

The Woman's Right to Life is Inviolable

WAF takes serious note of the alarming increase in the incidence of wife murder. The protection of women against violent crime is the responsibility of the State and we hold the State accountable for this violence.

Both the State and society tend to overlook domestic violence and murder is often justified for reasons of so called family honour. Such blindness is a flagrant violation of the woman's human right to life and murder in the interests of male honour cannot be condoned on any grounds. Nor can the State allow individuals to take the law in to their own hands. WAF demands that the State takes necessary action so that the proper rule of law and judicial procedure is followed in such cases.

WAF especially draws the attention of the Prime Minister to the incidence of wife murder and reminds her of her commitment to ensure the safety and protection of women who are being victimised on the basis of their sex and their subordinate position within the family.

We would like to remind the present government that it is discriminatory laws against women viz: the Hadood Ordinances, the law of Evidence and the Law of Qisas and Diyat, which have led to an escalation of violent and brutal crimes against women. The Peoples Party Government is committed to repealing these laws in its Manifesto. It is time that it took action to honour its promises to the people of Pakistan.

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