

URGENT ACTION

DEATH PLOT AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER

Leading human rights lawyer and activist Asma Jahangir fears for her life, having just learned of a plot by Pakistan's security forces to kill her. Killings of human rights defenders have increased over the last year, many of which implicate Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence agency (ISI).

On 4 June, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) alerted Amnesty International to information it had received of a plot by Pakistan's security forces to kill HRCP founder and human rights lawyer **Asma Jahangir**.

As Pakistan's leading human rights defender, Asma Jahangir has been threatened many times before. However news of the plot to kill her is altogether different. The information available does not appear to have been intentionally circulated as means of intimidation, but leaked from within Pakistan's security apparatus. Because of this, Asma Jahangir believes the information is highly credible and has therefore not moved from her home.

Please write immediately in English, Urdu, or your own language, calling on the Pakistan authorities to:

- Immediately provide effective security to Asma Jahangir.
- Promptly conduct a full investigation into alleged plot to kill her, including all individuals and institutions suspected of being involved, including the Inter-Services Intelligence agency.
- Bring to justice all suspected perpetrators of attacks on human rights defenders, in trials that meet international fair trial standards and without recourse to the death penalty

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Asma Jahangir founded the HRCP, a non-governmental organization. She is a lawyer, an advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, and President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan. Internationally, Jahangir was UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Arbitrary and Summary Executions from 1998-2004 and the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief from 2004 to 2010.

The ISI is the premier intelligence service of Pakistan's armed forces. Amnesty International has documented a number of cases implicating the ISI, other intelligence agencies, and the military over the last several years. Journalist Saleem Shahzad (UA: 270/11, Index number ASA 33/015/2011) was abducted in Islamabad on 29 May 2011 and his dead body found two days later showing signs of torture. In October 2010, Saleem Shahzad had told colleagues that in a meeting with Inter-Services Intelligence agency's (ISI) media wing, he felt he had been threatened, because of his reporting on al-Qaida infiltration into Pakistan's armed forces.

On 4 June, the HRCP issued a statement concerned not that the alleged plot was not only an attempt to silence one individual but the human rights community at large.

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