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Joint Press conference

1- Mr. Joseph Francis, Chairman Pakistan Christian National Party, Martin Javed Michael, Vice Chairman, Samuel Piayara, Zia Khokher, Victor Babar and Iqbal Khokher.

And

2- Katherine Sapna Program Officer and Rights Defender from Human Rights Organization Centre for Legal Aid Assistance and Settlement (CLAAS)

Hold Press conference at Lahore Press Club on Monday August 18, 2014 at 03:00 pm concerning the Critical and most awful situation of Christians in Iraq.

Since last month an Islamic extremist, terrorist and revolt group named "Daash" killing innocent Christians in Mosul Dam, Iraq (a big Christian settlement) on the name of religion while converting them in to Islam forcefully and to achieve their ends through misuse of the Islamic Doctrine of Jihad. They are killing Christians by cutting necks of men, hanging them on the cross, brutally killing Children with deadly weapons. Women and young girls are forcedly raped at front of their parents and then cut their necks. Christians are helpless and hopeless due to this endless violence. There is the only way for them to immigrate / leave the place for their life safety.

Respectable journalist brothers,

We are grieved over the open violation of human rights of Christian brothers and sisters in Iraq and hope that you will cover our emotions and concerns over this worst situation of Christians through the press and electronic media.

You all are well aware about Pakistani Christians raised their voice against the violation of human rights not only in Pakistan but also condemned the rights violation of human being around the world with caring about the differences of religions, cast and creed as well.

PCNP conducted a press conference in reference and condemned bombing and killing of innocent Palestinian's. Through the media attention we want to highlight the issue as Palestine is the country not only for Muslims but also a big number of Christian Community is settled there since the decades. As reminder we want to inform that in 1967 when Israeli military attacked Palestine and succeeded to occupy on the country, and the Palestinians had no place to go, then the revolution moment was called and

led by a Christian leader George Habash and a Christian Mujahida Laila Khalid also made a world history by destroying Israeli war men and placed a different example of patriotism and brotherhood.

It is human nature to be faithful with the land where he/she born but the culture of brother hood, tolerance and liberal mindedness is dying due to the religious madness. Through international media and internet we are known about the extreme human violation and brutal killing of innocent Christian community in **Mosul Dam** a city of Iraq. Militants' terrorist/ Islamic extremists killed hundreds of Christian men hanging them on the cross, and took women and children in custody raped the young girls and women and then killed them cutting their necks as punishment after they deny to be converted in to Islam. They are brutally killing families after entering in to their houses therefore several Christians had migrated because of their life safety.

It is our draw back that all Pakistani Media, Government representatives even the champions of Human Rights in Pakistan and civil society totally silent over this serous issue. Especially the people working on Muslim Christian Federation and the groups who are in the favor of International Religious Freedom why they are completely silent, neither they release statements nor arranged any protest demonstration to condemn the attitude of Islamic militant groups over their shameful, dreadful and inhuman action against Christians in Iraq.

The Innocent Christians in Iraq (men, women, and small children) whose lives are in danger seeking help, looking forward to sympathies. There are questions in their eyes for the champions of Human Rights that "why you are silent, why you are deceiving yourselves and others being quite.

Today, Pakistan Christian National Party and Centre for Legal Aid Assistance and settlement demand the immediate action of United Nations against terrorism, brutality and inhuman act of religious fundamental group for the killing of Christians in Iraq.

On August 21, 2014 at 03:00 pm Pakistan Christian National Party will stage a protest demonstration in solidarity with the Christians in Iraq. Pakistani Christians offering special prayers in the Churches for the immediate and solid action of United Nation in Iraq.

We call international powers and appeal that lives of Christians in Iraq should be protected and demand that United Nations should take serious notice of brutality and terrorism and immediately send Army to Mosul Dam, to ensure life security to Christians in Iraq.