- Politics - ANARC 2/1/94

Some we have been working on more issues need to be taken up - how understanding differs & consistency is different - this workshop some implications / questions raised - how networking may - we common understanding on issues - Part. we wanted a focus - two aspects - Can also take it up with some - becomes a women issue - all issues - women issues - feminism & ego should go - what is the alternative - Different ways - possibly classes - lose the issues - should take about those for a common struggle.

Want men to come & support us -

Source ——————

Links at which to continue with our agenda work -

One level - breaking the silence - give space & speak up - reaffirm their rights -

H.R. & W.R. discuss - different ways of approach -
Women been excluded & had also excluded themselves -
Only process - Shift only on Gandhiji - Women resistance to for Round & H.R. discuss -

Violence as NC pleasure - ci. S.C. Indian has no cut of violence against her - dis/Movement done -
* In this S.C. & cut a Sita woman - the violence makes you extra vulnerable Women ci Pol. Sph. Sphere more -

Body / Indra / Talaka / Sexual / Nature / Abuse / Image / Nature - B.D. Sciff / Indian
- Gender -
Body: limit of Pol. & NC ex.
Feminist - agree but - Looking for Women's Name for Sacrificed ci real / NC. movement -

Gender violence depoliticise violence against Women - as real.

India: Body of Shiva - cut movement - from Women fragments - Col stone ci H.R. Rgs - fragments of Sacrifices of Women & peasants

Interdependence between all these - does need to be a common platform in any form -
We need to address gender issues -

* Should find an Commonality as Asian women
H.R. dimension defined by Govt. Political + Govt - but need to add. Socio-Cultural, economic -

= Asian Conflict Women. Rape as War Crime.

Farmer: migration dimension - women as doers - some items - ~~Success~~ Women items do need simple Concentration two links/ even the mig. area related to Asian - part of women studies -
But studies imp -
migration - O. T dep - (Ch 13 Feminist migration - become of pre - marginalisation - Women System create all this - Asian Women oppressed.

A Mamma is Tolerance —
In Love Pays Memories — or Some
other "Services" —

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the Mom is an embodiment of Tol —
Love pays or for people —
Tolerance pinnacle Love end of
dialogue
Jumping - cry
New Days — new Voices —
Good Love done life is Love
Payments —

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Meeting with AWHRC.
Introduction to session by Bunny.
Introduction by participants / members.

1. Introduction of WAF by Bunny —
- formed in 1981. aimed women issues especially Islamization
framed by women's groups and individuals. Existing in
4 cities. Run by a working committee. Structurally
non-hierarchical, non-funded, is a part of the women
movement. Although its nebulous, it has been able to
many women NGO's. Does not have a large membership,
but has put the women's question on the national agenda.
More radical than others. Membership cannot determine
500 000 but only 50 active members.

Initially raised issues - human rights issue -
Rape statistics taken at national level, Stability rendered as
at the local level.
- Looked at the gender bias in the human rights declaration
and changed document not at Geneva.
- WAF has a problem with Publicity - documents, issues a
range of issues - withdrawing Structural adjustment policies.
- Part of Jeen organisation taking a critical stand on
Islamic Law.

All work on a voluntary, commitment basis.
Question of commitment / unbalanced concerns like raising
of the minimum wage.
Issue of women abused women taken up by WAF,
especially of women death / injuries through Dowry
and public violence.
— Question for the Sri Lankan about cases of
violence against women - especially relevant
because of Afghanistan, Kashmir, Radcliffe Bomb.
— Question of the sex workers & unbridled women,
has not really been discussed by WAF, feels
uncomfortable with it.
— Question of punishment & retribution - WAF against

Jayaseelan I would like to understand it in the context of human rights -

- Do we hold the Pakistani State / army responsible for violence against women in Kayla Desh, 1971 - is the demand like individual, monetary or the state assuming responsibility, can the state evacuate itself any payment money?
- how does the AWHRC - see itself as part of the women movement, the human rights discourse.
- whether the women movement takes this work / feed into the movement or is it the movement.

AWHRC - violence against women in the home - responsibility of the State.

Participant is from Jordan - example of feudalism - acid burning - inside the home and outside the home - in many cases the culprits is punished. Questions are how to rehabilitate the women. - what kind of help women can avail except.

