a meeting of locals and after three days of Samson's funeral the matter was disclosed by the Panchayat (Local committee of villagers). After hearing the arguments from both parties (Javaid and Amir) the Panchayat found guilty Amir. It was also decided by the committee that an application for the registration of FIR (First Information Report) would be submitted in the police station against Amir to register a murder case against him. When Amir heard about the legal action he escaped.

After decision Javaid and some locals went to the concerned police station at Saddar Daska for the registration of FIR but police did not register their complaint. Police write down the matter on the behalf of Javaid but not real facts were written in the application. Police did not investigate the matter properly and also not arrested accused Amir. Javaid went to the police station several times and also requested to Muslim landlords of the locality to get help in his son's murder case. The Muslim land owner Chaudhary Waqas suggested Javaid to get legal support from Chaudhary Riaz Ahmed Ghuman Advocate High Court.

Legal proceedings in the Case

On June 04, 2013 Chaudhary Riaz Ahmed Ghuman Advocate High Court (Ex- President District Bar Association Daska district Sialkot) filed a Disinterment/ Exhumation Petition in the Court of Sessions Judge Daska which was dually interested to concerned Area Magistrate for appropriate order. On June 21, 2013 learned Area Magistrate passed and ordered for Exhumation the body and the same was completed on July 01, 2013.

CLAAS fact-finding, and visit to the occurrence place



On June 05, 2013 CLAAS team consisting on Ms. Rubina Ghazal In-Charge Legal Department, Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Ms. Sherish Assistant finance manager and Mr. John Paul Driver reached to the occurrence place at 12:00 pm to investigate the matter and get the real facts behind this murder of little Samson just 4 years old. Team met the family and local people around and also visited the occurrence place. Team visited the occurrence place and the said water pool where the dead

body was found which was high from the level of land. Team gathered that a 04 year old child cannot enter into it himself; he must be thrown by someone.

Statement of Jamshaid

Jamshaid s/o Nazar (Javaid's maternal nephew) was guiding the team to the incident place he informed that this water pool is used to supplying water in their fields which his father took on contract from the Muslim land owner for harvesting.

Jamshaid further informed the team that everyone in the locality have boycott with Amir's family. He further said that three years ago Amir's elder's brother namely Shamas was escaped along with a Christian girl from the same locality and got court marriage. Since then people of the locality boycott but Javaid and his family were very close to this family. Therefore some Christians in the locality were annoyed with Javaid. He also mentioned that Javaid was in Pakistan Army and because he got paralyzed he was retired from his job. At the time of retirement he got 450,000PKR (four hundred and fifty thousand rupees). Amir wanted to grab his money so, he kidnapped his minor, when he was unable to hide him somewhere to demand money from his father, he have to murder him.

According to Jamshaid, after murder Amir threw Samson's dead body in the water pool as he wanted to get them involve the murder, just to create problem between the family relatives.

Statement of Anthony

Anthony s/o Javaid Masih aged 13-years, said that he went to the nearest village Ghallan for announcement as Samson was missing, on return he saw Samson's shirt in the crops field, near the pond and then the dead body of Samson in the water pool which has not enough water in it. Then he rushed to home and informed his parents.

Visited to the attorney of the case

Team also visited Chaudhary Riaz Ahmed Ghuman Advocate High Court (Ex- President District Bar Association Daska) to get up-date on the case and relevant documents. Mr. Ghuman informed the team that the distressed family submitted an application in the police station after the delay of 5 or 6 days of the incident. The concerned police official did not note the proper facts in the application and the FIR was not registered. Therefore on June 04, 2013 he filed an Exhumation Petition which was decided June 21, 2013 and completed on July 01, 2013. Now the case is pending for Exhumation report. He further stated that it depends, if it the report declared, cause of death was natural the case will be closed and if Samson was murdered, then the accused will be hundred percent punished by the law.

Visited Police station

Team also visited the concerned police station Saddar Daska District Sialkot and inquired about the police investigation report. Mr. Ifthakhar the concerned Investigation Officer (IO) informed the team that the family did not reported the matter to the police from day first and after 7 days delay their case was not registered. If the police was informed at the spot and the post mortem of the dead body would be conducted by the police the nature of

case would be different. But the family informed police after burial and alleged Amir for murder. IO said that Amir was arrested without any allegation when the family submitted an application against him. They staged a demonstration and blocked the road on June 10, 2013. IO admitted that the matter is significant and concerned District Superintendent of Police (DSP) is taking care of the investigation.

“It is a blind murder we can say as the family has no eye witness and also cause of death is not declared yet” IO said. After Exhumation report, police will investigate the matter properly and a case would be registered.

Meeting with Amir (the murderer)



The Investigation Officer arranged CLAAS team meeting with Amir the alleged accused. He is bachelor and mason by profession; he is closed neighbor of Javaid Masih. His family had good fellowship with Javaid and his family. The surrounding people do not like him and his family and have boycott with them because his elder brother was escaped with a Christian girl and they get married.

Regarding the murder of Samson he informed the team that he was on his work at Rehmat Masih's house and after work he went to his friend Sarfraz's house. He is a Muslim and had so many Pigeon; there was a match between Sarfraz and someone else in flying Pigeons. After watching the competition of Pigeons he returned home at 9:00 p.m. and heard that Samson was missing. Amer's mother and other family members were also busy in searching Samson. The very next day Amer was present in the funeral and neither Javaid nor Agnes blamed him for murder. Few days later I heard that there was a call to every one for PUNCHYAT. After the decision of the punchayat Javaid filed an application in the police station for the registration of the FIR. Amer was escaped therefore police have to get arrested his brother and confined him in the police lockup for two days. Later police arrested Amer locked him in police lockup and released his brother.

Meeting with Amir's family

Team visited Amir's family as well and his mother Hafeezan Bibi informed that her son is innocent; he cannot murder Samson. She also



said that they have very good fellowship with Javaid's family. There is someone who wants to falsely involve my son in the murder case of Javaid's son, she added. She said that it is their neighbor whose girl was escaped with her son and get married they asked Javaid and Agnes to blame her son Amir for the murder of their minor.

Meeting with Chuddhary Waqas Ahmed Sai

Team also met with the local landlord namely Chaudhary Waqas Ahemd Sai and he shared that the distressed family approached him and requested for help, then he referred them to his friend Riaz Ahmed Ghuman Advocate High Court. He also shared that he realized, Amir and Javaid has grudge in their hearts for each other after their dispute. Therefore Amir kidnapped Samson to demand money for his release but the news was speared in the area and he could not find the place to get hide Samson, there was no option with Amir except he killed him and if he released him he must informed his parents that Amir detained him.

Team Finding/ observation

- Samson was murdered by someone suspiciously but it is not clare yet who is the murderer.
- Team tried to meet with the local people and get their views about the incident, mostly said that Amer is the murderer except one shopkeeper who said that Amir is innocent.
- There were few people who were not interested even to talk on this issue.
- The team realized it a suspicious matter therefore the people of the locality do not want to share about it.

Legal assistance by CLAAS:

Exhumation of the dead body of Samson was completed on July 01, 2013. On August 27, 2013 CLAAS filed a petition under section 22-A & 22-B for the registration of FIR through a local lawyer Mr. Riaz Ahmed Ghumman Advocate High Court in the court of Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Butt Additional Sessions Judge Daska which was disposed off on August 31, 2013 with the direction to the concerned SHO to register a case FIR.

On September 07, 2013 case FIR No. 320/13, offence under section 302 PPC was registered against Amir Ashraf in the police station Saddar Diska Case is pending for

further proceeding because the report of exhumation (ascertaining cause of death) is pending in Forensic Science Laboratory.



16- A young Christian girl Humara raped by Muslims

On Friday July 19, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director) came to know that a Christian minor girl was raped by two Muslim boys in Chak 377 doctor wala Vehari Multan. On July 20, 2013 due to the sensitivity of the case a fact finding team comprised on Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Manager),

Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer), Mr. Asif Raza (Assistant Field Officer) and Ms. Sehrish Rasheed (Assistant Finance Manger) went doctor wala Vehari to find out the real fact the case and also helped the depressed family.

Back Ground:

Rasheed Masih aged 40 Christian by faith lived in Chak 377 doctor wala Vehari Multan along with his wife and four children namely Humera aged 14 student of Grade 7th (Victim), Samara aged 13 student of grade 7th, Zeshan aged 11 student of grade 3rd and Zaman aged 09 students 2nd. They are poor Christian family. According to details he and his wife both are laborers. Their children and also Humera worked with them in the fields.

The Incident:

On July 13, 2013 the day of incident Humera was alone in her home; her father and mother and her siblings were on their work in filed. The cable operates accused Zubair s/o Abdul Sittar and another boy named Bao came her home at 6:00 pm and deceitfully informed her about the accident of her father and told Humera that her father is calling someone from his home. Humera become anxious to hear this and went along with them on motorbike to see her father in hospital. They took her to Bashir Memorial hospital too much far away from village which was closed from last 10 years. Murtaza another accused was already there who lived near in this hospital.

Humera saw that they stopped bike in Bashir Memorial Hospital she started to shrieking but Zubair forcibly took her in a room of the hospital and locked her in a room by showing gun and terrified her don't make noise otherwise we will kill you and your family, after two hour they again came in room at 8:00 pm and let her with them on the hospital roof there was a foam on the roof. According to Humera only one accused Murtaza sexually harassed her later forcibly raped her on gun point at roof and other two boys supervise them. Later they left her in the room and these boys go away; after 10 minutes she hear some voices from outside the hospital then she came out of the room and jumped from the wall of the hospital and came outside the hospital without *trouser*. There were some Christian's men from her village were stood outside the hospital to search her. When she saw them she started crying; one of them gave her a scarf to cover herself. Her father

reached the spot and she told the entire incident to her father. Her father took her to their relative's house in Vehari.

Humara's Mother Statement:

According to Humera's mother Zubair (cable operator) was not a good boy everyone in the street didn't liked him



when he came in the street. Zubair started his cable just before 3 month ago in the area. Humera's mother also shared with team that now Zubair and Bao families are threatening them for life and enforced them for the withdrawal of case FIR as well as rape allegation and also warned for dire consequences.

Humera's father Statement:



Humera's father told that when he and his wife came back from their work they didn't find Humera in the home so they started searching Humera here and there and the news was spread in the whole village that Humera was missing; then some Muslims men told them that they saw her daughter with Zubair and they were on the way of Bashir Memorial hospital. Humera's father told that when he reached in the hospital he saw his daughter without trouser he arranged some clothes from near the house of Muslims and he took his daughter

and went Vehari to their relative house due to threats of opponents. After two days he went to police station and lodged FIR 529/13 offence under section 365-B, 376 (ii) against two accused Zubair and Murtaza in Gogu Mandi police station but the other accused Bao is not nominated and now he is giving threats to them to take back the case otherwise we will killed you and your family.

Statement of Paster Qamer Iqbal:

Paster Qamer shared with team that Humera's family is a noble Christian family in the village. He told to team that all Christian families are with Humera's family. He shared with team that before three months ago Christian men operating the cable in this area but in the season of harvest he stopped his work of cable then Zubair was came in the village as cable operate.

Statement of Pastor Samuel Sadiqi:



He was the first who informed the CLAAS about the incident. He told that Christian is living for fore-father. He also told that 500 Christian families lived in this village. 4 Christian churches are here two Catholic and one APR and other one is Pentecost church. He also shared with team that Christians resident in the middle of the chak 377 doctor

wala and on the surrounded Muslim lived but very peacefully. This was the first incident which was happened in the village.

Statement of Muhammad Ghullam Mustafa father of accused person Murtaza:



Firstly he was not agreed to discuss the case but later he told to team that his son Murtaza is innocent. He also told that bao has criminal background and many times he prohibited his son to stop friendship with him but he never listen him. He shared with team that Bashir Memorial hospital was closed

for last ten years. And his brother Bashir Ahmed Ex-MPA (Member of Provincial Assembly) PPP (People's Party Pakistan) made this hospital but after his death the hospital was closed. He also told to team that Humera has relation with Zubair and on the day of incident she came with him with her own free will. Now they involved Murtaza in this case falsely. During conversation he told to team that on the day of incident when he came from work he saw that his son and Bao were sat on the hospital main gate. He rebuked his son to stop friendship with Bao and come home with him but Murtaza told his father that he will come later. Then after two days on July 15, 2013 he came to know that Murtaza raped a Christian girl.



Statement of Abdul-Sittar Gujjar (SHO):

Team went Gogu Mandi police station to find out the status of the case. Team met with Abdul-Sittar Gujjar SHO (Station House officer). He informed to team that after two days of the incident on July 15, 2013 Humera's father Rasheed Masih came and informed to police about this incident then police lodged FIR (First Information Report) against two accused Murtaza and Zubair. And on the same day the alleged accused Zubair was arrested but Murtaza got pre-arrest bail in the session's court. Police took physical remand of Zubair on July 17, 2013 for two days and later on July 20, 2013 he sent to District Jail Vehari. SHO assured the team that justice would be done in this case.

Meeting with Sadiq Ali DPO (Deputy Police officer)



Accused Zubair in Police Custody

Team went DPO office along with Humera's father and other villagers to meet with Sadiq Ali (DPO). He told to team that he look after this case investigation carefully. He shared with team that we take DNA for two accused and also girl Humera from Francis Science Laboratory. After the DNA report it showed that Humera was raped. DPO told to team that they took her clothes for medical examiner and now they are waiting for the medical report. Humera's father told to DPO that Dr. Arhsad Muslim by faith friend of Bao and Murtaza are

threatening him to take back the case otherwise they will burn all Christian houses like Shanti Nagar and Gojra. DPO give order to lodge FIR offence 506 against him and also give order to arrest him within two hours. He assured to team that he will keep the peace in this area.

Team Assistance:

CLAAS team assured this poor family that they will be there when ever they need to help them in this difficult time for financial and legal assistance. Looking at the condition of this family team helped them financially Rs.2000/- rupees. CLAAS team also offered Humera's family for protection. We are grateful to CLAAS who come to us to share our worries/problems and encourage us to be with us at every moment when we need said RasheedHumera's Father. He also said that we were hopeless and helpless just believe in God for his help therefore God has chosen CLAAS for our help thanks God he said.

Team Finding/Observations:

- Team finds that Humera was raped inhumanly.
- The accused persons gave life threats and warned for dire consequences to the victim Humera and family.
- Even though in such remote areas rape is still silent issue and the rape victims treated inhumanly.
- Team finds that Police is very cooperative and active in this case.

17- CLAAS Report on a false blasphemy case against a young Muslim Girl

The Information

Mr. M.A. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director CLAAS) was informed about the registration of a blasphemy case against young Muslim girl Waliha. According to details, the blasphemy allegations were leveled against her for disgracing and tearing the Pages of Holy Quran by her roommate, watchman and shop keeper of Punjab house society Lahore.

On July 23, 2013 during her court hearing CLAAS team consisted on Advocate Nasir Anjum Suba (Legal Advisor), Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer), Mr. Asher

Sarfraz (Field officer), and Mr. Ayaz Gill (Court Clerk) attended her court hearing but due to strike the case was adjourn on August 22, 2013. Team finds the religious extremists were also appeared before the court. She came with lady constable and police security. Team wants to meet her but due security reasons police never allowed them to meet with her in court. So team went lock-up (temporary place for the under trail accused in court premises) and met with her. She told to team that she is alone fighting her case in Pakistan. She shared her fully story to team.

Back Ground of the Accused:

Waliha Irfat alias Easha Muslim by faith aged 21 years is a single child. She lived alone in Pakistan her mother was died two years ago. His father is running his own *electronics* business in United Arab Emirates. All his step brothers and sisters are living aboard. She belongs to well established family. Before 15 days of this incident she came Pakistan from United Kingdom for taking admission in A levels. She started to live in a rented flat with Nosheen alias Saima w/o Amir Arhsad in Punjab housing society Lahore.

The incident:

On March 02, 2013 she sold her car in 11, 0000 Lakh PKR rupees. Her roommate knows that she sold her car and she has the money. She made a plan with security guard Abdul Monam and Muhammad Boota tuck shop keeper of Punjab Housing Society. Abdul Monam was also involved on many other robbery cases and many complaints have been registered against him in Housing Security office.

On March 03, 2013 at 5:00 am in the morning he came in her room with Nosheen and Boota and asked about money. She refused to give the money. She asked Nosheen who they came in their flat. Nosheen slapped on her face and also asked money then she came to know that she is also involved with them. She again refused to give the money. They started to beat her and asked about money. But she refused her to give the money. Nosheen took Holy Quran on her site table and started tearing the pages of Holy Quran and spread these pages in Waliha's room and then they started shouting that she disgraced the Holy Quran. People of the locality gathered and saw the situation; someone call to police and informed the situation. Police came on the spot and arrested her.

This new was spread in the whole society and people gathered in the police station and pressured the police to take action against her because she disgraced the Holy Quran. Due to the pressure of mollans and people police lodged an FIR (First Information Report) 340/12 offence under section 295-B PPC in factory area police station and sent her to women jail Kot Lakhpat by the complain of Abdul Monam.

Current Situation:

Now at present case is under court trail in the court of Muhammad Arshad Ali Additional Session Judge Lahore. Her post –arrest bail from session's court was rejected on July 10, 2012 and again on July 31, 2013 her post arrest bail was also rejected from High Court. Now at present she has engaged two legal counsels from Supreme Court of Pakistan Dr. Khalid Ranja and Dr. Abdul Basit for her case. And now they filed her post-arrest bail in High Court Lahore.

She requested CLAAS to join and follow-up the court proceedings in the false blasphemy case registered against her and also requested for legal assistance.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

1- Criminal Trial titled as “State Vs Walaiha Irafat”

On September 03, 2013 CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court submitted his power of attorney in the court for trial proceedings in Kot Lakhpat Jail Lahore and case was fixed for September 17, 2013.

2- Post-arrest bail titled as “Walaiha Vs The State”

On September 18, 2013 post-arrest bail of Walaiha was moved by the CLAAS lawyer in the court of Mr. Arshad Ali Additional Session Judge, Lahore which was dismissed on September 27, 2013.

3- Writ for Medical Treatment titled as “Amanulah Vs State”

On October 12, 2013 an application was moved by the CLAAS lawyer on behalf of Muhammad Amanulah (Walaiha’s cousin) in the court for issuance of appropriate orders to Jail Superintendent of Kot Lakhpat Jail Lahore to allow the facility of medical treatment to Walaiha Irafat which was accepted on the same day and disposed off accordingly.

18- Report on Gojra Blasphemy Case

On July 24, 2013 CLAAS team came to know that a blasphemy case has been registered



against a Christian couple for sending blasphemous text messages in Gojra violent city where in 2009 due to false allegation of blasphemy eight Christians were burnt alive and about 150 Christian houses and churches were set on fire by the mob. Keeping in view the warmth of the blasphemy matter on July 25, 2013 CLAAS fact-finding team headed by Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) including Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer

CLAAS) and Mr. John Paul (Supporting Staff CLAAS) visited the place of occurrence and note the following:

CLAAS team met with Rt. Rev. John Samuel Church of Pakistan Bishop of Faisalabad Diocese in Bishop House Gojra. He told to team that both husband Shaukat and wife Shagufta are confine in district Jail Toba Tek Singh. Their four children are in the custody of their uncle (mamu). Shaukat Masih's father Emmanuel Masih has escaped and no one know about him where he is. During conversation team finds that in 2009 during Gojra incident team met with this family and financially helped them for three or four monthly. But later due to financial restriction CLAAS stopped financial help for this family.

Family back ground:

Bishop's wife told to team that Shagufta aged 40 works at Gojra's St John's Cathedral School as a maid and we were provide quarter (room) for this family at School. Shaukat aged 44 is physically handicapped and used wheel chair and unable to do any work. His father Emmanuel Masih aged 75 was worked at bishop house but one year before due to his age fact he stopped his work. The couple has four children between the ages of 5 and 11. She told to team that Shagufta's family is settled in aboard that's why he thought that after this act he will get chance to go aboard easily. She also shared with team that he has criminal background he was handicapped for nine years ago when he and his companions went to Sahiwal factory for robbery and he received two fires on his back bone.

The incident:

On July 20, 2013 at 3:00 pm police came in their quarter at Saint John School and arrested both husband and wife including their children and two neighbors Adnan and other unknown for allegation of sending blasphemous text messages on the complain of Muhammad Hussain s/o Nazir Ahmed who had received blasphemous text messages from a number registered in the name of Shagufta. During investigation they told that their cell phone was stolen but later Shaukat confessed him that he sends 29 text messages too many mollans including Muhammad Hussain s/o Nazir Ahmed by using 3/4 numbers. He also told to police that he used this way because he is ill and wants to go aboard for medical treatment. Shagufta also admitted that his husband used her sim to send the text messages. On the same day after investigation police left Adnan and other unknown person and his children. But they were sent to district jail Tobe Tak Singh.

Visit to Gojra City Police Station:

Team went to Gojra Police Station to meet with IO (investigation officer) of the case. Team met with Muhammad Arshad sub Inspector who told to team that SHO (Station House Officer) is not present. This case investigation is going on SP level and Nasir Khan Sayal SP (Superintended Police) Madina Town Faisalabad are investigate this case. Team wants to take FIR of this case but he told to team that the Faisalabad regional police officer (RPO) had ordered them to seal it because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Toba-Tek Singh Jail Visit:

Team went district jail Toba-Tek Singh to meet with them. Team met with Mr. Amir Umer Qureshi Jail Superintended and Saif Ullah Gondal Deputy Jail Superintended. They told to team that DPO (Deputy Police officer) and RPO (Regional Police officer) have strong ordered that no one has allowed to met with them only their children and lawyers who deal this case have permission to met with them due to warmth of the case. They saw the FIR (First Information report) to team due to their request. A case FIR 407/13 offence under section 295 B/C 25/D telegraph act has been lodged against unknown person by the complain of Muhammad Hussain s/o Nazir Ahmed.

Their children are also present in the jail to meet with their parents. Team wants to meet with them but their uncle and lawyers never allowed them to met with team.

Team Finds:

- 1- Team finds that he used blasphemy law for his personal affair because he wants to go aboard.
- 2- Team finds that he accepts his crime because he is guilty after this act.
- 3- Team finds that he never knows the sensitivity of the case.
- 4- Their children are surviving without their parents.

19- CLAAS fact finding report of Shad Bagh Amir Road Lahore where Christian attacked by Muslims

The information about attack

On July 28, 2013 at 4:00 pm Mr. Martian Javed Michael local resident, (Social Activist) was informed to Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) about overwrought situation of Christians and Muslims in Shad Bagh Amir Road Lahore near Joseph Colony Badami Bagh. It was also informed that after a minor dispute between a



local Christian Rafique Masih alias Babu Younis and cable operator workers the infuriated mob of Muslims attacked on the houses of the local Christians. Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Manager CLAAS), Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer CLAAS) and Mr. Saleem Gabriel, Mr. Samuel Paraya (Social Activists) immediately reached at the spot and visited the affected area.

The incident:

CLAAS team met with local Christians to inquire the matter. They informed to team that Faisal Butt cable operator has criminal background and Chaudhry Shahbaz MPA (Member Provincial Assembly) Muslim League Nawaz has supported him. He takes extra fee charges of cable connection from Christians and never provides good services of cable. Whenever Christian's refused to gave extra fee charges he and his companion started to beat up this family.



On Sunday July 28, 2013 his workers Asad, Sani Shah and Mohram came in this area at 2:00 pm with ladder. And they put booster (jumper cable connection) in house railing of Rafique Masih alias Babu Younis without his permission. Rafique came out of the house and told to Asad that not put booster in his house railing. Asad and others started to beat him that why he forbid them. Some Christian of the locality gathered and saved him and the matter was resolved. They went and after one hour Faisal Butt came along with 40-45 persons armed with sticks, iron rods and deadly weapons marching towards Christian houses of this street. They began to open fires on the house of Rafique Masih resultantly Riaz Masih s/o Rafique Masih received one fire on his right leg. Vajey Masih s/o Nazir Masih also got injured on the butt of pistol on his forehead. They also attacked on St. Marry Catholic church with stones and bricks. They were calling the names of Christians loudly and using a slang language for them. They fired on Christian houses for one hour and later when police came they went after giving threats to Christians that they will burn their houses like Joseph Colony.

Christian Reaction:



Christians have not weapons but they started throwing stones and bricks from their house roofs and streets for their defense. The Christians surrounded their locality and control the mob in the main street. They safeguard their lives and properties without weapons.

CLAAS team met with connected people in particular visit the damage church and houses.

Statement of Rafique Masih:

Team met with Rafique Masih who told that Faisal Butt is criminal and he takes extra charges of cable connection only for Christian. All Christians are afraid and never takes their voice against him. I just refused his workers for putting booster in my house and they feel insult that Christian refused us. In this result they started to beat me but local Christians involved in this matter and the matter was disposed off. And he put booster but later one hour Faisal Butt and his companion around 40-45 came with deadly weapons and they started open firing on Christian houses in his street and St. Mary Catholic Church. They only want to harass the Christian in this area.

Statement of Martian Javed Michael:

Martian Javed told that 500 Christian families are living in this area. He was in his home when he received call from his niece Rebecca that Muslims attacked on Christians in her street. He reached the spot and saw that Muslims were started to firing in the air to harass the Christians. He informed CLAAS staff and other social activists and also called the police and informed the whole situation. Christians control the mob on the main street and Police reached after one hour and only arrested Faisal Butt and after that left him.

SP (Superintended Police) city Division Mr. *Jahanzeb*, DSP (Deputy Superintended of Police) *Shajar Abbas* from Misari Shah Circle visited the place and shows their sympathies with Christian community. Later Christian MPA (Member of Provincial Assembly) Shahzad Munshi ruling party Muslim League Nawaz of this area visited the place.

Visit to Police Station: Meeting with local Christians:

Local Christians of this area were very terrified and frightened for this attack. Team gives courage and told that CLAAS will always with Christian community in Shad Bagh whenever they need. Team agreed the Christian community to lodge FIR against them.

Team went Shad Bagh Police Station along with Rafique Masih and local Christians of this area. Firstly SHO Rana Arham was not agreed to lodge FIR but later due to pressure of Christians he lodged FIR 474/13 offence under section 324 PPC against Faisal Butt and his companions and 20-25 unknown persons in Shad Bagh Police Station. Team also met with DSP (Deputy Superintended of Police) *Shajar Abbas* from Misari Shah Circle who give surety that justice will provide to Christian. And within one hour Faisal Butt will be on the custody of police. At present Faisal Butt is on police custody and police also raiding to arrest the absconding attackers.

CLAAS provides legal assistance:

On July 29, 2013 next day Rafique Masih came at CLAAS office along with Martian Javed Michael and some other local Christian of Shad Bagh. They asked for legal help

and assistance in this case. They told to CLAAS staff that only wanted to CLAAS to deal their case. So CLAAS has taken the responsibility of this case and going to visit SP city Division of this case. CLAAS also medical of two injured Riaz Masih and Vajey Masih in Government Nawaz Sharif hospital and these medical reports will got tomorrow.

The Christians in the area are alert and continually in contact of CLAAS. Security is still available in the area in civil dresses.

Up-dates of the case:

A case FIR No. 474/2013 was registered against eight culprits. CLAAS contested pre-arrests bail petitions moved by the accused. While the pre-arrest bail petitions were under proceedings in the court a compromise between Christians and Muslims took place on September 12, 2013. Case was disposed off.

20-Fact Finding Report on brutal murder of Ishaq Masih



On July 28, 2013 Ishaq Masih, was brutally murdered by the Muslim landlord while working in his fields. A local approached CLAAS on August 18, 2013 and asked for the legal assistance in this murder case. Following the information on August 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., CLAAS' fact finding team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer), Ms. Rubina Ghazal (In-charge Legal Department), Ms. Uzma (Assistant Finance Manager), Mr. Asif Raza (Assistant Field Officer) and Mr. John Paul (Driver) reached at the occurrence place Chak 8-4/L Okara, to collect the real facts behind the occurrence.

Meeting with the family: Team reached the house of Ishaq Masih (late) at 1:30 P.M. and met with Ishaq's wife Parveen Bibi and his children, Sobia aged 21 (married), Nasreen aged 18, Shahbaz aged 17, Irshad aged 16, Shahzad aged



14, Riaz aged 13 and Saima aged 12. There was still sadness, pain and worries in the eyes of Ishaq's family. CLAAS team said the words of condolence to the family and asked them to be strong as they are Christians. Parveen Bibi shared with CLAAS that her husband Ishaq Masih was the only son of his parents and he got about 10 Acre land in heritage. About Six years ago Ishaq's father Iqbal Masih was suspiciously killed for which they did not register any case FIR in the police station. After the murder of his father, Ishaq Masih alone was the owner of this big piece of land. In January 2013 a local Christian Boota Masih purchased a small piece of land (1 Acre) from Ishaq Masih. The deal between Ishaq Masih and Boota Masih was final against the amount of 320,000PKR for 1 Acre land but Boota Masih paid only 100,000PKR as earnest money and promised to pay soon the balanced amount within a month. Boota Masih remained fail to pay the balance amount to Ishaq Masih and deceitfully sell the subject property to another local Muslim Muhammad Luqman s/o Muhammad Fazal.

Ishaq Masih filed a writ petition under section 22-A and 22- B CRPC for the registration of case FIR against Boota Masih and Muhammad Luqman in the Session's Court Okara district of Sahiwal. The learned Additional Session Judge Muhammad Iqbal ASJ called upon the Station House Officer (SHO) of the concerned police station to investigate the matter but SHO did not appear before the court, while the matter was under proceedings Ishaq Masih is murdered said Perveen Bibi.

The incident

On July 28, 2013 Ishaq Masih was informed through a source that Mohammad Luqman's brothers Muhammad Sultan and Mohammad Ramzan were in the field for seeding the land for harvesting but basically they could do nothing in this disputed land.



Ishaq Masih along with his older son Irshad Masih went to the fields to stop Sultan and Ramzan for not seeding the land as it was still in the custody of Ishaq Masih. Muhammad Sultan made a phone call to his brother Muhammad Luqman alias Ranjha and informed him about the situation. Meanwhile Ranjha along with his armed companions reached the field and have dispute with Ishaq Masih. They all started to beat Ishaq Masih severely as

he was with empty hands in the fields along with his son. Ranjha pushed down Ishaq Masih on the floor, and opened fire with his gun 30 bore in the chest of Ishaq Masih, resultantly he died at the spot. After the murder of Ishaq Masih his son Irshad Masih was kidnapped by Ranjha. He took Irshad at his own place and kept him in illegal custody. Where he has been tortured and forced Irshad to commit the murder of his father. Later some locals informed the police at Police Station Cantt, Okara about the illegal detention of Irshad Masih. Police immediately reached at Ranjha's place and recovered Irshad Masih.

Visit to occurrence place:



Team visited the place of occurrence (in the fields far away from the village) and noticed that there was a grave, when the team inquired, a local informed that the police was not ready to get registered murder case FIR against the culprits Mohammad Luqman alias Ranjha therefore Christians in protest decided to buried Ishaq Masih at the same place where he was murdered and also demanded the immediate arrest of culprits. Subsequently on the agitation of the local people police registered the case FIR and also arrested Mohammad Sultan and Mohammad Ramzan while the main Mohammad Luqman alias Ranjha was escaped. Team found the bullet shell which was still at the accordance place and police ignored to take it in the custody.

Visit to Police Station Cannat, Okara

The team also went to the police station and met with concerned Investigation Officer (IO) namely Muhammad Ashraf Baig and concerned Station House Officer (SHO) Hajji Rustam Ali and asked about the police investigation in Ishaq Murder case.

IO informed CLAAS team that the same day a case FIR No. 168/ 13, Offence under section 302/365, 447/511,148/149 PPC was registered in the police station Cantt, Okara. He said that Shahbaz Masih s/o Ishaq Masih is the complainant of the FIR and he has nominated 10 accused for the murder of his father. Investigation Officer also informed that two accused Muhammad Razman and Muhammad Sultan were arrested the same day and they are locked in the police station lockup while the main accused Muhammad

Luqman was escaped and others are on the pre-arrest bails. He also said that police investigation is uncompleted yet and weapon recovery was also pending.

Team asked Investigation Officer if he can allow them to visit accused Muhammad Ramzan and Muhammad Sultan in the police lockup to ask them some questions. Ramzan and Sultan said that they are brothers of Luqman alias Ranjha but they are innocent in this case. They said that on the day of incident, they were present in the fields for seeding the land which they purchased from Boota Masih, but Ishaq Masih claimed that it is his land and therefore they could not use it for cultivation.

When they were ready for seeding in the field Ishaq Masih tried to stop them. Muhammad Sultan said that he called his older brother Luqman alias Ranjha who was owner of this land and informed him about the issue. He also said that his brother Muhammad Luqman ordered them to kill Ishaq Masih but they did not kill him but Ishaq Masih killed him himself as he had his pistol along with him and his son Irshad Masih was also present at the spot.

After the incident they rushed to their homes and later police get arrested them and confined them in the police lockup.

Team Findings:

- There was a land dispute between Boota Masih and Ishaq Masih, but Boota Masih deceitfully sale out 1 Acer land of Ishaq Masih to Muslims against the less money.
- Muslims wanted to do harvesting in the said disputed land and murdered Ishaq Masih when he tried to stop them for doing so.
- Government Properties belongs to the government ownership but the illegal possessors make the contracts of sale and purchase just on the stamp papers, as the seller and the purchasers are not the original owner due to which the dispute arises and innocent people like Ishaq Masih are murdered.

21- CLAAS Fact Finding Report of sodomy with a Christian boy

On September 10, 2013 Mr. Saleem Gabriel human rights activist informed to Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS about an incident of sodomy was happened with a Christian boy namely Eric s/o Agnacious Masih. On the same day in the evening at about 4:00 p.m. CLAAS team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer and Mr. Zeshan Zafar from Legal Department reached at the place of occurrence.

The Incident

Agnacious Masih resident of street # 34 house # 3 Empress Park Dhobi Ghat Lahore, he is a watch man by profession. He told that on the day of incident September 09, 2013 in the night his son Eric Masih went to a shop to buy provisions. When after a long time he did not return at home Agnacious along with his son Anthony went out of the house and started to search him. They search him in the entire area and asked from people of the locality about Eric but no one knew where he went. After one hour Eric came at his home and on his brother asking he told that some Muslims boys committed sodomy with him.

Statement of Anthony:

Anthony elder brother of Eric shared with CLAAS that they has four sibling three brother including Anthony aged 21, Eric aged 14, Zeshan aged 11 and one sister was married. His father is a watch man by profession and working in a club at Abet Road while mother has been expired seven or eight years ago. Anthony is working in a private Clinic while Eric is

studying in 7th grade and Zeshan is a student of 5th grade in “The Medical School” at Bahar Colony Dilkusha Garden Lahore. At Bahar Colony they were living in the house of paternal Aunt since four months. Before this they were studying in their area school.

On September 07, 2013 both Eric and Zeshan came at home to spend weekend and on the day of incident September 09, 2013 at night Eric went to the area shop to buying some things. When after one hour he did not come at home, Anthony along with his cousin and with his father started to search him but did not found. After some time Eric came at home and he was frightened and there were blood stains on his cloths. Eric started to cry loudly, Anthony again and again asked him what was happened. Then he told him that some Muslims boys of the locality committed sodomy with him and they also threatened him if he told about them to anyone they will kill him and his family.

Statement of Eric:

Eric told to CLAAS that he knew about the accused persons they all are Muslim and are living in the same locality. They are friends and often they tried forcibly stopped him when he was going to school or to shop and also forced him to go with them. Later they got chance to forcibly took him at unknown place and committed sodomy. After committing sodomy they threatened him for dire consequences. Therefore he scared about his family and did not share about them to anyone. Later they committed sodomy with him 10 to 15 times whenever they got chance and separately each one of them used to commit sodomy with him.

On September 09, 2013 when he went out of the house to buy some things from the area shop, Mehroz and Haider were standing on the way and took him forcibly on their motor bike and went to Mehroz’s house where KamranTariq, Gudda and Wahab was also present. They all were together in group and committed sodomy with him in turns. First Mehroz and Haider Iqbal committed sodomy with him and after that somehow he escaped away from their custody. They were following him and also threating they will kill him and his family. .

Registration of FIR

On the same day at night 1:00 a.m Agnacious went to the area police station Quila Gujar Sing, Lahore along with Eric and submit his application. Next day on September 10, 2013 police took Eric at Mao Hospital for his medico legal examination and after receiving medico legal examination report police registered a case FIR No. 754/ 13, offence under section 377 PPC against the accused persons namely Mahroz s/o Muhammad Hussain, Haider s/o Iqbal, Kamran s/o Tariq and Al- Maruf alias Gudda.

Team visited concerned police station:

Team met with the concerned SHO (Station House Officer) police station Quila GujjarSingh, Lahore and requested him to investigate the matter properly and also arrest the accused persons. SHO told to team that after the registration of case FIR, the culprits absconded and police raided in their houses. Later police arrested the brothers of Haider and Kamran and confined them in the police station.

Approaching of CLAAS

On September 11, 2013 Eric along with his father and his elder brother Anthony came at CLAAS office for legal help and assistance regarding the said case. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court for court proceedings.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On September 11, 2013 accused namely Mehroz s/o Munawar Hussain , Haider Iqbal s/o Muhammad Iqbal, Kamran Tariq s/o Tariq Khan and Muhammad Abdullah s/o Muhammad Ishtiq moved their pre-arrest bail petitions in the court of Session Judge Lahore and they got pre-arrest bail and case was fixed September 21, 2013 for further proceedings.

On September 21, 2013 Power of Attorney submitted in the court for contesting pre-arrest bail on behalf of Agnacious Masih .On the same day a compromise took place between the parties and due to compromise pre-arrest bails granted further Agnacious withdraw his complain.

22- Muslim youngsters attacked Christian youth in Sheikhpura

On September 11, 2013 CLAAS team was informed through a telephone call by Waseem Masih about an attack of Muslim youngsters on Christian youth Mohallah Farooq Nagar Sheikhpura and required immediate legal help in this regard.



Following the information (same day) CLAAS team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Mr. Zeshan Zafar from Legal Department and Mr. John Paul Driver along with Mr. Javad Marten and Mr. Saleem Gabrel (human rights activists) immediately reached at the place at 1:00 p.m to find out the real facts behind the incident. The team met with Waseem Masih s/o Saleem Masih aged 27 resident of Mohallah Farooq Nagar St. 9 adjacent to Gloria colony Sheikhpura. Waseem led the team to his home to meet with his brothers Nadeem Masih, Aneel Masih, other family members and his friend Jamil Masih s/o Ashraf Masih (the victims).

Area Background:



Mohallah Farooq Nagar is a small part of Gloria Colony Sheikhpura (Christian Colony), populated with Christians since decades. Mohallah Fraooq Nagar was established by Christians around in 2000 where a few Muslim families residing among Christians. Christians are well educated and have good earning through good jobs. Most of them have their own small business that is the reason the Muslims are jealous of them and always tried to create problems for Christians in their work.

The incident:

Nadeem Masih aged 24 (a younger brother of Mr. Waseem Masih) informed the team, that on September 09, 2013 at 5:30 pm he returned home along with some supplies for family. As he entered in to his house he attacked by Farooq Baloch, Naeem Baloch, Umer Baloch, Sadaqat Baloch, and Umair Baloch. They were armed with deadly weapons and started beating him severely. One of them hit on Nadeem's head with an axe, it started bleeding. Due to the severe injury he fell down on the floor, when Nadeem's mother saw him bleeding in the head she rushed towards him. She was crying and tried to save his son but the attackers started misbehaving to her and did not allow her to see her son. One of them severely bites in to her body with teeth which was too much painful for her. Because of her mother and other family's cries people from the neighbors gathered there but when they saw that the attackers were armed with weapons they could not interfere.

Later the attackers started shouting and reminded Nadeem and his family that they burnt down their ware-house and catering material in 2011, just to give them a lesson but still



you could not understand. If you want to save your lives and family you must have to close your business and stop showing well-being because you are Christian and the Christians are only cleaners and poor. The neighbors were helpless to save Nadeem as it was bleeding in his head injury and they wanted to take him to hospital immediately. Meanwhile someone from the neighbors made a phone call to mobile police and informed about the incident. Police reached at the spot on time and when the attackers heard the siren of police van they

immediately escaped while opening fires in the air. Then they were able to take Nadeem to the hospital for medical treatment.

