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SENATE SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, the 15th September, 2025

NOTICE

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights will be held on Thursday, **18th September, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad. In case of Senate Session in the morning the meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m.**

2. The agenda before the Committee would be as under:-

(i) Comprehensive briefing by the Federal and Provincial Authorities of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh on the rising incidents of corporal punishment, torture, and sexual abuse of students in Seminaries (Madrassas). Measures taken and proposed by the Madrassa managements and relevant authorities for review and reform of the Madrassa system, mechanisms to prevent violations of child rights and ensure accountability as well as steps to strengthen protection and oversight within religious educational institutions.

(ii) Comprehensive briefing by the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, M/o Foreign Affairs, M/o Interior and other relevant authorities on the situation of Pakistani citizens imprisoned abroad-including the total number, nature of charges, legal assistance being provided, consular access, efforts for repatriation and challenges faced in securing their release, with specific reference to the recent disclosure that 21,406 Pakistanis are incarcerated in 61 countries, and the urgent need for a coordinated national strategy to safeguard their legal and human rights.

(iii) Briefing by the Chairman Higher Education Commission, (HEC) and Comsats University Administration on the alleged public humiliation of a student by Dr. Tayyab Chaudhry over not having a laptop-including reported derogatory remarks about the student's poverty and deceased father, dismissal of students complaints by the Head of Department, and alleged retaliatory grade reduction-along with action taken, disciplinary measures, and safeguards to prevent recurrence of such emotionally distressing incidents.

(iv) Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Hon'ble Members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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1.	**Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri**	**Chairperson**
2.	Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri	Member
3.	Senator Khalil Tahir	Member
4.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui	Member
5.	Senator Poonjo Bheel	Member
6.	Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member

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7.	Senator Atta Ul Haq	Member
8.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
9.	Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
10.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
11.	Senator Mashal Azam	Member
12.	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
13.	Senator Aimal Wali Khan	Member
14.	Senator Raja Nasir Abbas	Member
15.	Minister for Human Rights	Ex-Officio Member
16.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Special Invitee

(I). **Copy for necessary action to:**

1. **The Secretary, M/o Human Rights, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned.**
2. **The Secretary, M/o Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1 & 3).**
3. **The Secretary, M/o Interior and Narcotic Control, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1 & 2).**
4. **The Secretary, M/o Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
5. **The Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resources Development, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 2).**
6. **The Secretary, M/o Foreign Affairs, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 2).**
7. **The Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 3).**
8. **The Chairperson, National Commission on the Rights of Child (NCRC), Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
9. **The Chairperson, National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR), Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1 &2).**
10. **The Secretary, (Home), Government of Punjab Lahore, (for law enforcement perspective for agenda item No.1)**
11. **The Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Sindh, Karachi, (for law enforcement perspective for agenda item No.1)**
12. **The Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar. (for law enforcement perspective for agenda item No.1)**
13. **The Secretary/Chief Administrator, Auqaf & Religious Affairs Department, Government of Punjab, Lahore, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
14. **The Secretary Auqaf, Religious & Minorities Affairs, Zakat and Ushr Department Government of Sindh, Karachi, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
15. **The Secretary/Chief Administrator of Auqaf, Hajj, Religious and Minority Affairs Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
16. **The President, Wafaq-ul-Madaris Al-Arbia, Karachi, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
17. **The Rector of the COMSATS University, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 3).**

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18. **The Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
19. **The D.G Auqaf/ Deputy Commissioner, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting with all concerned. (For agenda item No. 1).**
20. **The following Section Officers (Council), to provide 30 copies of the working papers/briefing Urdu and English {hard and soft through emailed to: {webcommittee1@gmail.com} along with a list of participants 48 Hours prior to the Committee meeting, otherwise it will be treated as NOT RECEIVED.**
    i. **The Section Officer (Council), M/o Human Rights, Islamabad.**
    ii. **The Section Officer (Council), M/o Federal Education and Professional Training, Islamabad.**
    iii. **The Section Officer (Council), M/o Interior and Narcotics Control, Islamabad.**
    iv. **The Section Officer (Council), M/o Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony, Islamabad.**
    v. **The Section Officer (Council), M/o Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Islamabad.**
    vi. **The Section Officer (Council), M/o Foreign Affairs, Islamabad.**
21. **P.S. to Minister for Human Rights, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, with the request to inform the Minister to kindly attend the meeting.**

(II) **Copy for information and necessary action to:-**

1. The Attorney General for Pakistan
2. The Accountant General Pakistan Revenues, Islamabad.
3. The Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Islamabad.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Islamabad.
6. Joint Secretaries, (Admin, HRM, and Committees), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
7. Director General (Research/Library), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
8. Principal Secretary to Chairman Senate, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
9. Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad, for Press Release and TV coverage of the meeting.
10. Director (IT), Senate Secretariat, to upload Notice on Senate Website and SMS to all Committee Members.
11. The Director News, PTV, Islamabad, with request to make arrangements for coverage of the meeting.
12. Director (Protocol)/In-charge Cafeteria, Senate Secretariat, for light refreshments at the meeting venue.
13. Sr. Finance & Accounts Officer, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
14. Parliamentary Reporters Association (PRA), Parliament House, Islamabad.
15. Medical Officer, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
16. Deputy Director (Civil/Electrical), CDA, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
17. DSP, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
18. Committee Branch- I, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
19. Master File.

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