

**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON
SAHIWAL INCIDENT DATED 19TH JANUARY, 2019**



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OF THE
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR**

ON

**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING “KILLING
OF FOUR PEOPLE BY A TEAM OF CTD OFFICIALS NEAR
SAHIWAL ON 19-01-2019” RAISED BY SENATOR
MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI IN THE HOUSE ON 21ST
JANUARY, 2019.**

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR A. RHMAN MALIK
Chairman
Standing Committee on Interior**

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MEMBERS OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR:

Senator Kalsoom Parveen		Mr. Imran Khan, Ex-Officio Member / Minister for Interior	
Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi		Mr. Shehryar Khan Afridi Ex-Officio Member / Minister of State for Interior (MOS)	
Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan			
Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo			
Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed			
Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood			
Senator Farooq Hamid Naek			
Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati			
Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi			
Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh			
Senator Kauda Babar			
Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen			
Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem			

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION:

The Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, Senator A. Rehman Malik took a serious Notice of the incident reported in the Media on 19th January, 2019 regarding killing of four peoples by a Team of CTD officials near Sahiwal. The victims were identified as (1. Muhammad Khalil - 42 Years, 2. His wife Nabila – 38 Years, 3. their daughter Areeba - 13 Years, 4. Zeeshan Akhtar - 36 Years, Driver of the Car). Their Son Umair Khalil sustained bullet wounds while his sister Munibas hand was injured due to broken glass of the Car band Habiba their daughter remained unhurt.

RULING OF THE CHAIR:

On 21st January, 2019, Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi raised the matter of Point of Public Importance regarding "killing of four people by a Team of CTD officials near Sahiwal on 19th January, 2019" in the House. The Chairman keeping in view the importance of the matter and letter submitted by the Committee, announced his Ruling in the House as under:-

"KILLING OF FOUR PEOPLE AND INJURING MINOR CHILDREN BY A TEAM OF CTD OFFICIALS NEAR SAHIWAL ON 19-01-2019 IS A MATTER OF SUFFICIENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE WHICH HAS SENT A WAVE OF RESENTMENT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THEREFORE, THE MATTER IS REFERRED TO SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR WITH DIRECTIONS TO PROBE THE FACTS AND FIX RESPONSIBILITY ON THOSE WHO ACTED BEYOND THEIR LEGAL MANDATE. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO DIRECTED TO SUGGEST A PLAN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN AS WELL"

MANDATE – TORs:

Accordingly the Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Senate Standing Committee on Interior to probe it as per the following TORs:-

- 1) To investigate the matter of killing of four people by a Team of CTD officials near Sahiwal on 19th January, 2019.
- 2) To make Recommendations for the improvement in the Criminal Justice System and proposals to avoid recurrence of any such incident in future.
- 3) To make Recommendations to propose a Welfare Plan for the children of the victim family.

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LETTERS WRITTEN BY THE COMMITTEE:

The Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, Senator A. Rehman Malik while taking a serious notice of the unfortunate incident sent Four letters to the Secretary Ministry of Interior, Islamabad, the Chief Minister Punjab, Home Secretary, Punjab, I.G. Punjab Police, Lahore and The D.I.G & DPO. Police, Sahiwal, as under:-

- 1) First letter was written on the next day of the incident i.e. on 20th January, 2019, in which **12 questions were raised** to provide facts on the incident.
- 2) Second Letter was written on 22nd January, 2019, to the Chairman Senate with the recommendations of the Committee **for constitution of a JUDICIAL COMMISSION** to probe into the matter.
- 3) Third letter was written on 23rd January, 2019, **containing 41 Questions** asking the Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Home Secretary Punjab, and I.G. Police, Punjab.
- 4) Fourth Letter was written on 23rd January, 2019, regarding nomination of **Focal Persons** in the Ministry of Interior and by the Punjab Government and also for **provision of Final Investigation Report** to the Committee.

MEETINGS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE:

The Committee has held three meetings (two formal meetings and one informal meeting) as under :-

FORMAL MEETINGS

1. First meeting was held on 21st January, 2019,
2. Second meeting was held on 25th January, 2019.

INFORMAL MEETING:

1. An informal meeting was held on 24th January, 2019.

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INTERIM REPORT RECEIVED FROM PUNJAB GOVERNMENT:

An Interim Report has been received in response to the Letter written by the Committee on 23rd January, 2019 which is made part of this Report. As per the Report submitted by the Punjab Government in the meeting of the Committee held on 25th January, 2019, six CTD officials have been arrested and being interrogated. It has further been informed that the AIG CTD, SSP CTD, DSP CTD, have been removed from the posts.