Rape cases - need punishment, how to stop the incidences.
- How to make the State responsible - UN! If Pakistan is a signatory to the HR charter - perhaps the ways is needed there

Pakistan - demand should be to change the system of feudalism - along with women, peasants etc.
- AWHRC - parliament / senate conference / talk of feudalism but can put pressure on State. Problem lies in the pressure exerted on the violation of families. Need a collective effort to continue to pressure on the govt.
- Question of NGO's versus the movement -

PILER - Bonded labour - we don't have a common understanding of crimes, Historical Logy of work relationship such that - bondages are not being made between violence & socio economic crimes.
- Difference among NGO's, personality conflicts and what is required to build the movement.

- need the support of other organisations especially trade unions & workers etc. - need to go along multi-level organisations & the support of men.

Sharla - many laws etc which enforce against women can be considered. One could learn from the Belarus - despite forcing for last 10 years the power of doing the national is to raise rates crime. - Linkages have been made by HR movements & WR movements - In Vietnam - division in both areas - for the first time women have to put their rights within the HR movement - Resistance from HR activists WR - on the margin.

In Sri Lanka - have able to link sexual violence & violence against women - But women's voices from war testimony had been silenced - failure of national conflict - bottom up at the violent under patriarchal structures - ie. Tamil single women -

Trying to put the perpetration of violence against women out of HR discourse - disappearing, death, torture etc. but women suffer more. Analysis of what violence against women actually means.

Burma - Rakhine conflict - Muslim minority - have displaced Rohingya people - ethnic cleansing - destroy homes - Rape of women - impact of imposition of religion under Rakhine - ie. Burma, Muslim, Myanmar etc - local level deportation in my notes but women left above.

Apple pen hint both at the original framework within which this problem was seen - perhaps look for Regional Studies Kashmir - women tend to be subsumed in the other arguments - violence against women is such more & should not be disposed as gender violence.

AJWRC - many of us work from women's organisations - have directly working on state violence - the Philippines - state violence during Martial

mind. Feel need to focus on ethics and .85
Lab to foster women, minor & Jr Chulalongkorn in term
of setting up crisis centres.
- need to avoid romanticism & how we can bring
ethics in our response. because there are differences
meaning from translation.
How can HR be defined in Asian context. & from
Asian women perspective - especially sentiment &
Romance difference.
- how to build on Vienna. - Vienna is now on UN agenda
- need to fight at all levels - inter-national, regional &
national
- Need to arrive at a commonality & plan of action from this
meeting in Lahore -
- Manila - ESCAP Plan of Action for Beijing
Fatima. → women struggle must be part of peoples struggle.
PILCOM (Thailand) - Need to address economic issues which
impact on migration, violence. & also look at women
struggle within the larger struggle.
Rifia → women need to be part of the struggle & women agenda
setting. Women are being ignored and betrayed
need to take AWHRC.
- because of Beijing opening door to struggle on
a women platform, could not name specific exploitation
in Thailand. Ten years ago - Battered wife & women tourist
- HR people could not understand it. Cannot talk with
them without naming structures.
Ismat - (8 to)
- feminism) Universalism of HR Cats. - does not make
them exclusive of other issues. ie. Labour penetration
can empower women; Need to recognise and link
are to social structures
- Tribunal for 2 days. - possible only because
there is a women movement.
Bunny → voice women organisation represented here
Literature - HR need to have concrete women.

Gaps that need to be worked

Rise of women movement - is it going backwards by donors 1 NN years etc -
→ women have started work against funding - how the debates beyond on the tendency to be dependency discourse
- Women Empire began because of women need,
- need women for work of the writers as activists.
- WCSO - donor partnerships - WCSO need to address donors & articulate their programs & needs. Should not be over dependence & critically
AWHLL Handbook to AP & other groups - for Philippines, Standard conditions funds - standard work, democratize & are specific women issues.
Creation of fabricella - like a feminist organization -
- Philippines side) women is to bring women into the larger movement.
- Donor wing - tendency of donor to choose a certain of women groups - wants a marginalization of smaller & newer groups
- need space to discuss this -
- cannot do without aid.

Rely - workshop with PILER - male participants - reaction against women's work & recognition -
- Donor funding - agenda's are set up by donor agencies & PILER - class / gender differences - depolitization of the movement
→ need for joint meeting & coordination organized by WCSO
PILER - what do WCSO understand by developing - working - for people & with them.
- Women -

— they are disinfected —

2, 1934.

— how to become independent financially —

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2nd January '94. G.B. Meeting

Mtg with AWHRC

* Zarin Staff's address has changed - Dun
post to old one.

* Shirkat Gah has asked for meeting with W
concerning Consortium for lobbying in Ireland fo
8th March - (to be held on 18-19th March) - Dive
with WAF W.C.

