

**MINUTES**  
**WAF GENERAL BODY MEETING**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2006**

The agenda was as follows:

1. Israel's devastation of Lebanon
2. The Hadood Campaign in light of the government stating that it only intends to make some amendments and that it wants to table these in August 2006.
3. Determining lines of communication and some organization within WAF.  
Questions: who is the working group? What is the role of sub-committees?  
What is the role and responsibility of the WAF co-convenors.
4. Update on the convention and celebration in November
5. The elections of 2007 and WAF's position on the mode of elections for women's seats.

WAF decided to join the anti-war rally on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July at 5 pm. Route from Bakhtiar Hall to Laxmi Chowk. It was also decided to pass a resolution and send this as a press release to the press. Nighat Khan to write the resolution and to send it by email to all those present for comments/additions etc. WAF should also try to get an article written and published in the press. After considerable discussion it was decided WAF would:

1. Continue its signature campaign. Send these on as 1000 signed. WAF to send out signature sheets to all members and civil society organizations. It has already sent to 250 individuals and 400 organizations.
2. Asma Jahangir will give a report of the WAF mobilization at the JAC meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> being held in SAP;
3. Khawar will give WAF position to Standing Committee of Parliament on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July or 1<sup>st</sup> of August and would like suggestions on details.
4. Asma to write up and circulate the salient feature of the amendments proposed and explain their implications and why they are unacceptable.
5. WAF will try to get 'public interest' space from newspapers to publish a list of eminent citizens who also support the repeal of the Ordinance.
6. Humaira is to get in touch with Amber of DAWN and
7. Meena to talk to Jugnu for the Friday Times for them to give free space.
8. Meena is the point person to get the necessary endorsements. Rani and Meena are to write out a brief text to show or email to those from whom WAF is approaching.
9. WAF Karachi and WAF Islamabad are to be asked to get the signatures in their provinces and Rukshana from Aurat Peshawar and HRCP in Baluchistan are to be requested to do the same. WAF Lahore will be responsible for the Punjab.
10. All WAF members are to get emails of eminent persons to be contacted as well as getting in touch with them for their endorsement. These are to be forwarded or given to Meena to send for endorsements.
11. The names suggested were: Dr. Javed Iqbal; Nasira Iqbal; I.A. Rahman; Tahira Mazhar Ali; Aitizaz Ahsan; Nasir Aslam Zahid; Khalid Mahmood;

Syed Afzal Haider; Iqbal Haider; Maik Saeed Hasan; Majida Rizvi; Tariq Rahim; Nasim Wali Khan; Abida Hussain; Sherry Rehman; Malik Qayyum; Qazi Jamil; Hamida Khuro; Intezar Hussain; Munoo Bhai; Imtiaz Alam; Kishwar Naheed; Salima Hashmi; Sartaj Aziz; Surraya Anwar; Dr. Mubarik Ali; Farida Khannum; Syed Baber Ali; Iqbal Bano; plus as many parliamentarians; politicians; doctors; lawyers, academics; media persons; school administrators, directors, owners (Beacon House and Lahore Grammer School were specifically mentioned); writers; poets; artists; those in the music world and the creative arts; etc. The space should identify professions e.g. doctors.

12. WAF will also be present in numbers in the Assembly during the debate on the Haddood Ordinance in August. Friends of WAF in Parliament will be requested to give WAF members passes for those days. The friends identified were: Sherry Rehman; Aitizaz Ahsan; Mahnaz Rafi; Shakila; Chaudary Manzur; Pervaiz Malik; Khakwani; and others who may be sympathetic. Nighat Ali, Asma, Khawar and Gulnar said that they would try and talk to them but any WAF member or supporter able to assist would be welcome.
13. WAF members should be asked as to who can go to Islamabad for this. Nighat Khan said that we could send out the minutes of this meeting to WAF members and get confirmations. Those who gave in their names were: Meena; Humaira; Ghazala Rehman; Khawar; Nighat Khan; Asma; Nasira Iqbal; Nighat Ali and Gulnar. Others wanting and able to go are to send in their names to Nighat Khan or directly to those contacting the parliamentarians.
14. On organizational matters and funding it was reiterated that WAF members should give as much as they can or pledge what they will give directly to Nasrene Shah, the treasurer of WAF. The funds saved by WAF should be used for emergencies and the convention and celebration should be supported by donations from WAF members. The convention and celebration dates were confirmed for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November.
15. The role of the co-convenors is that they should handle WAF matters and make decisions among themselves within the parameters of WAF's positions. If they need support or feedback or need the opinion of those better informed it is for them to get in touch with relevant members from the working group. The co-convenors need to be kept in the loop for decisions made within the larger membership so as to avoid duplication and misunderstanding.
16. The working group is defined as those actively involved in WAF since the first general body meeting in Shirkat Gah in May-June 2006.
17. Where ever possible all members of WAF should be kept informed. This means the 220 members on the WAF list and others who become members of WAF over 2006.
18. Meetings will now be held in Shirkat Gah unless it is inconvenient for SG on any occasion in which case it will shift to HRCP for that meeting.
19. Next GB meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Shirkat Gah at 4 p.m.