The very next day on September 10, 2013 Nadeem and Waseem went to B-Division police station for the registration of case FIR against the attackers which was registered on the case FIR number 628/13 offense under section 148/149 PPC and 377/452 A2, F1, L2 against Farooq Baloch, Naeem Baloch, Umer Baloch, Sadaqat Baloch, and Umair Baloch the residents of the same locality Mohalla Farooq Nagar Sheikhpura. After registration of the case FIR police did not cooperated with the victims and did not take any legal action for the arrest of culprits. Therefore on September 11, 2013 the nominated Baloch again attacked Jamil Masih s/o Ashraf Masih, a friend of Nadeem Masih and also work with Waseem in his catering business.

At 9:30 am Jamil Masih was on the way to his home when he was attacked by Balochs on the main road. They severely beat him, tortured mentally and threatened for life. They torn his clothes and warned him to take the legal case back. After severe beating they left him on the road with injuries, and some unknown travelers helped him to come back to home. Jamil informed Waseem about the attack of Farooq Baloch, Naeem Baloch, Omer Baloch, Sadaqat Baloch, and Umair Baloch and also that they threatened him to stop business as they are Christians and they cannot be well established. Waseem and Jamil again went to the police station to report the matter to the police and gave an application to take legal action against Balochs.

Statement of Waseem Masih:

Waseem Masih informed the team that he has his own business as he provides catering services and his company name is “five stars catering” in the main city of Sheikhpura near the cricket stadium. He said that he has invested about Rs.5 00, 000 for this business. Soon after he started this business he got fame due to his honesty and good supplies and he is earning good.



There is a group of Baloch Muslims in the same locality Mohallah Farooq Nagar Sheikhpura who are jealousy of Waseem as he is a Christian and doing a good business in the market. Since he started business he along with his family facing hurdles and problems created by these Muslims. Waseem further said that, he took a house on rent in street number 8 near his residence as he wanted to use this house as were-house to put his catering material. There were two

men namely Saleem Masih s/o Saraj Masih and Aneel Masih s/o Saleem Masih (Waseem's younger brother) as watchman to look after the were-house. He further said that on August 13, 2011 someone burnt the were-house in the midnight at about 2 am. The neighbors started shouting and informed Waseem about the fire in their were-house. He rushed towards the house where he found Saleem and Aneel safe. They informed Waseem that they saw few men running but they could not recognize them.

On August 14, 2011 at about 3:50 pm Waseem along with Saleem and Aneel went to the police station B-Division Sheikhpura to report the matter and te get registered a case FIR 826/11 offense under section 436 PPC against unknown. In the FIR text he mentioned that the accused used Bottle bomb to give fire to the house. As they found a bottle of Kerosene oil wrapped with a piece of cloth, which was thrown inside the house to give fire to burn the wear-house. Everything in the house turned in to ashes apart from steel crockery and he has the loss of about Rs. 28, 00,000.Waseem requested the team for legal assistance as they are facing problems on daily bases and life threats by the Baloch Muslims. He said that police is not taking any action against the culprits as it is clear now that they were the people who burnt his were-house and attacked on Nadeem and Jamil physically but the attitude of police is polite to them and police is not interested in their arrest. He also showed his concern that Balochs attached Jamil after the registration of case FIR and pressurized him by severe torture to take the complaint back or withdraw. He said that it is comprehension that if the police will further delay in arresting the culprits they can harm them again and may be they will face a great loss of lives beside the material things.

Police station visit:

CLAAS team along with Waseem, Nadeem, Saleem and Jamil went to the District Police Officer's (DPO) office to meet him regarding the said case but DPO was not in the office then the team went to the concerned police station B-Division Sheikhpura to meet the Investigation Officer (I O) of the registered case Team met with Mr. Faisal Abbas Station House Officer (SHO) and inquired about the police investigation in the case of Nadeem and Jamil. Mr. Faisal Abbas informed the team that the I O was not present but he assured that he has ordered for the arrest to culprits as soon as possible. The SHO also said that he will personally see the matter and the justice would be provided to the victims.

23-CLAAS Monitoring Report of Kot Radha Kishan blasphemy case

Muslim Extremist tried to implicate a Christian Laborer in a Fake Blasphemy case in Kot Radha Kishan

Introduction:

On September 13, 2013 Waseem Raza approached CLAAS office and met with Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS and informed him about the fake blasphemy allegation against him was pending in the police station kot Rada Kishan District Kasur.

Waseem Raza s/o Saleem Shad aged 23, is a Christian by faith and resident of Dewan-E-Shah Street, Kot Radha Kishan District Kasur. In 2012 almost one year ago Waseem started working as laborer in U.S Apparel garments factory located at Bhuptian Chok Raiwind Road Lahore. Waseem was appointed in Brooch department for night shift and after four months of his appointment Ali Hassan who is a Muslim was also working in the same factory was shifted in his department. Both became good friends and since last two months Ali Hassan started to talk with him on religious matter and time to time he asked him question about the Holy Bible and Christianity.

Background of the incident:

Waseem was doing regular night shifts and in the morning he was getting Bible lessons from Pastor Babu Sitar. On August 23, 2013 during night shift, Ali Hassan again started interrogation with Waseem about Christianity and about the the Holy Bible. Waseem refused him by saying that he did not interested to argue with him on religious matter but Ali insisted him to discuss with him on this issue and during the conversation Ali forced him to embrace Islam. Later Waseem came to know the questions were given to Ali by his Qari (Islamic religious teacher) further Ali passed derogatory remarks against the Holy Bible and against the Christianity.

After doing his night duty Waseem came at home in the morning at 6:00 a.m. On the same day August 24, 2013 in the afternoon Ali sent a message on his mobile phone that he wants to meet with him at Railway Station Kot Radha Kashin. Waseem refused him by saying that he was busy at home. Ali started to call him by phonicallly again and again and forced him to meet with him because he wants to apologies of his attitude of the previous night.

Waseem's Bible teacher Pastor Babu Sitar was present there and was ready to go another place, Waseem requested him to drop him at Kot Radha Kishan station. Later they reached at station on Pastor's Bike, where Ali was already present. When Ali saw them, he started to insist Waseem to beat him because he was feeling guilty for his behavior. But Waseem declared him that he was not angry with him. When they want to go back from station suddenly Ali asked about Pastor, Waseem introduced him as his Bible teacher. Subsequently Ali started interrogation with Pastor and after long arguments they left the place and went to their houses. After that since August 31, 2013 Waseem regularly met with Ali during duty hours but Ali did not show his resentment.

The incident:

Waseem Hindustani is a Muslim by faith was running his own shop in the same locality where Waseem Raza was living. He came at Wasseem Raza's house on September 01, 2013 in the morning and told him that Ali wants to involve him in a fake blasphemy case further informed Ali made a plane to call Waseem Raza in Mosque in the presence of Muslims Scholar.

On the same day Waseem Raza along with Waseem Hindustani went to Ali's home and asked him why he blamed that Waseem Raza passed derogatory remarks against the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Earliest, Ali refused by saying that he did not involve him in any case, soon after he confessed that he belongs to a religious family and being a strong Muslim he did not bear any remarks against the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

On the same day in the evening Ali's father who was belonged to fanatic Muslims called Waseem Raza at his home and inquired him why he was passing derogatory remarks against the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Waseem Raza declared him that he did not pass any derogatory remarks, his son Ali blamed on him. Ali's father enforced him to come again in the evening along with Pastor Babu Sitar. While Waseem was present at Ali's house, he realized that they made a plan to beat him therefore he become conscious.

After living the Ali house, Waseem immediately rushed towards the Pastor's house and informed him about the whole incident. Pastor realized the matter was spread among the Muslims and they want to kill them. Therefore they decided to leave the place and hide somewhere else. Without informing his family Waseem Raza decided to leave his home. On the same day September 01, 2013 in the mid night at about 1:00 a.m. Waseem's grand-father telephonically informed him that Ali submitted an application against him and Pastor Babu in the Police Station Kot Radha Kishan to register a blasphemy case further informed him, Muslim fanatics were present in-front of his house and were inquired about him. Therefore he did not come at home and run away somewhere else.

While Waseem Raza and Pastor was present at the area bus stop at night 1:00 a.m. Ali called him phonicallly and started threaten him by saying that they were waiting for him and

if he did not come in his house along with Pastor they will kill them. Waseem assured him they will come in the morning and Ali forced him to come in the morning at about 0:00 a.m. and also warned him for dire consequences.

On the same time Waseem and Pastor escaped from there and Waseem reached Lahore at his uncle's house while Pastor and his family also hide somewhere else.

Next day on September 02, 2013 in the Mosque Muslims arranged a Panchayat (Local committee of villagers) and decided that Waseem and Pastor come back in the village and ask for forgiveness from Muslims.

Muslims extremists group claimed to register a blasphemy case:

Ali along with Muslim extremists groups such as Lashkar-E-Taiba and Dawat-E-Islami pressurized to Mr. Haji Muhammad Akram SHO (Station House Officer) concerned police station Kot Radha Kishan to register a blasphemy case against Waseem and Pastor. But the concerned SHO did not register any case although he investigates the matter properly.

CLAAS Assistance:

Mr. Joseph Francis called phonically to Mr. Haji Muhammad Akram SHO (Station House Officer) concerned police station Kot Radha Kishan and inquired him about the matter. SHO informed the fanatic groups of Muslims extremities pressurized him to register a blasphemy case against Waseem and Pastor. They also are searching them. Therefore it is better for them to hide somewhere else otherwise the matter become worst. Mr. Joseph requested him to cooperate with them and investigate the matter properly and also assured that Waseem Raza and Pastor are innocent.

24-All Saints Church attacked in Peshawar

On September 22, 2013 at about 11:00 am there was a brutal attack of militant terrorists on All Saints Anglican Church, Church of Pakistan in Peshawar. Over 400 people were in the church for Sunday service when there were two suicide bombers entered in to the church, and blasted.

Source of information:

It was a breaking news on the electronic media and broadcasted by all TV news Channels and the news spread in all over Pakistan like fire, CLAAS was one of them who shocked too by the scale of this brutal attack.

At about 02:00 pm CLAAS team headed by Mr. Joseph Francis including Katherine Sapna, Rama Rasheed, Sohail Habel, Asher Sarfraz, Neelam Uzma, John Paul and Saleem Gabriel rushed to Peshawar and reached at Lady Raiding Hospital (LRH) at about 07:15 pm visited injured and their family members, while some of them were shifted at Khyber Teaching Hospital (KTH) Peshawar because of insufficient doctors, beds and medical facilities in the hospital which also become cause of death of many victims after reaching to the hospital. Many people died because the hospital could not provide them oxygen facilities. It was surprising that the biggest government hospitals do not have such facilities as Lady Reading hospital has long experience of the volatile situation of the area and deals with similar emergencies regularly.

Background:



All Saints Church is an Anglican Church of Church of Pakistan and this is an historical church in Peshawar. It has a big congregation and about 500-600 Christians come to the church for service every Sunday. The congregation in this church is strong in believe on Jesus Christ even the parents are interested to send their children for Sunday school regularly.

During visit to the injured CLAAS observed that mostly females got severe injuries including lower parts and lungs, fractures of legs and arms while children got head and chest injuries and men got fractures of legs, arms, lower limbs and upper limbs were severely affected and injured. They all were in the general wards of the hospital and not treated properly. Only orthopedic unit was very active and providing proper facilities to the survivors. There were number of children and women burn in the blast, they were in the hospital without any care, cooling and without proper burn treatment and they were suffering with burn and severe pain.

The incident:

On Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 11:00 a.m while believers were busy in worship during Sunday Service at All Saints Church Peshawar, there were two suicide bomb blasts in the church premises one after another. The locals informed the team that the bombs blasted by suicide attackers when the service was end and people were coming out from the Church. About 150 children from the age of 3 – 14 were in the Sunday school and after finished their class they came out in the church ground to see their mothers. It was rush in the church soon after the service ended.

There was also a thanksgiving prayer by a family who distributed cooked rice among the children and people who attended church this morning. Meanwhile people heard a noise of blast and saw a dark smoke in the church premises, it was a blast and many people got

injured. The others who were still coming out from the church rushed towards the injured to rescue them and then the other bomb blasted in which several died at the spot and over hundred got severely injured while many of them were in critical situation and could not survive even after they reached the hospital.

The group of women from the same church, who remained safe, were weeping and crying for their loved ones and held responsible police and the government for this incident. Through sources CLAAS came to know that there was a warning by the terrorists for the blast on the church but the proper security was not provided by the provincial government. Only two police men deputed by the government who sit on the main gate of the church as security every Sunday, but they did not increase police force after threat. Two constables were not enough to stop suicide attacker when they forcefully entered in to the church premises.

The eye witness told CLAAS that there were pieces of dead bodies flying in the air with the pressure of blast. There were many children who burnt in this blast and their dead bodies were missing as they shattered in to pieces and could not recognize. Witness also said that after blast they saw that there were parts of bodies in the church ground and a horrible situation of dead bodies, many of them with missing heads, legs, upper body and lower body parts. This episode was very hard to see, they said.

On the other hands the injured were in critical situation and when they taken to the hospital, the doctors were off due to Sunday. Grieved relatives informed the team that the all victims were shifted in Lady Reading a government Hospital which has not enough medical facilities or enough staff to look after the injured. The all wards and beds were full and some victims were shifted to the other Khyber Teaching government Hospital Peshawar. People were dying due to limited facilities as there was no oxygen, burn unit, and neuron units available. Delay in medical treatment and less facilities become the cause of death of many injured as Lady Reading hospital has long experience of the volatile situation of the area and deals with similar emergencies regularly.

Mr. Chaudhry Nisar Ahmad Interior Minister Pakistan was also there and talking to the electronic media he said that there were 210 attack / blast in the last five years in Pakistan and it was the biggest one in which more than hundred people killed.

CLAAS team visited injured in the hospitals and recorded their statements:





CLAAS team visited Razia w/o Imran in the hospital who was severely injured as her legs and arms were fractured. Her husband Imran Masih and daughter Liyba aged 5 was severely injured and admitted in the same hospital in the children hospital. Her two sons Shamaun aged 9 and Zeshan aged 10 died at the spot. Her one daughter Muqadas aged 11 was at home, she was safe. When team met Razia and her husband they both were in the same ward, very peaceful and completely silent. They were not weeping and crying for their sons who died as there was still terror in their dry eyes and they

were frightened to lose their 5 years daughter who was in the children ward of the same Lady Reading Hospital.

22 years old Zaveria got severe head injury and her right side arm fractured. She was in senses but her mother Veenus Shafique was in very serious condition as her lower part of body was damaged, legs and right side arm was fractured. Zaveria is a student of 3rd year, she said that when the bomb blasted something hit in her head and she was totally blind for a while and then she fell down on the earth. Soon she was able to gather her courage and she could see around many people injured and dead.

It was a horrible scene that the dead bodies on the floor, shattered in to pieces. She saw her mother also fell down on the floor and unconscious, she got severe head injury and also the lower part of body was damaged.

Zaveria said that she thank Jesus that they were safe and attacked in the Church (house of God) not on the road so in this way Jesus keep them safe from any insult as many of the dead bodies and injured were naked. Her brother Zaib Shafique aged 21 was also injured and admitted in the same hospital. CLAAS team helped this family with a little support of Rs. 2000/- PAK rupees for expenses of food and water in the hospital.

Anmol d/o Kamran aged 6 her both legs were fractured due to the blast. She was also in the church to attend Sunday school. She was sleeping when CLAAS team visited her in the hospital. Her father also severely



injured and his legs were fractured. When team visited him, he said that he do not know about his wife and other children where they were and they did not came to hospital to see him or his daughter. He said that he was helped by local Christians to come to the hospital. He also said that there were several injured in different hospitals and do not know about their relatives or family members died or injured. He asked Christian community for prayers and recovery of his daughter.

CLAAS team visited Al-Aqash aged 23 student of FSC in critical condition. He was admitted in Lady Reading Hospital with severe head injury. According to the doctors his brain was damaged and he was unconscious. He was in general ward of the hospital and under the MBBS Doctors treatment while he needed to be treated by Neuron Surgeon.

Doctors injected him two blood bags but his condition was not good, he was almost dead as he was unconscious for almost 9 hours. Doctors said that there is no hope that he will survive. His mother Marriam, brothers and father were in the hospital they were worried and crying. Mother said that her younger daughter is also severely injured and admitted in KTH children's ward in critical condition. She asked for prayers for the recovery of her son and daughter. Team helped Marriam with a little support of Rs. 2000/- PAK rupees for expenses of food, water and travel to the hospitals. After two hours team came to know that he expired in the hospital.

8-years old Irsfan was 40% burn. He also got severe injury in his neck with a sharp piece of material filled in bomb. He was in critical situation. Her parents were not satisfied with the treatment which doctors were giving him at LTH. He was in the general ward without Air Condition, as he needed special treatment of burning in the attack by the chemical specialists.

CLAAS team asked the on duty doctors that why they were not shifting the patients in to the burn unit. Doctors said that they have not burn unit in the hospital even the all three government hospitals LRH, KTH and CMH Peshawar do not have burn unit.

CLAAS visit to the All Saints Church:



On Sep 23, 2013 CLAAS visited the church and found that there were still pieces of skin in the church premises. The blood stains were still fresh on the earth and walls of the church. The team saw blood and the pieces of skin and hairs of martyrs stuck on the walls of Church building. There was a bag full with parts of bodies like fingers, arms, and feet of children hairs and skin pieces which were gathered by the volunteers and also shoes of the martyrs of blast.

The women who lost their children and family members in this blast among other locals and several people came from outside (Lahore, Kasur, Sahiwal, Faisalabad etc) for condolence and solidarity protested against the government and police for the justice. They were holding cross in the hands and chanting slogans for justice. They also said that no one can stop them to love and worship Jesus Christ.

The locals were depressed and disappointed by their church leadership; because they did not go to the hospital to see them in miserable situation to give them courage, though many Christian organizations were present to show solidarity and to assure them that they are not alone.

The bishop of Peshawar Diocese church of Pakistan came to the hospital late in the evening. He remained busy in meeting with MS of LRH and politicians but he did not offered funeral prayers the Bishop and pastor was frightened to offer funeral prayers in the church. CLAAS also observed that there were many Muslims protesting against terrorists on this blast at the front of the All Saints Church Peshawar.

CLAAS initiatives: CLAAS also helped financially to a few families for their expenses in the hospital as they informed that there are not provided all medicines in the hospital



pharmacy therefore they have to manage them by self from outside hospital. They also

said that they have to travel to the other hospital too as some victims were in LRH while some in the KTH for treatment.

On Monday, September 23, 2013 at 02:00 pm CLAAS hold a press conference at Press Club Peshawar to highlight the issues of injured regarding their medical facilities in the hospitals. CLAAS urged the government to take the notice and care about the proper



treatment of the survivors in the government hospitals as the doctors and nurses were cooperated but they had limited sources and old medical instrument/machinery for treatment.

Therefore the patients needed to shift to other hospitals for proper treatment especially children and young girls who were burn. The message was highlighted by the electronic media and in the result Dr Afridi the Medical Superintendent (MS) of Khyber Teaching Hospital referred three burn patents to the burn unit of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences Islamabad (PIMS) including Mehak aged 4, Irlsan aged 8 and Simran aged 14. They were also trying to shift other patients too for the good and proper medical treatments.



CLAAS director also gave statements to the local media in Lady Reading Hospital and said that why the state is failed to protect citizens of Pakistan. He also said that whenever

Muslim League came in to power Christian Community has had to suffer and face the big

tragic incidents and loss of precious lives of their beloveds. Mr. Francis said that Christians are the follower of the King of Peace, Jesus Christ and never ever they tried to harm anyone even when they have had to lose their love ones. Then why they have to sacrifice always. Mr. Francis urged the government that it is the responsibility of state to provide proper protection to the churches during services and other religious programs otherwise we would have to take some steps to protect ourselves and community.

Funerals of martyrs:

Everywhere in the ground there were dead bodies of martyrs including men, women and children in the church premises after blast. The all dead bodied were taken to the hospitals as formality and the postmortem was not conducted by the doctors. None of the politician from the present government went to the hospital to see the wounded and to give courage to the victim families. In the evening at about 06:30 pm Mian Ifftikhar Hussain the former Minister for Information from Awami National Party (ANP) of Pakistan reached hospital. He visited the injured and their families. He saw that the dead bodies were in the hospital like unknowns because the people who died their other family members were severely injured and admitted in the hospitals. Some of them were unconscious and in emergency wards and many got fractures in their legs and they were helpless to go to the funeral or burial of their beloveds. Therefore Mian Ifftikhar Hussain announced to provide boxes for the dead bodies and total 84 boxes were provided to the volunteer Christians who put the bodies in to the boxes and then take them for burial in the nearer graveyards (Gora Qabarstan and Kohati Qabarstan).

There was a pressure on the Christians community to buried dead bodies as soon as possible. Therefore the people started to bury their beloveds without delay and without proper funerals. There could be two reasons of dead's burial soon, first the government did not wanted any protest of Christian community with the dead bodies on the road like Hazara community to build the pressure on the government. Secondly, may be they were afraid from any more blast while the big gathering of Christian community at one place for funereal service. As CLAAS team noted that it trends in Peshawar that terrorist target the places where people gathered in huge number.

Visit to the graveyard:



CLAAS team visited the graveyards and met with the volunteers who were permanently in the graveyard for the service. They told the team that they were here voluntarily to serve and help their brothers and sisters

as we all a one family in Jesus Christ. CLAAS encouraged and appreciated them for this great Job.

Through sources CLAAS came to know that in the evening Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour the former Minister for Railway from ANP also visited Lady Reading Hospital to see the affected and to help them but he was attacked by extremists group of about 150-200 young boys from PIT as they wanted to stop him to give any support to the Christian survivors.

Visit to the police station:

On Monday September 23, 2013 CLAAS team visited Khan Razaq Shaheed Police Station Kohati to meet with Mr. Maqsood Khalil Senior Superintendent of Police/inspector investigation and Mr. Sardar Javed Khan Deputy Superintendent of Police in-charge investigation of church attack Peshawar. The officials expressed grieve and concern over the killing of Christians in All Saints Church.



They informed CLAAS that after Sunday service a family distributed cooked rice among the people in the church there was a rush when twin suicide attackers entered in to the church. DSP further said that there were two police constables Zahid 5366 and Tauseef Khan 3024 on

the church gate for security. Before blast the suspect's (two suicide attackers) opened fire with pistol on police constables and shot dead Zahid at the spot while Tauseef Khan got severely injured while they were trying to stop the suicide bombers from entering into the church. They throw a grenade first in the church premises which was failed to work then there was a suicide blast near the people who were busy in distributing rice.

The other people noticed that there was smoke in the church premises, they rushed to help there beloveds who got affected with the first blast and meanwhile the other suicide attacker blasted the bomb which caused the killing of more people and several injured.

DSP also informed CLAAS team that police has taken the heads of suicide attackers in custody. One of them was on the spot as the other one was found at the roof of other building. Police found two broken pistols and five bullet shells at the spot. In the police opinion the attack was pre planned, and it seemed that attackers have had been practicing for this attack. CLAAS team questioned DSP that if there was any warning about this attack by Taliban groups but he said that there was not any kind of warning or information.

The National Director CLAAS Mr. Joseph Francis reminded DSP the previous attacks Gojra in 2009 and Shanti Nagar in 1997 when the police knew everything. They did not provided proper security and even they did not made any effort to save Christians lives from attackers or mob. He urged the police and said that we are Pakistani and patriot to Pakistan why we are not considered equal citizens of Pakistan and not protected. We are too human beings.

Number of killed and injured in Kohati Church blast

Total Received in LRH	207
Discharge after first aid	67
Shifted to other Hospitals	06
Dead	84
Still Admit in LRH	56

CLAAS Findings:

- 1- It is shocking that Christians have to lose their beloveds because of the police and the government's repeated negligence once again.
- 2- Taliban did not take the responsibility of this blast yet as they do mostly, and they also condemned this blast, it seemed that there are militants and agencies involved.
- 3- It is difficult to measure either it is a religious hatred or a political game which can be assess from the attitude of PTI group in the Hospital. The Federal and provincial governments both are responsible for this inhuman act. They are playing politics on lives of innocent human beings.
- 4- The government is totally failed to protect the citizens from suicide attacks and stop this kind of inhuman attacks all over Pakistan.
- 5- PMLN and PTI are anti-Christian parties who support Militants and Taliban. As Imran Khan (PTI) gave a statement on electronic media to give a suggestion that Taliban should be given permission to start their proper office in Pakistan the country which is beyond common sense and appears Imran Khan's interest to supports Taliban and extremism.

Follow-up Report on Peshawar Church attack

On September 30, 2013 CLAAS team headed by Mr. Joseph Francis National Director consisted on Ms. Katherine Sapna, Mr. Sohail Habel, Ms. Rama Rasheed, Ms. Rubina Ghazal, Mr. Asher Sarfraz, Ms. Neelam Uzma, Ms. Sahrish Rasheed, Mr. Zeeshan Zafar and Mr. Samuel Payara from Bright Future Society reached Peshawar for the follow up and to see the situation of victims and injured of the blast at All Saints Church Peshawar.

The team stayed in a guest house for three days October 01 - October 03 and visited Lady Reading and Khyber Teaching hospitals to find that the injured were given proper medical treatment and care by the hospital staff and visited each and every injured in the men and

women ward who were still in very critical situation. Mostly injured were forcedly discharged from the hospitals right after a week as they needed further and proper treatment and more hospital care. The team had chance to visit them at their places with the guidance of a local group.

The team met with the MS, s of the hospitals, doctors and other staff concerning the



situation of patients.

The team visited 20 seriously injured and still admitted in different hospitals, to support them morally and with very small contribution of financial support of Rs.2000 Rupees to each because they were in need of urgent support during this unexpected time. They were given free medicine at government hospitals but they have to buy themselves from outside pharmacies which were not available in the hospitals.

CLAAS visited the following hospitals



Date	Hospital	Number of victims
01-10- 2013	Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS)	03
	Lady Reading Hospital Peshawar (LRH)	11
02-10-2013	Khyber Teaching Hospital Peshawar	02

	(KTH)	
	North West Hospital Peshawar (NWH)	01
	Rehman Medical Institute Peshawar (RMI)	03
	Total number of patients	20

On September 24, 2013, four children seriously burn in the blast named Simran aged 14, Shamaila aged 13, Irsilan aged 8 and Mehak aged 4 were shifted from Khyber Teaching Hospital to PIMS Islamabad in the result of the press conference of CLAAS team hold on September 23, 2013. As the team urged the government and raised point of critical situation of the victims in the hospitals. They were ignored and denied to give on time proper attention and treatment by the proper doctors of LHR and KTH.



Through press conference CLAAS also highlighted the issue of non-availability of proper Doctors, proper units such as burn unit and neurosurgical unit and lack of first aid facilities including emergency oxygen

supplies and ventilators in Intensive Care Unit which increased the ratio of death of alive people who were taken to the hospital on time including women and children but could not survive because of poor emergency treatment as we mentioned in the first report.

While meeting the people in the hospitals and recording statements the team assessed



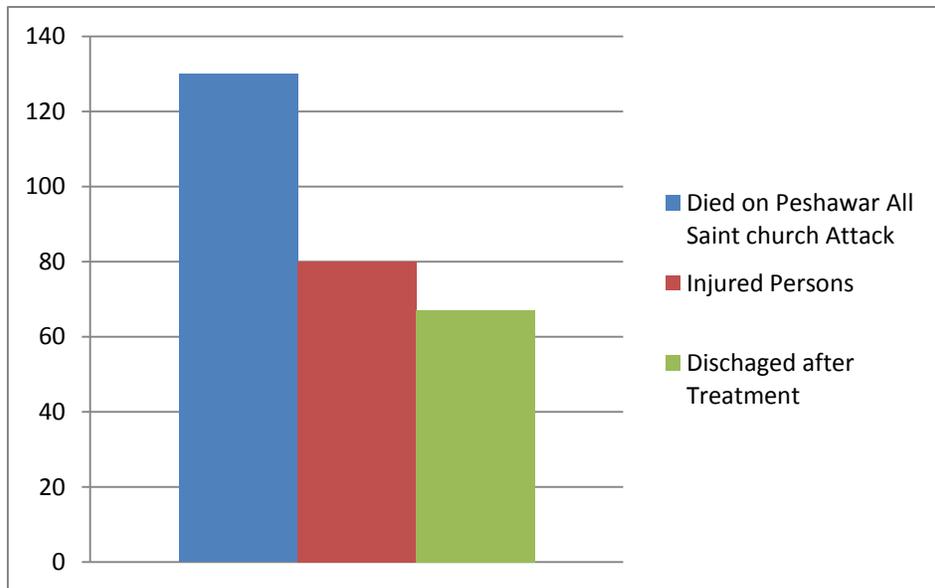
that both government hospital LRH and KTH have only proper Orthopedic Unit to deal with accident and blast cases. According to the MS of LRH the specialists (doctors) of every unit were on leave and when they heard about Church attack and they were called upon repeatedly by MS but they refused to come and give emergency treatment to the Christians victims who were dying after one and other.

The team visited Asther Javed a Christian (student of nursing training at LRH) at her house for condolence as his father Javed Samuel passed away in the blast. She started crying and said she was helpless to save his fathers who could not survive in the hospital. She further shared with team that there were exams ahead for their nursing training therefore the tutor staff asked the students to come and attend class for revision even on Sunday on the day of incident. She did not go to attend class but the hostel students were forced to attend English class for preparation of exam. Her class fellows told her that after blast students were required in the hospital but the doctor did not allow them to go. After an hour a senior staff nurse went to the class and forced the teacher to send the girls for help the victims and for emergency treatment. Asther also informed the team that her fellow students (nurses) told her that because of the lack of the doctors the lower staff of the hospital like watchman, ward boys, helper staff they all were in the emergency and dressing injured even they were in the operation theater as well and did wrong operations of the injured which increased the death of people.

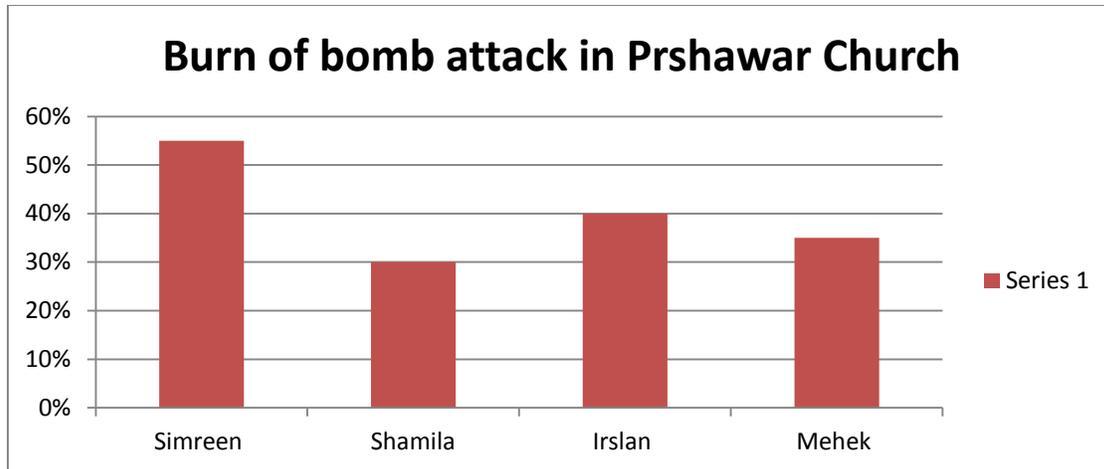
According to Asther, the students informed her that it was a rush in the hospitals. The all wards were full even there were not enough beds for the people also noticed that many children were alive who could survive but rather they were given treatment they putted in to the boxes for burial. They also pointed that 2-3 children were put in to one box.

She was depressed and shared their mother passed away about three years ago. She has a brother Naveed Javed aged 38 and one sister Rubeeca Javed aged 28 who work in a hotel as receptionist. They all were unmarried yet.

Death, Injured, Discharge Patient Chart



Dead Injured Discharged after first aid treatment



Visit to PIMS Islamabad:

On October 01, 2013 at 08 am CLAAS team visited the Burn Unit of Pakistan Institute of Medical Science Islamabad and visited burn children Shamaila Irsan and Mehak who were shifted from Khyber Teaching Hospital to PIMS through CLAAS efforts on September 25, 2013. The team was shocked and grieved when Dr. Tariq In-charge Burn Unit and senior staff Balqees informed the team that Simran one of the shifted patients died in the evening on September 30. Dr. Tariq said that she was 55% burn and his inside body was damaged. He said that victims of burn cases should be treated within 6 hours or not less than 24 hours they burn; otherwise there are low chances of their survival. He said that Simran was 55% burn and need to be treated immediately, she looked good since she was shifted to PIMS but she was not good inside.



Dr. Tariq appreciated CLAAS efforts for the survivors of the attack and also for shifting the children for better and proper care to other hospitals like PIMS. CLAAS team was happy while visiting Irsan, Mehak and Shamila as they were improving as Dr. Tariq was very hopeful for their survival.

I am depressed because of the systems in Pakistan, the human lives are not precious here and most of the people died because of the laws and legislations of hospitals, Dr. Tariq said and also informed that according to the 18 amendment all victims of attacks, bomb blasts are made medico legal cases and should be registered only in local government (district Headquarter) hospitals at the first hand. After first aid treatment the victims can be shifted to other hospitals, it is very lengthy processes and many people lost their lives because of the delay of treatment.

It is unbelievable that MS of LRH and KTH did not referred serious patients to other hospitals while they did not have proper facilities for emergency treatment, he said.



He informed the team that Arslan aged 8 was 40% burn he was near to die because he also got a baring-ball (gunshot) in his neck from the blast which was poisonous and about two more hours delay in treatment could harm his life. Dr. said that we can realize that doctors in Khyber Teaching or Lady Reading did not give proper treatment to the victims and left them helpless to die. After examine Dr. Tariq removed gunshot immediately and which was a risky operation.

Later CLAAS team visited Shamila, Irslan and Mehak they looked brave and strong in their



faith in Jesus. Mehak was listening religious songs when team went to her and she said that will be back to her Sunday school after she will discharge from the hospital. Their family members were also thankful to CLAAS and asked for prayers for the survival who admitted in hospitals in Peshawar with several injuries.

CLAAS team said thanks to the PIMS staff for cooperation and appreciated their efforts for giving good treatment and saving lives of the children.

Visit to the families of Mehak, Irslan and Shamila at their houses

Asma Bibi



During the visit Asma a younger aunt of Mekah informed CLAAS that she has lost her brother Imtiaz (Mehak's father) and father in the blast. The family was thankful to CLAAS for shifting Mehak to PIMS for good treatment. CLAAS gave 2000 rupees to the family as a small help. The team shared the word of God with the family and prays together before they left.

Munawar Masih:

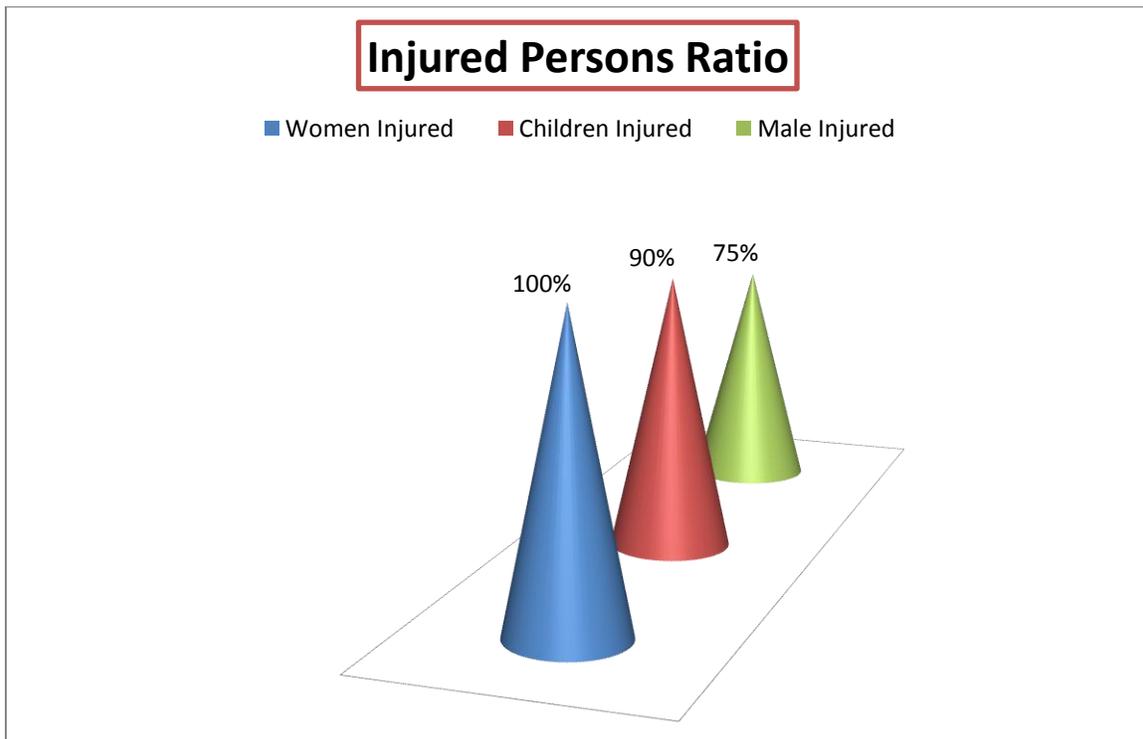


CLAAS team visited the family of Munawar Masih in Kohati gate Peshawar. Munawar the father of Shamaila 30% burn in PIMS informed the team that his wife Mariam was severely injured she was admitted in Lady Reading Hospital. His elder daughter Kashmala 16 years got severe leg fractured; her leg was cut-off from the body by the orthopedic doctors in LRH for medical treatment because it was fractured from various places which could not recover and also told the team about his 7 years old daughter Fiza who also got gunshots in her legs and other body and she was also

admitted in LRH children ward. He told the team that he is a tailor and could not work since the incident happened; he has to go the places to see his wife and daughters. CLAAS helped him financially with 8000 rupees for the care of his wife and daughters.

Tariq Masih:

CLAAS team visited family of Irslan 40% burn in PIMS Islamabad at their house in Peshawar. His father Tariq Masih was thankful to the CLAAS team for being the source of his son's new life. The family said that there were many brothers and sisters from all part of Pakistan from different organizations who rushed to Peshawar to see the situation of Christian brothers and sisters and for the moral support but they were thankful to CLAAS team for the work they did for the good treatment of the survivors. CLAAS helped the family with 2000 rupees.



CLAAS team visited the victims in the LRH, KTH, RMI and North West Hospital Peshawar still admitted in the hospitals. They were in critical situation and needed care more. But a week later after the blast at All Saints Church Peshawar and supported each of them with 2000 rupees as a little support from CLAAS for their food expenses in the hospitals.

Male victims:

- 1- Nazir David aged 35, leg fractured admitted in RMI a private Hospital.
- 2- Patrick Anwar aged 55, leg fractured admitted in North West Hospital (Private).
- 3- Suleman Javed aged 25 both feet fractured and severely injured in his back with gunshots admitted in Lady Reading Hospital.
- 4- Nazir Masih aged 55; one leg and arm fractured and got severe injuries in his spinal cord admitted in Lady Reading Hospital.

Female victims:

- 1- Marriam Bibi aged 50, with face burn about 5% admitted in Lady Reading Hospital.
- 2- Samina Azeem aged 25, leg fractured, newly married, and pregnant with seven months has lost her husband in this blast. She was admitted in LRH Peshawar. Noreen aged 45, got leg and arm fractured and on October 1st she got 3rd operation of her leg. Her 10 years daughter has died in the attack. But she remain brave and strong in her believe.
- 3- Kashmala Munawar aged 16 lost her right leg in this blast. She was in LRH.
- 4- Shazia bibi w/o Izhaq aged 30, mother of two got severe legs and one arm fractured.
- 5- Mussart Younis aged 50, admitted in Lady Reading Hospital due to got leg fractured.
- 6- Cecilia Murad aged 45, a staff nurse of LRH. Her left leg was fractured in this blast.
- 7- Eram Bukhtyar aged 28, was admitted in LRH because of her legs fractured in blast. While her mother Saleema Akhtar expired on the spot.
- 8- Farah Javed aged 23, has become totally paralyzed after this incident. Her lower part of body is completely damaged she was admitted in LRH.
- 9- Venus Shafeeq aged 45, has leg injuries and could not even move his legs properly.
- 10- Khalida Marriam aged 35 got several and severe injuries. Her both legs and one arm got fractured. Her stomach was seriously injured by gunshots of blast and her wound was open.
- 11- Fiza Munawar aged 6, she got gunshots at different parts of body. Admitted in RMI Hospital.

12- Marriam Munawar aged 46, got minor injuries in her legs and arms but she got several gunshots in her abdomen. Doctors tried to remove the gunshots by operation but could not remove completely. She also got gunshots in her back and her Spinal Cord was also damaged. She was in RMI Hospital.