Bunny - Convening -
welcome AWHRC - organised/approached to Dav
mtg (English) - Issues that came up in tribute
(Sinhagh) - W.C. has listed those observations
knock in Qs form back to open for discussion:
Introducing ourselves -
Briefly introducing WAF. more focus on violence
as war struggle extend in use of violence -
formed 1981 - Reaction to military regimes under
Islamisation - funding in $$ anonymous or clear
optical articulation - coming together of diff organis
now one in itself. Types of issues pertg. up
are legal ones - violence & islamisation - Continue
state & antagonistic relship by either - unreal
+ diff to describe but nebulous nor organisation
but nebulous - Run by W.C. i.e. those wanting
non - structurally non hierarchical, loosely
nonsensus keep itself as part of movement
nor on any one issue - policy non funded -
no address or office yet but + for add

Brochure/ pamphlet to distribute

UK
500 members of which 50-60 active.

given birth to many other organisations NGO including HR Watch, Human Rights Watch etc. Not large membership but keeping up issues on lobby & pressure in national agenda. Radical org. in terms of standards at policy & strategy levels. Impact has been larger at national and policy decided at all matter levels. Issues at international level - NWO movement - Human rights picked up at national level. Reformulated at national level the HR Dec. at Prep Comm Asian NGO forum endorsed + went to Vienna - been translated. A feminist reformulation.

UK - WAF's politics -

Took position on Y + politics at national election time - range of issues - To differentiate WAF categorically both at structural & policy + representation in that.

On religion issue taken categorical stand for secular state - Strategic recommendations at HR dec. worked at redefinition of feminity - in our context a crucial & perhaps radical stand.

Still work done at level of commitment & voluntarily - all members working voluntarily. We do at WAF on the movement + make policy - one by the women WAF will discuss.

Pixie - wrap also looking at violence + picking up specific issues on violence such as stone/gas burning etc - not taken up domestic violence but tried to ... Issues to do w. tendencies addressed.

Areas of concern + interest to discuss

With ANTHRC:

(work was direct result coming out of ...

1. Perhaps more directed at S.L. issue of war, external refugees - specific Qs. on nature/ context of violence some identified as violence against ♀ - how specifically. Imp. for ... such not only in times of war (1971) but refugees (Bihari, Afghan etc) but not thought of out. The eg. at the Tribunal was violence eg. rape but how specifically looking at ♀.

2. Sex worker. Wrap not discussed as issue. Some seeing it uncomfortably as against seen as derogatory. Share that experience.

3. ~~more~~ retribution + individual punishment The more punishment the better? Given the stand on wrap against capital punishment even as HR issue is contradiction -

3(b) Responsibility of State. Do we hold each State responsible after 1971 - what then are we wanting of the State in terms of strategy or helping out the individual Is State responsible/liable for crimes eg. of ♀ not individual cases to be supported. Who is the burden falling on by the idea of paying off? ...

"Questions of punishment & retribution"

4. Women's movement - To AHRC.
How sees itself as part of wom mvt + HR discourse. Are they compatible & synonymous. Differing stands where & rights discourse within HR discourse & how is AHRC

Gender violence & violence Ag. women where bias + how does AHRC see itself.

Defining unit - Funded, project wom Do we see this as part of mvt or linking itself -

Discussion.

* Deterrents -

Not just capital punishment but has deter
(as Falcunnnisa's view) some acid throwing ca
Tahira Amty - need to work against feud
system (peasant mvt) w. to bring about
against these systems their encourage male
domination -

* Feudal system in our Parliamentary levels
Part of a political set up - Impossible to
root it out. Idea is to put pressure on str
Farhat - Aleem.

* Emergence understanding of violence is not
similar as the same - The issue is the
methodology + understanding of the issue
not the same. Collectively is difficult.
Violence not connected to gs of patriar
Behaviour + not considered a serious issue
State - need to understand with what to
larger political gs of what is the alterna
Differences exist ideological arrangt or NGOs + personal
clashes exist. need to recognise + spea
on it openly. what need for movem
Capitalism itself needs to be recognised

* Tahira - we do want men other org to
support our cause - how do we have
mutual support.

