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RESOLUTION

Women's Action Forum Lahore overwhelmingly and categorically supports the recent nurses strike in Karachi, and supports the nurses demands that guns be completely banned on all hospital premises and that those doctors responsible for terrorizing nurses be severely punished.

The nursing profession is one of the most demanding and honourable of professions, yet increasingly the doctors and the hospital administrators have denigrated and oppressed nurses. In many instances they have used government hospitals as drug and prostitution dens and often forced or coerced nurses to become a part of this. Much of this is given patronage and protection by those in authority, particularly those with political power. An example of this is the rape case of two nurses in August of last year in which hospital authorities gave the key to a private ward to three doctors who hoodwinked the two nurses to attend to a non existent patient and then raped them. Although both nurses have testified to this two of the alleged rapists are still at large. The more recent example is the so called "Tiger Gang" of doctors, who tried to abduct some nurses at gun point on hospital premises.

WAF strongly condemns such practices and is appalled that our hospitals and politicians are allowing and even encouraging some doctors to become pimps and at times even rapists. WAF demands not only that these gangs of doctors and alleged rapists be prosecuted and that nurses be protected from being victimized, terrorized and raped, but that every effort is made to give the nursing profession the respect and honour that it deserves.

WAF further demands that an independent Judicial inquiry be instituted immediately to inquire not only in to these two cases, but in to the larger issue of how our hospitals are being misused and abused by the very people who should be the custodians of responsibility, respect, honour and professional integrity in these institutions.

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