Children admitted at Children surgical ward LRH

1. Angel d/o Nasir aged 3 burned body and right leg broken.
2. Asifia d/o Victor aged 5 she has minor injuries.
3. Suman d/o Anwar aged 7 she has minor injuries.
4. Mehrab d/o Arif aged 10 she has minor injuries.
5. Ghazala d/o Sardar aged 4 she has minor injuries.
6. Ameen s/o Aqeel aged 11 he has minor injuries.
7. Adan s/o Ejaz aged 6 he has minor injuries.
8. Tabish s/o Mushtaq aged 8 he has minor injuries.
9. Noman s/o Arif aged 10 he has minor injuries.
10. Muqadas d/o Amir aged 5 she has abdomen injuries.
11. Rida d/o Javed aged 15 she has minor injuries.
12. Myra d/o Dilawar aged 5 she has abdomen injuries.

Team Meeting with Mr. Zafar Afridi MS Khyber Teaching Hospital

On October 2, 2013 CLAAS team met with Mr. Shah Rugani Chief executive Khyber Teaching Hospital and Mr. Zafar Afridi Medical Superintendent (MS) Khyber Teaching Hospital Peshawar. Mr. Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS shared the problems of the victims who were under treatment in KTH and asked him that what they do with burn patients in general while they do not have any burn unit in the Peshawar Hospitals.

Mr. Afridi informed CLAAS Director that we urged the government many times that there is not enough capacity for the attack patients and due to that the Hospital management have to face problems. He said that we want to provide good treatment to the patients but we have not proper facilities therefore Government should make arrangements as there is an alarming situation here in Peshawar but the government of KPK do not interested to protect the people. Further they do not have enough material in stock to give emergency treatments to the victims of attack. There are not burn units to keep the bomb attack burned patients. There is no burn unit not only in KTH but all government hospitals in Peshawar to treat with burn patients. Mr. Zafar again said that he is trying to ask the government to arrange a proper burn unit in KTH and other facilities which need for emergency. Mr. Joseph thanked to MS and informed him that CLAAS has raised the issue of burn unit and good treatment to the victims before the high officials and demanded for having good burn units and other important cells in Peshawar Hospitals so that they will not have to shift the patients to other cities hospitals.

CLAAS also visited 26 families door to door to share grieves and to convey condolences to the bereaved family members who lost their beloveds in this atrocious attack in the Peshawar church and experienced their strong believe in Jesus. The team shared the word of God with the families and prayer together and also helped them with a small financial support of 2000 each. Team assured the mourning families that CLAAS is always

Following are few statements of the families

Victor's Masih

Team visited Victor's family for condolence as his young son Elis Nikas alias (Al-Naqash) aged 18, died because of severe head injury in blast. He was a brilliant student of third year of graduation. His younger daughter Asiya aged 6, student of Prep class got gunshots in right leg which caused of severe injury. She was admitted in Lady Reading but after operation she was discharged from the hospital while she needed hospital care. Therefore they took her to Aman Private Hospital where she could get proper and better treatment and she was recovering.

The team remembered that on the day of incident they met with Elis Nikas alias (Al-Naqash) in LRH while he was unconscious. His mother was weeping and explained that he was not provided proper treatment as he had severe head injury. He was unconscious

and needed oxygen which was not provided him immediately. It was a case of neurology but doctors did not take tension to him and he was in general ward. Then the family took him to Private North West hospital for good treatment. But he died on very next day, Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. because of delay in his treatment.



Nazir's Masih Family

Team met the family of Nazir Masih his children and his sister at their home. They informed the team that Nazir Masih and

his wife Rehana were in the church and they both died in blast. Nazir was sanitary worker in co-operation (Government employee) and lived at government quarters. He has 5 children Nitasha aged 16 student of 10th grade, Senaha aged 15 student of 9th grade, Sheroaiz aged 13 student of 6th grade, Sahab aged 11 student of 6th grade and Simran aged 8, student of 2nd grade. Children were sad and their eyes full of tears but the elder daughter said bravely that we are happy that their parents died in the church and they are martyrs.

Josephine w/o Hanif Masih



Team visited Josephine w/o Hanif Masih, her son Sharooz aged 17, died in blast. He worked in church as volunteer and spent his mostly time in church activities. Hanif said he had two sons and one daughter. Sharooz was his youngest son and he dedicated his life for church therefore the family was happy that he died in the church and they believe that he was not die but alive in Jesus.

Mehboob Masih

Mehboob Masih aged 67 got leg fractured but he lost his wife Raj Bai and his brother Javed Samuel in blast. He was admitted in Lady Reading Hospital for one week but he was discharged forcibly. He was under treatment in Shair Pahoo a private Hospital.

Khalid Pervaiz

Khalid Pervaiz aged 50 and his wife Rafia Khalid passed away in the blast along with his wife. CLAAS team visited the family; and his sister Shagufta informed that her brother left one son named Idress aged 18 student of 10th grade. She said that Rafia was a teacher at stitching centre of Peshawar Diocese. She died on the spot but Khalid was admit in Lady Reading Hospital in a severe condition and died after 12 hours of this incident.

Naveed Javed s/o Javeed Samuel:

Team visited Naveed Javed at his house as his father Javed Samuel passed away in the church attack. Naved informed the team that his mother died 3 years ago. Her father was cooperation servant (government employee). His father was regular in attending Sunday mass. Now he was alone with two sisters, Rubeeca Javed aged 28, a receptionist at Hotel and Aster Javed student of nursing lady reading hospital.

Emmanuel Masih s/o Sharif Masih:

Team met with Emmanuel Masih aged 25, student of Graduation who informed the team that his five family members, his father Sharif Masih aged 63, brother Haroon aged 30 married and his wife Sania aged 25, his sister Alisha Sharif Masters of Urdu and

Psychology and Sara Sharif student of Master in Psychology passed away in the Church attack.

His father was clerk at judicial complex High Court Peshawar and also vice president of All-Saint Church committee. His brother was color Lab Technician and he was newly married a year ago. He informed the team that his family arranged thanksgiving prayer in the church and distributed cooked rice among the people in the church premises.

Aslam Masih

CLAAS team visited Aslam Masih at his house; he has lost his wife Reeba aged 30 in the church attack. He said that after finish the service he went to the wash room suddenly he heard noise of blast. He came out of the washroom and saw the church compound full of blood and dead bodies. He started to search his wife and other family members. He found her wife who was dead, his sister Khalida got severe injuries and her lower part was damaged. She was admitted at Lady reading Hospital and doctors do not hope that she could walk as she does before she is paralyzed.

Aslam was very upset and sad after the death of his wife. His uncle John Bhatti informed the team that three years ago he was married with Reeba and they had no child. Reeba was very good in nature and used to attend church regularly on Sunday. John Bhatti also shared with team that he is a member of Parish Church Committee consisting of 14 members to make strategies and program for the church, but he was surprised that after this severe incident the Parish Priest did not call any strategy meeting for Church security.

Sittara d/I Nasir Masih

Team visited Sittara d/o Nisar Masih aged 12, student of 6th Grade; she got leg fractured and very critical injury in her left eye as she got gunshot in her eye. Doctors in LRH operated her leg and then she was admitted in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for her eye treatment she was there for one week. She also got gunshots in her other body parts which remain inside and doctors did not try to put them out. She lost her two sisters Kinnat Nisar aged 18 and Mekah Nisar aged 5.

She said that her mother was not feeling well therefore she did not go to the church. They all three sisters went to church as their little sister Mekah was in Sunday school. After service they were near to leave the church when they saw that a family was distributing rice. Mekah wanted to have some rice therefore Kinnat went along with her to have some rice.

Suddenly there was a blast in the church near the people where they distributing rice and after a while there were many who died and several injured. Sittara started to find her sisters and she saw her little sister whose head was cut from her body and other sister was lying in the floor. She rushed towards them but due to her own leg fractured and severe injury in her eye she got unconscious and when came in to senses she found herself in the Hospital. Later she came to know that her elder sister also died.

CLAAS team assessed during the visit to the families that there were many families who lost their 3-4 family members.

The team visited Shaleem 15 years, at his house, he left alone and his all family members died, he was quite and frightened. His grandfather shared with CLAAS that he lost his two sons, daughter-in-law and granddaughter but he was happy that his children were martyrs.

CLAAS Findings:

According to the CLAAS investigation Peshawar is a main target of extremists and militants for last couple of months, though the situation is always intensive and not good in this area for last many years. The hospital staff wanted to keep the hospital vacant for further victims of the attacks as there was an emergency right after a week of attack on All Saints Peshawar and then continually there were blasts again and again at different places near the church, few people died while several injured taken to the LRH and KTH for emergency treatment.

During the visit to the victims in the hospitals, CLAAS came to know that there were many injured who were forcedly discharged to go there homes as they needed more care and treatment in the hospital. People also informed that many injured went to some private Hospitals for good and proper treatment. CLAAS also noticed that US aid provided food to all victim families in Peshawar and also took responsibility of few victims for their proper treatment in private hospitals.



A Christian senior staffs Nurse Nasreen Bibi at Khyber Teaching Hospital informed CLAAS that all patients were forcedly discharged from the hospital when there was another blast on Khisa Khawani bazaar. She also said that the system in these government hospitals is not good, there are not proper facilities, and even the proper medicine is not available for emergency treatments.

After recording the statements and meeting with hospital staff and MS of Khyber Teaching Hospital CLAAS find the following

- There is need that government should take notice and provide facilities in the hospitals in Peshawar which have to take care of victims of attacks every week.
- The victims of All Saints Church attack have had to face discrimination by the hospital staff and management.
- The all youngsters, high educated were killed in this attack and the children who were shine and brilliant in their studies, died.
- According to the people many alive children were put in to the death boxes by the hospital staff and buried because they were Christians.
- Many died because of the delay in treatment and non-availability of proper doctors.
- A rich and educated Christian society lives in Peshawar, who was in trainings of doctors, nurses and mostly under high education in the result of hard work of Christians in the area. Now it was time of fruit but unfortunately they all died in the

blast and now it will take time for more 20 years to Christians to come in this position and success.

Few pictures of visit:





Peshawar patients shifted to UCH (United Christian Hospital) Lahore for Treatment:

On November 04, 2013 CLAAS transfer 3 patients to United Christian Hospital (UCH) Lahore in CLAAS ambulance (Mobile Health Unit). These patients came at

UCH along with CLAAS team Mr. Joseph Francis (Director CLAAS) Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) and Mr. Samuel Payara Bright Future Society Christian community and UCH staff received these patients warmly. They show their solidarity with them and also offered pray for their healing with them. UCH doctors immediately started to examine them.



There are few more that cannot be travel in the van without stair-chair, therefore we are arranging for the big ambulances with stair-chairs for their easy

travel to Lahore. We hope and with your prayers and support CLAAS would be able to transfer the other patients with in next two three days. CLAAS is very much grateful for the cooperation of UCH management and the doctors for providing facility to the victims to help them and encourage them to step forward in their life.



So keep praying for the victims and for CLAAS that God provide sources for the transfer of rest of the victims and their perfect treatment and complete healing. May the Lord also heal their souls and give them full recovery physically and spiritually.

Three patient details are as following:

Sr. #	Name	Injuries	Family Member Lost
1.	Razia Bibi w/o Amir Masih	Legs and foots are full of gunshots of blast	She lost her two elder sons.
2.	Muqadass d/o Amir Masih	She received gunshots on her belly. Doctors operate her but	She lost her two elder brothers in this blast.
3.	Shiraz Riaz	He received gunshots on his chest. Doctor gave medicine and discharged him without operate.	He lost his mother and father in this blast.

CLAAS and BFS have assumed full responsibility of the food and other expenses of the victims during their treatment in Lahore. We request your continue prayers for their good and proper treatment in Lahore. We also ask your prayers for the full recovery and complete healing of the injured.

25- CLAAS Report on the incident of a scuffle between the armed attacker and working women at Model Town Lahore

Introduction:

Roseleen Siraj w/o Yabil aged 40 is a Christian by faith and resident of 64-B-1 Model Colony Ext, Q Block Model Town Lahore. She has seven children namely, Sanyia Yabil aged 26, Nabeel aged 24, Sumita aged 22, Anita Yabil aged 20, Naveed Yabil 16, Dawood aged 10 and Maviya aged 07.



Roseleen is a Chair Parson of an organization named "Hope for Humanity Foundation" which focused on handicap children. Since 2002 the foundation was working with the collaboration of some proficient people to provide medical

facilities and financial support to handicap children through door to door visit. Her two daughters are also working with her in the same organization. In 2009 Roseleen shifted at Model Town Q Block along with her children in a rented house. There was a Muslim namely Malik Iftikhar s/o Malik Ashraf living along with his family in-front of her house. Iftikhar has a criminal background and is a drinker and habitually after drinking he opened fire in the air and also started loudly abuses to people and using slang language against them. Through his criminal activities he created disturbance in the locality. People of the locality often complained against him to the police but police did not take any legal action against him. On the other hand if someone of the locality tried to stop him of his criminal activities, he threatened him for dire consequences.



The Incident

Roseleen and her daughters are working ladies and Iftikhar chased them while they were going or coming from their jobs. Many times he teased on the way to their house. Often Iftikhar sent his mobile number to her daughters through her younger son Naveed. But her daughters ignored him and they did not take any legal action against him due to his criminal background.

On September 25, 2013 at about 10:00 p.m. at night Iftikhar knocked at the door of her house and when her younger son Naveed opened the door, he forcibly entered in her

house. He scattered her office (she used one room of her house for official activities) where the Holy Bibles and other things were laying as he scatted office things her elder daughter Sanyia tried to stop him and requested to left the house. He started behave badly with Sanyia as clutched her hair and also pulled her to down stairs. During this her cloths were torn and he brings her in the street and started abusing her. Roseleen and her elder son Nabeel tried to stop him but he opened fire in the air as started to shout on them why they registered a complaint against him in the police station. While he was shouting on them people of the locality gathered there but no one tried to stop him because he warned them if anyone tried to stop him, he would be killed. He also started threatening Roseleen and her family for dire consequences.

Roseleen immediately called the police on 15 upon which the concerned area police (police station Liaqat Abad, Lahore) came on the place of occurrence after half an hour at about 11: 30 p.m. and police did not inspection the scattered office and do not investigate the matter properly.

Roseleen and her children spent the whole night in fear and in the morning she called Pastor Liaqat and informed him about the whole incident.

Legal Assistance by CLAAS:

On September 26, 2013 Roseleen approached CLAAS office for legal assistance along with Pastor Liaqat and Roseleen met with Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS and shared about the whole incident. Mr. Joseph Francis immediately sent to CLAAS team to visit the place of occurrence as well as police station.

Team visited the place of occurrence and Police Station

Team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz Field Officer, Rubina Ghazal In-charge Legal Department and Mr. Iyaz Gill Court Clerk reached at the concerned police station Liaqat Abad along with Roseleen. Team met with the police officials and submitted an application on behalf of Roseleen against Malik Iftikhar. After that team telephonically contacted with concerned SHO Tariq Pervaiz and told him about the incident. The concerned SHO immediately ordered to police officials to raid at Iftikhar's house. Police officials and CLAAS team reached at Model Town Q Block and police raided at



Iftikhar' house but he escaped from his house. CLAAS team also visited Roseleen's house and office as well.

Meeting with the people of the

Team also inquired about the said incident from the people of the locality. People of the locality gathered there and told to the team in the presence of police that Iftikhar always creates problem for them through his criminal activities. Often they informed to the concerned police about his but police joined hands with him and after getting money did not take any legal action against him. They also shared if any one tried to stop him for his activities he threatened him for dire consequences and made his life miserable. Therefore



people started to avoid him. Abdul Star and Yousaf who was also residing there, they recorded their statements to the police and were ready to appear before the court against Iftikhar in the court. Police assured to the people of the locality and Roseleen that they will register a case FIR against Iftikhar.

Registration of FIR

While police known about the whole incident and also recorded the statement against Iftikhar but did not register any case against him. Therefore on September 27, 2013 CLAAS moved an application before the Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) for registration of FIR. The concerned CCPO marked the application to the concerned SHO for FIR and on September 28, 2013 a case FIR (First Information Report) No. 865/ 2013, offence under section 452/354, 427/506 PPC was registered in the police station Liaqat Abad against Iftikhar.

Pre-Arrest Bail of Iftikhar:

On October 02, 2013 Roseleen telephonically informed to Mr. Joseph Francis that Iftikhar moved his pre-arrest bail application. CLAAS contact with Roseleen to sign a power of attorney for contesting the pre- arrest bail of Iftikhar but she did not come at CLAAS office.

26-Business jealousy became the result of another Blasphemy case in Township Lahore

On October 09, 2013 Mr. Abid Gill from National Commission for Justice and Peace approached CLAAS by a phone call and informed about the growing situation of Christians in Beher Pind Johar Town Lahore where about 50 Christian families living among Muslim masses and Bahadar Pura Bahar Colony Lahore after Adnan Masih s/o Pervaiz Shahid was implicated in a fake blasphemy case by a member of a big Islamic organization Jamat-ul-Dawat.



CLAAS team headed by Asher Sarfraz field officer, consisted on Huma Lucas Assistant In charge legal department, Zeeshan Zafar Assistant, John Paul Driver and Abid Gill member National Commission for Justice and Peace NCJP reached in the area at about 12:00 pm to collect the real facts related to the alleged case of blasphemy. The team met with the local Christians and family of Mushtaq Masih who were very much frightened and worried about their houses and belongings which the Muslims wanted to give fire and destroy to punish the area Christians. The team reported the situation to the high police

authorities and asked for the immediate security measures in the area to save the Christians from any mishap.

The team met with the family of Mushtaq Rehmat who was in the police custody since October 08, 2013. His wife Tahira aged 30 informed the team that she is blessed with four children namely Taniya aged 14 (student of 8th grade), Daud aged 12 (student of 5th grade), Michal aged 10 (student of 3rd grade) and Sitaish age 4 student of play group. She said that Mushtaq has own business of glass and aluminum and his shop called as New Diamond Glass & Aluminum at College Road Township Lahore which he established after a lot of hard work and problems. Mushtaq works with two partners Sabir a Christian and Muhammad Khalid a Muslim man since 1999. They had a very good business and handsome income too.

Tahira said that they were living happily and her husband cannot commit any blasphemy. He is innocent in this case but police arrested him without committing any offence. She further informed that her all family is disturbed and living in fear as there is threat from Muslims that they will burn the Christian houses like Joseph Colony Lahore.

Statement of Sabir:

When the team met Sabir one of the partners of New Diamond Glass & Aluminum informed that in 2004 he started this business along with Mushtaq and Mohammad Khalid and they have 12 employs to work on the shop including a Muslim Driver named Mohammad Abid aged 30 since 2006. Later Muhammad Khalid left them and started his separate business of Glass.

Sabir said that Mohammad Abid (driver) left his job in 2009 to work at some other place but suddenly he rejoined them as driver in 2012. Sabir further informed that Mohammad Abid is a religious and fanatic Muslim and also member of Jamat-ul-Dawat. Near about six months before Mohammad Abid brought an Urdu book “main ne Bible se pocha Quran kiun jale” (I asked Bible why Quran should burn) written by Ameer Hamza. Through sources team came to know that this book is banned in the market but M Abid used to read that book in the shop when he was free. None of us was interested to see his religious book and never asked him about the book he said. Another Christian boy namely Irfan s/o Parvaiz Shahid aged 26 who work along with Mushtaq as an accountant and deal with all matters of the shop. Sabir said that on October 07, 2013 Irfan was on leave and he sent his younger brother Adnan aged 25 at his work he saw the book in the shop and started reading.

The next day on October 8-2013 Irfan was back on his job, everyone was busy in his routine work at shop when few Muslim boys came to the shop and they started reading that book and noticed some blasphemous words and comments written on the pages of the book. They made complaint to Abid about what was written in the book but Abid did not say anything and left the shop.

In the evening Abid came back to the shop along with some Muslim youth and Mullahs of Jamat-ul-Dawat who called upon Mushtaq and Sabir and asked that if Adnan has written blasphemous comments on the book and forcibly took them to Jamat-UI-Dawat office. He also informed Mushtaq Sabir that FIR no. 675/13 offence under section 295 A, B, C according to the Pakistan Penal Code on October 08, 2013 against Adnan Masih son of Pervaiz Shahid. Mushtaq and Sabir became frightened and went to their office where Mullah’s were waiting for them. Mullah’s started inquiring them and asked that they do not want to harm any innocent but they need Adnan because Muhammad Abid accused him as blasphemer as he wrote disgraced comments about Prophet Mohammad on the book therefore he must be punished. Mohammad Abid informed the police got arrested Mushtaq until Adnan was escaped.

Since October 08, 2013 Mushtaq is in police custody at Township Police Station and police is disturbing the rest of the family members. They called the all family in the police station till night just to disturb their jobs and earning circuit.

Visit to the police station:

The team went to the Township Police Station to visit the Station House Officer (SHO) and Investigation Officer (IO) of the said case. They both were not present in the police station and when the team expressed interest to meet with Mushtaq in the police station the constables informed that it is a sensitive matter and they are not authority to let them visit the accused in custody.

Involvement of SAP and HRCP:

Mushtaq Masih's younger brother Ilyas Rehmat runs an organization with the name "Chanan" means Light. He had been working with South Asia Pakistan (SAP) on some projects when his brother got arrested with police in this fake case he informed Mr. Irfan Mufti Deputy Executive Director SAP. He became so concerned and he get involved HRCP as well.

Visit to the SSP Green Town and DSP:

Mr. I A Rehman General Secretary and Mr. Mehboob Ahmad Khan law officer HRCP along with CLAAS team visited SSP(Senior Superintendent of Police), DSP (deputy superintendent of police) and urged them for the security of locals and Mushtaq Masih in the police station. They also asked the SSP circle police station Green Town that how the police can detain others while the nominated of the FIR is escaped. Mr. I A Rehman also wrote a letter to the Home Secretary in this concern. Police assured the team that police has provided full security and surety to the complainant party Jamat-ul-Dawat that police is trying hard to arrest the main accused therefore they should be very calm for the other residents in the area.

Mr. I A Rehman and Mr. Mehboob Ahmad asked CLAAS for leading the case and for the legal assistance as they are always there to support CLAAS morally.

Later on October 12, 2013 CLAAS came to know that Adnan's brother Irfan, Shehnaz Gill widow of Pervaiz Shahid (Mother of Adnan) aged 45 and Sajjida d/o Mukhtar Masih aged 40 (maternal Aunt of Adnan), Kamran (maternal uncle of Adnan) were taken in to the illegal custody of police at Township Police Station. On the same day CLAAS team along with Mr. Mehboob Ahmad Khan went to the police station and asked for the release of women from the police station and took the full responsibility to produce them in the police station when they need them for any investigation.

On October 17, 2013 Mr. Joseph Francis, MBE (National Director CLAAS) and Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer, CLAAS) went to Township, Police station and met with SHO (Station House Officer) and high officials. The concerned authorities trusted CLAAS and gave the custody of Shehnaz Gill (Mother of Adnan) and Sajida Bibi (Aunt of Adnan) to Mr. Francis. Shehnaz Gill and Sajida Bibi came to CLAAS office and said the following:

Statement of Shehnaz Gill:



Shehnaz Gill widow of Pervaiz Shahid aged 38, Christian by faith and resident of Bahadur Pura, Kot Lakhpat Lahore. She stated that she is widow for 23 years and after her husband she started job as lady health worker in a Government Hospital. She told that her elder son Irfan is working in Glass & Aluminum shop since one year while Adnan (Victim) is teacher in Quaid-E-Azam College. Shehnaz said that on the day of incident Irfan came home at 10:00 pm and informed her that Mohammad Abid trying to get register

a blasphemy case against Adnan. They immediately locked their house and went to her sister house namely Irshad at Sher Shah. As, they reached their Adnan made telephonic call to his senior Pastor Javed John and narrate the whole incident. On his suggestion Adnan went to unknown place. Pastor Javed John took Shehnaz Gill and Irfan to Bishop Akram Gill (so called Bishop) office after some time Bishop Akram, took them to Bishop Jamsheed house and almost 7 police officers was present there, police started to investigate about Adnan but they do not disclose them about him.

Police took them to local police station and next day they brought them to Sahiwal Convent of Jesus and Mary Church and asked about Adnan but gate keeper explained them that he is not here. Later police kept them in custody till 7 days. Shehnaz told that police went her house along with Kamran (her brother) and obtained Adnan's Academic Certificates, His Passport, Abida's (her sister) passport and Identity card, and the amount of 1500/-Rs. She informed CLAAS that her son is innocent and do not have any concern with that book he just read it but did not wrote anything on it and that will be prove by the handwriting. Shehnaz further, thanked CLAAS for support and efforts also requested for shelter because she was afraid from Mullah's and Muslims extremists.

Statement Sajjida Bibi:

Sajjida d/o Mukhtar Masih aged 32, Christian by faith and resident of Lahore is unmarried and lived along with her sister Shehnaz Gill since many years. She runs her own NGO namely Welfare Community Savior at Borewala another District near Sahiwal. She said that on October 10, 2013 she was at her mother's house in Borewala while Ilyas (Mustaq's brother), Sabir (Mushtaq Business partner) and Kamran (her own brother) approached there and bring them in Lahore and



gave Sajjida and Kamran in police custody. She also said that since 7days they are in police custody and police used to ask and pressurize them about Adnan. But as they were in custody how they could tell them where he was. Sajida further said that her mobile phone and diary is still in the police custody and they do not return her yet. Shehnaz and Sajida were thankful to CLAAS for their release from the police detention and for providing safe accommodation at CLAAS Rehabilitation centre. CLAAS provided them cloths to take bath and tooth brushes to clean their mouth as they did not have it for seven days in the police station. CLAAS will provide legal help to the victim family in this fake case and all other assistance.

Up-date on Adnan Masih case (Blasphemy victim)

Adnan Masih, falsely implicated in fake case registered by a member of *Jamaat-ud-Dawa*, case FIR no. 675/13 offence under section 295 A, B, C according PPC on October 08, 2013 at Township police station Lahore. Adnan was absconded as he was afraid for his life security when he heard that an aggressive mob of Muslim extremists wanted to kill him and burn the houses of Christians in Township and Green Town Lahore where about 1000-1500 Christian families are settled in each area.

Police raided the house of Adnan October 10, 2013 and get arrested his five family members including two women and confined them in the police station. The remaining family members approached CLAAS and asked for legal assistance in this case. A team including CLAAS staff, Mr. Mehboob Khan, law officer HRCP and Abid Gill from NCJP went to the police station and asked for the release of innocent family members. Police demanded the arrest of Adnan as there was a big pressure of Mullas and Muslim extremists. Police also ensured CLAAS that they will corporate and try to discharge the case FIR against Adnan during investigation but once he surrendered. CLAAS team was in daily meetings with police, and requested SHO and DPO to release females of the family (Adnan's mother and his aunt) on CLAAS surety. Police trusted CLAAS and agreed, they were shifted to CLAAS safe house because of their life security and they were



available whenever required to the police for investigation.

The other side police was busy in searching Adnan (the real accused of the FIR) and planned that after his arrest they will release other 5 members. Adnan was scared and need place to save himself from police; he approached Voice/Aneeqa through some reference and asked legal help for his pre-arrest bail. During stay with Voice he was miss guided and have been playing games with police. Voice and Adnan did not care about the 5 innocent family members suffering in the police station especially women, they were arrested and could be sent to prison because of the pressure of Jammatt-ul-Dawa. Police had trust in CLAAS but could not release people without arresting Adnan. Through sources CLAAS came to know that Voice team wanted to recover women who were on surety from the Safe house through High Court bailiff just to show that they win the case. Later they started to create dramas through text messages and emails and claimed that Mr. Joseph Francis supporting Police in raiding their houses and harassing the families while they do not have accused with them. On November 02, 2013 it came to our notice that Adnan Masih victim of blasphemy got pre-arrest bail through The Voice, Aneeqa Maria and Tahir Gull advocate from the session court Lahore till November 06, 2013. Now it was clear that where the victim was sheltered as police wanted to get him arrest and willing to release all others including Adnan's mother and his aunt and even Adnan during the investigation. After the interim bail of Adnan, the pressure of Jamaat-ul-Dawa was increased; they started to threatened police that they will kill Christians of Township and Green Town Lahore and burn their houses. On November 05, 2013 CLAAS was informed by a local about the growing situation of Christians in Wasan Pura Raiwind road Lahore where about 135 Christian families living among Muslim masses. CLAAS informed Police about the information and asked for the heavy security at both Christian places to avoid any mishap. Immediately CLAAS team Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer) and Sohail Habel (Finance Manager) reached the area at about 2:00 pm and met with the local Christians who were very much frightened and worried about their houses and belongings which the Muslims extremists threaten them to give fire destroy to punish the Christians for blasphemy.

Pastor Joseph Daniel informed the team that yesterday night at about 10:00 pm some unknown with long beard came to the area and threw papers in Christian houses and demand to vacant the houses otherwise they will burn them alive. Pastor informed CLAAS that Adnan used to come to visit his friends in this area and after this blasphemy case police raided their houses and arrested them for investigation.

We are innocent, where we should go; we are not feeling secure along with our families, locals said. CLAAS team encouraged them and ensured that we are always there to help them and also informed the Christians that we have requested heavy security from the High Police Authorities for the immediate security measures in the area for their safety. On November 6, 2013 it was a court hearing on the pre-bail application of Adnan, police was present in the court to get arrest him. It was surprised that The Voice advocate withdrawn the bail application because it was a apprehension that bail must be rejected by the court.

Later Aneeqa brought Adnan to the police station and handed over the custody to the police and demanded the family members from police. Meanwhile CLAAS would have to bring the women to the police station but they refused to go with Aneeqa as they wanted to live at CLAAS safe house, they said to the police that they are satisfied with CLAAS whatever they doing and acknowledged CLAAS efforts and concern for their security. On November 7, 2013 Police get released Shahnaz, Sajida and Kamran Mukhtar aged 35 from the custody and also discharged them from the police record. Mr. Francis asked them that they are free to choose their way but the family insisted to live in CLAAS shelter. Mr. Kamran said that he is thankful to CLAAS for dealing our case very sensibly and for providing shelter to his sisters Shahnaz and Sajida. I want to solute CLAAS efforts and cooperation and ordination of staff with police for our release, otherwise I must be imprisoned for the offence which I did not committed, he said.

He was about 26 days in custody, bearing the behavior of police and pressure to tell about Adnan's where about as he did not know where he was. It was CLAAS that he remained safe from the police torture. Kamran informed CLAAS that his mobile phone is still in the police custody but Mr. Francis assured him that police will return everything belonging to them. He was happy on his release from the police detention. In this critical situation everyone left them alone but CLAAS was always there to help them and care them regularly, he added. He said special thanks to Mr. Francis for visiting him in the custody regularly and for providing basic needs and clothes. After release Kamran came to CLAAS office with beard as he could not remove in the custody. CLAAS arranged cloths for him and he took bath and razed his beard. After having lunch along with his sisters Shahnaz and Sajida he was shifted at CLAAS safe house on request.

Up-date report on Adnan Masih Blasphemy case:

On November 8, 2013 Police released Irfan Masih (elder brother of Adnan) and Mushtaq Rehmat a Christian shop owner, arrested in a fake blasphemy case registered against Adnan in the Police Station Township Lahore. Mushtaq get arrested by police at the office of Jamaat-ul Dawa when he went there to solve the matter with Abid one of his workers on the shop. According to Mushtaq, Mohammad Abid and Mudasar (Muslims) worked with Mushtaq for long time and they were members of Jamaat-ul-Dawa. Abid had a book on



shop, comparison on Quran and Bible written by Ameer Hamza, The book is banned in the market.

When Adnan aged 25, went to the shop to cover the work of his elder brother Irfan who was absent due to some urgent work at home. He was in Faisalabad for last two days and could not return on his duty time. Adnan saw a book in the shop and when he read the book he became

furious because there were abusive words used for the Jesus Christ and other prophets of Bible. It was also written in the book that Bible is fake and created by men while Quarn is true word of God. Therefore Adnan made comments on the writer of the book and called him dog. He also wrote these words on the book. Irfan said that on his return from Faisalabad, he went to his work where Abid and Mudassar showed him the book and informed that his brother Adnan has hurt their feeling by writing the abusive comment on the book against Muslims and Islam. Irfan requested Abid and Mudassar to be quite as he wanted to share the matter with their shop owner Mushtaq Rehmat. But he went to the Markaz of Jammat-ul-Dawa (centre) and showed the book to the Mulla's over there.

The Mulla's made prints of the book and distributed among the Muslims. Mushtaq Rehmat approached Jamaat-UI-Dawa centre and requested Abid and other Mulla's for reconciliation. Mulla's said that they will not create any miscreant but demanded for Adnan. During the time Mulla's made film of Mushtaq Rehmat and also recorded his statement against Adnan and distributed to the Mulla's of other Madrassas (Islamic centers). Meanwhile Mulla's informed the police of the local police station about the blasphemy incident and police get arrested Mushtaq on the same day on October 08, 2013 and took him to the police station at about 9:00 pm. Soon after that about 50-60 Mulla's came to the police station and asked police do not release Mushtaq as they wanted to arrest Adnan first, otherwise they will burn the Christian houses in the area. Therefore police have to keep Mushtaq in custody till the arrest of Adnan. On October 12, 2013 Irfan brother of Adnan and his other three family members including mother parental aunt and uncle get arrested with police.

Since the case FIR *no.* 675/13 offence under section 295 A, B, C was registered against Adnan the both families of Irfan and Mushtaq has have been suffering CLAAS was in communication with police and requested for not torture them in custody. Police also



Irfan Masih brother of Adnan Masih



Mushtaq Masih

provided security to the arrested on CLAAS request and tried to find Adnan as they wanted to release the innocent. Police raided the different places but could not find Adnan. Later on November 02, 2013 he applied for his pre-arrest bail in the Session Court Lahore through an advocate of a local NGO.

On November 06, he was handed over to police and three innocent were released by the police from the custody and handed over to Mr. Joseph Francis National Director CLAAS. On November 8, 2013 Police gave a call to Mr. Francis and handed over the custody of Mushtaq Rehmat and Irfan Masih at about 7:00 pm. Mr. Francis along with the team including Asher Sarfraz, Martin Javed Martin, Samuel Pyara, Saleem Shakir and Dr. Illyas bring the victims to CLAAS office and recorded their statements. They also requested CLAAS to provide them shelter along with their families as they were still in danger. Mushtaq and Irfan said thanks to CLAAS for all efforts and responsibility of their case. They said that they are safe just because of CLAAS and not tortured in the custody. Irfan said that when they were in prison no one came to help them from the clergy but CLAAS staff and Mr. Francis personally have been visiting them daily and encouraged them. Irfan requested CLAAS to provide legal assistance to his brother Adnan in his case but CLAAS is not ready to interfere, because there is another NGO taking care of the case.

27-Fact Finding Report on blasphemy case of Asif Pervaiz

The Information:

On October 10, 2013, Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer CLAAS) was informed by a telephone call about blasphemy case registered against Asif Pervaiz aged 29 in the Green Town police station Lahore. The source also asked CLAAS help and assistance in this fake case registered against Asif.

The same day CLAAS fact finding team headed by Mr. Asher Sarfraz including Zeeshan Zafar, John Paul Bernard and Mr. Abid Gill a member from National Commission for Justice and Peace Lahore reached Green Town Police station, Lahore and met with Inspector Imran Haider. He informed the team that a case FIR (First Information) under section 295-A-B-C has been registered against Asif Pervaiz on October 2, 2013. The team asked him about the investigation of police but the inspector avoided passing any further information to the team.

CLAAS team met with Waseem Anwar (Asif's brother) in the police station who was already waiting for team in the police station.

Family Background of Asif Pervaiz (A victim of Blasphemy):



Waseem Anwar s/o Anwar Masih aged 33, a resident of Lahore informed CLAAS about his family that his father Anwar Masih s/o Miraj Masih aged 61 was teacher in Government Primary School, Sheikhpura while mother Naseem Akhtar a house wife. They are four siblings namely Waseem Anwar aged 33 (Married), Shazia Shakeel aged 31 (Married), Asia Asif aged 30 (Married) and Asif Pervaiz aged 29 (Married). Waseem married with Zarina and blessed with two children named Jessica Waseem age 6 (student of Prep Class),

Jaffar Waseem aged 4 ½ (student of Play Group). By profession he is Mechanical Machinist. Asif parvaiz aged 29, married with Marline and the couple blessed with four children namely Abram aged 4 ½ (student of Nursery), Hayil age 3 and Zarosha & Brian (Twins) aged one month only.

Asif Parvaiz has his private business of children garments and has garments stall at Qarim Block, Lahore.

Family suffering:

Waseem informed CLAAS team that his family was on target over the years. As ten years ago they lived in a small village Ghandowal, district Sheikhpura. His father was teacher in Government Primary School, where he was forced to convert to Islam after serious life threats by his Muslim colleagues. When Anwar Masih refused to be converted, then his colleagues tried to implicate him in a blasphemy case. On October 2, 2000, Bashir Ahmad, one of his colleagues went to his class room and wrote the name of Holy Prophet under the chair of Anwar Masih.

Anwar was unaware about the plan and when he came to class and sit down on the chair.



Soon after Bashir Ahmad came to Anwar's class room and started shouting that Anwar wrote the name of Holy Prophet under his chair and threatened if he did not embrace Islam till October 22, 2000 they will kill him along with his family.

On October 23, 2000 they abducted their whole family members and forcibly converted them into Islam. After they converted they shifted Lahore and with the help of a Christian organization again converted into Christianity.

On June 2010 after about ten years while Waseem was on the way to home after his work at 7:30 pm, he noticed three unknown persons following him who forced him and took him to unknown place and asked him about his

conversion and repeated the whole story of their conversion in 2000. The unknown persons confined him for a week and had been severely tortured in different ways. Waseem informed the team that they lay him down on the floor naked and beat him

severely. They also burn the different parts of his body with iron. He further said that thanks Jesus that he get chance to escape from the illegal detention otherwise he could not live alive.

And now a blasphemy case registered against his younger brother Asif Pervaiz on October 2, 2013.

The Incident:

Asif Pervaiz worked in a garments factory



Asif's wife along with children at CLAAS office

namely Shami Textile at Youhanabad among the Muslims. There was a Muslim named Master Saeed belonged to Jamaat-ul-Islam who often had religious sharing with Asif and many time offered him to be converted in to Islam. Meanwhile he lost his sim card, but neither he, went to the franchise to report that missing complaint nor he tried to ask the company to de-active his Sim card. Infact he did not take it serious. Through some sources Asif came to know that Master Saeed was planning to allege him in fake blasphemy case for sending the derogatory messages against the Mohammad. This was depressing and disturbing for Asif and he felt that Master Saeed wants to implicate in fake case because he wanted to convert him in to Islam. Asif Pervaiz informed the management that he can to keep continues his work in the factory and started his own shop of garments at Qarim Block, Lahore.

Later on October 2, 2013 Master Saeed get registered a fake case FIR no. 678/13 offence under section 295-A-B-C according to the Pakistan Penal Code against Asif Pervaiz s/o Anwar Masih at Green Town Police Station Lahore. When Asif came to know about the registered case against him he absconded. Waseem informed the team that about one week the police tried to find Asif Pervaiz but they could not make his arrest possible. Therefore police get arrested Asif's two brother in-laws namely Vicky and Mahmood at Qareem Block market on October 9, 2013. Police took both of them to Asif's house but could not find him at the place. Then they get his mother Naseem Akhtar in custody and asked her to take them where Asif was and also threatened her that if she will not help them to arrest Asif they will kill him where they will find him. His mother leded police to Waseem's house, Asif was not there but police took all of them to the police station for investigation.

During investigation and beating Waseem confessed that he knows about Asif where he was. On October 10, 2013 at 4:00 am in morning police arrested Asif Perviaz in Sahiwal and started beating him brutally as they said that he is Kafir (atheist). One of the police men said that he must be killed, pushed him in to the van and put his feet on his neck and slapped him harshly. When Waseem saw the police beating Asif he tried to save him but police also started to beat him unkindly. Later, they brought them in Lahore at Green Town Police Station, Lahore.



Parents of Asif at CLAAS office

CLAAS Visited Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP)

On October 10, 2013 in the evening CLAAS team went to the police station to meet with Mr. Jahanzeb Khan DSP in the case of Asif Pervaiz and noticed there was a big Muslim mob at the front of the police station, demanding for the punishment of Asif Pervaiz.