This Report contains a detailed discussion held on the Interim Report received from the Government of Punjab and briefing given by the Home Secretary Punjab and I.G. Police Punjab, during the meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Interior on 25th January, 2019 and the Recommendations made by the Committee. However, the Government of Punjab has requested the Commission to give them atleast 30 days for submission of the final Report which will be presented to the House, as and when it will be received to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee has made recommendations in this Report on the following points:-

- 1) **Recommendations for the improvement in the Criminal Justice System and proposals to avoid recurrence of any such incident in future.**
- 2) **Recommendations to propose a Welfare Plan for the children of the victim family.**

The Committee while condemning the role of the CTD team officials also appreciated the role of the Army, Rangers, FC, LEAs, and other Agencies in countering terrorism by sacrificing their lives for the last two decades. The nation stands indebted to the Heroes of the nation who have protected their motherland by offering unprecedented sacrifices.

This is a Preliminary Report (Volume – I) on the matter of Public Importance regarding killing of four people by a Team of CTD officials near Sahiwal, raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi in the House on 21st January, 2019, as the Government of Punjab has requested to give them atleast 30 days for submission of Final Report in the matter, which will be presented before the House as and when it is received, accordingly.

(TANVIR AHMED)
D.G. / Secretary Committee

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"BRIEF OF THE REPORT"

1) **RULING OF CHAIRMAN SENATE DATED 21ST JANUARY, 2019:**

The matter of killing of four people (1. Muhammad Khalil - 42 Years, 2. His wife Nabila - 38 Years, 3. their daughter Areeba - 13 Years, 4. Zeeshan Akhtar - 36 Years) and minor children who got injured by a Team of CTD officials near Sahiwal on 19th January, 2019, was discussed in detail in the House as the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, in the House on 21st January, 2019 and after a detailed discussion, the Chairman Senate passed the following Ruling:

"Killing of four people and injuring minor children by a Team of CTD officials near Sahiwal on 19-01-2019 is a matter of sufficient Public Importance which has sent a wave of resentment all over the country. therefore, the matter is referred to Senate Standing Committee on Interior with directions to probe the facts and fix responsibility on those who acted beyond their legal mandate. The Committee is also directed to suggest a plan for the welfare of the children as well"

2) **THREE TORS – MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Committee took guidance out of the discussion in the House and proceeded accordingly and the progress made so far in this regard as under:

- 1) To investigate the matter of killing of four people by a Team of CTD officials near Sahiwal on 19th January, 2019.
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3) **MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON
21ST JANUARY, 2019 AND RECOMMENDATION:**

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**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR, HELD ON 21ST JANUARY, 2018 IN COMMITTEE ROOM
NO. 1, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.**

A meeting of the Standing Committee on Interior was held on 21st January, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of Senator A. Rehman Malik.

2. The Agenda before the Committee was as under:-
- i. Consideration of the Bill "The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2017, introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz referred to the Committee on 09-10-2018.
 - ii. Consideration of the matter of "Point of Public Importance" regarding theft of Mobile Phones from Faisalabad Dry Port raised by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 24-09-2018.
 - iii. Consideration of the report to be presented by the D.G. FIA regarding a complaint against illegal operations of M/s Hadid International Ltd. at Karachi Airport, Karachi.
 - iv. Consideration of the report of the FIA on Illegal Immigration & Human Trafficking of Pakistani citizens with connivance of fake Agents and Overseas Promoters through Airports and Seaports with particular reference to the matter of death of 11 Pakistanis who drowned in Libya, which was previously discussed during the meeting of the Committee, dated 5th March, 2018.
 - v. Briefing by the Chairman, CDA and Mayor, MCI on the progress made so far to resolve Administrative, Financial and Legal issues of the MCI and to review the progress.
 - vi. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. The following members attended the meeting: -

1) Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Chairman
2) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh	Member
3) Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
4) Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
5) Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
6) Senator Kauda Babar	Member

4. The list of participants of the meeting is attached as Annexure-A.
5. The meeting commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran.

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6. The Chairman Committee, in his opening remarks, strongly condemned the tragic incident of brutal killing of a family, by a Team of CTD officials, who was travelling from Lahore to Burewala to attend a marriage ceremony on 19th January, 2019 near Sahiwal. Fateha was offered for the departed souls.

7. After Fateha, Chairman Committee expressed his deep concern and resentment over the non-professional attitude of the CTD Team officials. He stated that such barbaric act must be stopped in order to establish writ of state and to ensure the rule of law.

8. The Chairman Committee stated as to whether the license to kill was issued to the police; if not, then there is a due procedure wherein the operation was to be executed in the presence of a senior officer with proper evaluation of the targeted person.

9. The Chairman Committee informed the participants that he had already taken notice of Sahiwal incident and a letter, on behalf of the Committee, has been sent to Ministry of Interior and other provincial departments to present a detailed report on this unfortunate incident within a week.

10. The Chairman Committee directed to carry out a deep probe, based on ground realities, into the incident to examine the reasons due to which the CTD Team officials failed to have acted in a proper professional manner.

11. Thereafter, Chairman Committee presented the letter written on 20th Januray, 2019 wherein the Ministry of Interior, I.G. Police of Punjab and Home Secretary Punjab have been directed to provide a detailed report on the incident as per the following 12 Points :-

