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Pakistan: Amnesty International calls for action not words against "honour" crimes

Amnesty International welcome the assurances given by President Musharraf that his government will end so-called "honour" killings.

"While it is crucially important to publicly and unequivocally condemn crimes committed in the name of 'honour', calling such practices 'murder' is not enough," Amnesty International emphasized. "Only if murders in the name of 'honour' lead to prosecution, conviction and imprisonment will there be enough of a deterrent to stop others from committing this offence."

President Musharraf addressed the issue of so called "honour" killings at the opening of the third summit of the Regional Steering Committee for the Economic Advancement of Rural and Island Women in the Asia Pacific Region in Islamabad.

In a feature, **news.amnesty** looks at what needs to be done to back up the president's assurances:
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