The team met the DSP and Mr. Imran Haider Inspector for the release of Waseem as they had arrested nominated of the FIR. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Jahanzeb Khan DSP

released Waseem and allowed him to go with the team at about 7:00 pm in the evening. Waseem was released by the Green Town Police Station and safely handed over to his father at Youhanabad by CLAAS team.

Family approached CLAAS:

On October 14, 2013 Waseem and his father Nazir Masih approached CLAAS office and asked for legal assistance in the blasphemy case registered against Asif Pervaiz. He also said that he do not want to mishandle his brother's case by other organizations and wants to requested CLAAS for legal assistance. CLAAS has taken the responsibility to deal with the case of Asif Pervaiz and support his family.

28-Two minor Christian girls become victim of physical violence

The Information:

On October 28, 2013, at about 9:45 pm Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer CLAAS) was informed through a phone call by Mr. Shahid Iqbal (A Social Worker) about a case (attempt of rape) Zaini Azam aged 3, a minor r/o 9-C, Railway servant quarters Mayo Garden, Lahore. The source asked CLAAS for help and legal assistance in the case. The parents of the little Zaini went to the Race Course Police Station, Lahore to report the matter and to get registered a case FIR (First Information Report) against the culprit but police did not care and the case was not registered.

The same time Mr. Asher Sarfraz rushed to the Race Course Police Station, and met with Azam Masih and Sunbal bibi (parents of victim), Zaini Azam (victim) and Raina who were already waiting for him in police station. Mr. Asher noticed that Zaini was brutally physically tortured by Allah Baksh aged 60 (accuse) a Muslim, when he tried to rape her. He bites Zaini at face and other parts of her body and she got blue marks of bites and nail scratches visible on her face and neck.

Background of the family:



Azam Masih s/o Pervaiz Bhatti aged 22, resident of 9-C, Railway servant quarters Mayo Garden, Lahore was married with Sumbal aged 20, with the consent of families and out of this wedlock they have two daughters namely Zaini Azam aged 3 and Raina aged 1 ½.

Azam is a cobbler while Sumbal is a maid at the mansion of Rizwan-UI-Haq, Deputy Chief Engineer in

Pakistan Railways against the residence of one room for Sumbal along with her husband and children and depends on the daily income of Azam after making shoes.

Background of the incident:

Sumbal Bibi informed CLAAS that Allah Baksh is a gate keeper at the house of Deputy Chief Engineer in Pakistan Railways where she works as a maid.

He is a bad character man and use to have illicit relations with women. Two months ago he tried to build sexual relations forcefully with a poor Christian woman who also worked in

the same house where Sumbal is, but she did not take any legal action against him because of poverty and fear that police will not take any action against the man and left the work in silence. Then he focused on Sumbal and wanted to trap her but she made complaint with the owner Mr. Rizwan-UI-Haq about Allah Baksh that he is not a good man. Mr. Rizwan and his wife did not believe on Sumbal and blamed her for making a false story to get involves Allah Baksh in a case.

The other hand Allah Baksh noticed that Rizwan and his wife did not believe Sumbal and did not take any action against him, therefore he started to sexually harass her in routine. He also offered financial support to Sumbal if she builds sexual relations with him. Sumbal flatly refused him and warned him to mend his ways otherwise she will take a legal action against him.

Sumbal informed the owner again but he ignored the matter because Allah Baksh knew Rizwan's illegal affairs and that he brings different women at home in the absence of his wife.

The Incident:



On October 27, 2013, Sumbal was alone along with her two minor daughters at the owner's house. At about 3:00 pm Allah Baksh asked her to wash the courtyard. She requested him that her daughters are alone and she wants to wait for her husband and on her husband's return she will do the remaining work. Allah Baksh threatened her and said that he will make her complain to Rizwan-UI-Haq.

Sumbal have to left alone Zaini 3 years old and and Raina 1 ½ years, alone and do the remaining work. After half an hour when she returned from her work she was stunned to see that Allah Baksh was there in her room out of his Shalwar (Men Trouser) and trying to



rape Zaini who was also nude. Sumbal saw her other daughter Raina in bed stead ropes covered her mouth tightly that she could not make noise.

It was unexpected for Sumbal, she started shouting and try to snatch her daughters from this inhuman. Allah Baksh severely slapped on Sumbal's face and threatened her that if she disclosed this incident to anyone he will kill her and her daughters. Sumbal asked for mercy on her daughters. When he saw that Sumbal got frightened he escaped from the scene. The same time Sumbal took her

daughters to her parent's place; she was crying and narrated the whole incident. Meanwhile Sumbal informed Azam (her husband) about this inhuman attack on her daughters by Allah Baksh, he rushed to his in-law's and saw his daughters in miserable condition.

Registration of Case FIR:

Mr. Asher Sarfraz (field officer CLAAS) met with Mr. Muhammad Kazim, Station House Officer (SHO) along with Zaini's parents and requested him to get register case FIR against Allah Baksh. The meantime SHO ordered for the registration of case FIR no. 580/13 offence under section 376/511 according to Pakistan Penal Code, against Allah Baksh at Race Course Police Station, Lahore. SHO informed Mr. Asher that Allah Baskh (culprit) is in police custody.

Medico Legal Examination:

After the case registration Mr. Asher Sarfraz went to the Services Hospital for the medico legal examination of Zaini and Rania along with their parents. After the medical examine it was confirmed in the report that Allah Baksh attempted to rape Zaini. Further, there was a physical violation on their bodies and marks of nails and bites were visible on their faces and neck.

Victim's Family Visited CLAAS Office:



On October 29, 2013 Azam and Sumbal along with their daughters approached CLAAS office and met with Mr. Joseph Francis, MBE National Director CLAAS and requested for legal assistance and help in their legal case against Allah Baksh and wanted to get justice by giving punish to him through court. Sumbal informed CLAAS that her owners are not supportive in this case, they kicked her out from the house and job as they are supporting Allah Baksh to save him from any punishment or prison.

Azam Masih said that they are poor and police has joined hands with culprits, they making pressure on Azam and Smbal for compromise in this case. Police also offered a handsome amount for compromise.

While taking and sharing, he started crying and said that he is a poor but do not need money he need justice.

Meeting with Rizwan-UI-Haq (Deputy Chief Engineer in Pakistan Railways)

Keeping in view the behavior and pressure of police officials over Azam and Sumbal, on October 29, 2013 Mr. Francis (National Director CLAAS), went to the Race Course Police Station Lahore along with Mr. Sohail Habel (Accounts Officer CLAAS), Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer CLAAS), Mr. Tahir Bashir (Legal Advisor CLAAS), Mrs. Huma (Assistant In-Charge Legal Department), Mr. Samuel Pyaara (Human Rights Activist) and Mr. Shakeel (Social Worker) to meet with the Investigation Officer (IO), and also visited Rizwan-UI-Haq (the owner and Deputy Chief Engineer in Pakistan Railways) at his residence.

The team met with Rizwan-UI-Haq at his house and informed that he is disturbed due to the incident happened. He said that, he is Deputy Chief Engineer in Pakistan Railways and live along with his wife and three daughters in the house. Sumbal came to them for job and they provided her job and accommodation without any reference, while Allah Baksh was hired by Pakistan Railways as gatekeeper for his residence.

He admitted before the team that Sumbal made several complains of Allah Baksh but he did not take her seriously. He said that he along with his family was not present at home at the time of incident, and on his return he came to know about the incident. He said that he

is not in the favor of Allah Baksh neither in the favor of Sumbal and he is not willing to give them chance of job again.

Legal Action:

CLAAS has taken the responsibility to fight for justice in the legal case of Zaini's rape and assured the family for full cooperation, prayers and moral support.

29- Two Christians allegedly accused for blasphemy

(CLAAS Pakistan) Another aspect of abuse of blasphemy law against Christians in Pakistan.

Tariq Masih aged 25, and Arif Masih aged 27 (brothers) has been allegedly accused of blasphemy on October 27, 2013 by a local Muhammad Zahid. A nominated case FIR no. 533/13 offence under section 295/B according to the Pakistan Penal Code has been registered against Tariq and Arif after being accused of blasphemy against the Quran by Khuram Shahzad Wadera on October 30, 2013 at Sadder Police Station Wazirabad. Their families have to flee for fear of being killed after severe threat by the local Muslims.



Tariq Masih, a fireworks vendor says that he is innocent: as he bought fireworks material from a factory owned by Muslims. He has his own store where he sells fireworks in Thatta Faqirullah, Wazirabad, District Gujranwala, (Punjab) and also supply material for weddings and other celebrations in the city. On October 25, he sold Muhammad Zahid (one of the neighbors) a set of 5 fireworks (pyrotechnics) for his wedding party. Since some of them failed to go off, some of the wedding guests opened

them to see why they did not work and found that the powders were wrapped in pages containing verses of the Quran.

The discovery shocked the family and their Muslim guests who became aggressive and immediately called upon the Muslims of area and a mob of about 30 people attacked Tariq's family at their house. They alleged and held responsible Tariq for blasphemy as he sold the fireworks material.

CLAAS was informed by a local, Dr. Arif Masih about an overwrought situation in the area due to the false allegation of blasphemy leveled against two Christian boys Tariq and Arif at Thatta Faqirullah a big and old settlement of Christians over the years. Following the information the team consisting on Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer CLAAS), Mr. Sohail Habel (Accounts Officer CLAAS), Mrs. Umza Neelam (Assistant Accounts Officer CLAAS) and Mrs. Huma George (Assistant In-Charge legal department CLAAS) and Umerdrz Karamat (volunteer) reached at the occurrence place to help Christians and to collect the real facts behind the allegations.

Team reached the place at about 2:45 pm and approached Catholic St. Mary's Church and met with a group of about 70 local



Christians including Fr. Baber (priest of Catholic Church), Dr. Arif Masih, Yousaf Masih, Farukh Chaudhry (Social Worker) and Mr. Naeem Bhatti (Social Worker), they already waiting for the team.

Fr. Baber and others informed the team about the incident and asked for legal help and protection of the victims and their families. Fr. Baber also introduced Pervaiz Masih with



the team he was a parental uncle of Tariq Masih.

Pervaiz Masih aged 37 informed CLAAS that he is parental uncle of Tariq and live in the same locality. He has two brothers and four sisters they all married and settled in their families. While his parents died several years ago but they living in joint family system. Arif Yousaf aged 28 and Waris Yousaf aged 22 are government servant in Pakistan railways while Tariq has his own store of fireworks, he started about 5 months

ago and supply pyrotechnics to use in marriages and other celebrations. Tariq is married with Abida and recently blessed with a baby girl.

Pervaiz Masih also said that Tariq Masih do not manufacture fireworks, he buy them from a factory near Gujranwala and do not know what materials they use. Moreover, these factories are owned by Muslims and no Christian works inside there." He added that locals of Thatta Faqirullah did not believe him and called on the police to arrest him and demanded for an exemplary punishment for him and his family, as he insulted Islam and humiliated Quran. Muslims also openly threatened that if the police do not act; they will hunt and kill him and his all family themselves.



He further said that on October 25, Mohammad Zahid demanded 5 pyrotechnics from Tariq Masih for his wedding ceremony, there was shortage of fireworks material in his store but he asked Zahid to wait and brought 5 pyrotechnics from another local store owned by Muslim. The next day on October 26, 2013 at about 6:00 pm some Muslims inquired with Tariq Yousaf that he used Quran

pages to wrap firework powder to make pyrotechnics. Tariq explained them that he is an educated man and well aware what he would have to suffer, and he do not manufacture fireworks at home he brings them from factory owned by Muslims, so the people returned back.

After some time, the same evening a local Muslim Khurram Wadeera s/o Murad cast Faqeer, aged 25, along with a mob of about 30 approached Tariq's place and allegedly accused Tariq and Munawar (Tariq's helper in the store) for blasphemy. Tariq again explained that he do not make the material at home, he use to bring it from the factory, other Muslims got infuriated and pressurized Tariq to admit the crime. Tariq and Munawar assaulted by the Muslim attackers and threatened for life. They were called as atheist and should be killed.



The Christian neighbors gathered and also Shoukat Masih and Younis Masih (Tariq's uncles) requested Khurram and other Muslims to leave them just for the sake of Allah. They left the scene but with the threat of severe consequences they would have to face.

After this incident Tariq Yousaf and Munawar, along with their families, fled from the area, fearing for their lives. On the other side on October 27, 2013 Khurram discussed this issue among

religious scholars and also filed an application for the registration of Blasphemy case against Tariq and Munawar in Saddar Police Station Wazeerabad. The same evening police raided on Tariq's house for his possible arrest under blasphemy accusations. Police did not find Tariq Maish at home but arrested his brothers Arif Yousaf and Waris Yousaf and kept them in illegal custody.

On October 29, 2013 police registered a blasphemy case against Tariq Yousaf and his brother Arif Yousaf a case FIR no. 533/13 offence under section 295/B PPC at Saddar Police Station Wazirabad.

Fr. Baber said that he has informed all churches and Christian organizations about the incident because need moral and legal support in this fake blasphemy case. He said that Islamic organizations in Pakistan are in power and always ready to kill Christians in the name of religion. Everyone knows that Muslims use blasphemy law for their personal interests, but there is no stop, how long the Christians would be abused by this law. Fr. said that we are not agreed to hand over Tariq Yousaf in custody of police as they need to be assured that the police officials will not torture him in custody as we have bitter experiences in past when we lost two brothers in Faisalabad, Robert Fanish in Sialkot and Adnan Riaz in Shirqpur, were killed in police custody after brutal torture.

CLAAS findings:

After getting the facts CLAAS team find the following

- 1- The registered case of blasphemy against Tariq Yousaf and Arif Yousaf is fake.
- 2- Muhammad Zahid, a neighbor, must have something personal with Tariq Yousaf, and his brother therefore the missed pyrotechnics were opened and later they allegedly accused Tariq and his brother for blasphemy in the registered case FIR.
- 3- Arif is a government servant and nominated in the blasphemy case just because he was the brother of Tariq Yousaf.
- 4- It is trending that police use to get family members in custody in blasphemy cases while the accused absconded.
- 5- Police registered the case FIR against Tariq Yousaf and Arif Yousaf without any investigation.

It is sad that the marginalized are being victimized, and poor people from minority groups have to suffer in fake blasphemy cases and killed by the violent and aggressive mobs on the name of religion.

30-A Pastor of independent Church attacked in Lahore Pakistan

Introduction:



Nadeem Sadiq s/o Sadiq Masih aged 37, is a Christian by faith and resident of House No. 08, Street No. 03, Modern Colony Kot Lakhpat near FGA Bible College, Lahore. On April 16, 2002 he got married with Shermila Dilip with the consent of the both families under the Christian Rite. Out of this wedlock God blessed them with three sons namely summer, Sion, Samekh and daughter Shakiana.

In 2007 he dedicated his life to Jesus Christ and start serving Lord with Christ Revival Church as a board member and Evangelist. In his spiritual life to progress and enhancement in biblical knowledge he joined Gospel of Kingdom Bible School to complete the course of

Pastor Leadership training.

In 2009 he started Giyan Foundation for spiritual and public welfare and started working with the founder members like Aftab Javed and Khurram Azam. They focused on (Baneul-Mazahib), Interfaith Harmony, Human Rights and peace and worked on different projects with Action and International Handrich ball Foundation and South Asia Partnership. With Giyan Foundation as Joint Director he is rendering and his service till date.

In 2010 he met Pastor Dwayne Kath Mullins in USA who is founder of Glory 2 Glory Church. Pastor Nadeem explained him about his services in detail after a while Pastor Dwayne Kath Mullins offered him to serving Glory 2 Glory Church in Pakistan. Thereafter, on 15th August 2011 he laid down the plinth of Glory 2 Glory church (Ministry) at modern colony Lahore. He started his services as founder and chairman of Glory 2 Glory church and his wife as vice chairman and Sunday school teacher and the head of woman ministry started serving.

Background of the incident:

On February 19, 2013 Pastor Salamat organized one healing crusade (prayer meeting) and his daughter Rimpal was there as well she was serving with Glory 2 Glory poor children school as school teacher. On February 20, 2013 day before Thursday Rimpal called him and said, her friend Farah Mustafa who is a Muslim by faith was suffering with cancer and she wants to come for healing prayer meeting. Pastor Nadeem said Rimpal to bring her on Thursday for healing prayer meeting.

On Thursday when Farah came to attend the meeting Pastor Nadeem told her if she has strong faith then God will defiantly heals her up. After the prayer he told her to go to the Doctor and do the check up, and if God has healed her then she must give her testimony. On Sunday March 03, 2013 Pastor Salamat informed Pastor Nadeem and said God has healed Farah and her tests was clear, Pastor Nadeem was very happy and asked him to bring Farah on March 08, 2013 at Hurbans Pura Lahore where the healing crusade was organized. Pastor Salamat and Rimpal brought Farah in the healing meeting and after the

prayer Farah gave her testimony in front of the gathered crowd that God has healed her cancer moreover, she belonged to a Muslim family now she belongs to a Christian family. She further said, she did not accept Jesus, Jesus accepted her in his divine love.

Before the crusade gets over Pastor Jacob and Pastor Nadeem went to receive Pastor Gerald James from the Airport who was coming from Australia and was part of their crusades. When they were on the way back Pastor Nadeem received a call from Pastor Younas Ghulam and he informed him to don't come here because people heard the news that Farah has been converted into Christianity and Muslim community was quite conceited and people were asking for Farah therefore the condition was quite bad here. However, some respectable persons controlled the kiosk. Mulanas and police have left.

On Saturday March 09, 2013 when some arrogant Muslim people attacked on Joseph Colony and burnt the almost entire houses Pastor Nadeem called to Rimpal that just tell Farah not to disclose about her conversion into Christianity. On March 12, 2013 Pastor Nadeem visited Joseph colony along with his Australian friends. Later Pastor Nadeem did not meet with Farah.

On Friday July 16, 2013 Rimpal called Pastor Nadeem that Shazia elder sister of Farah was willing to convert into Christianity and also wants to meet with him. Pastor Nadeem agreed for meeting with Shazia. Therefore on Sunday July 18, 2013 after the Church he went to Pastor Salalmat's place where Farah and her sister Shazia was also present and waited for him.

Pastor Nadeem sermonize Shazia about faith and some verses of Holy Bible. She said, her family was quite worried about Farah and they went to quite a few Mulanas and so called peers for healing but nothing changed with their prayers and Tweeze. She also said that one prayer has healed her ailment. Because of this miracle she impressed and wanted to convergent into Christianity.

Ever since, Farah and Shazia were in contacted and praying with Pastor Nadeem. On Friday October 04, 2013 Pastor Nadeem received a call from Farah that her parents want Shazia to get married with her cousin Irfan who is residing in Gojra and her sister is quite worried reason being she doesn't want to get married with Muslim Guy. Pastor Nadeem said God will help her and he will pray for her.

After that Farah and Shazia did not contacted with Pastor Nadeem and after one month on Sunday November 10, 2013 Pastor Nadeem again received a call at 2: 00 pm from Farah that her parents were forced her sister Shazia to get married with the same guy. But her sister refused them and decisively disclosed that both Sisters Farah and Shazia converted into Christianity and also not willing to marry with any Muslim guys. After this earshot her Father, Mother and brothers started beating them viciously.

After two days on Tuesday November 12, 2013 in the evening around 4:00 pm Pastor Nadeem received a call from Rimpal and she said that Farah's parent and brothers came at her home and started beating her father brutally and blamed that he has converted their daughters forcibly into Christianity and insulted their religion. Rimpal further informed that her father wants to save his life therefore he told them that Pastor Nadeem Sadiq converted them into Christianity. They have taken his address from her father so he will be careful they might attack on him at any point of time.

The incident of house attack:

After the hung up of Rimpal's phone Pastor Nadeem got scared but didn't take it seriously. On the same day November 12, 2013 in the midnight when Pastor Nadeem was sitting in the TV lounge he heard the noise of gun firing from his bed room he got scared. After a while he went to bed room and found three gun fires on window and one fire on the window of drawing room. In the bedroom he found three bullets, one bullet of the leg of bed side and one on sofa side and third on the mattress and fourth bullets was found at the sofa set through the drawing window.



Pastor Nadeem immediately called at 15 police and also called to his neighbor Sabir Gill, everybody in the area has come out of their houses. He also informed his relatives and friends about this incident. His brother in-law Aftab Javeed got worried about him and suggested do not informed police and public about the conversion of Muslim girls because its

harmful for his life and Christian community as well. After some time concerned police reached at his house and inspected the place of occurrence but did not registered any case FIR against the accused persons.

Approaching CLAAS for legal aid & assistance:

On November 13, 2013 Javeed Aftab along with Pastor Nadeem and with his family approached CLAAS office and met with Mr. Joseph Frances MBE, National Director CLAAS and informed him about the entire incident. Mr. Joseph Francis immediately instructed CLAAS fact finding team to visit the place of occurrence.



CLAAS fact-finding, and visit to the occurrence place

On the same day CLAAS fact finding team consisting on Mr. Sohail Habal Finance Manager CLAAS and Miss Huma George Assistant In-Charge Legal Department went to Pastor Nadeem house's and visited the occurrence palace. After that team went to concerned police station Laiqatbad, Lahore and submitted an application and requested to investigate the matter properly.

Registration of FIR:

Next day CLAAS team again went to concerned police station and met with concerned SHO and asked him to register a case FIR against the accused person and also provided security to Pastor Nadeem's family. Same day on November 14, 2013 a case FIR No. 974/2013, offence under section 440 PPC was registered at Liabqabad Police Station against the unknown persons.

After the registration of FIR on November 14, 2013 CLAAS accommodated Pastor Nadeem along with his family at CLAAS rehabilitation centre.

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11-Blasphemy Cases

1-Martha Bibi Vs The State

Kot Nanak Singh is a small village in Kasur District where 13 Christian families live among more than 400 Muslim families. Butta Masih's also lives in Kot Nanak Singh with his family but for work, as a mason, he goes to Lahore. On January 23, 2007, Butta came to CLAAS and stated that his wife, Martha Bibi, had been arrested following an accusation of committing blasphemy.

Butta Masih's statement



Martha and husband visit CLAAS office

Butta Masih stated, "I work in Lahore while my wife runs a small shop of building material in our village. We also rent away tools and equipment used in construction. About one and a half months ago some people from the locality came to take bamboos and logs on rent – used in construction – for the local mosque which was under construction. They took away the material and fixtures but even after passing of more than a month nobody came to return the borrowed things. My wife went to the mosque on 22nd January 2007 and requested the people present there to go inside and get the bamboos and logs out for her. Nobody helped her in this matter so she approached a woman who runs a shop near the mosque to help her get bamboos and

logs. That woman also refused to do so and a minor scuffle ensued in which both women exchanged harsh words; Martha also said at this point that "they" – the locals of that area – would come to get the things for construction but never returned them. That woman also passed words but those were not related to the religion."

"Martha came back after this minor episode but the shopkeeper woman told her husband, Mohammad Ramzan, that Martha had spoken some blasphemous words against the Prophet Muhammad. Ramzan collected people around and said to them that Martha had committed blasphemy. The false information travelled and by 10 pm a large furious mob was marching towards our home. By this time I also had reached home. Sensing mischief, we requested our neighbor Muhammad Rashid Mughal to give us shelter in his home, which he did. When the furious crowd – accompanied by the police – reached our home at

around 10:00 pm, only my father Ghulzar Masih and my mother Bashiran Bibi were at home and rest of us were hiding at Rashid's house."

"The furious mob threatened my parents that our house would be demolished if they did not hand us over to them. My parents told police and the mob that we were not there and asked them to come in themselves and search the house. Police and the mob entered the house in an effort to catch us but they did not harm my parents or our property."

After the angry mob dispersed around midnight, we came back to our home. A relative of our neighbor Muhammad Rashid Mughal came to him and said that people wanted to burn Martha. He said that he wanted to take her to the people to tell them that she was innocent. When he took Martha out of the house police was waiting and they bundled her in their patrolling van and left. We could not dare go to the Changa Manga Police Station because we were afraid of people's rage and we left the place early in the morning quietly.

CLAAS' initiative

CLAAS constituted a team to visit the village and to learn the exact situation. The team went to the place and came to know the facts, which state that the conflict was only of the borrowed equipment by Martha, and once late, the people were avoiding payment of the rent and fine and return of the equipment.

Up-dates of the case:

During trial proceedings Martha Bibi was appearing in court for trial proceedings. On July 27, 2013 Martha Bibi is not appearing before the court to face her trail.

2- The State Vs Bhaggu Ram

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3- The State Vs Sawan Masih

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4- The State Vs Junaid Hafeez

Report on Blasphemy case of Junaid Hafeez:

CLAAS came to know through Amnesty International USA that a blasphemy allegation was leveled against Junaid Hafeez an English lecturer and MPhil student of Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan and unfortunately no lawyer from Multan Bar Association was agreed to plead this case as a requisition was moved by the Multan Bar that no lawyer shall be appear in this blasphemy case at Multan District. CLAAS contacted with family and offered legal assistance in this case.

Junaid's cousin Nayyer Mustafa came at CLAAS office for legal assistance regarding this case.

Back Ground of Case:

Nayyer Mustafa shared with CLAAS that Junaid was brilliant student and through out of his academic career he was gold medal-list. In 2009 after BSC (Bachelor of Science) he got scholarship and went American Jackson University for English *literature* Film and theater for one year course. 60 students were selected from worldwide for this course and he got second position and selected for community assistant but after completing one year Master training he came Pakistan and get admission for M. Phil in Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan.

Madam Sherry Zubair Zakariay University Chancellor was well known about his spark academic background; she offered him to join Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan as visiting lecturer in English department. He accepted his offer and started doing work as visiting lecturer. He was also accommodated in the university hostel.

In March 2013 before election regular seats were announced in the university and he was top listed candidate in the university. But in his department other staff and chairperson were felt jealousy for his popularity among students and Chancellor. And they made a plan to involve him in a fake blasphemy case. Junaid has made a network website on face book namely **“So Called Liberal of Pakistan”** where he posted his articles on liberalism so many students and professor has been joined the page and also posted comments on this page.

The Incident:

On March 12, 2013 at night 8:00 pm Rana Akbar Tabish, visiting lecturer, candidate of regular seat and also an active member of Islami jamea Talba, circulated pamphlets; assert that Junaid has a pseudonym, Mullah Muhafiq, under which he posted indecent comments on Face book about the wives of the Prophet Muhammad (BPUH). 150-200 students of Jamiat (the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami) carrying baton and chanting slogans against him demonstrated and called a strike in the department of English.

Vice-chancellor called to Junaid Hafeez and told to leave university hostel immediately and came guest house due to threats from students of Jamiat-e- Islami group. Next morning on June 13, 2013 at 10:00 am all university department students came out from university and started protest to hang up blasphemers.

Madam Sherry Zubair Chancellor advised him to escape due to the critical situation of the university. He escaped and went Lahore by Daewoo. Police reached university due to pressure of Jamiat Islamic group they arrested Madam Sherry Zubair and inquired about Junaid. Dr. Sherry Zubair told to police that he is on the way of Lahore due to threat from university students he escaped. Police arrested him in Sahiwal when he was on the way of Lahore.

Police took him to Apla police station Multan but the Tehreek Khatima Nabuvat and Jamiat Islamic group strongly protest and demand immediately execution to Junaid. Police

immediately lodged FIR # 103/13 offence under section 295-B-C without any investigation. Police took judicial remand for 14 days and send him to Sahiwal Jail.

His cousin told to CLAAS that it is not clear what if any evidence there is of this change and the local police never consulted Pakistani cybercrime officials. Moreover Mulla Munafiq has been active for three weeks after the arrest of Junaid Hafeez.

Junaid Hafeez was confined in District Jail Sahiwal and presently CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Tahir Bashir (Advocate High Court) is pursuing the case in Multan High Court. Due to sensitivity Mr. Tahir Bashir moved an application for jail trail before the concerned authorities and requested for his jail trial which is pending in High Court Multan.

5- State Vs Waliha Irfat alias Easha

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12-Victim of Forced Conversion and Forced Marriage

1- Shumaila Bibi Vs Mumtaz Nawaz

Shumaila, a 22 years old girl from of Lahore, was married to a Muslim named Mumtaz Nawaz in December 2009. Her mother is a government employee, a sweeper, with the Cantonment Board Lahore, and has four children in all.

Shumaila narrated her story to CLAAS stating that she and her husband Mumtaz had



Shumaila and her mother telling their case to Mr. Francis at CLAAS office

been living in the same locality of Lahore where they knew each other well and they developed an affinity for each other. After a while Mumtaz proposed Shumaila for marriage but she refused because of the religious difference. Upon Mumtaz's assurances that he would not force her to convert to Islam she left her parents' home and got married to him with her free will under the Islamic rites. It was so disappointing for her that almost immediately, within two months of her marriage, her husband Mumtaz as well as his family started forcing Shumaila to convert to Islam. Shumaila refused to

convert and this badly annoyed her husband and the in-laws who would beat her severely on one pretext or another. Shumaila tolerated and ignored their cruel and rude attitude just for the sake of her marriage although she often requested her husband to mend his ways and not to force her to convert into Islam. After one and half year of their marriage Shumaila gave birth to a baby boy named Zeshan who is 2½ years old now. Shumaila further said that pressure on her kept mounting for conversion to Islam against her wishes and when she did not do so things got worse for her and at last one day when her child Zeshan was only nine months old, they snatched him and kicked Shumaila out of their house. Mumtaz and his family made it clear to Shumaila that if she did not convert, she would not be accepted back in the house. This made Shumaila start living at her parents' home and she has been living with them since. Her husband and the family never contacted her all this while which strengthened Shumaila's feeling to go for a divorce.

Updates:

On January 15, 2013 Shumaila approached CLAAS office and requested for help in her suit for Dissolution of Marriage. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate High Court for court proceedings and he filed (18th January 2013) a suit for dissolution of marriage on the basis of khula and suit was decreed on July 04, 2013.

2- Sara Faitma Vs SHO etc.

Patras Masih is 36 years old and father of five children named Sara aged 12, who was a student of 7th grade, Numaira aged 10, student of 2nd grade, Sahil aged 8, student of 2nd grade, Leeza aged 6, student of one grade and Liaba aged 4, student of prep. Patras is a doctor and runs his own clinic (Lal Bhatti Memorial Clinic) in his locality Dargahi Gill, Rana Town Christian Colony Shahdara, Lahore and all of his children are studying at Zuhra Public Model School Rana Town. According to Patras, one Dilawar Masih, 25 year old boy of the same locality, used to visit them as both families had good terms with each other. On March 10, 2013 Dilawar enticed away Sara and they both got married in Sargodha according to Islamic Rites after embracing Islam. Patras Masih requested Dilawar's parents to return his daughter. Dilawar's parents promised him to do so but did not act accordingly and made lame excuses with one or the other pretext. After fruitlessly waiting to see his daughter for some fifteen days Patras Masih registered an abduction case on April 02, 2013 (FIR No. 307/2013, offence under section 365-B Pakistan Penal Code (PPC)) at police station Ferozewala District Sheikhpura against Dilawar, his father Ashraf, his brother Baber and Teresa Bibi (Patras' neighbor). Police registered the FIR against the accused persons but did not arrest them. Police also joined hands with the opponent party and the accused persons, taking advantage of it, moved their pre-arrest bail before Additional Sessions Judge Ferozewala District Sheikhpura. On April 03, 2013 Patras Masih approached CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance regarding the said matter and also contesting pre-arrest bails of the accused.

Updates:

On April 04, 2013 Teresa Bibi, Ashraf and Baber moved their pre-arrest bail petitions before the Additional Sessions Judge Ferozewala which adjourned to April 10, 2013 got dismissed as these accused did not appear on 10th April. On April 11, 2013 Teresa moved her pre-arrest bail again before the Additional Sessions Judge Ferozewala which is under proceedings.

On the other hand Sara filed a writ petition for Quashment of the FIR before the Lahore High Court Lahore in which CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Tahir Bashir, Advocate High Court, submitted his power of attorney on 3rd May for contesting the Quashment Petition on behalf of Patras Masih.

During the course of arguments CLAAS lawyer pointed out that actual age of Sara was twelve years which was evident from her birth certificate issued by the Government of Punjab and also from the School Leaving Certificate in which it is recorded as January 10, 2001. Whereas the age of Sara Bibi in her marriage certificate is written as December 21, 1994 in spite of the fact that Sara's parents got married on November 10, 1997. The honorable High Court instructed the concerned Investigation Officer (IO) to record the statement of Sara and investigate the case strictly in accordance with law. With these observations LHC disposed of the petition and the FIR was not quashed. After the court hearing the concerned IO spoke out his mind and stated that he was going to cancel the case by declaring the accused innocent. Therefore on May 06, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir

moved an application before the Additional Inspector General of Police (IG) Punjab for the change of investigation and on May 08, 2013 the said application vide its diary number 33185-88 is considered for hearing.

On August 15, 2013 a writ petition was filed by CLAAS lawyer in the court of Mr. Muhammad Ali Additional Sessions Judge Ferozewala on behalf of Patras Masih to provide protection to Patras and his family which was duly disposed off in his favor on August 20, 2013.

3-Ayesha Bibi vs Mohsin Ali

Ayesha started a brilliant career and a happy married life but due to illiterate in-laws and other circumstances is forced to leave her husband. Ayesha is a 22 year old Christian whose father Hanook Masih is a tailor and mother Fouzia is a governess at Services Hospital, Lahore. They are 7 siblings including her, namely Farooq aged 28, Deeba 27, Zaibah 26, Ayesha (Victim) aged 22, Hina 20, Nabeel 18 and Mubashir aged 12.

According to Ayesha, in 2011, she started working at Diya's Beauty at DHA, Lahore. Here she met Mohsin Ali who was a 19 year old Muslim and was working as a barber. They fell in love and on April 14, 2011 got married under Muslim rites without consent of their



parents. They were blessed with one baby girl namely Aneeqa who is now four months old.

Ayesha shared that their married life was happy and her relations with her husband were very cordial but as her in-laws never accepted her as their daughter in-law from the very first day of their marriage they started sowing seeds of trouble for her. She told that her mother-in-law Zohra and grandmother Rani made life miserable for her. They often quarreled with her on minor domestic issues and pumped Mohsin against her. Ayesha added that Mohsin never gave her anything for her expenses. She told that after two months of their marriage her mother-in-law forced her to start working as a domestic maid.

Ayesha refused that idea and told her that she could work as a beautician but her mother-in-law did not allow Ayesha to work in a beauty salon. So, unwillingly, she started working as a maid to meet her household expenses. Ayesha told that her in-laws made it a routine to pump Mohsin against her and they kept the pressure on him to beat her on minor domestic issues. Meanwhile, she got pregnant and gave birth to Aneeqa. But even after birth of their daughter, Mohsin and her in-laws did not change their attitude towards Ayesha. She bore all their brutality just to save her martial life and her daughter's future but all seemed to go in vain. She added that on May 3, 2013 she requested Mohsin that she wanted to visit her parents' home but he did not allow that instead started beating her badly. During this beating her mother-in-law also slapped her and urged Mohsin to throw

acid on Ayesha's face. After this incredible incident Ayesha left Mohsin's house on May 4, 2013 and came to CLAAS office for legal assistance and for shelter. Ayesha is facilitated through her stay at CLAAS rehabilitation centre "Apna Ghar".

Updates of the Case

CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Ch. Nasir Anjum, Advocate High Court, (Legal Advisor CLAAS) for court proceedings. On May 7, 2013 a suit for dissolution of marriage was filed before the Court of Senior Civil & Family Judge, Lahore Court on behalf of Ayesha which was decreed on September 20, 2013 in favor of Ayesha.

CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT

13- Cases under Hudood Laws & unpleasant incidents of rape

1- Ather Mehmood Vs The State (Kausar Bibi victim)

A Christian woman sexually harass by Muslim Man



File photo of Kausar

Victim Kausar aged 44 w/o Raffaqaat Masih, Christian by faith and is a resident of District Rahim Yar Khan. Her husband Raffaqaat is laborer while she is sanitary worker in Sheik Zayed Hospital, Rahim Yar Khan. She has five children namely Faizan aged 16. Hina aged 14, Adnan aged 12 (student of 4th grade), Hira aged 10 (student of 4th grade) and Anoosh age 8 (student of 1 class). On January 30, 2013 Kausar visited CLAAS office for financial help and legal

assistance and informed the following:

According to Kausar her husband worked on daily wages and that was extremely difficult for them to accomplish their children needs. So, in 2010 Kausar started doing job as sanitary worker in Sheikh Zayed Hospital till now she is working there and her duty time. And the timetables of her duties were from 7:00 pm to 7:00am.

Statement of Victim Kausar



Sufferer Kausar added and said, "In the Sheikh Zayed Hospital Christian workers are less than Muslims. Their supervisor Muhammad Ather Mehmood aged 30, Muslim By faith started kept bad eyes on me. Accused Muhammad Ather Mehmood made his routine to force Kausar to have sexual relation with him. Kausar often shared with him that she is married woman and further not interested in him further warned him to stay away from her otherwise she complained him to Muhammad Afzal M.S(Medical Superintendent).

Kausar visited CLAAS office

On October 23, 2012 my duty was in orthopedic ward after finishing my work I went to the Nursing counter for some rest. I lay on the bench and sleep for so minuets during this other staff nurses went to their room for rest. At 2:00 am Muhammad Ather Mehmood came towards me immediately remove my Shalwar (ladies trouser) further his Shalwar

(Men's trouser) and forcibly try to rape me. As, I started shouting he covered my mouth with his hands but with the help of my right hand I remove his hand from my mouth and push him on the floor and again started shouting. Bano Alvin (other sanitary worker) who was near to my place ran towards me, as Muhammad Ather Mehmood saw Bano that she is coming towards them he escaped from the place. Meanwhile, my other co-worker Kalsoom and Abid Nadeem also approached on the place. I was very much frightened and rushed towards home and informed my husband about the whole incident.

Next day, I gave an application against Muhammad Ather Mehmood to the Muhammad Afzal M.S (Medical Superintendent) Sheikh Zayed Hospital for the inquiry. Muhammad Ather Mehmood accepts his crime in the presence of Bano Alvin, Kalsoom and Abid Nadeem and also threats them that he is worthy man no one can harm him. Muhammad Afzal M.S (Medical Superintendent) does not take any action against Muhammad Ather Mehmood.

Meanwhile, Abdul Hammed s/o Imam Baksh, Muslim By faith, gardener in Sheik Zayed Hospital started to force me for the forgiveness of Muhammad Ather Mehmood. When I declined Abdul Hameed started threatened that he will kill me along with my family.

Legal Aid & Assistance

On November 01, 2012 Kausar gave an application against Muhammad Ather Mehmood and Abdul Hameed in the Police Station City A-Division to register a criminal case against them. But police joined hands with the culprits and do not take any legal action against them. On November 22, 2012 Kausar gave application to D.P.O (District Police Officer), District Rahim Yar Khan to take legal action against the accused person but vain. On December 12, 2012 Kausar filed a petition 22-AB registration of case in Session's Court, Rahim Yar Khan against Muhammad Ather Mehmood and Abdul Hammed which was disposed off on the same day.

Later, on January 15, 2013 Kausar again filed a petition 22-AB registration of case in Session's Court, Rahim Yar Khan against the accused persons through Mr. Nisar Ahmed Advocate High Court, Rahim Yar Khan which was fixed on January 24, 2013. On January 24, 2013 Muhammad Ather Mehmood and Abdul Hammed register 182 against Kausar which was fixed for January 28, 2013.

On January 28, 2013 Mr. Sardar Muhammad Akram Khan Additional Sessions Judge / Justice of Peace, Rahim Yar Khan gave direction to the SHO Police Station City A-Division for the registration of criminal case against the accused. Same day, FIR (first information report) no 60/13 under section 376/511 PPC (Pakistan Penal Code) was registered against the accused persons.

2- Misbah Bibi Vs SHO police station Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore

A Christian girl illegally detained and raped by a Muslim

Victim Misbah aged 36 d/o Jeeta Masih, is a resident of Lahore. She is a house maid by profession and living along with her mother and five brothers at Phatak Mindi Kot Lakhpat District Lahore. According to victim Mishba before four months she is working as house maid in a house at Raza Blok and her basic salary Rs.7000/- Pak Rupees per month.

Statement of victim Misbah

Sufferer Misbah further told, "She belong to a very poor family and for her personal need she was working as house maid in the houses of others. In December 2012 she started working as house maid at Raza Block. She further shared that on March 02, 2013 the day of incident when she came back to home at 7:00p.m. She abducted by a Muslim named Usman. She told when she reached at Bajli Ghar accused Usman and two ladies were standing there with a black color car, they kidnap her and took her at Gujranwala. They confined her in a house for two days and accused Usman raped her. After two days on March 05, 2013 Usman and his friend Sheikh left her at Lahore. On the same day she along with her brother reached at Allama Iqbal Town Police Station Lahore and submitted an application for the registration of FIR against the accused Usman and others. The concerned authorities not registered FIR against the culprits and delay the matter, later the joined hands with the culprits. On March 25, 2013 she approached CLAAS office for legal assistance and requested to pursue her case. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Tanvir Masih for court proceedings.