Sunila:

Various levels at which campaign going on for years + breaking silence abt violence agst ff still + fundamental, imp for whose rights have been abused -

Process of tribunals to reaffirm those rights whose space - To go back to history, use of violence + link to general existence of violence in society, addressed by HR violence agst ff process towards Vienna declaration was there - women who'd excluded selves from HR mvt - existence of putting on struggle of ff's issues/rights within HR purview - Retaining from HR mvt. Re-making it a tool. Similar reluctance from ff rights to be subsumed. Discussion is imp in linking phenomena of violence to violence agst ff -

Specific eg of violence agst S.L. woman's husband. She's a widow but experience of S.L. have been compelled to look at ff in terms of experience + fall out as victims mvmt. To be + simple woman renders you extremely vulnerable (widow) - disappeared - war etc seeing it as violence - To push parameters of violence not a theoretically marked out portion. But tool to abt slavery, external, state etc to bring out different agency of ff more. Ongoing debate/discussion -

HR discourse had lost its political grounding + human rights mvt had been subsumed + dialogue b/w 2 discourse is to pull it together.

Bunny: Troubled area of displacement
H R. discourse + rights come up in conflict ways - Cultural baggage comes in with migration rates which increases.

* violence of women's issue.

* Ruby: Linking of patriarchy to violence - I agree need to look at systems + patr but history shown us. (collectivity is nice idea but if issues get subsumed in larger mvts issue of ff pushed behind - feminist issue takes on + specificity of issue gets pushed back gender violence depoliticised. Lets not pretend that violence of ff is same or equal to ff.

* Indai
interrelation of state violence + specific violence of ff - Task facing us in addressing urgency of making ff issues central or others directly making in HR org. / sectors - some specifically work on issues of gvt. + ch' mvmts / systems / policies - As long as HR activists - if work on ff activists - Is there enough interlinkages -
Philippines brought out issue of dictatorship etc but felt need to focus on specific women issues - within broad mvt. need to do so because of lack of picking up issue & shelves, homes centres need to be set up + also how state approaches

*At cynical level need common understanding of our cultural specificities + issues as women + suffering neocolonialism - How define Ff's rights from Asian perspective - HR discourse defined from West for us - fundamental challenge to grapple Ff's from our perspective - nothing to do with suffering from the north.

How Ff's HR violations linked to all structures to raise it differently as Ff - approach is to go back from local to intl levels - not either - or -

Calling Rape a war crime + we should bring this up as joint campaign. Communality in our definitions - final analysis on how much action taken up afterwards.

Aunty Jahan - struggle should be for rights as people on whole.

Farhat: - Issues seem to be same - To speak on Ff's issues specifically is not to be denied But focus on economics is imp because Ff linked directly to economics - United HR doesn't look at Ff's issues no progress.

need to look at migration as forced issue economic survival - who is creating the situation as Ff face the worst effects -

women being isolated from within a class. Raising Ff's issues use in a T.V. etc would need to come up against how men benefitting over women - so eco gp larger Ff have to compromise

movement felt need to raise ff issues
alternative circles. cannot talk of
speaking or working on ff issues on if no
tension in/on sexes + simply wanting new
world - some will have to lose power.

* 1. At times of war, most violence has been
those against ff men -
2. Inequality either sexes, nations or sexes.
If we find commonality anywhere, need to
work together.

Navid - my idea is basically that successful
NGO is tolerance - whatever. I'm equipped with
+ [illegible] is equally legitimate - seems to be [illegible]
that this is in exclusion. - ~~Good~~ learn from
communities are interdependent of each other - need
to reflect on how we function as ff's not
no need to launch an attack on how (I see
sense) others' perceiving - Testimonies reveal
that no final solution - Because other things
have happened -

Debate not whether working with men or
not - would not be forming autonomous ff
cannot lose sight of the system of an
ideology + path. (stemming from something)

Ruby: men not to be excluded from struggle - identification that specificity has to be kept in mind.

Funding were poor countries but once accept funding agendas set by that agency - where does your politics come into development oriented projects - Hers depoliticising effect - As NGOs absorbed work, we've into 9-5 job - central Qs.

Fatima Nimra - need of interrelation with other ngos.

Conveners - Afya - Fawzia

I National conventions

5. Dates & who is going. & agenda

II 12th February -
ideas + plans

I - N.C. agenda.

A. WAF's POLITICS

i. Women's police stations

ii. Proposed special courts

iii. Reserved seats - 2 stages.

B. PERSONAL LAW

i. Uniform civil code

C. WAF's POLITICS & FEMINISM

i. Human Rights (WAF's position)

ii. Beijing - 4th UN World conference

D NEW ISSUES

i. Nairobi Recommendations - Endorsement

ii. 1994 Year of Population Policies.

iii. 1994 Year of the Family

iv. Structural Adjustment Policies

v. PPP + PML Manifestoes

vi. Stand on special courts + Deputate University

vii. What is WAF's relationship to other organisation + in the movement.