

Resolution
06-08-2025

Preamble:

Recognizing that the Constitution of Pakistan's guarantee of the right to life, liberty, and equality for all citizens;

Recalling Article 25 of the Constitution which upholds equality before the law and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;

Reaffirming Pakistan's international commitments under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Sustainable Development Goals (particularly Goal 5 on gender equality);

Alarmed by the increasing number of reported cases of so-called "honour killings" across all provinces, including recent tragic incidents in Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;

Concerned by the continued use of parallel justice systems such as jirgas and panchayats that enable and justify such killings outside the ambit of the law;

The Women's Parliamentary Caucus hereby resolves as follows:

1. **Strong Condemnation:** The WPC strongly condemns the heinous and unlawful act of so-called "honour killings" occurring in different parts of Pakistan, which constitute grave violations of human rights and dignity, particularly of women and girls.
2. **Zero Tolerance Policy:** The WPC reiterates its demand for a zero-tolerance approach towards perpetrators of honour-based violence, and calls upon all law enforcement and judicial bodies to ensure swift, impartial, and effective prosecution of all such cases.
3. **Data and Monitoring:** The WPC demands the establishment of a national database to document all cases of honour killings, disaggregated by gender, age, and location, in order to enable evidence-based policy responses and monitoring.
4. **Protection Mechanisms:** The WPC urges relevant authorities to strengthen protection mechanisms for individuals at risk, including confidential help lines, safe shelters, and legal aid for women and girls threatened with violence in the name of "honour".
5. **Awareness and Education:** The WPC recommends a nationwide awareness campaign to challenge harmful gender norm and promote respect for women's autonomy, rights, and legal protections under Pakistani law.

6. Inter-Provincial Coordination: The WPC proposes the formation of an inter-provincial task force comprising representatives from all Provincial Assemblies to coordinate efforts against honour killings and monitor by Federal and Provincial governments.

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