Legal Assistance by CLAAS:

On March 26, 2013 CLAAS filed a petition in the Court of Sessions Judge Lahore on behalf of victim Misbah for the registration of Criminal Case FIR (First Information Report) against the accused person through Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS).

On March 26, 2013 Mr. Tanvir Masih also moved an application before the Magistrate, Police Station Iqbal Town, Lahore for Medico Legal Examination of victim Misbah. The area Magistrate same day passed an order and directed the concerned police station for Medico Legal Examination of the victim. Medico Legal Examination was completed but police did not cooperate with her therefore Jinnah Hospital Lahore did not hand over report of her medical.

Therefore on March 28, 2013 Mr. Tanvir Masih filed a petition in the Sessions Court for the issuance of direction to the concerned authorities to issue the copy of her medical examination (receiving medical report and samples from Jinnah Hospital) which was accepted and medical report collected.

On April 04, 2013 medical report was submitted in the court of Ch. Saddar Ali Bhatti, Additional Sessions Judge Lahore and case was adjourned for April 09, 2013 for arguments. On April 09, 2013 arguments heard further police report has been received and perused and case was fixed for order for April 10, 2013.

On April 10, 2013 the concerned Additional Sessions Judge not inclined to any direction for the registration of FIR to the concerned SHO because the occurrence took place in District Gujranwala which is not domain of local police resultantly the petition was disposed off accordingly.

Up-date:

Later Misbah did not approached for further proceeding and case is closed.

3- Maria Javaid Vs The State

Family Information:

Maria Javed d/o Pastor Patras Javed (late), aged 24 is a Christian by faith and a resident of church Ladhaar Muslim, district Gujranwala. Her father was priest while mother Margaret bibi is a housewife. She has eight siblings including her namely Maria Javed (victim) and student of 10th grade, Saba Javed aged 23 (student of 10th grade), Rebecca Javed aged 20(student of 10th grade), Amaar Javed aged 18 (laborer), Hanna Javed aged 16 (student of 10th grade), Robbin Javed aged 12(student of 6th grade), Labbin Javed aged 10(student of 4th grade) and Zarka Javed aged 8(student of 2 class).

The incident:

Maria told that on August 15, 2010 her father died because of sickness and after five months of his death Pastor Shamshad Iqbal s/o Iqbal Masih aged 42, married and r/o of Sialkot came to their house for condolence. He shared with them that he is their father close friend and many times both preached together on different places. He gradually started visiting their house and found that her family is under financial circumstances. Pastor Shamshad started to force her mother to send Maria and Amaar in Seminary for Sunday school training, he further dreamed her mother to settle Maria and Amaar in Europe if they get Sunday school training. Later, on August 11, 2013 Pastor Shamshad came to their house and requested her mother to send Maria with him for the training admission. He also demanded her mother and sister National Identity cards. Her mother trusted Pastor Shamshad gave identity cards to him and sends Maria along with him. Maria told that Pastor Shamshad took her to Capital hotel, Lahore and snatched her mobile phone and restricted her to do not contact her family. She told that he offers her alcohol to drink and on her refusal he got annoyed and beat her badly with slaps and punches. Pastor Shamshad forcibly sipped alcohol to her and when she lost sense he raped her and till six days she was sexually assaulted by Pastor Shamshad. Pastor Shamshad left her luggage on the reception. Afterward, Pastor Shamshad took Maria to Nowshera Varka in his Muslim friend's house and kept her till 16 days, when Maria asked him about her admission he got furious and beat her. Meanwhile he informed her mother that Maria is getting training in Lahore and demanded 50, 000/- Rs for her immediate expenditures. Somehow, her mother arranged the said amount and send to Pastor Shamshad via easy paisa (online transaction). After getting money on September 17, 2013 Pastor Shamshad took her to Liza hotel, Gujranwala. For some hours Pastor Shamshad went out from the hotel, Maria took advantage of his absence and requested a waiter to give his mobile phone because she has to make an urgent call to her family. He gave her mobile phone so Maria contacted her sister Saba and narrates the whole incident of her rape. Same day,

Maria's brother Amaar, her sister Saba, pastor Shoukat and her cousin Asher reached Liza Hotel and took Maria back at home.

On September 19, 2013 Maria went to Aman Abad police station, Gujranwala and gave application of abduction and rape against Pastor Shamshad. After the submission of application same day Saba made telephonic call to Pastor Shamshad and offered to take more 20,000/- Rs for Maria training. In the evening pastor Shamshad came at Maria's house and shocked to see Maria in house. Maria's brother and villagers took him to Aman Abad police station and lodged a case FIR (first information report) no 337/13 offence under section 365-B/376 according to the Pakistan Penal Code against Pastor Shamshad. Police arrested him on the spot and after 18 days of remand send him to Central Jail Gujranwala. Presently, Challan has been submitted and case is fixed for trial.

CLAAS Legal Aid & Assistance

Therefore, on November 6, 2013 Maria and her sister Saba approached CLAAS office through CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Kamran Yousaf Advocate High Court. CLAAS appointed Mr. Kamran Yousaf Advocate High Court for further court proceedings.

CLAAS team visited Capital Hotel

Maria told CLAAS that in childhood she was the patient of epilepsy but two years ago she cured from her disease. But after this frightful incident she again became the patient of epilepsy. Maria further told that she belonged from a poor family and her mother trusted Pastor Shamshad and sold household articles for her bright future. But Pastor Shamshad sexually and emotionally assaulted them on the name of religion. She requested Mr. Joseph Francis MBE National Director CLAAS to provide her legal aid further take strict action against Pastor Shamshad. She also requested Mr. Francis to take her clothes bags back from the capital hotel, Lahore. Same day CLAAS team consisting on Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer), Mrs. Huma George (Assistant In-Charge Legal Department) went along with Maria to Capital Hotel, Lahore and met with the Receptionist of the hotel. He told team that Pastor Shamshad does not clear the hotel dues of 10,000 and he also left two passports and luggage on reception.

CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT

14- Dispute & Criminal Cases

1- Parveen Bibi Vs SHO Factory Area

Parveen Bibi w/o Emmanuel Masih (late) aged 48, is a resident of Lahore. Her husband died about ten years ago and then she started work as a house maid at someone's place to fulfill the needs of her three children Samina Yasir aged 25, Moon Javed aged 24 and Sonia aged 23.

In October 2012 Parveed arranged wedding of her younger daughter Sonia with Baber alias Billi s/o John Ghullam. During the marriage ceremony Parveen's son Moon got interested in a Rukhsana as he fell in love. Later it was disclosed that Rukhsana was Sonia's sister in-law. The couple wanted to get married soon. Rukhsana's parents asked Parveen for the marriage of their daughter along with her son. Parveen happily accepted the proposal and it was an arranged marriage which was fixed on January 2013.

In the month of November 2012 Parveen wished to go to Rukhsana's house to fix the date for the marriage ceremony she has been facing lame excuses by her parents. As they were not willing to get their daughter married to Moon. They had a severe dispute with Parveen and also stop her visiting her daughter Sonia at their house. On December 14, 2012 when Moon went to visit his sister Sonia he was severely beaten up by her in-laws and kicked out from the house they warned that if he will again come to visit his sister they will kill him. When he was back to home he shared with his mother what happened to him.

Parveen informed CLAAS that on December 15, 2012 someone in the street informed Moon that Sonia was beaten severely by her husband Baber alias Bili, therefore he rushed to her house to see her but did not return. Parveen said that she was worried about her son because he did not come back to home; she started asking the friends and relatives about him but could not find him. She tried to contact Sonia and her husband Baber alias Bili, but their cell phones were switched off.

Then Parveen went to the local police station to lodge an FIR (First Information Report) against John s/o Ghullam, Baber alias Bili, Imran alias Goga and Pervaiz s/o Nazeer for kidnapping her son Moon. Meanwhile she tried to contact Sonia and her in-laws but useless. Therefore on February 23, 2013 she came to CLAAS office for legal assistance in kidnapping case of her son.

Legal assistance of CLAAS

CLAAS appointed Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court for this case.

On February 25, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High court (Legal Advisor CLAAS) filed a Petition Under section 22-A & 22-B of CRPC for the Registration of FIR against the accused. On March 04, 2013 Additional Sessions Judge ordered the concerned SHO (Station House Officer) Police station Factory Area Lahore to register the said case FIR, but the SHO did not register a case even on the court order. On March 15, 2013 CLAAS again filed petition under section 22-A, 22-B for initiating proceedings against the respondent (SHO) under section 155-C of police order 2002 for non-compliance of order by the Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore. On March 27, 2013 the said petition

was disposed of in favor of Perveen Bibi and again court directed to the concerned SHO to register a criminal case against as per Parveen's complaint. But there was a compromise between the families.

2- State Vs Tariq Gujjar etc State Vs Yousaf etc (Trial) State Vs Ifzal etc (Trial)

Badami Bag incident

After the most horrific episode of violence against Christians in the city of Lahore a complex battle started where the provincial government that was partly blamed for inaction tried its best to appease the Christian community through material support and reconstruction. But for Christians of the area as well as of other parts of the world it was important that the people responsible should have been brought to book and repetition of such incidents is effectively stopped.



For this purpose cases against a large number of Muslim demonstrators were registered and initially some 200 people were arrested also. Going by the history of such actions Christians are not sure if the culprits would be punished, like they were let off in case of Gojra etc. Therefore CLAAS has initiated a comprehensive watch of the proceedings against these accused in the carnage case and its own team of lawyers is assisting the prosecution.

On the other hand an effective legal campaign for the defence of Sawan Masih has been launched by CLAAS and its lawyers are helping him get out of it

as soon as possible.

The Incident

Sawan Masih is a Christian who has been living in the Joseph Colony for some 20 years while his friend Shahid Imran, the complainant against Sawan in the blasphemy case runs a barber shop in the area. While the two had been friends for many years, and together they had shared many happy moments including occasional drink, on the night of 7th March 2013 they consumed too much alcohol and had a minor argument over something. On 8th March, in the afternoon, Shahid spread the word that Sawan had given some derogatory remarks about the Muslims' Prophet.



His accusation instantly attracted huge audience and a large crowd gathered in the area that destroyed some belongings of Sawan Masih and his family. At this point the police intervened and the crowd dispersed. However the news spread, and the Islamists, who are always around to teach the "blasphemers" a lesson, gathered again in the area and openly vowed to destroy the entire Joseph Colony for the alleged crime of Sawan Masih.

It is now confirmed that all kinds of mischievous groups planned overnight to make use of the

situation to their interest. Spearheaded by the Islamists, angry youth of the area, some people who eyed the expensive land of Joseph Colony and petty political figures of the constituency as well as from the steel-melters union came out in the morning of 9th March 2013 with a strength of around 3000. The police had smelt the rot the previous night already but instead of making any effort of pacifying the crowd infuriated in the name of religion and misguided by a handful of hooligans, they suggested to the residents of the Joseph Colony to vacate their houses. As memories of the Gojra incident of 2009 – in which 9 Christians were burnt to death – could never fade, the Christians of Joseph Colony feared for their lives and left their homes for safer places.

The “evacuation” effected by the police gave a clear walk over to the mischief-mongers and around 11 a.m. they attacked the Christians’ houses with their arsenal ready to be ignited. They used chemicals that helped the fire in severity and spread. These mobsters also removed valuable machinery like refrigerators, washing machines and motor bikes from the houses to the open and set these on fire.

The mob also broke into the houses, looted the valuables and burnt the remaining belongings in the houses. SSP Operations Suhail Sukhera and the SHO Hafiz Abdul Majeed of Badami Bagh Police Station Lahore were also reportedly injured when the mob pelted a police party with stones. The mischief and madness was so strong that no one was allowed to enter the area and even the fire brigade could not come to help Christians. Towards the end of the day there was nothing left in the houses of Christians of Joseph Colony.

The apparent demand of this violent crowd was registration of a blasphemy case against Sawan Masih but it is clear that the mob was driven by malice against non-muslims that has grown astronomically in Pakistan since the times of Zia-ul-Haq.

Sawan Masih had also left his home before the attack in the morning of 9th March and when he heard about registration of the FIR against him, he got really afraid and ran away.

At about 5:00 p.m. CLAAS was informed about the tense situation at Joseph Colony by Fr. Inayat Barnard a Catholic Priest, who is area in-charge and board member of CLAAS. He apprised Mr. Joseph Francis of the position that Christians were frightened and had left their houses for safe places. At that time there were many families who had nowhere to go and they were waiting for help at the same place. CLAAS National Director immediately contacted local police and urged them to arrange adequate security of Christians at the place because of the imminent danger.

After talking to police officials CLAAS team left immediately for Joseph Colony. The team was headed by Mr. Joseph Francis MBE (National Director CLAAS) and included Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer), Mr. Asif Raza (Assistant Field Officer), Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Manager), Ms. Huma Lucas (Assistant In-charge Legal Department) and Ayaz Gill (Court Clerk). Reaching Joseph Colony CLAAS team observed that there were only a few policemen in the area for security of Christians against a mob of above 3000 people. The mob had demanded arrest of Sawan Masih and during this while the mischievous elements had a field day as they looted and burnt whatever they got their hands on.

Samuel Masih, a local social activist and worker for welfare of the Christians, informed Mr. Joseph Francis that there were announcements in the mosques urging Muslims to target

Sawan Masih and his family and to kill them on the spot. He confided to Mr. Francis that to save Sawan's life Samuel had kept Sawan and his family at some unknown place.

Mr. Francis discussed at details the security possibilities and the best solutions for the situation at Joseph Colony were also sought. Samuel brought Sawan Masih to CLAAS office at around 1 in the midnight and through CLAAS he was handed over to custody of the police. Investigation officer in this case also recorded statement of Sawan Masih at the CLAAS office before taking him into the custody. He promised CLAAS that he was responsible for Sawan Masih's security and he would keep him at a safe place.

Sawan Masih assured CLAAS that he was innocent. He was confused as to why he had been involved in such a dreadful case. He also informed CLAAS that the complainant Shahid Imran was his good friend. He requested CLAAS to handle his legal case as he only trusted CLAAS. He also requested for a shelter for his family as he has 3 young children, a son, 2 daughters besides wife and parents. In the meanwhile some more Christian leaders had gathered in the area and they also went to the police station but police officials there were not ready to listen to them. These leaders then came together at around 3:00 a.m. at the Catholic Church Anarkali Lahore along with Mr. Joseph Francis and Fr. Inayat Barnard, a Catholic Priest, to carve out a strategy for this matter. Fr. Inayat Barnard showed his trust in CLAAS to deal with this case.

There are reports that the Punjab government has announced a compensation for all those whose property had been damaged, within five days. Chief Minister has also said that the cases have been registered against those responsible for burning the houses of Christians and they will be prosecuted. While on the other hand the eyewitnesses said that the Christian community of Joseph Colony Lahore has become the victim of aggression of armed Muslim extremists with the support of Punjab government. The MPAs and MNAs of the Punjab government encouraged the extremists to attack Christian belongings so that Christians are driven away from the place as they wanted to grab this precious property of Christians.

Updates of Badami Bagh Case:

In case FIR No 114/13 accused of Joseph Colony who burnt the houses of Christians, accused persons filed 18 Pre-Arrest Bails and 22 Post-Arrest Bails Petitions before the Muhammad Islam Judge Anti-Terrorist Court II. In Pre-Arrest Bail Petition has been adjourned for April 16, 2013 due to non-completion of police investigation. In Post –Arrest Bail Petition has been adjourned for April 12, 2013. Police requested honorable Judge to give them some time to complete the investigation. One of the accused Petitioner counsel stated that In Supreme Court Bishop Akram says that “I am ready for compromise which was rebated by Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate High Court (legal advisor CLAAS) because Bishop Akram is a complainant of the another FIR No 115/13 he may compromise in his own case, he cannot compromise in the said FIR because he is not the afflicted in the said FIR.

Further, the Challan has been submitted of 13 accused before the judge and fixed for April 19, 2013 for summoning the accused.

On April 12, 2013 the court has granted Post-Arrest Bails of the accused of Badami Bag who burnt the Joseph Colony and five accused Bail Petition were rejected on April 12, 2013.

On April 23, 2013 Government of the Punjab Public Prosecution Department wrote a letter to the Prosecutor General Punjab Lahore filing a petition for cancellation of bail a accused namely Anam UI-Haq and Chaudhary Muhammad Bashir against ordered dated April 12, 2013 passed by the learned Judge Anti-Terrorism Court No. II, Lahore.

Prosecution Department filed cancellation of bail petition before the Lahore High Court Lahore on May 02, 2013 which is pending before the honorable court.

On May 07, 2013 Lahore High Court Lahore Mr. Justice Sardar Tariq Masood granted six post-arrest bail petitions to the accused.

Another Challan 34 people were submitted before the honorable court on May 28, 2013 and the case was fixed for framing of charge.

On August 13, 2013 four (04) fresh challan were submitted before the honorable court of 78 accused they were summoned by the honorable court through arrest warrants for August 22, 2013.

On August 22, 2013 41 accused were summoned by the honorable court were present in the court and the court delivered copies. One accused was not present his counsel moved an application that the accused gone abroad for business tour and the accused was not able to come into the court and his personal appearance may kindly be dispense with. The court admitted his application to come for August 29, 2013 for framing of charge. Presently case is under trial.

3- (i) Binyamin etc. vs The State

(ii) Madiha Bibi vs SHO



On March 21, 2013 Nadeem Masih, a 28 year old Christian from Nasirat Colony, Ajnayawala (District Shiekhupura) approached CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance. He shared that his seven family members had been falsely involved in a kidnapping case and arrested by the local police.

According to Nadeem they are 8 brothers including himself and they all are married. They had lived as farmers at Kot Kalian (District Gujranwala) and had shifted to

Nasirat Colony, Ajnayawala with their families and parents only nine months ago.

He further shared that his brother Yousaf is a teacher and has one daughter aged about 6 months. In January 2013, his brother Yousaf joined a private school of the locality where

he met a Muslim girl Madiha who was also a teacher at the same school. On February 11, 2013 Madiha eloped with Yousaf to Karachi where they got married under Islamic rites as Yousaf had embraced Islam.

On February 14, 2013 Madiha's family lodged an FIR (# 45/2013) for an offence under section 365-B PPC at police station Kassoki District Hafizabad, against Yousaf, his brother Binyamin and some unknown persons; but the concerned police arrested a whole lot of innocent people including their mother and other relatives who had been sent to Central Jail Gujranwala. Police instead of investigating the matter properly joined hands with the complainant party and extended threats of dire consequences to family of the accused.

Looking for Yousaf and Madiha, police raided Yousaf's relatives' houses in Karachi and arrested one of their relatives under the charge of kidnapping. Whereas on March 11, 2013 Madiha recorded her statement before the Honorable High Court Sindh stating that she had not been abducted by anyone and she had married Yousaf Mitto with her free will under the Islamic rites. Madiha and Yousaf also moved petitions for protective bails before the honorable Sindh High Court. The honorable court adjourned the bail till April 10, 2013 and called the concerned IO (Investigation Officer) police station Hafizabad to appear with his investigation report in Madiha's case.

While the said case was under proceeding in the Sindh High Court, and Nadeem's family members were in judicial lock up, Madiha's parents continuously threatened Nadeem's family of dire consequence and asking them to return their daughter. They also threatened them that if Madiha did not return they would abduct Nadeem's family's woman members.

At the moment Nadeem and his family are still receiving life threats from the complainants as well as neighboring Muslims who want to burn their houses. Left with no option to save their lives Nadeem and his 36 family member including mother, father, 6 brothers along with wives and children, left their houses and they are now living under a bridge for a while.

Nadeem also requested for legal aid and assistance regarding the bails of his family members. Therefore on April 02, 2013 CLAAS moved post-arrest bails of Binyamin and Akram Bhatti through Mr. Kamran Yousaf Advocate (legal advisor CLAAS) and the said bail matter is pending before the Sessions Court Hafizabad waiting for the Sindh High Court orders whereas other innocent people have been bailed out by the said court.

Keeping in view the threats by Madiha's parents, on April 11, 2013 Nadeem along with his parents and including five families of brothers approached CLAAS office for shelter. CLAAS has provided shelter at APNA GHAR "Rehabilitation Centre CLAAS" to five families along with eight children.

Meanwhile at the Sindh High Court the concerned IO submitted his investigation report about Madiha's case before the Court and the case was adjourned till April 18, 2013. On April 18, 2013 the honorable Sindh High Court ordered in the favor of Madiha and Yousaf, and granted protective bail, and further directed to quash the said FIR in their jurisdiction.

Therefore on April 27, Madiha and Yousaf came to Lahore and due to life threats from Madiha's family they were accommodated at CLAAS Rehabilitation Centre "Apna Ghar". On April 29, 2013 they came to CLAAS office and narrated the whole incident.

Statement of Madiha:



Madiha detailed the whole story while at CLAAS office stating that she was 19 and had been living with her father Nazir Ahmed, a Muslim, at Jathian Wala District Hafizabad. They were five siblings including her (three sisters and two brothers) namely Bilal aged 24, Madiha 19, Reeha 16, Shahzad Ali 13 and Freeha 10. She passed her intermediate examination in 2012. In November 2012 she got a job at Jamia Hidayat ul-Binat Girls High School situated at Jathian Wala as a

teacher for play group and nursery.

On January 14, 2013 Yousaf who is a Christian and resident of Ajnayawala District Hafizabad, near village Jathian Wala, also joined the same academy and was appointed as a teacher for 9th and 10th Grade. On the first day of joining the school Yousaf was late and on the direction of the school Principal, Madiha called him and asked why he did not come to his job to which he replied that he had some family problem and could only join his duty after a couple of days. In this connection they started to communicate and later developed an affinity for each other. Madiha said that at one stage they agreed to get married although Madiha knew that he was a Christian and was married.

In February 2013 they got married and fearing a reaction from Madiha's family they escaped to Karachi where Yousaf embraced Islam. When on February 14, 2013 Madiha's parents lodged an FIR against Yousaf and his family, Madiha called and assured them that they had got married under the Islamic rites and Yousaf had embraced Islam by his full heart. But her family did not accept their marriage and threatened them of dire consequences warning her that they would kill them both.

Consequently, on March 11, 2013 she recorded her statement before the honorable Sindh High Court and stated that she had not been abducted by anyone and she married Yousaf Mitto with her free will under the Islamic rites. Madiha and Yousaf also moved their protective bails before the honorable Sindh High Court.

On April 10, 2013 the concerned IO submitted his investigation report about Madiha's case before Sindh High Court and the case was adjourned till April 18, 2013. On April 18, 2013 the honorable Sindh High Court ordered in the favor of Madiha and Yousaf, and granted protective bail, and further directed to quash the said FIR in their jurisdiction.

Up-dates of the quashment of FIR:

On behalf of Madiha CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court filed a Quashment Petition on May 08, 2013 before the High Court for quashment of FIR but due to national elections holidays the said petition was fixed for May 13, 2013. On the said date the case was adjourned again and fixed for July 02, 2013. On July 02, 2013 Madiha and Yousaf was not appeared before the honorable court and case was fixed for September 18, 2013. On September 18, 2013 quashment petition was dismissed due to non-appearance of Madiha and Yousaf.

Case up-dates of post-arrest bail of Binyamin and Aslam:

On April 02, 2013 post-arrest bail petitions for Binyamin and Aslam alias Ashraf Masih were moved before the Sessions Court Hafizabad. After several court hearing post-arrest bail petition fixed for May 16, 2013. On May 16, 2013 Binyamin and Aslam alias Ashraf were bailed out by the Sessions Judge, Hafizabad.

Up-dates of the trial proceedings:

Case was fixed for May 22, 2013 for presence of the accused persons and challan has been submitted in the court for trial hearing.

Six accused namely Shamim Bibi w/o Inayat Masih , Jalal Masih and Binyamin sons of Inayat Masih, Arif Masih s/o Barkat Masih, Aslam alias Ashraf Masih s/o Noor Masih and Zakria Masih s/o Sulman Masih were facing criminal trial in the court of District and Sessions Judge, Hafizabad and during 4th trial hearing dated July 19, 2013 Arif Masih and Aslam Masih was absent and due to non-appearance both of them, concerned Judge canceled their pre-arrest bail order and issued the warrants to arrest them.

On August 26, 2013 all accused were present before the honorable court and during court hearing Arif and Aslam Masih were arrested by the police due to non-appearance of last hearing. Therefore on the same day Mr. Sajid Mehmood Chatta Advocate High court moved their post -arrest bail and on the same day bail application was accepted. After several trial hearings case was fixed for complaint's evidence in trial but he did not appear in the court for evidence and claimed for Madiha while she was hidden somewhere else with her husband Yousaf. Presently case is under trial.

3- Mona Vs SHO etc

Mona d/o Babu James aged 26, resident of Maryam Nishat colony, Lahore. Her father died several years ago while her mother Mary Stella is a housewife. She has seven siblings 1- Cecilia aged 31 (married), 2- Cecile Sohail 30 (married), 3- Sajid aged 29 (married), 4- Saloomi aged 28, 5- Saima aged 27 (married), 6- Mona aged 26 (victim) and 07- Rohail aged 24.

Mona informed CLAAS that she works in Cambridge brand in a shopping Mall in Lahore and her duty timing from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. She had a problem with her young neighbor Sunil s/o Wilson Masih aged 15-16 who along with his other brothers used to sexually assault girls in the region. But no one took the notice or action against them

because people were scared by their misconduct. Therefore, due to the impunity Sunil and his brothers do not cease their cheap activities. Mona said that Sunil started to note my timings and have been waited for her and passed shameful remarks while passing through. Later he started to force Mona to develop physical relations with him. Mona tried to complain Sunil's mother and sister about his immodest deeds and further warned that if Sunil do not mend his attitude, she will take legal action against him.

On the other side Sunil did not stop harassing Mona and other girls in the area. On May 03, 2013 while Mona was going to her job along with his younger brother Rohail, Sunil forcibly stopped her on way for which she got annoyed and slapped on Sunil. That was the season that there was a dispute started between Sunil and Rohail. Sunil thrust Rohail on the floor and attacked Mona, he gave her severe beating and also torn her clothes. While Mona's brother in-law Amir saw that Sunil was beating Mona and Rohail in the street, he rushed to rescue them. In the meantime, Sunil brothers further came and then there was a big war between them as Sunil called upon his friends too. Mona's brother in-law Amir gave a call to the emergency police and informed about the incident. Police reached the spot with in fifteen minutes and inquire the matter as Sunil, his brothers and friends brutally beat Mona and her brothers. Mona went to local police station to register case FIR (First Information Report) against the culprits but police joined hands with accused party and do not registered case FIR, but pressurized to make compromise with the accused.

Therefore, on May 07, 2013 Mona came to CLAAS office and asked for legal help and assistance for the registration of the case against the culprits.

5- Haneef Masih Vs SHO

Haneef s/o Hameed age 36, a Christian lived at Chak No. 125/15-L, Jhandewali Tehsil Mian Channu District Khanewal along with his wife and six children Arslan Haneef aged 16 years, Muslam Haneef age 15 years, Areej Haneef age 13 years, Ele-Shafan Haneef age 11 years, Numan Haneef age 9 years and Arooj Haneef age 7 years. All are student of various local institutions.

Haneef is a social and human rights activist and working for development of society through his own organization "WAFA". Because of his human rights work and support to the poor few locals were jealous of him and wanted to disturb the good work of WAFA. On July 31, 2013 a local Muslim Qamar Farooq came to his house along with a group of people armed with weapons and they kidnapped Muslam and shifted him to the house of Mehboob Ahmed and locked him in the house. They cover his eyes with a piece of cloth and tied his legs and arms with rope and tortured him severely.

After some time when Haneef found his son missing he started to find him in the house and in the neighbors and locality. Then Yousaf Masih a local told Haneef about his son and took Haneef along with his wife to the place where Muslam was crying loudly and shouted for help. Haneef knocked at the door of Mehboob Ahmed and requested him to release their son. Mehboob's companions started beating Haneef and his wife too.

Meanwhile the local Christians reached at the point. They gave a phone call to the police as well.

After again and again knocking the door Mehboob opened the door and started fighting with Christians. When the Muslims heard about police they ran away from the scene and they left Muslim Haneef. After half an hour police arrived on the spot and arrested Qamar Farooq and inquired about the incident of kidnapping of Muslim Haneef. Qamar admitted before the police official Akhter Nawaz Sub-Inspector (SI) Police Station City Maina Chuunu that offences is true and correct. He told to the police that Haji Muzafar hired them for the kidnapping of Haneef's son. Later some Muslim influence persons reached Police Station and requested SI Akhter Nawaz to release Farooq on their behalf. On the other side police did not registered Haneef's application to get registered a case FIR against Muslims as the influenced of the locality wanted to solve matter and recconciliation among the Muslims and Christians. They called a punchayat on August 01, 2013 and inquired the incident but there was not any outcome. Therefore on August 01, 2013 Haneef submitted an application in the City Police Station Mian Channu against the kidnappers and a case FIR No. 412/13 got registered on August 03, 2013 against accused. The Muslims were annoyed subsequently; they took grudge in their hearts and started to find ways to create problems with Haneef's family. Then Muslims also get registered a fake cases and registered a fraud case FIR No. 281/13, offence under section 499-F in the police station Peer Mehal District Khanewal. They started to harass him and his family and also threatened him for dire consequences. They forced Haneef for compromise in the matter and withdraw the case.

Haneef approached CLAAS on August 29, 2013 for legal help and assistance in his registered case. CLAAS took the matter seriously and provided him a council Mr. Zeshan Haider Galani Advocate High Court Khanewal. Haneef also requested to CLAAS National Direct for financial support for the education of his children. They were in college and wanted to get admission in the boarding school because of the fear of Muslims around.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

CLAAS contested the pre-arrest bails of accused in the court of Sessions and District courts Khanewal on September 11, 2013 meanwhile the local intervene and a compromise took place between the parties on September 26, 2013.

6- Wasif Vs The State etc (ii) Zeshan Vs The State etc

Please find the detail report on page no (236-238)

7- Parvaiz Masih Vs SHO

Parvaiz Masih s/o Noor Masih aged 40, a Christian resident of Sheikhpura had three children namely Robin aged 10, Suriya aged 08, Huzma aged 07. He was a laborer and worked in a field and the field owner was Mohammad Sana Ullah Virk. His wife Sanat Bibi was a house wife. According to Parvaiz Masih, his elder brother namely Zulfqar aged 50, who also work for the same owner in the field, took Rs. 200,000 rupees as advance

payment (loan) as he wanted to see his relatives in Karachi (Sindh Province) who were in trouble.

Zulfqar did not inform Parvaiz about the money he took as a loan from the landlord. Zulfqar did not return after two weeks then the owner asked Parvaiz about his brother and found that he was in Karachi Sindh along with his family. Then Sana Ullah informed Parvaiz that his brother took Rs. 200,000 rupees as loan and he should return money soon otherwise come back and work as usual. Sana Ullah also said that if he did not come and did not return money then Parvaiz would have to pay. Parvaiz refused him to pay the money and asked the owner to contact his brother.

On August 30, 2013 Sana Ullah along with his son Amir Virk forcibly entered in Parvaiz's house along with a group of four other people. They beat him severely and took his animals including one buffalo and four cows forcibly. The cost of one cow was about of Rs.110,000 rupees and the total cost of animals was Rs. 550,000 rupees. Parvaiz requested again and again to Sana Ullah for return of his animal but he always refused by saying that he first he needs his money back. When Parvaiz Masih saw that Sana Ullah was not willing to give his animals back he went to the local police station Housing Colony Sheikhpura and submitted an application against Sana Ullah but police delayed the matter. He has been going to the police station for two three weeks but could not register his case against Sana Ullah.

He approached CLAAS through Mr. Muhammad Aslam Chaudhary Advocate High Court in Sheikhpura and requested for legal help.

8- Amna Bibi etc. Vs The State

Robin Younis s/o Younis Masih aged 39 a resident of house 231, sector A, L-D-A Quarters Lahore worked at Bahria Town as a restaurant manager in 2010. Razia Anayat d/o Anayat Ali aged 27 a Muslim resident of Yaki Gate Lahore was also employee in the restaurant as a receptionist. Razia was interested to talk about Christianity and Jesus and used to ask Robin questions. She also asked Robin if he can provide her a holy bible to read. The other side Robin also got interested in to Razia and their contact ends to love.

Razia's sister knew that she was interested in Robin (a christian) and she informed her mother about their friendship who strictly warned Razia to keep away from the Christian guy otherwise the family will kill her. Razia did not take it serious and continuously contacted Robin. Soon later her mother arranged Razia's marriage in the family along with her cousin. Razia was not willing to get married and refused her mother therefore family started to pressure her and threatened her for dire consequences and forcibly arranged her Nikah Ceremony (marriage contract). After Nikah parents decided wedding date April 23, 2013 without Razia's will therefore she planned to escape from the house and go abroad.

She shared her problems with Robin and informed him about the plan and finally they both decided to leave Pakistan and go to Thailand after one another. Razia's ticket was confirmed on September 23, 2013 to go to Thailand and she left her home but unfortunately she could not go because of the immigration problem at the airport. Robin took Razia to one of his friend's house and since then Razia did not go back to her family.

Her family inquired Robin and also beat him severely as they asked him about their daughter. They also beat severely Robin's family members and opened gun fires on them.

Meanwhile someone called on 15 (Police Emergency Number) and informed police about the severe dispute. Immediately police came to the spot and Razia's mother registered her complaint for kidnapping her daughter against Robin. She also get involved Robin's family members in the false allegation of kidnapping. The police get arrested five family members of Roboin namely Tariq Consular (cousin of Robin), Karamat Masih (uncle), Robert Younis (brother), Rani (mother), Samreen (sister) and confined them in police station Factory Area Walton Road, Lahore and later they shifted to the Central Jail Kot Lakhpat Lahore.

On October 5, 2013 four of them were released on bails but Karamat Masih still confined in the jail. On October 6, 2013 police again raided on Robin's house and arrested other five family members namely Kaniz Karamat (Robin's Aunt), Atia Karamat (cousin) Amina Riaz (Aunt), Razia (Aunt), Gulzar Khan (Uncle) and kept them in police station Factory Area Walton Road, Lahore. Therefore on October 7, 2013 Robin and his uncle Riaz approached CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance in this kidnapping case.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On October 08, 2013 post - arrest bail of five innocent persons namely Amina Bibi w/o Riaz Masih, Kaneez w/o Karamat Masih, Attia d/o Karamat Masih, Razia w/o Sohan Masih and Gulzar Masih s/o Sawan Masih was moved before the court of Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Chaudhary Learned Judicial Magistrate Model Town, Lahore which were allowed on October 09, 2013.

The concerned police have been causing illegal harassment on the behest of the complainant due to which on October 11, 2013 CLAAS lawyer filed a petition on behalf of Razia Sohan before the court of Mr. Malik Tariq Mehmood Zargam which was disposed off on the same day in favor of Razia Sohan.

Post-arrest bail of Karamat Masih

Two case FIR's were registered against Karamat Masih at police station Factory Area Lahore by the same complainant. On October 03, 2013 CLAAS filed post-arrest bail of Karamat Masih in the court of Judicial Magistrate in the case FIR No. 1220/13, offence under section 496-A PPC. CLAAS lawyer argued on October 19, 2013 and succeeded to get bail order of Karamat Masih. On October 23, 2013 post-arrest bail of Karamat Masih was moved in the case FIR No. 1215/13, offence under section 324/ 34 PPC, which was allowed on October 24, 2013 later Karamat Masih bailed out and released from the jail.

09- Khushi Masih Vs The State & CCPO

Khushi Masih s/o Radho Masih aged 40, resident of Youhanabad. He got married with Balqees Bibi with the consent of the families. Out of this wedlock the couple was blessed with eight children namely Aneeqa aged 23 (student of 2nd year), Rajesh alias Raja aged 17 (student of 1st year), Anita aged 16 (student of 8th grade), Nisha aged 14 (student of 4th grade), Rebecca aged 13 (student of 4th grade), Sanobar aged 10 (student of 3rd grade), Shafeela aged 9 (student of prep-class) and Jaadoun age 5 (student of play group).

Khushi Masih is a vendor and sells out chicken in streets. He approached CLAAS and reported the matter of his sister-in-law Razia who got married with Salas Masih. It was an

arranged marriage under the Christian law. Out of this wedlock the couple blessed with five children. Khushi Masih informed that Razia lived in his neighborhood in joint family of her in-laws and the attitude of her in-laws was not cordial with her and her husband as well. Razia's brother in-laws namely Arshad and Illyas were drugs seller, therefore the people in locality were afraid of them. They always harass people but no one took legal action against them. Khushi Masih informed CLAAS not only the people in the street but also his family is not safe from them. In April 2013 Arshad beat severely his younger son Jaadoun without any reason as Khushi Masih was not at home. His daughter Sanobar saw Arshad beating his brother brutally; she rushed towards house and informed her sisters Anita and Aneeqa.

Anita asked Arshad why he beating his brother, but Arshad gave a slap on her face thrown pieces of bricks on them and they got injured. Someone from locality called police on 15 (emergency police number) police approached the spot immediately. Sanobar was taken to hospital for first aid and further medical treatment, but the police did not take any legal action against Arshad even a written application was filed by Khushi Masih in the police station. Afterward, Arshad pressurized his brother Salas and sister-in-law Razia Bibi for the reconciliation between him and Khushi Masih. But after compromise Arshad kept grudge in his heart and made plan to take revenge. On October 5, 2013, at 9:00 a.m his daughter Aneeqa, Anita and Nisha was going to their maternal uncle house. Arshad along with his friends Illyas and Asghar stopped them on the way and beat them and tore their clothes in the street, they forcible took them to their house on gun point. The girls started shouting and crying as people heard their noise they gathered on spot. Razia also reached there and saw her nieces in miserable condition. She asked reason from Arshad and Illyas why they behaved with her nieces like this. Therefore both brothers beat Razia meanwhile Arshad hit her with bricks. When Arshad, Illyas and Asghar saw that people gathered they started threatened Khushi's daughters for dire consequence and escaped from the place. One of the neighbors informed police in the local police station about the matter but police do not come to the spot.

Khushi Masih went to Nishtar police station to register case FIR against the accused. But Arshad registered a fake FIR no1015/13 offence under section 452/506 148/149 according to the Pakistan Penal Code through his neighbor Khalida bibi at Nishtar police station against Khushi Masih, Balqees bibi w/o Khushi Masih, Razia w/o Salas Masih, Salas Masih s/o Boota Masih, Rajesh alias Raja s/o Khushi Masih and Anita d/o Khushi Masih.

Therefore, on October 28, 2013 Khushi Masih approached CLAAS office along with his family for legal aid and assistance regarding his case.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On November 2, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir filed a Petition of compliance on the behalf of Khushi Masih in the court of Mr. Malik Tariq Mehmood Zargam Additional Sessions Judge Lahore and on November 05, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir submitted his power of attorney in the court of Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Chaudhry Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore for pre- arrest bails of the accused Khushi Masih and others.

Another case was registered against Khushi Masih and others:

Khushi Masih came to know through some sources that another case was registered against him on November 07, 2013 case FIR No. 1129/13, offence under section 365/387 PPC at police station Nishtar Colony, Lahore against the whole family of Khushi Masih s/o Radho Masih including Raja alias Rajesh s/o Khushi Masih, Anita alias Aneeqa d/o Khushi Masih, Razia Silas w/o Silas Boota by Arshad Masih s/o Boota Masih. In the same case FIR Khushi Masih got arrested by the local police on November 09, 2013. CLAAS filed pre-arrested bails of other family members on November 11, 2013.

Post-arrest bail of Khushi Masih was also moved in the court of Sessions Judge Lahore later, Khushi Masih bailed out.

10- Adnan Yaqoob Vs The State

Yaqoob Masih aged 50, resident of Model Town Colony Bajwa Chock, Mohallah Usmania, Lahore. He was a laborer and living along with his family in a rented house. He has eight children namely Rubina aged 23, Ehsan aged 21, Sonum aged 19, Adnan aged 17, Anila aged 15, Rimsha aged 13, Rubica aged 11 and Rafia aged 09.

When Yaqoob's son Ehsan was born he gave the custody to his mother in-law, as Ehsan was growing under the love of grandparents his habits and attitude was different from other siblings. In 2011 Ehsan came to Lahore to live along with his parents. He was not interested in doing any job and always misbehaved with his real mother and father and quarrel on minor issues. Once he beat his mother when she could not fulfill his demand on time and when Yaqoob came to know about the matter he warned him strictly to change his attitude. But Ehsan did not care and became more rigid in his bad attitude.

On August 17, 2013 Yaqoob kicked him out from the house because he again beat his mother. Soon after two days Yaqoob came to know that Ehsan got married to a Muslim girl Sania under Islamic law and rites on August 19, 2013. Sania's family get registered case against Yaqoob Masih and his other family members in the Factory Area Police Station. On August 23, 2013 Area police raided at Yaqoob's house and arrested Raquyia Bibi w/o Yaqoob Masih and her brother Aslam Masih and confined them in the police station. The same day police arrested his son Adnan as well. In the late evening police released Yaqoob's wife and arrested Yaqoob Masih and confined him in the police station along with Aslam and Adnan. Police asked them about Ehsan and Sania while they did not know about them.

On August 25, 2013 complainant Ghulam Rasool (Sania' father) registered a case FIR No. 1064/ 2013, offence under section 496-A Pakistan Penal Code in the police station Factory Area, Lahore against Yaqoob, Ehsan, Adnan s/o Yaqoob and Raquyia w/o Yaqoob. On August 30, 2013 Ehsan and Sania appeared in the court of Magistrate and recording their statement, that no one kidnapped Sania she got married to Ehsan with her free will. Unfortunately Sania's parents were also present in the court and they took both of them to their house forcibly.

Sania's brothers started beating Ehsan brutally and after that they called police and hand over to police. Police confined him in the police station for several days and tortured his severely.

On the other side parents pressurized Sania and threatened her for life if she did not recorded her statement against Ehsan and her brother Adnan saying that she was abducted and raped. After her statement the offence under section 376 PPC was added by the police against Ehsan and Adnan.

After police investigation, Yaqoob, his wife Raqyyia and brother in-law Aslam were declared innocent by the police and released from the custody. But police sent Ehsan and Adnan to the prison and confined them in camp jail Lahore.

The post-arrest bail of Adnan was moved in the court of Sessions Judge Lahore which was rejected by the learned court. Therefore on November 06, 2013 Yaqoob approached CLAAS office for legal help and assistance regarding his son Adnan's bail. CLAAS took the responsibility of the case and appointed Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate High Court for court proceedings.

CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT

15- Murder Cases

1-The State Vs Muhammad Ramzan

Hadayat Masih aged 45, resident of Lahore has six children named Rubina aged 22, she is married, Bushra aged 18, Hanook aged 14, Tania aged 10, Sawan aged 2-1/2 and Adil (late) lived along with his family at Subhanpura Chak No. 575/ G-B, Warburton District Nankana Sahib. He worked in the fields for a landlord since July 2007 and later he left job when his son was murder by a local Muslim after committing sodomy with him.

The incident

On the day of incident on July 07, 2013 Hadayat Masih and his wife were busy in their work in the field near Nawab Kot and their little by Adil aged 5 was with them. It was hot sunny day and Hadayat Masih felt that his son feeling hot. Muhammad Ramzan alias Papu passed through them at about 8:00 am who going towards the village by donkey cart. Hadayat and his wife requested him to leave their son Adil at their house. Muhammad Ramzan left his son Adil near the house. After some time Muhammad Ramzan, Hasan Din, Arfan and Muhammad Aslam accused came into his house and in presence of his young daughter took his son Adil along with them. In the evening when Hadayat came back from his work at about 5:00 p.m. his son was missing and his daughter Bushra informed that Papu Ramzan took Adil with him. Hadayat Masih went to Ramzan along with some people of the village and asked about his son Adil. Ramzan admitted the abduction of his son and promised to return him within two days. After that Ramzan disappeared. After twenty days on July 23, 2007 Hadayat lodged a case FIR in the police station Warburton District Nankana Sahib, offence under section 302/363/201/34 PPC. On July 28, police arrested Ramzan and investigated about Adil. On the same day of his arrest police took the physical remand of Ramzan and then he disclosed and confessed that after committing sodomy with Adil he murdered him and then buried his dead body in the crops feild. Then police took the accused with them to recover the dead body of the Adil.

Legal assistance:

Hadayat Masih approached CLAAS office for legal assistance regarding his son' murder case in 2007. CLAAS provided him legal aid and pursued murder case in Nankana Sahib. On October 29, 2008 Ramzan was convicted under section 302 PPC and sentenced to death by the honorable Lahore High Courts Lahore. On November 03, 20008 Ramzan field an appeal in Lahore High Court Lahore against the convention. In February 2013 Appeal is fixed for hearing and again Hadayat Masih approached CLAAS office for legal assistance to contest the murder appeal. On March 01, 2013 CLAAS' legal advisor Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba moved his power of attorney in the High Court for contest the Murder Appeal while the murder appeal was under proceedings the accused Muhammad Ramzan

died in the jail on April 21, 2013, due to the death of accused appeal disposed off on April 23, 2013 and the case is closed.

2- Riaz Masih Vs SHO etc (Report of Komal's murder case)

On May 15, 2013 Riaz Masih s/o Charagh aged 51, a Christian resident of near Governor House; Lahore approached CLAAS office and shared the grieved story of his daughter's murder. Riaz Masih is a driver at Medical Centre Governor House, Lahore since 31 years. He has four children namely Asher Riaz aged 24 (studying in Germany), Komal (Murdered) aged 22, Fariha Riaz aged 20 (Student of 3rd year) and Daud Riaz aged 18 (student of ICS).

Riaz Masih shared that on June 10, 2011 he arranged Komal's marriage with Saffat Azeem Khan s/o Shahid Iqbal aged 25 Christian young boy resident of Garhi Shahu Lahore. Saffat Azeem was nephew of his wife. Riaz was not willing for Komal's wedding to him because he was not a good man but his wife Martha forced him to be agreed for Komal and Saffat wedding. As Komal also wanted to marry him therefore Riaz became agreed later. After marriage Komal started to living with her in-laws and she was blessed with a baby girl namely Ria Angel aged 1 year. Komal (late) was a staff nurse at Shalimar Hospital, Lahore while Saffat was jobless. After marriage Saffat do not allow Komal to visit her parent's house. Slowly and gradually he allowed Komal to visit her parent's house and forced her to bring money from them. Whereas he snatched her monthly salary as the all in-laws depended on her and for her own needs Komal has to ask her parents for money. She often shared with her mother about the harsh attitude of her in-laws and husband was not cordial towards her. Saffat started to torture her physically and mentally and quarreled with her on trivial issues. Due to the bad attitude of her husband and in-laws she does not want to live along with them. She made a phone call to her mother and informed about beating of husband and requested her mother to come to visit her just five days before her murder. She also told her mother that she do not want to live with her husband anymore because of his disgusting attitude. After her decision, Saffat started threatened her for dire consequences and also harassed her that if she leaves him, he will kill her along with all her family members. But unfortunately her mother could not manage time to come and visit her daughter.

On May 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., Komal came back to home after her night duty and prepared breakfast for her meanwhile Saffat started to quarrel with her and again forced her to bring money from her parents. She refused him and again said that she was not willing to live with him and on this issue Saffat got annoyed and opened fire on her with gun. Due to his fire she got severe injury on the left side of her head. Immediately Saffat took her to the Services Hospital Lahore and she was admitted there. Saffat's mother informed Komal's mother about her that Komal was admitted in the Services Hospital but she did not informed why she was in the Hospital. Riaz was on his duty and his wife Martha reached at his job and told him about Komal, they rushed towards hospital and found their daughter died. Saffat was present there but when Riaz inquired him about Komal's death he escaped. Later Riaz informed the concerned police and Saffat was arrested. On the same day a case FIR No. 154/13, offence under section 302 PPC registered at Ghari Shahu Police Station, Lahore against Saffat.

On next day May 11, 2013 Riaz received Komal's dead body after the post mortem and buried. No one from the in-laws came to attend her funeral as they all were absconded. On May 16, 2013 CLAAS team consisting Mr. Asher Sarfraz, Field Officer CLAAS and

Miss Huma Lucas, Office Assistant CLAAS visited Ghari Shahu Police Station and met with the concerned Investigation Officer (IO) Mr. Muhammad Ali Butt. Muhammad Ali Butt informed CLAAS team that the accused was arrested and he admitted his crime but crime weapon was missing. Police raided several times on his house for the recovery of weapon but they could not find it. IO further informed that they are waiting for the recovery of the weapon and then they will send the accused to judicial lockup. Muhammad Ali Butt further shared with team that the accused lawyer has offered for 100,000 rupees to send him to the prison but he flatly refused the offer. IO said that the investigation would be on merit. He further informed that soon he will fix meeting between the both parties (the complainant party and the accused party) and requested team to participate in the said meeting. CLAAS team wanted to see the place of occurrence but their house was locked and they were absconded.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On May 16, 2013 Riaz again came and provide post mortem report of Komal and according to her post mortem report the deceased sustained one injury on her skull by fire arm which indicate in the report as injury no 01/ A and B the cause of death in this case is due to damage of skull and brain under injury no 01.

On May 17, 2013 the concerned IO prepared the site plane (Map of the incident place) and also took crime weapon in his custody.

Riaz further informed CLAAS that he wanted to file a petition for the security of his family and a suit for the recovery of dowry article of his daughter. On May 17, 2013 CLAAS legal advisor filed a petition under section 22-A and 22-B CRPC to provide protection to Riaz and his family from the accused party which was fixed for direction on May 18, 2013.

On May 18, 2013 the said petition disposed off accordingly.

2- Murder of Kamo Maai (Marqas's sister)

Marqas Vazeer s/o Arjun Ram aged 30, a Hindu resident of Tehsil Yazman District Bahawalpur had 10 siblings including him and they all were married. He was a harvester and work in the field. He approached CLAAS and informed that on August 25, 2006 her elder sister Kamo Maai got married with Peeru Ram s/o Emroian Ram under the Hindu rites and law. Out of this wedlock the couple had three children namely Vishanu aged 05, Kalo aged 03 and Gulshan aged eight months only. Peeru was also a harvester and Kamo was house wife. After one year of their marriage Peeru changed his attitude towards her, they often quarrel with each other on minor domestic issues. Peeru never provide her daily house hold expenditures to fill full her needs whenever she demanded for money he gave harsh beating to her. Kamo Maai tolerated all his cruelty just to save her marital life and compromised with him although he was discourteous man. Murqas further informed that his younger brother Ajmal was engaged with Peeru's niece namely Mumal and their marriage were fixed on April 06, 2013. On the day of their marriage Kamo Maai requested Peeru to allow her to participate from groom side because he was her younger brother. Peeru did not allow her and insisted her to participate from Mumal's side because she was his niece. Peeru harshly beat her in front of their relatives but with the intervention of elders the matter was solved. After two hours both husband and wife went to Kamo's parents' house and stayed one night there. Next day on April 07, 2013 they went back to

their house happily but Peeru kept bitterness in his heart and threatened Kamo that he will give her a lesson later for her disobedience.

On April 08, 2013 in the morning at 05:00 a m she was preparing breakfast for family while Peeru started to argue with Kamo on minor issue and revised her disobedience on her brother's marriage and started to beat her with axe- stick inhumanly and brutally as Kamo died on the spot. He had been beating her even she died and later he tied her neck with rope and dragged her dead body towards different places. His neighbor saw that Peeru killed Kamo and informed immediately in the local police station. They also informed Marqas about the murder of Kamo. When Marqas reached on the place of occurrence the local police was also present there and arrested Peeru under the charge of murder. Later Case FIR No. 82/13, offence under section 302 PPC at City Yazmaan Police Station district Bahawalpur was registered against Peeru. Marqas received Kamo's dead body from the police after her post mortem. The cause of death in the post mortem report was severe injuries on the different parts of her body especially head injuries. On May 03, 2013 accused Peeru was sent to judicial lockup. Therefore, on May 17, 2013 Murqas Vazeer came to CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance regarding his sister murder case. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Saleem Gill Advocate High Court Bahawalpur for court proceedings.

Legal assistance for Trial

On June 28, 2013 charge has been framed against Peeru Ram accused to which he pleaded not guilty and claimed trial. His statement in this regard has been recorded. The learned court summoned to prosecution's witnesses for the next date of hearing July 06, 2013. On July 06, 2013 prosecution's lawyer Mr. Saleem Gill Advocate High Court filed power of attorney in the court of Mian Masood Hussain, Additional Sessions Judge, Yazman on behalf of Marqas Ram complainant and made a request for adjournment that he shall produce the witnesses on the next date of hearing and request allowed. While the case was under trial and fixed for prosecution's witnesses and on July 16, 2013 Peeru Ram moved his post-arrest bail through his counsel Mr. Ejaz Gill, Advocate in the court of Mr. Mian Masood Hussain Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ), Tehsil Yezman, District Bahawalpur. On the same day CLAAS Legal Advisor Mr. Saleem Gill moved his power of attorney in the court of (ASJ) for contesting the said bail petition.

4- Riaz Masih Vs DPO etc (Murder of Adnan)

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5- Albert etc Vs State

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6- Malak Hussain Vs The State

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7- Humara Bibi Vs The State

Muhammad Hanif s/o Muhammad Sharif aged 38, resident of Multan Road, Chung Manowal Tehsil and District Lahore married to Rehana d/o Nazir Muhammad on October 28, 1995. It was an arranged marriage and was decided with the consent of both families. After marriage Hanif and Rehana were living as in joint family along with Hanif's parents. Out of this wedlock no issue was born but they were living happily with each-others. After 18 years his wife Rehana started to convince him for second marriage and in 2010 Hanif contracted second marriage with his paternal cousin namely Humaira d/o Fateh Muhammad. Rehana (Hanif's first wife) have to go to her brother's house to look after his wife and stayed there till two months. On December 09, 2011 she came back to her house and very next day, on December 10, 2011 she died suspiciously. On the said night Hanif was not present at home and his brother telephonically informed him about the death of his wife Rehana. After few hours Hanif came back to home then he further informed his in-laws about the death of Rehana. After seven days of Rehana's death Abdul Razaq (Rehana's brother) submitted an application in the police station Chung, Lahore to register a murder case against Hanif and others. The investigation was dually entrusted to a police ASI Muhammad Iqbal who investigated the matter and also recorded the statement of both parties and did not register any case as there was a material contradiction in the statement of the complainant party. Fifteen days later of the said occurrence Rehana's brothers came at Hanif's house and took her dowry articles in the presence of relatives and respectable persons of the locality. On December 24, 2013 Abdul Razaq moved an application before the Superintendent of Police (S.P) police station Chung, Lahore but police did not registered any case against Hanif and others. Later on January 03, 2012 Abdul Razaq moved an application for Exhumation for postmortem of dead body of Rehana before the court of Judicial Magistrate Lahore. The learned Judge Mr. Rana Sajid Safdar Judicial Magistrate ordered to the concerned police station Chung, Lahore to appear before the court on January 19, 2012. Police submitted investigation report before the court and honorable court also ordered to complainant to produce evidence in respect of his claim. After three months on March 15, 2012 Exhumation Petition dismissed and decided against of Abdul Razaq. On March 17, 2012 Abdul Razaq filed a Criminal Revision in the court of Mr. Abdul Qayyum Khan Additional Sessions Judge Lahore against the order dated March 15, 2012 passed by Mr. Rana Sajid Safdar Learned Special Judicial Magistrate, Lahore. On April 05, 2012 the said appeal accepted for exhumation of dead body. On August 27, 2012 Forensic Medicine & Toxicology department issued its report on November 07, 2012 he received the said report. After getting report on November 27, 2012 Abdul Razaq submitted an application before the SHO police station Chung, Lahore. On January 09, 2013 a case FIR No. 30/2013, offence under section 302/34 PPC was registered in the police station Chung, Lahore against five persons namely Hanif, Sharif (Hanif's father), Majeed (Hanif's brother) Baoo (Hanif's cousin) and Humeria w/o Hanif. In the FIR it is alleged by the complainant Abdul Razaq that accused Humaria Bibi has given poison to deceased Rehana with the connivance of others co-accused. On January 11, 2013 Humera was arrested by the police of Chung police station Lahore. The concerned police after joining hands with the complainant kept Humera in the police custody for one month. After one month Investigation officer released Humera saying that they will again call her in the police station for further investigation. After that Punchyat (committee of the villager) was called several times to solve the matter between the both parties. Rehana's family demanded Rs, 8, 00,000 from Hanif for compromise. Hanif belongs to a poor family and he was unable to pay them a huge amount. In May 2013 the concerned SHO (Station House Officer) police station Chung, Lahore arrested Humera under the charge of murder

and sent her to judicial lockup at Kot Lakhpat Jail Lahore. Hanif has been declared innocent in the investigation and released on bail.

Legal assistance by CLAAS

On September 19, 2013 Hanif approached CLAAS office for legal help and assistance while case was under trial and fixed for September 25, 2013. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court for court proceedings. On September 24, 2013 Post-arrest bail of Humaira was moved in the court of Mr. Muhammad Khaleem Khan Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore which was dismissed on October 12, 2013 by the court of Muhammad Kaleem Khan Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore. On September 25, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir submitted his power of attorney before the honorable court of Sessions Judge Lahore for trial and on September 30, 2013 charged frame of accused Humaira Bibi and case is under trial.

8- Javaid Masih Vs SHO etc (Murder of Samson)

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16-Habeas Corpus

1-Sardar Masih Vs Ali Hussain etc

Sardar Masih aged 65, resident of Sheikhpura was married with Safia. They had five children named Ashfaq aged 14, Ittifaq aged 07, Allah Rakhi aged 05, Minshah aged 04 and Akram aged 01. Sardar Masih used to work along with a landlord named Ali Husain for the last two years and lived at Dera along with his family. His monthly income was Rs. 6000 rupees including accomodation. Sardar Masih was earning low money therefore his wife Safia also started work as domestic worker at the house of landlord. Sardar Masih, informed CLAAS that soon after he started work he has to take loan from the owner. The owner became agreed to give him required amount Rs.144,000 rupees as loan. With the passage of time the aggrieved Sardar Masih and Safia realized that the landlord started to force both husband and wife for extra labor and did not pay them extra money but also deducted advance payment from their monthly salary. Sardar Masih informed CLAAS that they worked hard and also the money was deducted from the monthly salary but the amount of loan never decreased but always increased. On December 28, 2012 Sardar Masih's right arm was cut off with the fodder cutting machine for animals and he has to go to the hospital immediately for treatment. Ali Hussain took Sardar Masih to the hospital but not pay the medical expenses. After he recovered, came back from the Hospital and asked Ali Hussain that he do not want to continue his work because the salaries were not enough to fulfill their needs. The landlord became aggressive and started taking forced & hard labor from his wife and both sons Ashfaq and Ittifaq without giving any salary and landlord forcibly detains his both sons. The distressed couple was suffering and helpless to tolerate the cruel attitude of the landlord. On February 21, 2013 Sardar approached CLAAS office for free legal aid assistance in recovery of his two sons who were detained by the landlord.

CLAAS' efforts:

On February 22, 2013 CLAAS filed a Habeas Corpus Petition on behalf of Sardar Masih in the Lahore High Court for the recovery of his sons Ashfaq and Ittifaq. A court bailiff constituted on the same day by the honorable High Court and on February 25, 2013 the two sons of Sardar Masih were recovered and produced before the honorable High Court and later the custody of recovered persons was handed over to Sardar Masih. The Habeas Corpus Petition was disposed of accordingly. After their release by the honorable High Court Sardar Masih along with his wife and children visited CLAAS office.

2- Nazia Bibi Vs SHO etc

Nazia, 38, is daughter of Anwar Masih who has been living in the residential quarters of F.C. College, Lahore. Nazia got married to Waris Masih through the consent of their families and the couple has been blessed with three children namely Yashwa aged 9, Rizwan aged 6 and Adnan aged 6 (as they are twins). Waris works as is laborer.

According to Nazia Bibi, the early fifteen days of their marriage were pleasant but things started to change gradually. Nazia noticed that her husband Waris Masih was not taking interest into work nor has any proper job. Unexpectedly, after six years of their marriage



Nazia became a patient of tuberculosis (TB). Her husband as well as her in-laws did not look after her properly and did not help Nazia for taking care of her diseases. Finally, in 2007 she left her in-laws and shifted, along with her one son named Rizwan, to her parents' place permanently. Keeping in view the financial situation of her poor parents and day to day needs of her son, Nazia started working in a school as a maid. Following total disregard from

her husband and in-laws, Nazia approached CLAAS office on 1st January 2012 and filled a suit for dissolution of marriage through CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba, Advocate High Court, which was decreed in her favour on May 25, 2012. Nazia told that on March 30, 2013 Waris Masih came to her house and forcibly took Rizwan along with him. Nazia pleaded with Waris Masih that Rizwan being a minor could not live without her but Waris Masih did not pay any heed and forcibly snatched Rizwan from her. Nazia went to Waris Masih's house along with her father Anwar and brothers to request return of Rizwan but he refused to do so rather threatened Nazia that he would harm him. Therefore, on April 03, 2013 Nazia came to CLAAS office for legal assistance for custody of her son.

Updates of the case:

On April 05, 2013 Mr. Nasir Anjum, Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS) filed a Habeas Corpus Petition in the Lahore Court for the recovery of Rizwan, which was fixed for April 10, 2013. On April 10, 2013 Rizwan was recovered and produced before the honorable Lahore High Court Lahore and the custody of recovered Rizwan was handed over to Nazia. On the same day a compromise took place between the two parties and the habeas corpus petition was disposed off accordingly.

3- Shamoun Masih Vs Khalid Mahmood Virk etc



Shamoun Masih aged 40 s/o Rehmat Masih, resident of Nadeem Kot No. 05, Brick Kiln No. 11, Sheikhpura. He worked on brick kiln along with his wife Farzana Bibi aged 36 and daughter Shagufta aged 15. Since his childhood Shamaun was working on the brick kiln along with his father Rehmat Masih aged 70 and mother Zeenat Bibi aged 60, they worked on daily bases but the owner paid them weekly. 8 years ago Shamoun took loan of

Rs.70,000 rupees as advance payment which became a big trap for him later. He returned money by deducting from his weekly wages but the loan was not finished but it was increased. Shamoun further shared that they were enforced to work hard while they worked three months but the alleged amount always found increased. The brick kiln owner was unwilling to pay their salary weekly but did not allow them any off from their duties. In May 2013 Shamoun and his family requested the kiln owner that they do not want to continue their labor on his brick kiln because they are not getting their salary on time and there loan was not finished even after deducting the money from the wages of every week. The bricks kiln owner became aggressive and started beating Shamoun he also used to force them to do hard labor without paying them. On June 07, 2013 Shamoun got chance to come out from the illegal custody of the brick kiln owner and came to CLAAS for free legal aid assistance in recovery of his family because the owner do not allow them to move somewhere else. On July 10, 2013 CLAAS filed a Habeas Corpus Petition on behalf of Shamoun through Legal Advisor CLAAS in the High Court Lahore for the recovery of his parents, his wife and daughter. On the next day July 11, 2012 his family members were recovered through bailiff and High Court handed over to custody to Shamoun. Their loan which was given by the brick kiln owner was also removed. After court Shamoun along with his parents, wife and daughter visited CLAAS office.

4- Rafique Masih Vs Muhammad Hussain etc

Rafique Masih aged 53, resident of Okara, worked along with about 15 family members



and relatives on Muhammad Hussain brick kiln for last one year. They were all to gather four Christian families working there and applied some loan from the brick kiln owner and which was deducted with their weekly wages. It was almost a year that the owner was cutting money from their wages but the loan was still there. Rafique Masih further shared that they were enforced to work hard while they worked one years but the alleged amount always found increased. The brick kiln owner was not willing to pay their wages and did not allow

them any off from their duties. In June 2013 Rafique and her husband requested the kiln owner that they do not want to continue their labor because they are not getting their salaries on time and they were living hand to mouth. The brick kiln owner became aggressive and started taking forced and hard labor without giving any salary. The families were suffering and helpless to tolerate the cruel attitude of the brick kiln owner. On July 23, 2013 Rafique Masih, Arshad and Iqbal got chance to come out from the illegal custody of the brick kiln owner and approached CLAAS for free legal aid assistance in recovery of these four families.

On July 24, 2013 CLAAS filed a Habeas Corpus Petition on behalf of these families through Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS) in the Lahore High Court for the recovery of these four Christian families. A court bailiff was deputed on the same day by the High Court and on the next day July 24, 2013 fifteen members were

recovered and produced before the court and later the custody of recovered persons was handed over to Rafique Masih and Iqbal Masih. After release the families visited CLAAS office.

5-Shazia Bibi Vs Arif

Shazia d/o Riaz aged 26, resident of Lahore, got married to Arif s/o Raffique on February 24, 2007 under the Christian rites. She has a baby girl named Rafa 6 years old. After marriage she started living with her in-laws as in joint family. Her husband Arif worked as a sweeper as he was a government employee. She was happy with her husband after marriage; later Shazia came to know that her husband was an addicted to take liquor alcohol. Shazia did not like drinking and started to convince her husband to leave the habit. Arif do not like that Shazia asked him to leave alcohol, he started quarreling with her and beat her severely. Shazia tolerated the cruel attitude of her husband for just to save her marital life. On the other side her in-laws were also not good to her. On July 25, 2013 she went to visit her parents along with her husband and daughter because her mother was sick. Her husband suggested her that her mother is sick therefore she can stay along with her mother for few days to take care of her. Shazia was agreed he left her at her parents' home along with her daughter. After two days her husband came to her and took her daughter along with him. He assured Shazia that she can stay with her mother until she recovered. After that her husband never contacted her and did not come to visit her. Shazia made several phone calls to him and requested to take her back to home but he started making false excuses. On August 03, 2013 her husband sent her divorce on a stamp paper. Shazia's parents tried hard for the reconciliation between Arif and their daughter but their response was not positive. On August 05, 2013 Shazia and her family approached CLAAS for free legal assistance for the recovery of Shazia's minor daughter Rafa.

On August 6, 2013 CLAAS filed a Habeas Corpus Petition on behalf of Shazia Bibi in the Sessions Court for the recovery of her daughter Rafa. The learned Judge ordered SHO of the concerned Police Station, Shahdra Town Lahore to recover the minor and produced her in the court. The very next day on August 07, 2013 the minor Rafa was recovered and produced before the court and later the custody of recovered baby girl was handed over to Shazia Bibi. After her release by the court Shazia Bibi along with her daughter visited CLAAS office.

6- Nasreen Bibi Vs SHO etc

Nasreen Bibi w/o Ashiq Masih aged 32, resident of Patoki, has two children namely Sulman aged 14 and Nagina aged 11. According to Nasreen Bibi, her husband Ashiq Masih worked with a landlord namely Sana Ullah since three years. Sana Ullah was an influenced person therefore he did no payfull salary to his workers and forcibly makes people work for low wages. Nasreen husband Ashiq Masih was bound to work for 24 hours and due to long time work and insufficient diet he became patient of Tuberculoses (T.B). In August 2013 due to sickness he could not work and came back to home with the permission of Sana Ullah. Ashiq could not go to his work for a day or two therefore on September 07, 2013 Sana Ullah along with his nephew Bilal forcibly entered in her house and forced her husband to go with them for work. Her husband told them that he was unable to do work because of sickness. On his refusal they beat him severely and threatened him for dire consequences. They also started beating Nasreen when she stops them from beating her husband. Later they took her husband along with them and locked

her in the house. Nasreen along with her daughter Nagina went to the respectable persons in the locality and requested them to save her husband from Sana Ullah but he did not allow her to take her husband along with her. On September 11, 2013 Nasreen along with her father in-law approached CLAAS for free legal assistance regarding the recovery of her husband Ashiq Masih from the illegal custody of Sana Ullah.

Legal assistance for Habeas Corpus Petition

On September 13, 2013 CLAAS filed a Habeas Corpus Petition on behalf of Nasreen Bibi in High Court Lahore for the recovery of her husband Ashiq Masih. On September 16, 2013 Ashiq Masih was recovered by the SHO Police Station, Sarray Mughal Patoki and produced before the Lahore High Court Lahore. After his release by the court Nasreen Bibi along with Ashiq Masih visited CLAAS office.

On September 20, 2013 Nasreen Bibi again approached CLAAS along with her husband Ashiq Masih and informed that her husband was in the custody of Sana Ullah on September 15, 2013 he forcibly took his thumb impression on blank papers and made him work without any salary. She further shared Sana Ullah also started to harass them through police officials. Therefore they did not live in their house and requested CLAAS shelter and legal assistance. On September 25, 2013 CLAAS legal advisor moved a petition under section 22-A & 22- B Cr. P.C for the protection of Nasreen and her family.

7- Noreen Vs SHO

Noreen aged 32, resident of Sahiwal got married with Ashfaq s/o Boota Masih on September 15, 2004 under the Christian law. After one week of their marriage she came to know that Ashfaq is habitual to take alcohol. She tried to stop him but he warned her to not interfere in his personal life. Meanwhile, he changed his attitude towards her and started to argue on minor issues and did not care about her. Soon after that she came to know that he has illicit relation along with his neighbor Asia (a married woman). Noreen informed CLAAS that when she asked him about Asia he got annoyed and started beatings her. Then Ashfaq started to bring Asia at home and commit adultery with her in Noreen's presence. In these circumstances Noreen got pregnant and gave birth to a baby girl namely Angel present aged 2 ½ years. She narrated that even after the birth of Angel, Ashfaq do not mend his ways and kept busy in his life. She said that he do not accomplish their needs and never provide them food on time. On October 7, 2013 Ashfaq again brought Asia at home in her daughter's presence while Noreen stopped him to do not bring Asia at home in front of Angel. Ashfaq abused her and beat her severely he snatch Angel from her and kicked her out from the house bare footed further warned her do not come again to his house. Noreen said that same day she went along with his brother at Ashfaq's house to take her daughter but he again abused them and kicked out from house. Therefore, on October 8, 2013 Noreen came to CLAAS for free legal assistance and also requested for shelter. CLAAS accommodated her at rehabilitation center "Apna-Ghar" and also appointed a legal advisor for the court proceedings.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On October 9, 2013 Mr. Tanvir filed a Habeas Corpus Petition in the Lahore High Court for the recovery of Angel, which was fixed for October 10, 2013. On October 10, 2013 Noreen appeared before the court and habeas corpus petition for the recovery of her minor was admitted and fixed for next date October 14, 2013. On October 14, 2013 Ashfaq did not

appeared in the court and case was fixed for October 22, 2013. On the fixed court hearing Ashfaq appeared in the court with the minor Angel who recovered by the concerned SHO (station House Officer) and produced before the honorable Lahore High Court Lahore and the custody of Angel was hand over to her mother Noreen Bibi. On the same day compromise took place between the parties and Noreen went along with her husband and Habeas Corpus Petition was disposed off accordingly.

8-Mushtaq Masih Vs Muhammad

Mushtaq Masih s/o Fazal Masih aged 55, resident of Sahiwal was a laborer and worked on a brick kiln along with his five sons Altaf aged 26 (married), Razzaq aged 22, Ashfaq aged 20, Sonia aged 17 and Arfaq aged 15 and wife Khursheed Bibi. In the last year his family worked at Muhammad Anwar brick kiln Chak no 72/5-L, North Post Office District Sahiwal. But he left the work as his family was the only Christian family there. Mushtaq Masih informed CLAAS that he makes 3000 bricks in a day regularly along with his sons and his weekly income was Rs.8000 rupees. He said that in the month of April 2013 he took a loan of 2 lacks from the owner Muhammad Anwar for the wedding ceremony of his elder son and decided to deduct 50 % weekly from the wages. Mushtaq Masih used to do worship in the evening along with his family. Muhammad Anwar warned him to stop worship. But Mushtaq Masih asked him that he do not object when there is prayer in the mosque. He said that he cannot stop prayer and worship. Muhammad Anwar got annoyed and started discrimination with Mushtaq Masih and his family. Muhammad Anwar completely changed his attitude towards them and started to deduct his full week wages in the loan. But after six months Mushtaq noticed that he was deducting money every week but the said loan of 200,000 rupees increased into 400,000 rupees. When Mushtaq Masih asked Mohammad Anwar that he deducted the said loan from his weekly salary he flatly refused by saying that he did not deduct the said loan. Mushtaq Masih informed Muhammad Anwar that he was leaving work on his brick kiln. The owner got annoyed and started to beat him brutally and illegally confined him and his family at his brick kiln. He forced them to work at his brick kiln without salary. Later on November 09, 2013 Mushtaq got chance and escaped from the illegal detention of Muhammad Anwar. On November 11, 2013 Mushtaq approached CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance regarding his matter. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate High Court for legal proceedings.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On November 12, 2013 Mr. Tanvir Masih filed two petitions on behalf of Mushtaq Masih one petition for the establishment of benches before the Chief Justice Mr. Umar Atta Bandyal Lahore High Court Lahore and a Habeas Corpus Petition under section 491-Cr.P.C for the recovery of Khursheed Bibi w/o Mushtaq Masih, Altaf Masih s/o Mushtaq Masih, Razaq Masih s/o Mushtaq Masih, Ashfaq s/o Mushtaq Masih, Sonia d/o Mushtaq Masih, Shaista w/o Altaf Masih which were fixed for November 13, 2013. On November 13, 2013 petition for the establishment of benches was accepted and habeas corpus petition for the recovery of Mushtaq's family was fixed for November 18, 2013. On November 18, 2013 a court bailiff constituted by the honorable Lahore High court and on the next day November 19, 2013 recovered persons produced before the honorable Lahore High Court Lahore and the custody of recovered person handed over to Mushtaq. Later the habeas corpus petition disposed of accordingly. On the same day November 19, 2013 Mushtaq Masih approached CLAAS office along with his family and thanked for legal assistance regarding in the recovery of his family.

9- Yousaf Masih Vs CCPO & SHO police station Bata Pur Lahore

Yousaf Masih aged 60 is a Christian resident of Dyal Singh, Post office Batapur, Lahore. He had 10 children, six children are married while four sons namely Irfan aged 18, Imran aged 15, Sunny aged 14, Salman aged 12 were living along with him. Yousaf Masih informed CLAAS that since three years they were working in the field with a Muslim landlord namely Muhammad Pheero s/o Muhammad Sella and he decided to give him daily wages. Muhammad Pheero landlords took hard labor from them but did not pay money regularly therefore it was difficult for them to bear household expenditure without any income. After some time Yousaf stop working from him while his sons namely James, Irfan, Imran and Sulman were working in his fields. Muhammad Pheero sent his sons in the different houses of his relative namely Latif, Bhoola and Yaqoob. They also took hard laborer from his sons and detained them in their illegal custody. His son Irfan got a chance and he run away from the custody of Latif. After that Latif, Bhoola and Yaqoob along with Muhammad Pheero came at Yousaf house and demanded Rs.200,000 rupees. Yousaf asked them why they demanded money from him while his sons were working in their fields and they also did not pay their daily wages. Muhammad Pheero threatened him for dire consequence further they forcibly took Irfan along with them and did not allow Yousaf to meet with his sons. Therefore on November 27, 2013 Yousaf approached CLAAS office for legal assistance for the recovery of his sons from the illegal custody of Muhammad Pheero.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On November 28, 2013 CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate High Court filed a Habeas corpus petition on behalf of Yousaf Masih for the recovery of his four sons. On the same day the Judge ordered to the concerned SHO for the recovery of detained. On December 09, 2013 SHO recovered the detenues and produced them before the honorable court and the custody of recovered persons handed over to their father and habeas corpus petition disposed off accordingly.

CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT

17-Family Matters

1- Nayab Vs Raheel Parvaiz

Nayab d/o Peter John aged 28, a resident of Shahdara Lahore do a private job as her mother lived at home. Nayab has two siblings Wahab aged 28 (Both are twins) and Gohar aged 27.

According to Nayab, she got married on November 09, 2003 to Raheel Pervaiz s/o Eric Pervaiz aged 31, a Christian resident of Lahore. It was an arranged marriage with the consent of both families. She was blessed with a baby girl named Rameen Raheel presently aged 4.

Nayab informed CLAAS that she was happy with the married life for one year but later she came to know that Raheel had illicit relation with some other ladies in locality. While Nayab tried to stop him and concealing him to mend his ways but Raheel gave harsh beating to her further warned to stay away from his personal life. Nayab said that he had changed his attitude towards and made routine to quarrel with her on minor domestic issues and always ignored to pay his monthly expenditures. Raheel did not care about Nayab and started bringing different women at home in her presence for adultery. Due to the inferior attitude of Raheel an immense hatred created in Nayab's heart and it was very difficult for her to live with him as wife.

Nayab said that she bears his cheap attitude just to save her marital life because she was expecting. Meanwhile she gave birth to a baby girl namely Rameen on September 21, 2008 but her husband never changed his habits even after the birth of his daughter.

On February 12, 2009 Nayab saw Raheel with an unknown lady while committing adultery at her own bed. She became disappointed and shouted on her husband; in the result he gave severe beatings to Nayab and kicked her out from his house along with her minor daughter. Till the date he never came to Nayab and did not compromise with her. She has been living along with her parents. Therefore, on January 31, 2013 Nayab came to CLAAS office for legal assistance in her divorce matter.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On February 01, 2013 CLAAS filed a suit for dissolution of marriage in the Court on the behalf Nayab after four months court proceeding suit for dissolution of marriage decreed on June 13, 2013 in the favor of Nayab.

2- Shakira vs Dildar Ahmed

Shakira is a 23-year-old Muslim lady of Lahore who got married to Dildar Ahmed on November 09, 2011. According to Shakira she went to a joint family home after marriage and after initial some smooth and pleasant weeks of her married life things started getting bad and she soon found out that her husband Dildar was already married to his cousin named Muzzamal. When Shakira asked about his first marriage, her husband changed his attitude and started quarreling with her over minor domestic issues. He did not look after

day to day needs of Shakira and whenever Shakira asked for expenses he would start quarreling and gave her harsh beating. According to Shakira, she ignored and tolerated the whole episode of violence and unkindness just to save her marital life. Her in-laws never took notice or tried to stop Dildar's cruelty towards Shakira. Her husband forced her to start working as factory laborer and fulfill her needs. He also restrained her to contact her family. Dildar's mother also tortured Shakira. The situation kept worsening to a stage where she had to disclose the whole issue of first marriage and Dildar's violence to her parents. Her parents talked to Dildar about it but instead of understanding, Dildar took their advice as an insult and increased the violent beatings to Shakira as well as stopped Shakira from visiting her parents or even talking to them on phone. During this time



Shakira got pregnant and her need for food increased. According to Shakira, she was not getting proper food from Dildar while her medical checkup and care was also ignored by her husband. To top it all Dildar and his mother did not accept her pregnancy being from Dildar and accused that she had conceived due to illicit relations with another man. Later they kicked her out of their house but she returned to them on her parents' advice and an uneasy compromise. Even after the

compromise Shakira's in-laws and husband did not change their attitude towards her. Finally, Shakira moved to her parents' home. Shakira's husband never bothered to take his wife back and has not visited her during these two months. Her parents tried their best again and again for a compromise but Dildar did not respond nor contacted. Following this attitude, Shakira decided to not live with Dildar anymore and decided to get out of this relation but she is pregnant and does not want a divorce. It is difficult for her to fulfill her needs as well as medical expenses. Therefore she approached CLAAS office on March 16, 2013 for legal assistance regarding her maintenance matter.

Up-dates:

On March 27, 2013 CLAAS filed a Suit for maintenance allowance on behalf of Shakira through Mr. Tahir Bashir, Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS). After seven months court proceeding case was fixed for October 21, 2013 for Shakira's evidence. But she did not appear for evidence and because a compromised took place between the parties and Shakira rejoined her husband.

3- Uzma Bibi vs Muhammad Jahangir

Uzma, a Muslim woman from Nankana Sahib area, got married to Muhammad Jahangir on April 16, 2010 with the consent of their families. The couple has no children.

According to Uzma on the day of her marriage it was disclosed that her husband was already married but she compromised with the situation. She started living with her in-laws



as in joint family and initially their marriage went pleasant apart from the first marriage issue. Over a period of time Uzma discovered that her husband was a drug addict. He did not look after day to day needs of Uzma and it became difficult for her to handle household expenses. Differences started growing between them and Uzma had to make it clear to Jahangir that he needed to work and earn a living for the survival of the family. Instead of taking this matter seriously and curbing his bad habits of

drugs, Jahangir started to quarrel and beating her brutally. He also started forcing her to work as a housemaid. Uzma tolerated the cruel attitude of her husband just to save her marital life. But Uzma got increasingly upset because of the attitude of her husband that became violent day by day and finally after 4 months of her marriage in August 2010 she came to her mother's home and started living with her.

Her husband never bothered to take his wife back and has not visited her during these three years. Her mother tried her best again and again for a compromise but Jahangir did not respond nor contacted. Now Uzma did not want to live with him and on April 22, 2013 she approached CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance regarding her divorce matter and recovery of dowry articles.

Up-dates:

On April 24, 2013 CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba (Advocate High Court) filed a suit for dissolution of marriage and a suit for recovery of dowry articles. After five months court proceedings both suits were decreed on September 12, 2013 in favor of Uzma. After decreed of dowry articles an Execution Petition was filed on October 02, 2013 which was executed and under proceedings.

4-Beenish Fakhar Vs Faisal Hafeez

Beenish is a 31 year old Muslim woman from district Lodhran who got married to Faisal Hafeez and they have had five children namely Kainaat (aged 13, student of 9th grade), Muskaan (aged 11, student of 6th grade), Abdul Ghani (aged 9, student of 2nd grade), Toubah (aged 6) and Umme-Hanni (aged 5). Faisal Hafeez was an agricultural landlord. According to Beenish soon after their marriage she found out that Faisal Hafeez was addicted to liquor. She further came to know that he was involved in gambling. Once these vices were open to Beenish it caused a quarrel and then it became a routine that Faisal Hafeez would get drunk and beat her. Beenish pleaded with Faisal Hafeez time and again requesting him to quit his bad habits but he did not listen. During these circumstances she gave birth to five children. Beenish added that she bore all his cruelty just to save her marriage and children's future and she never disclosed about his behavior to her brothers.

She told that in December 2012 Faisal Hafeez fought with Beenish on a minor domestic issue and gave severe beating to her. In this fight she had a head injury and her husband Faisal divorced her verbally in presence of his parents and then he kicked her out the house. Beenish said that after this divorce she stayed 3 months at her brother's house and completed her *Iddat* (a mandatory period of seclusion during which a woman is not to get married). She told that during her *Iddat* period her brothers started forcing her to marry Faisal Hafeez again for the sake of her children. Unwillingly, Beenish contracted the marriage again to Faisal Hafeez for her children's future but she noticed that Faisal Hafeez had not changed his attitude towards her. He frequently quarreled with Beenish on trivial matters and gave severe beatings to her. She told that on April 21, 2013 Faisal Hafeez came to her in intoxicated condition and forced Beenish for sex and when she refused he brutally beat her and again divorced her in the presence of children. She told that on same day he kicked her out of his house while did not allow children to go along with her. She approached CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance regarding her matter.

Up-dates:

On April 23, 2013 Habeas corpus petition was filed by CLAAS lawyer Mr. Saleem Gill, Advocate High Court, Bahawalpur on behalf of Beenish for the recovery of her children from the illegal and improper custody of her husband. On April 25, 2013 Habeas corpus petition dismissed with the direction, Benish approached Guardian Court to redress of her grievous. Later the custody of children's matter was solved between Benish and her husband and she took her children from her husband. On June 27, 2013 a suit for dissolution of marriage was filed on behalf of Beenish through Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate High Court. After four months proceedings suit for dissolution of marriage was fixed for Beenish's evidence but Beenish did not appear before the court and suit is pending for her evidence.

5- Kiran Mushtaq Vs Asif Masih

Kiran d/o Mushtaq, a Christian girl of 25, got married to Asif Masih s/o Daniel Masih on May 08, 2005. She lived in a joint family system after her marriage. She was happy with her husband and other family but soon later she came to know that Asif was addicted and has illicit relations with a woman in the locality.

Kiran noted a changed attitude of her husband therefore she started investigation that why he behaved her insolently. She came to know about his illicit relation with some other woman and tried to stop him, but he had a severe dispute with. He refused her to pay daily expenses and also did not care for her medication when she was sick. The mean time Kiran, tried to ignore his bad attitude and tolerated the whole episode of violence and unkindness just to save her marital life.

Her in-laws never took notice or tried to stop Asif's cruelty towards her. The situation kept worsening to a stage when she had to disclose everything about Asif's that h is addicted and habitual to commit adultery to other woman. Her parents tried to convince Asif that he should change his attitude and listen to his wife. He felt his insult and increased violence for Kiran, he also stopped her from visiting her parents. During the time Kiran got pregnant but no one care about her proper diet and did not taken to the medical checkup.

Kiran was disturbed and she moved to her parents' home where she gave birth to a daughter Madha on September 07, 2007. The moment Madha is 6 year old and her all expenses are paid by the grandparents. Her parents tried their best again and again for a compromise but Asif did not respond nor contacted. Through some resources she came to know that he got second marriage under the Muslim rites without informing anyone. Then Kiran decided to file a divorce case as she do not wanted to live in this relation any more. Therefore she approached CLAAS office on May 15, 2013 for legal assistance for filing her divorce case and for the maintenance of her daughter against Asif (husband).

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On May 17, 2013 CLAAS filed a suit for dissolution of marriage and suit for maintenance allowance on behalf of Kiran Mushtaq through Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba, Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS). Both suits were decreed on November 07, 2013 in her favor. On November 22, 2013 an execution petition for maintenance allowance was filed.

6- Saira Bibi Vs Saleem Peter

Saira Noor d/o Noor Masih aged 32 is a Christian resident of Shahdra Town, Lahore. She got married to Saleem s/o Peter in 2002 and she has three sons Nikson 10-years-old, Yashwa 8-years-old and Sam 6-year-old.

After marriage she came to know that her husband was vagabond and addicted. He didn't take interest to do any work, on the other side her in-laws were also poor and they always asked Saira to bring money from her parents for the daily expenses. Once or twice Saira asked her parents for money and they hardly managed but later she refused her in-laws that her parents are poor and cannot manage their expenses. Therefore her in-laws started to quarrel to her n minor issues and beat her severely. She had have been tolerating the behavior of her in-laws because of her children but later she left to her parents' home along with her three sons.

In the year 2006 her husband Saleem got married again under Islamic rites. He embraced Islam and started to force Saira and her children to embrace Islam. Her husband snatched the children and kicked her out from the house when she denied from embracing Islam. She filed Habeas Corpus petition in High Court and succeeded to take her children custody because she never wants to convert her Children into Islam. After two weeks her husband kidnapped her children again while playing outside her parents' house.

Saira requested several times to her husband to give her children back but he always threatened Saira and her family he will convert the children in to Islam. After one month he left two children outside of Saira's parent' home in a miserable condition. But elder son is still in his custody. Saira wanted to take her son back as she wanted to give her Christian teachings.

Legal proceedings:

On June 24, 2013 a Guardian Petition for the custody of her son namely Nexon aged about 10 years was filed on behalf of Saira in the court. Notice sent to respondent on several court hearings but he did not appear in the court.

7- Chanda Vs Vickram Lal alias Vicky

Chanda 18-year-old a Christian young girl lived in Lahore along with her family. She got married to Vikram Lal recently in 2012. After getting married Chanda has to move to Rawalpindi along with her husband and lived in a joint family. She was happy with her marital life but soon she came to know that her husband was a drug seller and addicted and after taking alcohol he used to create problems in the area.

Chanda asked Vikram to give up taking alcohol but he did not care. Later Chanda came to know about the illicit relations of Vikram with another woman. Chanda asked her husband seriously and requested him that now he is not single but has a wife therefore he should stop his bad things which he used to do before marriage. But her husband changed his attitude and started beating her on trivial matters. He stopped paying daily expenses to her and did not care about her health. Chanda told CLAAS that she ignored and tolerated the whole episode of violence and unkindness just to save her marital life. On the other hand her in-laws were also very harsh towards her and never tried to take notice of Vikram's cruelty towards her.

Chanda was not allowed to go to her parents to visit them as her in-laws do not wanted to disclose that Vikram was addicted. On June 3, 2013 her husband beat her on minor domestic issue and kicked her out of the home in the mid night. She came to her parents' home and informed her parents about Vikram and in-laws behavior towards her.

Her parents made a phone call to Vikram and tried their best for a compromise between them on June 10, 2013 but Vikram became furious and violent to them. He warned them that if they tried to contact him again he will kill Chanda. He also threatened them to get her involved in to a fake theft case. Because of the cruel attitude and threats by Vikram Chanda was depressed and she decided to get divorce from her husband. Therefore she approached CLAAS office on June 14, 2013 for legal assistance. On June 28, 2013 CLAAS filed a suit for dissolution of marriage on behalf of Chanda through an advocate.

8- Shumaila Vs Shafique Rafial etc

Shumila d/o Bashir Masih aged 28, resident of Youhanabad, District Lahore lived along with her husband Shafique Rafale. They get married on June 12, 2005 with the consent of both families and out of this wedlock the God bless them with two children name Juice present age 05 years and Johnson age 3-1/2 year. They lived happily but later the problems in their marital life started. Shumaila informed CLAAS that Shafique was already married and divorced his first wife when he got married to her. It was his second marriage but he did not disclose with her and her family about his first wife. Shumaila started living along with her in-laws after marriage.

Shafique was a carpenter and worked on a furniture shop. In the beginning they were very happy. Shafique was caring and loving to Shamila. With the passage of time she noticed that her husband was a carpenter but did not work properly. Her in-laws have to manage their food for the day. It became difficult for Shumaila to handle the day to day expenses. And finally she asked her husband to work properly. Then the problem between husband and wife started. Instead of taking the matter seriously he started to quarrel and beating her brutally and then he made it routine. Shumaila has to tolerate the cruel attitude of her husband just to save her marital life. In the meanwhile, Shumaila took money from her parents and run the affairs of her kitchen and other expenditures etc. but there was not

peace in her heart, she was up-set because of the attitude of her husband which becoming violent day by day even after the birth of two children. Shumaila ignored her husband's attitude for the sake of her children and spent 8 years with him. During the 8 years they had several disputed and Shamila was beaten severely by her husband. After beating he used to kick her to out of the house along with children but every time she compromised.

On June 25, 2013 her husband beat her brutally on the minor issue. She got injured at different parts of her body. It was late night when her husband kicked her out from the house and snatched her children and threatened her for life. She came to her parent's home and started living with them. She did not want to go back to her husband and wanted to get divorce but she could not manage the expenses of the court. She came to know about CLAAS through some sources and approached on June 26, 2013 and asked for legal assistance regarding her divorce case. She also wanted to file habeas corpus/recovery of minors as she wanted to get her children back from her husband.

Legal assistance for Habeas Corpus Petition:

On June 27, 2013 CLAAS filed a Habeas Corpus Petition through Mr. Nasir Anjum Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS) for the recovery of Shamila's two children Juice 5-year-old and Johnson about 3-1/2 year-old. CLAAS was succeeded to get the children back from Shafique through court after filing three time habeas petition and finally on July 02, 2013 the minors were recovered and the court handed over the custody to Shumaila Bibi. After court Shumaila Bibi along with her children visited CLAAS office and said thanks to the team for this good job.

Legal assistance for Dissolution of Marriage:

On July 05, 2013 Mr. Nasir Anjum filed a suit for dissolution of Marriage in the court on behalf of Shamila. On the court notice Shafique appeared in the court on September 11, 2013 and submitted power of attorney through his counsel for reply but he did not submitted reply and due to non-appearance of the respondent suit was pending in the court.

9- Amna Bibi Vs Muhammad Sajjad

Amna d/o Zulfiqar aged 20 a Muslim resident of Chungi Ahmer Sidhu Lahore approached CLAAS for the legal help and assistance in the case of dissolution of marriage. She was poor and in a miserable condition. She informed CLAAS that her husband Shahzad was habitual and addicted.

He was not good to her even on the very first day of their marriage. Later Amna noticed that he do not work properly and he was dependent on his parents. Whenever she asked for daily expenses he does not care and if she made any arguments he beat severely. Amna tolerated his cruelty for the sake of honor of her parents. During these circumstances she got pregnant but her mother-in-law and sister-in-law forcibly took her to the private clinic for abortion. She was not allowed to see her parents and even her parents were not allowed to come and visit her.

After a month or later she was again pregnant. Her mother-in-law and sister-in-law again forced her to go with them for the abortion but she did not go with them to the clinic. Therefore the family especially her mother-in-law and sister-in-law made her life miserable. She was pregnant but did not provided proper food. She was seven months pregnant when her husband forced her to go to the clinic for abortion. On her refusal her husband beat her severely as they wanted to kill the baby inside the belly. Later she was kicked to her parents' home in a critical condition. She gave birth to baby girl Maria but her husband and in-laws never came to see the child but they started threatened Amna to snatch the girl. Amna decided do not go back to her in-laws and wanted to file divorce case in the court but she was poor and unable to manage the expenses of the courts. Amna came to know about CLAAS through some sources and approached CLAAS office and requested for legal assistance in filing the dissolution of marriage in the court.

On July 05, 2013 CLAAS filed a suit for dissolution of marriage and a suit for recovery of dowry articles on behalf of Amna.

10- Rabia Rehmat Vs Abid Mehmood

Rabia d/o Rehmat Ali aged 25, a Muslim resident of Lahore approached CLAAS for legal help in her case of divorce and dowry articles she wanted to file against her husband Abid s/o Rehmat Ali aged 40.

Rabia got married to Abid Ali with the consent of her family under the Islamic rites. She lived jointly with her mother in-law, father in-law, two brother in-laws and one sister in-law. After three days of her marriage when she came at her parents' home, she informed her mother that she did not want to live with Abid and refused to go with her husband to his place.

After some days Abid came to her and asked Rabia to go to home along with him. He also requested her parents to send her along with him. Her parents advised Rabia to go back to her in-laws and then she became agreed to go with them. She further shared that her husband was not a good man he was addicted and used medicines before having sexual relations with her. He harassed her sexually and also tortured physically on minor issues.

Rabia made complain to her mother-in-law against her husband but she did not try to ask Abid to mend his ways. But she started to show attitude to her and forced her to bring 300,000 rupees from her parents. Later she suggested her son to give divorce to Rabia. Consequently after one month she again came at her parents' home and told her mother about his husband's attitude. Then her mother decided that she should not live with him. On July 12, 2013 Rabia came to CLAAS along with her mother and asked help in filling divorce matter as well as dowry articles.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On July 13, 2013 CLAAS filed a suit for dissolution of marriage on the basis of Khula (under Islamic Rites) through a legal advisor on behalf of Rabia in the court. On October 09, 2013 suit for recovery of dowry articles was also filed on behalf of Rabia which was contested by respondent Abid Mehmood. On December 13, 2013 both suits dismissed as

withdrawn because Abid Mehmood gave divorce her in written and also returned dowry articles to Rabia.

11- Naseem Rasheed Vs Sohail Hadayat

Naseem Rasheed aged 27 resident of Mohallah Dera Usman Khan, District Okara got married with Sohail Hadayat resident of Chak Pathan Wala district Okara on June 20, 2010. Soon after marriage she had problems with her husband and in-laws and she could not adjust herself with the husband's family. Later she came to know that her husband was not a good man as he had illicit relations with other woman in the locality. While she try to stops him and tried to alter his bad habits. But Naseem was beaten up severely by her husband and warned her to keep away from his personal matters. Naseem told that Sohail made his routine to quarrel with her on minor domestic issues. She has have been facing and tolerating the cruel attitude of her husband for one year but later she decided took to live separate from her husband. Therefore she filed a divorced case against her husband who was decided in her favor. Later on June 12, 2012 she also filed a case for the recovery of dowry articles in family court of Okara. The value of the articles was amount 300,000 rupees. On July 11, 2013 the court decided that her husband must return 50,000 rupees apart from 300,000 rupees. She became worried over the court decision because the valued amount of her dowry was not fully recovered. She wanted to file an appeal against the court order of family court but she had not enough sources. On July 18, 2013 Naseem came to CLAAS office for legal assistance as she wanted to file an appeal against the judgment order of family Judge. CLAAS took the case, and filed the said appeal on behalf of Naseem in the Family Court Okara. The suit is under court proceedings, presently.

12- Fozia Bibi Vs Nasir John

Fozia d/o Razaqat age 38, resident of Lahore married to her cousin Nasir John s/o Emmanuel on August 25, 2008 under the Christian rites. It was an arrange marriage with the consent of both families. Fozia informed CLAAS that after marriage, she started living with her in-laws as in joint family in Hyderabad Sindh. After marriage Fozia worked as a patient care taker and after two months, she shifted in Lahore along with her husband and started work privately for patients. After few weeks, Fozia realized that her husband was not going to his work regularly. Soon later she found that Nasir was an addicted, he used to take liquor alchohal, *charas* and other forms of drug. Fozia tried to convince Nasir repeatedly and requesting him to give up his bad habits but he did not listen and changed his behavior towards Fozia. After six months of their marriage, Nasir left her in Lahore and went to Hyderabad and never contacted her again while she was pregnant. On May 21, 2009, she gave birth to a baby boy name Yasir John now he was 4- years old. On the birth of Yasir Fozia made a phone call to her husband but he did not come to see his son. Fozia's parents tried several times for the compromise between her and her husband but all in vain, because Nasir and her mother were not agreeing for compromise. Since then she lived along with her parents and brought up her son. In 2011, she filed a suit for dissolution of marriage in the civil court Hyderabad Sindh but she did not appear could not

appear in the court and the suit was dismissed because of non-appearance. She again tried to contact with her husband and requested him for compromise. She wanted to live with him but Nasir was not agreeing for compromise. She approached CLAAS to file a suit for dissolution of marriage on August 5, 2013

Up-dates of the case

On September 03, 2013 CLAAS filed a suit for dissolution of marriage through Mr. Tanver Masih Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS) in the court of Ms. Komal Tabasam Family Judge, Lahore on the behalf of Fozia Bibi which is pending for Fozia's evidence.

13- Razia Bibi Vs Rasheed Masih two suits

Razia Bibi d/o Aaso Masih aged 30 and resident of 16 Waris Road Lahore was a house maid and lived along with her son Sharafat Masih aged 11. Razia Bibi informed that she got married with Rashid Masih s/o Iqbal Masih on March 10, 2001, resident of Jamber Kalan, Tehsil Pattoki District Kasur. It was an arrange marriage with the consent of parents. After marriage she started living with her husband and in-laws's family. The family lived happily but after three months of marriage her father in-law died and then she came to know that her mother in-law was a step mother of her husband and she started creating problems for Razia and her husband. Mother in-law also worried to give share to Rashid in the property as she wanted to devide property among her own sons. Disputes started among the family on daily bases. Even Rashid stopped taking care of her and started quarrel with her on minor issues. Later her in-laws family was divided and Rashid left Razia at her mother's place and did not contact with her again therefore she came at her parents' home while she was six months pregnant and now her son Sharafat was 11 years-old. She tried to contact with her husband to inform him about son's birth but she failed. Since then she was living along with her mother and started working as house maid to fulfill needs of her son. She has been waiting a long time for her husband's return but failed. Razia lived in Lahore because of good schooling of her son and started work as a house maid. Her son was in 5th grade and to be appeared in board examination he needed to get registered in the board and required the National ID card of his father. After a long time waiting for husband Razia decided to file divorce case in the court to make the future of her son.

Up-dates of the case

On September 03, 2013 Suit for dissolution of marriage was filed in the court of Civil Judge Family Court, Lahore and a Guardian Petition for the permanent custody of Razia's son was filed in the court of Guardian Judge, Lahore through Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS) on behalf of Razia Bibi. Presently both suits are under proceedings.

14- Natasha Bibi Vs Naeem Saleem

Natasha d/o Oliver Dass aged 30, resident of Lahore got married with Naeem Saleem on December 27, 2010. Natasha told CLAAS that she had a good mutual understanding with Naeem before marriage as they became good friends through chatting on the face book. Naeem shared her about his family and informed that he was running his own beauty salon (Barber Shop). They had six months friendship and later they got married. After

marriage Natasha started living with her in-laws in a joint family system. She was very happy with her husband and in-laws. Soon later she noticed that Naeem was not a good man. He did not take interest in his work but always find women to have friendship with them. The beauty salon was Naeem's business he started on partnership and it was going in loss. Therefore she sold her gold ornaments and gave money to her husband and requested him to start his own separate salon. Her husband again invested money in salon but did not care properly. It was difficult for her to manage house hold expenditure without any income and in March 2011, she started working as a hostess in a club at Defense Lahore. Her in-laws were not willing for her job in the club and they changed their attitude towards her. They started to have dispute in the house on minor issues. Often Naeem tortured Natasha physically and mentally but she compromised with the situation just to save her marital life. It became difficult for her to tolerate the rude attitude of her mother in-law and asked her husband to live in a separate home; her husband agreed if she will pay the house rent herself. She shifted in a rented house while she was pregnant and kept continue her job. She managed all house hold including the rent of the house, utilities bills etc. But her husband not changed his attitude towards her and always find ways to quarrel with her.

They almost spent nine months in a rented house and during the time she requested him to change his attitude towards her as she was his wife and also a life partner. She also suggested him to take interest into household' matters but her husband did not care. On September 25, 2012 she gave a birth to baby boy namely Jaydoon, on the birth of child she was admitted in the hospital for ten or fifteen days but her husband and in-law's did not come to visit her. Nitasha's parents have been taking care of her in the hospital and later she shifted in to her mother's house after discharge from the hospital. Natasha made several phone calls to her husband and requested him to take back to home but he did not come. She along with her son went to her in-laws house and lived there but her husband again left her and did not contacted her again. Natasha has had to come back to her parents place as her in-law's were not willing to keep her with them, meanwhile Natasha has been trying to make contact with her husband but failed. On August 28, 2013 her husband came to her and blamed her that she has illicit relation to another man, he also tortured her physically. On August 30, 2013 Natasha approached CLAAS office with the reference and asked for legal aid and assistance regarding her divorce and maintenance matter.

Up-dates of the Case

On September 03, 2013 CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate High Court filed a suit for dissolution of marriage and a suit for maintenance allowance on behalf of Natasha in the court of Civil Judge Family Court Lahore. While both suits were under proceeding a compromise took place between the parties and suits were dismissed as withdrawn on December 12, 2013.

15- Sonia Bibi Vs Shahid

Sonia Shahid d/o Shahid Masih aged 17 is a resident of Bakar Mandi Kot Kamboo Catholic Church Ghafoor Park Parvaiz Pindi Street, Lahore. She has two brothers namely Rahid aged 18 and Aneel aged 13. Her father has been expired 13 years ago while her mother is working in Jinnah hospital as a maid.

Sonia informed CLAAS that Shahzad Masih a Rickshaw driver lived in the same locality for work while his family was living in Peshawar. He was a neighbor of Sonia, and she had a chance to see him at his sister's place. She was in love with him and she asked her mother to arrange her marriage with Shahzad. His sister came to Sonia's house to talk about his marriage with Sonia. Sonia's mother refused her for Sonia's marriage with Shahzad but Sonia enforced her mother to accept marriage proposal as she loved him. Later her mother agreed and Sonia got married with Shahzad Masih s/o Mushtaq Masih on July 21, 2012. After marriage Sonia started living with her husband at her sister-in-law's house. Later she came to know that her husband is addicted of alcohol. She tried hard to stop her husband from taking alcohol. After two months her husband started to beat her on minor issues and also stopped her to visit her mother's house in the next door. He also did not allow her to talk with her male cousins. Later he took her to Peshawar and started living with his parents' as in joint family. Now he tortured her physically and mentally after taking alcohol. Sonia informed her mother about her husband's attitude telephonically. Later her mother went to Peshawar and tried to solve their matter but Sonia requested her mother that she was not willing to live with him anymore. Her mother advised her for compromise and Sonia's in-laws also assured her mother that they will try to stop Shahzad. Her mother returned back and left Sonia with her husband but her husband did not changed his attitude towards her. Sonia got pregnant and while she was one month's pregnant due to harsh beating of her husband she lost her baby. She lived with her husband hardly eight months in Peshawar then she came back to Lahore and lived at her mother's house. On September 04, 2013 Sonia along with her family went to the local church to attend a prayer meeting, while Shahzad was not present at home. When he returned home and came to know that she went to the church, he immediately went to church and started shouting on Sonia. Sonia and her family left the church and came back at home. Later Shahzad started to beat her severely and said that she is not allowed to go anywhere. After attending church Sonia's brother came to home and asked why she came back without attending church. Then she informed that her husband is not willing to send me anywhere and do not like if I meet anyone. Her brother asked Sonia to get ready and to go to the Church. Sonia and her brother were going out of the house Shahzad attacked on Sonia's brother. Shahzad put him in a room and started beating him severely. He also beat her other family members and misbehaved with her mother. After this dispute Shahzad hit him-self with a knife and went to the area police station to register a false case FIR against Sonia's brother and other family members. On the same day Sonia's family went to the concerned police station and also gave an application against Shahzad but police did not accept their application. After that Sonia's family arranged a Punchyat (committee of the villager) and asked for justice. The punchayat asked the both families for compromise. Sonia refused to live along with Shahzad as his wife. On September 16, 2013 Sonia came to CLASS office with her mother for legal help and assistance regarding her divorce matter.

Updates of the case:

On September 17, 2013 CLAAS filed a suit for dissolution of marriage through Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate High Court (Legal Advisor CLAAS) on behalf of Sonia in the court of Civil Judge Family Court, Lahore. Notice sent to respondent even proclamation was published in newspaper but respondent did not appeared in the court hence the suit is fixed for January 07, 2014 for Sonia's evidence.

16- Amna alias Rani Vs Samuel

Amna alias Rani d/o Boota Masih aged 40 resident of Lahore was married with Samuel in 1998. It was an arranged marriage by the parents under the Christian rites. Out of this wedlock Aman had two children namely Salman aged 15 and Huma aged 14. After marriage Amna Rani started living with her in-laws. After marriage she started working as a house maid at Pathar Market Ichra, Lahore to support her husband financially. Javed Iqbal a Muslim was a driver at Pathar Market in another house. Through some sources Amna Rani came to know that Javed's wife has been expired and he needed a maid to take care of his minor's. She joined work at Javed Iqbal house for 24 hours. Every Sunday she went to her house to spend holiday with her husband and children. Rani further stated that after four months Javed started trying to convince her for marriage with him. She refused him because she was already married and has two children. Later on she became agreed for marriage and on January 27, 2012 she converted into Islam with her free will and on January 31, 2012 she got married with Javed Iqbal according to Islamic law. After marriage she started living with Javed's family in his village but kept visiting her family and children. Later few months Javed Iqbal stopped her from visiting her family and children. He started to beat her on minor domestic issues and also without any reasons. He threatened her that if she will meet her children or family he will kill her. On September 17, 2013 she requested to Javed that she wanted to see her children but he did not allow her beat her severely. On the same day Rani left Javed's house and came to her mother's place and lived here as she was not willing to go back to Javed Iqbal. She filed a divorce case. Therefore on September 20, 2013 Rani came to CLAAS office for legal help and assistance regarding her family matter.

Up-dates of the case:

On September 23, 2013 Mr. Tanvir Masih filed a suit on behalf of Amna alias Rani for dissolution of marriage on the ground of Khula in the court of Civil Judge Family Court, Lahore. After notices and publication of proclamation in newspaper the suit was fixed for Amna's evidence and before her evidence a compromise took place between the parties.

17- Parveen Vs Younis

Parveen d/o Inayat aged 34, resident of Lahore, got married to Younis Masih s/o Wasan Masih in the year 1999. It was an arranged marriage by the parents. Out of this wedlock the couple was blessed with 4 children namely Arooj aged 13, Sharoon aged 11, Haroon aged 10 and Samsoun aged 8. Parveen informed CLAAS that after marriage she lived with her husband at her in-laws place at Youhanabad Lahore. In 2005 her husband was arrested by the police in a false blasphemy case and he confined in the jail for 8 years. CLAAS provided legal aid and assistance to Younis Masih and finally he was released from jail in April 2013. After his release CLAAS accommodated him along with family at CLAAS Safe House for his protection and life safety. But Younis was not willing to live in the Safe House and shifted in a rented house in Youhanabad for which CLAAS has been paying the rent of the house and also supported financially for other expenses with the amount 10000 rupees per month and also give the food package for the month. But Younis started to quarrel with her on minor domestic issues he changed his attitude towards his family and also ignored children. He kicked out Parveen to her parent's place after a dispute later his family came to know that Younis had illicit relation with Ashi in the same area. Ashi started living with them in their house she was addicted and later Younis also started

taking alcohol. Later Younis kicked her out from house and also snatched her children Parveen went to her aunt's house and started living with her. Younis also does not allow her to meet with her children therefore she wants to take her children back. On September 19, 2013 Parveen came to CLAAS and asked for legal help regarding her children's custody CLAAS provided her a legal advisor to file a Guardian Petition for Custody of minors in the court. Meanwhile Younis Masih, left his children at his in-laws' house. On October 24, 2013 Parveen alias Meena Bibi took her children along with her and on October 25, 2013 she informed CLAAS to withdraw the custody case.

18- Shumila Vs Javid Masih

Shumaila d/o James Masih aged 33, resident of Youhanabad, Lahore married to Javed Masih on October 09, 2010 with the consent of parents. She was happy with her marital life. Javed was an army servant and after a month he took Shumaila along with him to Karachi where he was appointed for duty in army. She informed that her husband started behaved badly towards her on minor domestic issues. He also did not allow her to contact with her family. On November 25, 2010 her husband started to beat her because she demanded money for medical checkup as she got pregnant and she needed medical treatment. Her husband started to force her for abortion but on her refusal her husband tortured her mentally and physically. On June 05, 2011 her baby girl was born named Rooh Akash present age two years and three months but her husband was not happy as he do not asking child yet. After the birth of her daughter Shumaila requested Javed that she wants to meet with her family but he strictly warned her, if she will go to her parents, he will divorce her. He also warned her that he will not fulfill her needs. Later her husband forced her to go to her parents' place and send her along with her daughter and since then her husband did not contact with her. After some time she came to know that her husband got second marriage with another woman. Later she filed a case for the recovery of maintenance allowance which is pending in the court for one year and her husband contested this suit as he did not pay maintenance to her. Therefore she wants to file a suit for dissolution of marriage as well as suit for recovery of dowry article. On October 04, 2013 she came at CLAAS office for legal assistance regarding her matter and CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate High Court.

Up-dates of the case:

On September 23, 2013 Mr. Tanvir Masih advocate moved his power of attorney on behalf of Shumaila to appear in court for reply in the suit for maintenance allowance.

On November 05, 2013 Mr. Tanvir Masih Advocate filed a suit for the recovery of dowry articles on behalf of Shumila. Presently both suits are under proceedings.

19- Mewish Javed Vs Raja Saleem

Mewish w/o Raja Saleem aged 23, resident of Lahore got married to Raja Saleem on August 16, 2009 with the consent of her parents. She has two children named Zarish aged 3 ½ and Rimal aged 9 ½ months. Raja was an electrician and also government employee. Mewish informed CLAAS that she was very happy with her husband and marital life but after 8-9 months of their marriage Raja changed his attitude towards her. Raja started to have disputes with her on minor issues. Meanwhile she got pregnant and gave birth to her first daughter Zarish. But Raja never accomplishes their needs therefore Mewish parents

have to bear all their expenditures. Mehwish said that after the birth of her daughter Raja do not changed his behavior towards her also do not pay any attention to his daughter. Mehwish said that whenever she demanded for their expenditures he got annoyed and gave harsh beatings to her in front of her daughter and send her to her parent's home. Raja forced her to bring money from her parents to fulfill their needs. She said that in these circumstances she gave birth to her second baby girl namely Rimal. Now Raja blamed her for her illicit relations with other man and refused to admit that Rimal was his daughter.

Actually Raja was involved in his sister in-law and spend days and nights with her. Mehwish tried to ask him that he was married and has two daughters therefore he should mend his way but Raja got furious and beat her brutally. On November 12, 2013 Mehwish saw Raja in intolerable condition with her sister in-law. He beat Mehwish severely as she interfered in her personal matter. He kicked her out from his house along with her daughters.

Therefore, on November 22, 2013 Mehwish came to CLAAS office for legal aid and assistance as she wanted to file suit for dissolution of marriage, suit for recovery of the maintenance allowance and suit for recovery of the dowry articles which were filed on behalf of Mewish Javed in the court through a CLAAS lawyer.

20- Allah Rakhi etc Vs Yousaf Masih

Allah Rakhi aged 32, resident of Salamat Pura Kasur got married to Yousaf Masih about 15 years ago. Out of this wedlock she has four children namely Noreen d/o Yousaf aged 14, Niha d/o Yousaf aged 10, Kalias s/o Yousaf aged 08 and Roshin s/o Yousaf aged 06. Her all children are school going and reading in different grades. Her husband worked in a leather factory as laborer while she worked in TMA (Tehsil Municipal Administration) as a sweeper since many years. After marriage she lived along with her in-laws in joint family system. Since the day of her marriage the attitude of her husband and in-laws was not cordial to her. Her husband was an addicted and used to take liquor alcohol. Soon after her marriage her husband started quarreling to her on minor issues and beat her severely after drinking alcohol and kicked her out of the house after beating her. Allah Rakhi used to make complains with her parents about her husband but they always advised her for compromise with the cruel behavior of husband for the sake of her marital life and children as well. Yousaf pay nothing to her for children's expenses as he asked her to manage herself. She spent thirteen years along with her husband and in-laws waiting for the good day in her life when she would live a peaceful life with her husband and children but she could not do this. Therefore she left her husband's house and started living separately along with her children in a rented house. Since two years she did not demanded money from her husband for children's expenditures. Later her husband started visiting at her home, quarrel with her and beat her severely. She did not want to live with him anymore and shared her matter with Mr. Akhtar Masih Sandhu Advocate (CLAAS's legal advisor) in Kasur. Mr. Akhtar Sindhu referred her to CLAAS as she could not manage the legal expenses of the case. Therefore on December 04, 2013 she approached CLAAS office for free legal aid and assistance regarding her family matter. She requested CLAAS to file her divorce case and she also want to file a suit for recovery of maintenance allowance. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Akhtar Masih Sandhu Advocate for court proceedings.

Updates of the case:

On December 06, 2013 Mr. Akhtar Masih Sandhu filed a suit for dissolution of marriage and a suit for the recovery of maintenance allowance on behalf of Allah Rakhi. Both suits are under proceeding.

21- Majeedian Bibi etc Vs Muhammad Mushtaq

Majeedan bibi w/o Muhammad Mushtaq aged 30, is a Muslim by faith and a resident of Sundar. On October 28, 1996 she got married with Muhammad Mushtaq with the consent of parents under the Islamic law. She had three children named Nazish aged 12 (student of 5th grade), Umaar Farooq aged 8 (student of 1 class) and Firdos aged 1 (student of 1 class). Her husband M Mushtaq was a hawker and sells vegetables. According to Majeedan, the attitude of her husband was not cordial with her since five years. She said that he often quarrel with Majeedan on minor domestic issues. She added that his behavior was not pleasant towards his children. Whenever she demanded for house expenditures he does not provide a single penny to her and forced her to bring money from her parents. Whenever Majeedan refused her husband that she cannot ask money from her parents he got annoyed and beat her in the front of children. Her in-laws were also not good to her.

On October 20, 2013 her husband again forced her to bring money from her parents. When she refused to do so she was beaten severely and kicked out from the house along with children and lived at her parents' house along with children. On October 28, 2013 she approached CLAAS office for free legal aid and assistance regarding her case.

On December 11, 2013 suit for recovery of maintenance allowance was filed on behalf of Majeedan Bibi through CLAAS lawyer.

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18-Property Matters

1-Farah Nadia Vs Cyril Shahzad

Cyril Shahzad aged 48, s/o Fradric a Christian by fait, resident of Rawalpindi and is a father of four children. According to Cyril Shahzad his father is owner of a house measuring 5 Marla at Rawalpindi and he is living in the said house along with his family. His father and brother have been settled in abroad since many years. In 2010 his father came back to Pakistan for visit and during his stay here, his father transferred his property mentioned above to his niece Farah Nadia. Later his father filed a suit for permanent Injunction in the Civil Court Rawalpindi and got a stay order on the ground that the said house is in the possession of Farah Nadia. After that his father went to abroad, later Cyril received a stay notice from the court that and he came to know that the said house was in the possession of Farah Nadia and he was disinherited from the said property. Therefore Cyril approached CLAAS office for legal assistance regarding the property dispute and wants to move an application for reply in the stay order matter. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Malik Asif Tauffiqe Awan (Advocate High Court) for court proceedings.

Presently the case is under court proceeding and pending for evidence of Cyril.

2-Shazia Ranjha vs Awais Abdul Nabi

Shazia Ranjha is a 38 year woman living in Allama Iqbal Town Lahore with her widowed mother and 5 siblings in a rented house. According to Shazia, her family took a house on mortgage on 30.11.2011. The house measuring 5 Marlas was situated at Nizam Block, Allama Iqbal Town, Lahore and it was mortgaged to them by Awais Abdul Nabi through a



written mortgage agreement for a consideration of Rs. 600,000/- for a period of two years (01.12.2011 to 30.11.2013) in presence of the witnesses.

Awais Abdul Nabi is also residing in the same house at first floor along with his family. Sometime later Shazia realized that Awais Abdul Nabi had deceived them and he wanted to sell out his property to another party. Learning this, Shazia served Awais with a notice in December 2012 to return their mortgage amount of Rs. 600,000/- but

Awais did not respond and took money from the other party for the said house.

Later Shazia came to know that Awais had borrowed money from different parties and when he was unable to return his borrowed money to the lending parties he took a large amount from the MCB Bank as loan. As Awais could not return money to the Bank as well, his property – this house in question – had to be auctioned. On March 25, 2013 MCB Bank sent a notice to Shazia asking her to vacate the said house within two days. Not only that it was impossible for Shazia to shift within two days but also she could not do so until

Awais returned their mortgage money. On March 26, 2013 Shazia approached CLAAS office for legal help and assistance.

Updates of the case

On March 27, 2013 Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate High Court (legal advisor CLAAS) filed a suit for Permanent Injunction in the Civil Court Lahore, which was accepted on the same day and stay extended. After that on several court hearing suit was fixed for further proceedings but due to non-appearance of Shazia the said suit was dismissed on July 17, 2013.

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19-Harassment Cases

1- George Masih etc. vs The State



George Masih is an elderly Christian from Lahore who is married to Musarrat and they have five children namely Tariq Masih aged 23, Chanda 22 (married), Mehak 18, Phool 15 and Sameer aged 10. He works as a laborer while Musarrat also works as a domestic maid.

According to George Masih his elder son Tariq Masih fell in love with a Muslim girl Aleena Arbab. George Masih and his wife Musarrat Bibi had told their son Tariq to stay away from the girl Aleena as they thought Tariq could not

marry a Muslim girl because of their different religions. Tariq however did not act on their advice and stayed connected to Aleena Arbab.

George explains that he and his wife repeatedly told Tariq to stop seeing Aleena as it could be harmful due to their different religions but Tariq would not listen at all. When George Masih noticed that Tariq Masih was not leaving Aleena Arbab rather he was planning to marry her, he warned Tariq again that because of this girl he could be in deep trouble but Tariq Masih got annoyed and had a fight with his parents. Upon this, George Masih disowned Tariq Masih due to his disobedience and till now Tariq Masih is not living along with his parents.

George Masih told that on April 04, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. Allah Ditta and Bilal Ahmad (father and brother of Aleena Arbab) came to his house and asked about Aleena Arbab. George Masih informed them that he had disinherited Tariq Masih due to his disobedience and that he did not know anything about their daughter. He also told them that he did not have any relations with Tariq Masih anymore. Allah Ditta and Bilal started threatening that if they did not return Aleena Arbab to them, they would trap the whole family in fake criminal cases.

Therefore, on April 11, 2013 George Masih and Musarrat Bibi came to CLAAS office for legal assistance because they were receiving continuous life threats from Aleena's family. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Tahir Bashir, Advocate High Court, (Legal Advisor CLAAS) for court proceedings. On April 12, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir filed a harassment petition before the Sessions Court against the culprits on behalf of George Masih and Musarrat Bibi which was decided in their favor on the same day.

2-Shazia Bibi Vs SHO etc

Shazia d/o Muhammad Essa aged 23 Muslim by faith caste Hujjam got married with her cousin Mehboob s/o Mumtaz Ahmed and out of this wed lock there is no issue. Soon after

marriage she came to know that her husband was interested in to another girl. She tries her level best to compromise with him but all in vain. So her husband gave her divorce without her will. She came at her parents' home and her parents wanted to get her married to an old age man but she was not agreed for this marriage. She got second marriage with Rehim Bukhsh aged 25 Muslim by faith with her free will. After marriage Shazia's parents and relatives became revengeful and pressurize her to take divorce from him. They threatened her that if she did not get divorce from her husband they will kill them in "Karakari". Shazia's parents also filed an application against Rehim Bukhsh and his family that he kidnapped their daughter. They escaped and come to Lahore and started living with their friend. On other side police and Shazia's parents threatened Rehim Bukhsh's family to tell his whereabouts.

Shabir Ahmed came to know about CLAAS through some resources and approached for legal assistance regarding this case. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Saleem Gill advocate High Court Bahawalpur for court proceedings and as a result harassment petition was filed on behalf of Shazia which was disposed off on July 19, 2013 with the direction to concerned SHO not harass her.

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20-Theft Cases

1- Liaqat Masih Vs SSP etc

Liaqat Masih s/o Baaru Masih aged 32, Christian by faith and a resident of Lahore. He got married with Farzana with the consent of both families under the Christian sacrament out of this wedlock he blessed with three children namely Lucky aged 6, Sahil aged 5 and Adeel aged 3 ½. By profession he is laborer in forest department. According to Liaqat, that he is living among the Muslims since many years but their attitudes were not cordial with them. They often quarrel with Christians on slight issues and gave severe beatings to them. He told that his nephew namely Zeeshan s/o Ashiq Masih aged 18, is servant in Secretariat, Lahore. His neighbor namely Taj Ali s/o Bashir aged 50, Muslim by faith and a resident of the same area fought with Zeeshan on minor issue and after this quarrel he kept grudge in his heart and made plan to trap him in criminal case. Later, Taj Ali started to blame Zeeshan that he has love affair along with his daughter Saba aged 14. Taj Ali went to Ashiq Masih and pressurized him that if his son does not mend his ways he will kill him but Ashiq Masih and Zeeshan assured him that he do not have any concern with his daughter but went vain. On January 29, 2013 at 8:00 am Zeeshan was going on his duty while Taj Ali, Nadeem Rola s/o Ramzan (Taj's nephew) aged 20, Mir Ali s/o Taj Ali aged 20, Jameel alias Jeela s/o Taj Ali aged 17, Azam Kala s/o Muhabat Ali aged 20 (nephew of Taj Ali) quarrel with him and gave severe beatings to him. While Zeeshan's father and cousins saw that Taj Ali and his nephews are giving harsh beatings to Zeeshan they rushed for his rescue and later a huge quarrel took place between them and both parties got severe injuries. After this quarrel Zeeshan's and Liaqat's family went to his relative's house for two days. Liaqat told that after two days when he and his wife came back to his house he were astonished to see that his house was unlocked and Taj Ali and his nephew was present in his house and their household articles were shattered. Liaqat further noticed that his gold ornaments, 100,4000 Pak rupees has been stolen, when he asked about the said gold and money to Taj Ali, he abused and beat them brutally meanwhile Ameer Ali Nadeem s/o Azam (Taj Ali's nephew) tore the clothes of his wife. Liaqat and his wife went to the local police station to register a case FIR (first Information Report) against Taj Ali and his nephews but police do not take any legal action against them. Later on, Liaqat went to DIG (Deputy Inspector General) and gave an application to register his FIR against the accused party.

On March 09, 2013 the case FIR no 168/13 offence under section 454/380 registered against the culprits at Ravi police station. But after the registration of FIR police do not arrest the nominated persons. Therefore, on May 20, 2013 Liaqat came to CLAAS office for legal assistance regarding in his case. CLAAS appointed its legal advisor Mr. Ch. Nasir Anjum Suba for court proceedings.

Updates of the case

On June 03, 2013 a petition filed on behalf of Liaqat Masih issuance of direction to the concerned authorities to record the supplementary statement of petitioner Liaqat Masih which was disposed off accordingly with the direction to the concerned SHO for recording his statement.

2- Tahir Bashir Vs SHO

On September 22, 2013 at about 11:30 p.m. the watchman of the area telephonically informed that he had seen broken iron net of the door of CLAAS office. After receiving this information by the watchman Mr. Joseph Francis instructed to Mr. Tahir Bashir legal advisor CLAAS to visit the office as Mr. Joseph Francis was not available at Lahore due to the Peshawar incident. Mr. Tahir Bashir immediately reached at the office along with Court Clerk Mr. Iyaz Gill where they saw that the iron net of reception door is being cut by a sharp edge weapon. There were also marks of foot-steps near the wall of reception door. Mr. Tahir Bashir immediately called the police on 15 upon which the police came on the place of occurrence.

Next day on September 23, 2013 the reception room was opened in the presence of concerned police (Police Station Lyton Road). On inspection of the place of occurrence it was came in to the knowledge that accused/ thief entered into the reception room through the whole of window AC. In the reception room 17 packets of grocery have been kept to distribute the poor families and out of which ten were stolen by the thief. The cost of one packet is about of Rs. 2500/= (PKR) and the total loss of stolen grocery is Rs. 25000/= (PKR). The accused person also damage the lock of cupboard and internal door of the reception room. It is important to note here that the thief while leaving the reception room left a latest kind of knife on the reception table which was handed over to the police. On the same day i.e September 23, 2013 Mr. Tahir Bashir legal advisor CLAAS gave a written application to the police upon which case FIR No. 408/ 13 offence under section 457, 380 PPC Police Station Lyton Road Lahore was registered. The office also handed over to the police a C.D. of accused person taken by CCTV camera of CLAAS office. The office is continues in contact with police to trace of the accused person.

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21-Dispute and Torture

1-Bushra Vs SHO Police Station Satokatla

Bushra Bibi w/o Rahat Masih aged 30, was living along with her husband in a rented house at Satokatla Wapda Town Lahore since 8 years. Her husband was a laborer by profession while she is a house wife and after 13 years she got pregnant with the blessing of God.

Bushra narrated her story and said that a man named Malik Mumtaz, resident of the same village, professionally a drug supplier; kept bad eyes on every woman of the village. She stated that he is character less person and habitually teased and passed insulting remarks against women of the locality. On April 13, 2013, she went to attend a marriage ceremony of her relatives and during the ceremony she was feeling not well because she was three months pregnant so, she went to the area general store owned by a Muslim Waheed alias Sheemba and demanded a can of spirit for drinking. On that time Malik Mumtaz and some unknown persons also present there and Malik Mumtaz started to tease her. Bushra said him that she was not interested to talk with him so do not irritate her. After that she came at her home and after five or ten minutes Malik Mumtaz along with his friend Riaz and some unknown persons came at her house and physically abused her, he tore away her cloths and she got severe injuries on the different parts of her body. Bushra's younger sister also present there she tried to stop Mumtaz but he also beat her. After some time her sister in-law Rubina came at home and called to 15 (emergency police number), after two hours police came and investigate the matter. Later police harassed them by saying that Bushra forget the matter and forgive to Malik Mumtaz because they are strong people and have associations with high authorities therefore it is dangerous for Bushra and her family to fight with Malik's family. They threatened by the police and did not submit their application against the Malik Mumtaz and others. Later they came to know about CLAAS through some source and on April 15, 2013 approached for legal aid and assistance.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On the same day CLAAS legal advisor Mr. Tanvir Masih submitted an application for medical examination before the Magistrate Lahore. The learned Judge ordered to the concerned police for her medical. On the same day CLAAS field officer Mr. Asher Sarfraz went to at Satokatla the concerned police station along with the distress family for her medical and also submitted an application for Registration of FIR. Later Bushra's medical was completed whereas application of registration of FIR is pending in the police station because police joined hands with the accused party and forced Bushra and her family for compromise. Later, Bushra did not contacted CLAAS for further legal assistance.

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22-Job Matter

1- Salma Saman Vs National Bank of Pakistan

Salma Suman a Christian resident of Quetta Cantt Baluchistan. She was working in National Bank of Pakistan Compliance Wing, as OG-I, the best performer Lady Manager Regional office, Quetta Cantt Baluchistan. She joined NBP since June 30, 1996 and on May 09, 2009 she was promoted and became manager of NBP Adalat Road Branch Quetta. Mr. Kaleem-Ullah Sheikh who was a Muslim was also working as Regional Head (Acting) NBP Regional office Quetta, since taking over charge; he used to torture Salma on pretext or the other reasons because she never obey irregular and illegal orders of any one and she may not be able to compromise on well-established norms of service and discipline. After failing in his personal agenda, Mr. Kaleem Ullah started used to torture her on one pretext or the other and issued her premature transfer orders from NBP Adalat Road to NBP Staff College on September 20, 2012 despite the facts that her performance compelled him to issue letter to her without any justification and grounds. Compliance with the order she resumed at Staff College on October 08, 2012 and worked with her best abilities and zeal. On December 16, 2012 surprisingly, she again received her transfer order from the branch a strict follower of the Holy Christ, she submitted two days leave application. Instead of granting leave of her religious festival, the Regional Head issued a memo with the words *“Language used in the application is not only inappropriate but against the official Decorum. This is tantamount to indiscipline and misconduct”*. This was very un-just and a direct attack on her personality and Religion. On January 08, 2013 it has come to her notice that without proper handing over taking over of the branch charge as Manager. And the new incumbent has been directed not allow her to enter into the bank. Reasons of which would be nothing except to replace very important file of NBP advanced salary which are in order investigation by the Senior Vice President NBP orders. Continuous excesses and torturing of the Regional Head put her on bed and under high blood pressure. Therefore on January 10, 2013 she submitted an application before the Senior Vice President NBP and requested for an exhaustive investigation.

On March 13, 2013 she submitted an application before the President of NBP and requested for an exhaustive investigation. On June 10, 2013 she submitted an application before the Dr. Abdul Malik Bloch, Chief Minister Baluchistan-Quetta and requested for investigation and provided her justice. Her all requests are pending before the concerned authorities. Later on July 08, 2013 she submitted her application of Harassment of women at workplace before the court of Ms. Musrrat Hilali, Federal Ombudsman Secretariat Islamabad.

Legal assistance of CLAAS:

On September 17, 2013 CLAAS' legal advisor Mr. Malik Asif Taufiqu Awan Advocate High Court filed a petition of Harassment of woman at workplace before the court Federal Ombudsman Secretariat which was fixed for September 18, 2013 for arguments. On September 18, 2013 case adjourned and fixed for September 24, 2013 for submission of inquiry reports conducted by the National Bank of Pakistan and conducted by GM (General Manager) and for arguments. On September 24, 2013 due to strike case

adjourned and fixed for October 25, 2013. On October 25, 2013 inquiry reports of concerned authorities was not submitted before the honorable court and case was fixed for hearing for November 06, 2013. On November 06, 2013 Mr. Malik Asif Taufique Awan completed his final argument which was heard by the Court and case is pending for the concerned inquiry reports.

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23-Sodomy Case

1- Mehroz etc Vs The State (Eric s/o Agnacious)

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24-Burn Cases

1- Magrate Bibi Vs The State

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25-Accidental Cases:

1- Tariq Mahmood Vs the State

Meena widow of Javed Pervaiz, aged 38, resident of village Rasa Ball Raiwind Road Kasur. She got married with Javed Pervaiz 14 years ago and has five children Nida aged 12 student of 8th grade, Nisha aged 10 student of 5th grade, Rahat aged 08, student of 5th grade, Asad aged 06, student of 2nd grade and Liza aged 04, student of Nursery.

On December 03, 2013 Meena and her brother in-law Haroon Masih approached CLAAS office for legal assistance in the murder case of Meena's husband. She needed help for contesting the bail of accused Tariq in the court. Meena informed CLAAS that her husband Javed worked as in-charge supervisor in Pepsi Cola factory at Raiwind Branch Lahore.

On November 07, 2013 Javed along with his younger brother Vikram went to bazar by motor bike, on return they got an accident with a motor car. They both got severe injuries and lost their senses. The driver of the car ran away from the place of occurrence. The people arroung helped Javed and Vikram and took them in to the nearest clinic for first aid. Someone informed Meena about the incident. Meena along with his brothers rushed to the hospital.

Javed and Vikram were referred to the Lahore General Hospital because Javed's condition was critical because of severe head injury and bleeding, while they were on the way to General Hospital Lahore Javed died. Vikram got admitted at General Hospital, Lahore and his right leg was fractured and operated by the orthopedic doctors. A case FIR about the accident and death of Javed was registered no. 929/2013, offence under section 322 PPC in the police station City Raiwind, Lahore on November 10, 2013 against Tariq Mahmood s/o Ghulam Sarwer the driver of the car.

Meena wanted to contest the pre-arrest bail of Tariq Mahmood, which he moved the on November 27, 2013 in the court of Sessions Court and fixed for hearing on December 05, 2013.

CLAAS appointed Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate (legal advisor CLAAS) for this case.

Pre-arrest bail of the accused Tariq Mahmood (contested)

On December 05, 2013 Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate moved his power of attorney in the court of Mr. Ashque Jora Additional Session Judge, Lahore for contesting the pre-arrest bail of accused Tariq which is pending in the court.

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Recommendations:

- Under the present situation of the misuse of discriminatory laws in particular the blasphemy laws against the religious minorities especially against the Christians, we therefore recommend to repeal the all discriminatory laws in the country that separating & discriminating the nation on the basis of religion and belief.
- Better measures must be taken to protect individuals charged under the alleged blasphemy accusations and their families during trial.
- A transparent and fair investigation must be carried out after any attacks on minorities in order to enforce justice and ensure that innocent people must not victimize.
- The government must ensure that religious minorities are not exploited religiously, economically, politically or socially and there is need to campaign urging respect for all religions must be promoted at all levels.
- The government should address the growing issue of forced conversion into Islam and forced marriages of Christians and members of other minority communities.
- Interfaith dialogues facilitated by civil society organizations and NGOs must be continued across the country, not just in the main cities, to remove misperceptions and confusion between the Muslim and Christian communities in Pakistan.
- NGOs working in their individual capacity playing vital role in creating awareness about minorities' rights. They should also focus on networking and support each other in advocacy and lobbying for repeal of discriminatory legislation.
- The education syllabuses that promoting radical teachings, hatred in the name of religion must be stopped and the government should ensure that the students educated about religious tolerance and harmony.
- The state is responsible to provide employment opportunities to its non-Muslim citizens on equal basis and there should be no discriminations on the basis of their religion.
- Domestic violence especially all forms of violence against women should be prohibited as prescribed in the law and the state must guarantee for the implementations of such laws.

- The issues of the brick kiln must be addressed according to law and the organized vigilant committees on labor should monitor the brick making factories and to keep an eye on the circumstances of forced labor at the brick kiln.
- The state should be responsible for protecting its citizens especially the religious minorities from malicious terrorist attacks on the minority's settlements and places of worships and the state should provide compensation to the victims of attacks on Churches, Schools and Institutions run by the Christians as it does in the case of attack on Mosque and Imam Barghas.
- The courts should give fair decisions on the witness of woman who is raped and abducted, without any discrimination of religion and gender. Also the statement of a minor should be admissible and should not be considered as true in the case of forced conversion.
- Networking among the NGOs and civil society should be strong and they should have strong relationship and should support each other in advocacy and lobbying for amendment and repeal of discriminatory laws.
- Laws should be vigorously applied to protect working women from discrimination and harassment at work place.
- Measures also need to be taken to publicize the law against harassment at work place so that working women all over the country, especially in the rural areas be familiar with their legal rights and means of redress in harassment cases.
- Laws alone will not end violence against women the government should make existing mechanisms for redress more effective and set up new mechanism that can ensure that female victims of violence receive justice.

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Acronyms

Sr. #	Acronyms	Description
•	AI	Advocates International
•	AA	Advocates Asia
•	AGM	Annual General Meeting
•	AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
•	ASST.	Assistant
•	ATM	Automatic Teller Machine
•	ACT	Action by Churches Together
•	ARD	Alliance for the Restoration of Democracy
•	ASI	Assistant Sub Inspector
•	Adv.	Advocate
•	ATC	Anti Terrorist Court
•	ATA	Anti Terrorism Act
•	A.R.P Church	Presbyterian Church
•	AGHS	Legal Aid Cell
•	ASJ	Additional Session Judge
•	ADJ	Additional District Judge
•	ASP	Assistant Superintendent Police
•	ACRE	A unit of area used in some countries, is equal to 4,046.86 sq m./4,840 sq yd.
•	BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
•	BHC	British High Commission
•	BIBI	Word Bibi usually used fir in respect of a lady
•	CEO	Chief Executive Officer
•	CLAAS	Centre for Legal Aid Assistance & Settlement
•	CWS-P/A	Church World Service Pakistan/Afghanistan

•	CM	Chief Minister
•	CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
•	CID	Criminal Investigation Department
•	CNN	Cable News Network
•	CD	Compact Disk
•	CAP	Community Advance Program
•	COP	Churches of Pakistan
•	CIP	Country Information Policy
•	CPI	Consumer Price Index
•	CIR	Christian Institute Raiwind
•	Cr. P.C	Criminal Procedure Code
•	CCPO	Chief City Police Officer
•	CH	Chaudhary & Landlord
•	CLAP	Christian Lawyer Association Pakistan
•	CNIC	Computerized National Identity Card
•	CHAK	The word Chak use for Village
•	CHALLAN	The word Challan is used for Charge sheet.
•	D&C	Dilatation and Curettage
•	DOC	Document
•	DPO	District Police Officer
•	D/O	Daughter of
•	DIG	Deputy Inspector General
•	DHQ	Divisional Head Quarter
•	DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police
•	DSJ	District Session Judge
•	DNA	Deoxyribonucleic Acid
•	DCO	District Coordination Officer
•	DDOR	Deputy District Officer Revenue

•	DAR-UL-AMAN	Shelter Home for women
•	EDO	Executive District Officer
•	EU	European Union
•	F/O	Father Of
•	FIR	First Information Report
•	FIA	Federal Investigation Agency
•	FBI	Federal Bureau Of Investigation
•	FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
•	GEO	Gene Expression Omnibus & name of a TV Channel
•	G.T ROAD	Grand Trunk Road
•	HMK	Hilfsation Maertyrer Kirche
•	HRCP	Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
•	HAZRAT HAZRET	or Hazrat or Hazret is an honorific Arabic title used to honor a person
•	HBL	Habib Bank Limited
•	IGFM	International Society for Human Rights-German Section
•	ICCO	Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation
•	I.O	Investigation Officer
•	N.I.C	National Identity Card
•	IBA	International Bar Association
•	IGI	Industrial General Insurance
•	JAC	Joint Action Committee for People's Rights
•	JD	Name of School
•	KM	Kilometer
•	KG	Kilogram
•	LTD	Lane Transit District
•	MFI	Mehdi Foundation International

•	MS	Medical Superintendent
•	MBE	Member Of The British Empire
•	MSS	Marie Stops Society
•	MNA	Member National Assembly
•	MPA	Member Provincial Assembly
•	MLC	Medico Legal Certificate
•	MCB	Muslim Commercial Bank
•	MCFI	Muslim Christian Federation International
•	MD	Managing Director
•	MQM	Muttahida Quami Movement
•	MP	Member Parliament
•	MEP	Member European Parliament
•	MARLA	The marla is 1 square rod, so 272.25 square feet.
•	MASIH	Masih is the Arabic work for Messiah (Christ). In modern Arabic it is used as one of the many title of Jesus.
•	NAO	National Audit Office
•	NAZIM	Organizer, Convener & Coordinator of cities and towns in Pakistan
•	NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
•	NCJP	National Commission Justice & Peace
•	NCIDE	National Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue
•	NCCP	National Council of Churches of Pakistan
•	NUML	National University Of Modern Languages
•	NBP	National Bank of Pakistan
•	NWFP	North West Fortier Province
•	NIC	National Identity Card
•	OPD	Out Door Patient
•	PA	Personal Assistant

•	PAF	Pakistan Air Force
•	PPP	Pakistan People Party
•	PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
•	PBUH	Peace Be Upon Him
•	PCNP	Pakistan Christian National Party
•	PCCS	Pakistan Christian Credit Society
•	PIMS	Pakistan Institute for Medical Science
•	PML (N)	Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz Group)
•	PST	Pakistan Standard Time
•	RI	Release International
•	R/O	Resident of
•	RPO	Regional Police Officer
•	RS	In Pakistan, Rs is referred to as the “rupees”
•	SHO	Station House Officer
•	SLMP	Sharing Life Ministry Pakistan
•	S/O	Son of
•	SI	Sub–Inspector
•	SP	Superintendent of Police
•	SPARC	Society For The Protection of The Rights Of The Child
•	SSP	Senior Superintendent of
•	SAP	South Asia Partnership
•	SMS	Short Message Service
•	TSA	Technical Services Association
•	TLC	Trinity Law College
•	TOLA	Ten Gram Gold
•	TB	Tuberculosis
•	TDA	Tehsil Development Authority
•	TMA	Tehsil Municipal Administration

•	UK	United Kingdom
•	USA	United States America
•	UN	United Nations
•	U/S	Under Section
•	UAE	United Arab Emirates
•	UC	Union Council
•	UP	United Presbyterian
•	UCH	United Christian Hospital
•	UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
•	UNO	The United Nations Organization
•	UNHCR	United Nations High Commissions For Refugees
•	UNICEF	United Nation's Children's Fund
•	UNHRC	United National Human Rights Commission
•	UNHCO	United Nation Health Care Organization
•	VS.	Versus
•	WWW	World Wide Web
•	WAR	War Against Rape
•	WCC	World Council Churches
•	W/O	Wife of
•	WASA	Water and Sanitation Authority
•	WAPDA	Water and Power Development Authority
•	YRS	Years
•	YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association
•	YWCA	Young Women's Christian Association

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A Brief Memo of CLAAS Staff

Mr. M.A Joseph Francis MBE (National Director)



Muntizar Anthony Joseph Francis started CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE & SETTLEMENT (CLAAS) in 1992 and serving as National Director since the creation of CLAAS. As National Director Mr. Joseph Francis provides overall leadership and strategic direction for the organizational matters and manages its 25 person staff in Lahore. He is handling the overall administration as well as national and international affairs of CLAAS and heading fact-finding missions. He is also pursuing cases in the courts as well. The National Director creates and implements annual development plan and strategy to manage the projects. He is providing professional and personal support to staff and observe & evaluate them as needed. He is presiding staff meetings, coordinate professional development for high performance and directed recruiting & staffing. He is counseling the victims and assisting them in their cases and other related issues. Mr. Joseph Francis appears regularly in major media outlets and speaks to audiences around the country. Mr. Francis is instrumental in the organization's recent effort to assemble a group of Christian organizations called Pakistan Christian Democratic Alliance to speak out publicly against policies and discriminatory laws especially the blasphemy laws in the country. Mr. Francis's is playing pivotal role in the effort to highlight discriminatory treatments faced by the religious minorities in Pakistan.

Mr. Joseph Francis has a distinguish record of human rights advocacy in Pakistan and his services recognized nationally and internationally. In 2000, International Christian AWAZ Canada presented appreciation award in recognition Mr. Francis's dedication, commitment and sensitivity for the Christians of Pakistan. He was honored with French Republic Human Rights Prize in 2002. The British Police Department the LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY presented an appreciation certificate with Constabulary Medal in 2002. Martin Luther an appreciation award for his work for persecuted Christians in Pakistan presented by Gesellschaft Fur Menschenrechte (IGFM) Germany. Church world Services – Pakistan/Afghanistan awarded CLAAS & Mr. Francis for being a voice for the voiceless & a beacon of hope for the last forty years. Full Gospel Church awarded in recognition and dedication services towards Christian community. The Advocates International presented "A GOOD SAMARITAN" award in 2004. The Bright Future Society awarded a gold medal and certificate of excellence for outstanding services for protecting human rights in September 2006. Peace Award from National Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue Ecumenism in December 13th, 2006. In 2009, the International Gesellschaft Fur Menschenrechte (IGFM) Germany honored with an appreciation certificate and cash prize for the protection of persecuted Christians in Pakistan 2009. He is a council member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), Executive member of Advocates

International Washington and Advocates International Asia. He is also Chairman Pakistan Christian National Party and President Pakistan Christian Democratic Alliance (PCDA). On June 16, 2011 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the II has appointed him to be an Honorary Member of The Most Excellent Order of the Brutish Empire MBE.

Ms. Katherine Sapna (Program Officer)



Ms. Katherine as Program Officer, CLAAS assisting the National Director and provides programmatic support to ensure the day to day functioning of the projects of CLAAS. She is monitoring program implementation and providing appropriate technical assistance concerning CLAAS's policies and procedures. Act as a catalyst for new projects, ideas and maintain contact with a broad cross section of donor agencies. Prepare formal evaluations and recommendations for funding requests for the National Director. She is representing CLAAS at designated meetings and community meetings. She is working collaboratively with colleagues on special assignments that serve to enhance the CLAAS's organizational effectiveness. Present overview, reports and presentations on the activities of CLAAS to the Board of Directors for consideration at their meetings. She joined CLAAS in the capacity of assistant field officer in October 2004 and promoted as program officer in 2008. As program officer she is responsible for devising and executing project strategies and implementing the office affairs as directed by the National Director, especially handling all National and International correspondence of CLAAS, project monitoring and budgeting etc. Ms. Katherine received her B.A in the subject of Education (2005) and master's degree in History (2007) from the University of the Punjab. She is liable to be part of the fact finding and writing of reports. She attends court hearing assisting women victims according to the sensitivity of their cases.

Mr. Sohail Habel (Finance Manager)



As finance Manager Mr. Sohail Habel is responsible for maintaining accounts of CLAAS. He prepares profit and loss statements and monthly closing and cost accounting reports. Mr. Sohail joined CLAAS in October 2005 in the capacity of Assistant Accountant and later was promoted as Finance Manager in October 2009. Compile and analyze financial information to prepare entries to accounts, such as general ledger accounts. He has duty to maintain, and coordinate the implementation of accounting and accounting control procedures with his assistant as well as performing managerial duties as directed by the National Director. He prepares payroll entries, invoices, and other accounting documents. He is duty bound to explain billing invoices, accounting discrepancies to the National Director. He interacts with internal and external auditors in completing audits within the prescribed time period. He is

in charge to coordinate with banks and day to day operating expense. He contain responsibility for record keeping and supervising vehicle running (motor car & motor bike) etc. He is also a member of CLAAS fact finding team, and attends court hearings as well as any other duties that may be assigned. Mr. Sohail received his B.Com from the University of the Punjab and studying MBA Finance from the University of the Punjab.

Ms. Neelam Uzma (Assistant Finance Manager)



Ms. Neelam Uzma is working with CLAAS as an Assistant Finance Manager since February 2009. She is assisting Mr. Sohail Habel as an assistant accountant and look after office expenditures regularly, maintaining account books, preparing salary register. Ms. Neelam Uzma received his I.Com in 2007 from Lahore Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Punjab and presently studying B.Com from Quaid Azam College of Accountancy, Lahore.



Ms. Sahrish Rasheed (Assistant Finance Manager)

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Mr. Joel Samuel (Internal Auditor)



Mr. Joel Samuel is working with CLAAS as an Internal Auditor since 1997. He is well-experienced and has analytical skills of finance and audits. He as an Internal Auditor is responsible for the internal audits of the CLAAS projects in accordance with the annual plan, as well as assisting the National Director with other audit matters and projects.

Ms. Rama Rasheed (Assistant Program Officer)



As Assistant Program Officer Ms. Rama assisting the National Director and Program Officer in administrative work respectively maintain office documentation, issuing office notices & announcements, taking meeting minutes, supervising co-staff, record equipment maintenance, uphold general correspondence, maintain the postage register, handling sensitive documentation and record keeping etc. Ms. Rama organize the daily schedule of appointments and visits of the National Director. She is also assisting the Program Officer and takes minutes of Board meetings. Assisting with documentation & completion of necessary reports as required. Update and maintain mailing lists. She is also part of fact finding team and prepare reports. She attends the court hearings time to time with the women victims during their trial in the courts especially the cases pursuing by CLAAS. Ms. Rama joined CLAAS as office Assistant in November 2008. Ms. Rama received her B.A in Subject of Psychology (2008) and masters degree in Political Science (2010) from the University of the Punjab.

Ms. Huma Lucas (Office Assistant)



As Office Assistant, Ms. Huma Lucas is assisting the Program Officer & case reports and maintaining legal files and staff attendance register, check cleanness, maintain office equipment and prepare demands of the grocery of the office as well as to look after the kitchen affairs accordingly. Ms. Huma Lucas joined CLAAS in the capacity of Assistant Field Officer in 2009. She is also a member of CLAAS fact-finding team and prepares fact-finding reports. She attends the court hearings time to time with the women victims during their trial in the courts especially the cases pursuing by CLAAS. Ms. Huma received her B.A in Subject of Journalism (2011). She resigns on June 2013 and again re-joins CLAAS on October 2013.

Mr. Asher Sarfraz (Field Officer)



Mr. Asher Sarfraz is working with CLAAS since September 1995 and is a senior staff member of CLAAS. As Field Officer he is responsible for the implementation and ongoing maintenance of all office policies and procedures, including schedule of daily operation of CLAAS. He also is assisting the National Director to delegate responsibility to appropriate staff to ensure that the day-

to-day functions and assigned projects are carried out. He personally manages the staff & volunteers who are responsible for the specific tasks, assignments, programs & events etc. He is also handling the legal aid department as well as visiting the jails for meeting with prisoners and up-dates on the court cases. He is on the whole responsible to report the National Director to provide assistance for encouraging the growth and assisting in the evaluation process of the staff. He is also a member of CLAAS fact-finding team.

Mr. Asif Raza (Assistant Field Officer/ Telephone Operator)



Mr. Asif Raza joined CLAAS in 2004. He assist Field Officer in his work and also dealing with the telephone calls and marking Newspapers to sort out news concerning issues and human rights discriminations and reports to the National Director & the Program Officer accordingly. He is also member of CLAAS fact-finding team as well as any other duties that may be assigned. He is also assisting in photocopies and other documentation.

Ms. Rubina Ghazal (In charge Legal Department)



As Field Officer Ms. Rubina Ghazal, liaise with the victims and their effected families and assisting them according to their concerning problems. Ms. Rubina Ghazal joined CLAAS in the capacity of Field Officer in 2008. She is accordingly providing the information, maintains legal files, record keeping and updates to the National Director and the Program Officer. She is conducting one-on-one meetings to gather information and analyze questionnaires. She is identifying an area that requires awareness and further communication or clarification to the National Director. She prepare reports concerning and findings for the National Director and the Program Officer.

She is counseling the victims according to their needs and coordinates them for meeting with their legal counsel in the litigations. She is also a member of CLAAS fact-finding team and prepares fact-finding reports. She attends the court hearings time to time with the women victims during their trial in the courts especially the cases pursuing by CLAAS.

Mr. Asif Khan (IT officer)



Mr. Asif Khan joined CLAAS in the capacity of IT officer in 2008. He works for install or repair windows, operates and maintains computers and networking software, diagnosing and solving problems that develop in their operations and any other devices following technical plans. He is also responsible for the design, layout and coding of a website. He also involved with the

maintenance and update of an existing site. And also perform other related duties as required.

Mr. Johnson Sohail (Receptionist)



As Receptionist, Mr. Johnson Sohail have responsibilities to greet persons entering CLAAS and provide the information as they required or direct persons to correct destination. Mr. Johnson Sohail joined CLAAS in the capacity of Receptionist in 2004. He is dealing with the queries from the public, receive letters, mails, documentation and maintain the reception area. He also keeps the record of news clipping of newspapers to sort out news concerning issues and human rights discriminations.

Mrs. Nasreen Sajjid (Kitchen-in-Charge)



Mrs. Nasreen Sajjid joined CLAAS in the capacity of Kitchen-in-charge in July 2011. She knows how to time dishes when they must be completed at once and know how to cook in bulk without generating waste. She is following the health codes pertaining to safety and sanitation of the work area and cooking utensils and how to properly prepare food to avoid food-borne illnesses. She have ability to multitask, especially when cooking several things at once. She prepares food for the staff members and visitors who daily visits CLAAS office.

Mr. Atif (Support Staff) Terminated



Mr. Atif Khokhar joined CLAAS in the capacity of Support Staff in October 2011. He maintains to serves all food and beverage items according to established procedures. He also maintains knowledge of food items and exercising positive warm hospitality. He is flexible and has excellent guest service & communication skills. He prepares and delivers orders efficiently and quickly. He is also assisting in photocopies and other documentation. He was terminated on July 2013.

Mr. Adil (Support Staff)



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prepares and delivers orders efficiently and quickly. He is also assisting in photocopies and other documentation.

Mr. Yousaf Khokhar (Janitor)



As Janitor Mr. Yousaf Khokhar is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the office by performing disinfects sinks, countertops, toilets, mirrors, bathrooms, floors, tables, chairs, dusts furniture, floor sweeps, mops, floors using brooms etc. Mr. Yousaf Khokhar joined CLAAS in the capacity of Janitor in 1995. Mr. Yousaf Khokhar is also one of the senior most staff members of CLAAS.

Mr. John Paul Bernard (Driver)



Mr. John Paul Bernard joined CLAAS in the capacity of driver in June 2011. He maintains the vehicles of CLAAS and also member of CLAAS fact-finding team. As driver he is working in the operation of vehicle to assure safe transportation of staff as well as the clients to and from various destinations. He has ability of automotive maintenance procedures and other mobility devices etc. He is taking care of vehicles, washes and clean interior, takes vehicles garage for maintenance and repair. Additionally, he is performing related duties as required.

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Legal Advisors Employing in the CLAAS Office

1-Mr. Tahir Bashir (Advocate High Court)



Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court joined CLAAS in the capacity of Legal Advisor in 2008. As Legal Advisor CLAAS, Mr. Tahir Bashir Advocate High Court is providing professional support and advice to the National Director on different aspects of cases including analysis, creation, reasoning, and evaluation, within legally satisfactory parameters. He as Legal Advisor supported the Legal department with the timely advice on all matters of legal aid assistance. He is assisting CLAAS with proactive legal aid assistance and advice on various legal issues like; Blasphemy, Forced Conversion, Forced Marriages, Abduction & Rape Cases, Family Matters, Murder Case, Miscellaneous Cases, Theft Cases, Habeas Corpus Cases, Dispute & Criminals Cases, Job Matter Cases, Kidnapping Cases, Fraud & Fake Cases, Land Dispute/ Property Cases, Threat-Harassment and Religious Matters etc. He is ensuring the National Director that the legal documents and other contractual documents are effectively drafted, reviewed, interpreted, and vetted. He is managing external and internal legal resources where required.

2-Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba (Advocate High Court)



Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate High Court joined CLAAS in the capacity of Legal Advisor in 2008. As Legal Advisor CLAAS, Mr. Nasir Anjum Suba Advocate High Court is providing professional support and advice to the National Director on different aspects of cases including analysis, creation, reasoning, and evaluation, within legally satisfactory parameters. He as Legal Advisor supported the Legal department with the timely advice on all matters of legal aid assistance. He is assisting CLAAS with proactive legal aid assistance and advice on various legal issues like; Blasphemy, Forced Conversion, Forced Marriages, Abduction & Rape Cases, Family Matters, Murder Case, Miscellaneous Cases, Theft Cases, Habeas Corpus Cases, Dispute & Criminals Cases, Job Matter Cases, Kidnapping Cases, Fraud & Fake Cases, Land Dispute/ Property Cases, Threat-Harassment and Religious Matters etc. He is ensuring the National Director that the legal documents and other contractual documents are effectively drafted, reviewed, interpreted, and vetted. He is managing external and internal legal resources where required.

3- Mr. Tanvir Masih (Advocate High Court)



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4- Mr. Akhtar Sindhu (Advocate High Court)



Mr. Akhtar Sindhu Advocate High Court joined CLAAS as the capacity of Legal Advisor in January 2004. As Legal Advisor CLAAS, Mr. Akhtar Sindhu is providing professional support and advice to the National Director on different aspects of cases including analysis, creation, reasoning, and evaluation, within legally satisfactory parameters. He as Legal Advisor supported the Legal department with the timely advice on all matters of legal aid assistance. He is assisting CLAAS with proactive legal aid assistance and advice on various legal issues like; Blasphemy, Forced Conversion, Forced Marriages, Abduction & Rape Cases, Family Matters, Murder Case, Miscellaneous Cases, Theft Cases, Habeas Corpus Cases, Dispute & Criminals Cases, Job Matter Cases, Kidnapping Cases, Fraud & Fake Cases, Land Dispute/ Property Cases, Threat-Harassment and Religious Matters etc. He is ensuring the National Director that the legal documents and other contractual documents are effectively drafted, reviewed, interpreted, and vetted. He is managing external and internal legal resources where required.

Court Clerk

Mr. Ayaz Gill (Court Clerk)



As Court Clerk Mr. Ayaz Gill contain duties to help the CLAAS lawyers during courts hearings and examines legal documents submitted to court for adherence to law or court procedures, prepares case folders, and posts, files, or routes documents by the directions of the National Director. Mr. Ayaz Gill joined CLAAS in the capacity of Court Clerk in 2008. He explains procedures or forms to parties in case. Mr. Ayaz Gill is securing information for judges, and contacts witnesses, attorneys, and litigants to obtain information for court, and instructs parties when to appear in court. He records case disposition, court orders, and arrangement for payment of court fees.

Mr. Aqeel Naveed (Court Clerk)



As Court Clerk Mr. Aqeel Naveed, contain duties to help the CLAAS lawyers during courts hearings and examines legal documents submitted to court for adherence to law or court procedures, prepares case folders, and posts, files, or routes documents by the directions of the National Director. Mr. Aqeel joined CLAAS in the capacity of Court Clerk in 2007. He explains procedures or forms to parties in case. Mr. Aqeel is securing information for judges, and contacts witnesses, attorneys, and litigants to obtain information for court, and instructs parties when to appear in court. He records case disposition, court orders, and arrangement for payment of court fees.

Apna-Ghar Staff

Ms. Maria Basharat (In-Charge “Apna Ghar”)



Ms. Maria joined CLAAS in the capacity of In-charge Rehabilitation Centre Apna Ghar in April 2010. She is responsible for assisting Women victims who may walk in to the Rehabilitation Centre Apna Ghar seek assistance in dealing with a wide variety of presenting problems, including domestic violence, grief, child abuse, forced marriages, forced conversion, expression, anxiety, eating disorders and various other problems and difficulties faced by the victim etc. She is providing face-to-face crisis intervention counseling and referrals to other resources and services after with the consultation of the National Director and the Program Officer. CLAAS providing its services at Apna Ghar without discriminate based upon age, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability etc. Ms. Maria notifies the communications addressed for the residents at Apna Ghar by the National Director and the Program Officer.

Mr. Basharat (Watchman “Apna Ghar”)



Mr. Basharat joined CLAAS in the capacity of Watchman in 2000 and is also a permanent resident at Rehabilitation Centre Apna Ghar for the purpose to check out the security concerns. He has ability to perform tasks simultaneously and ability to perform occasional overtime with some holiday and weekend work required. He contains duties to look after the overall operational works such as repair, maintenance etc as directed by the National Director. He is in charge for record keeping and supervising vehicle (motor car) running etc. His work is generally performed indoors although occasionally outdoors work of a general nature may occur and reports to the National Director.

Mr. Liaqat Bhatti (Tailor Master “Apna Ghar”)



Mr. Liaqat Bhatti joined CLAAS in the capacity of Tailor Master Stitching Centre of Rehabilitation Centre Apna Ghar in May 2010. His primary duty is to teach the victims (women & girls) residing at Apna Ghar and reports to the National Director and the Program Officer according to their needs. He is handling embroideries, stitching, cutting, knitting and sampling of different concept of garments such as the traditional cloths etc.

Legal Advisors CLAAS

The CLAAS office case to case appointing the following Legal Advisors from Lahore and outstation for different cases dealt by CLAAS:

- 1- Mr. Chaudhary Muhammad Amin Javaid Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Lahore
- 2- Mr. Ch. Naeem Shakir Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Lahore
- 3- Mr. Malik Asif Tauffique Awam Advocate High Court, Rawalpindi Division
- 4- Mr. Akhtar Sindhu Advocate High Court, Kasur
- 5- Mr. Saleem Gill Advocate High Court, Bahawalpur
- 6- Mr. Malik Zaman Haider Advocate High Court, Shahdra-Lahore
- 7- Mr. Mohammad Idress Advocate High Court, Khanewal
- 8- Mr. Rana Farman Ali Sabir Advocate High Court, Mian Channu Khanewal
- 9- Mr. Shan Elahi Umair Advocate High Court, Mian Channu
- 10- Mr. Illyas Javed Advocate High Court, Faisalabad
- 11- Ms. Noor Naz Agha Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan, Karachi
- 12- Mr. Chaudhary Aslam Advocate High Court, Sheikhpura
- 13- Mr. Sheikh Sarfraz Advocate High Court, Sheikhpura
- 14- Mr. Javeed Sahotra Advocate High Court, Sahiwal

15- Mr. Hashmat Barkat Advocate High Court, Faisalabad

16- Mr. Faisal Ilyas Advocate, Faisalabad

17- Mr. Tariq Zia Khokhar Advocate, Lahore

18- Mr. Kamran Yousaf Advocate, Gujranwala