

# Women for their Rights

A very wise lady once said, “As women, we must stand up for ourselves. As women, we must stand up for each other. As women, we must stand up for justice for all.”

Within each minority rests their strongest subgroup, and for the Shia, one can say women are the strongest subgroup. While being a minority within a minority, women have the power to elicit change through their encouragement and voice.

In Pakistan, the Muslim women have come together in protest of the ever-growing Shia casualties. They have stormed the streets in peaceful protest in cities of Islamabad, Nawabshar, Khairpur, Nasirabad, Matli, Sukkur, Sujuwal, Hyderabad, Karachi, and most recently Gilgit-Balistan, expressing their demands of safety.

Terror organizations such as LeJ and SeS have targeted Shia Muslims all over Pakistan, and with growing corruption and anti-Shia sentiment, many ant-Shia crimes go unpunished. Thus, Shia mothers and wives are left with uncertainty that their sons or husbands will never return home from a day’s work. To that, the women of Pakistan have taken it upon themselves to create change- they have become the change they want to see in the world.

The Muslim women of Pakistan serve as a symbol of advocacy and a beacon of hope for the global Shia community.

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# Women Empowerment, Major Step in Peace, reconciliation & Capacity Building



# Women Empowerment

## Launch of SRW Women

Major Step in Peace, reconciliation & Capacity Building

A conference to discuss the social, civil, and religious rights of women, held by Shia Rights Watch Inc. at the 31st Human Rights Council, in Geneva, Switzerland on the 10th of March.

Hosted by Shia Rights Watch and Freemuslim Association, this will enable attendees to come together and learn more about the challenges faced by women globally and emphasize on practical step towards peace, reconciliation, and capacity building.

Shia Rights Watch Launches its SRWomen wing, focusing on raising awareness about Rights of Women and Girls.

Shia Rights hopes to contribute to betterment in status of women and girls in troubled regions, through cooperating with other organizations dedicated to protection and advocacy of rights of women

In this event, Polisario Front Representative Ms. Miamine Abdeslam addressed challenges Western Sahara Women faced starting in 1970s, and shared lessons learned and preventive measures were suggested by Ms. abdeslam for Shia women and Minorities around the globe to utilize the unfortunate events of past towards productive measures to achieve results in case of innocent Women and girls in Middle East and other regions of the world.

Mr. Ali Al- Ahmad, Executive Director of Gulf Institute, and Founder of 'No Woman, No Play,' initiative and emphasized on importance of sport in mental and physical health being of Women globally, and in particular countries where women are prevented from being active and be part of sport teams.

Ms. Nadia Alkotbi, Iraqi Woman Organization, shed light on disabled women , either by life events; or due to terror attacks through out the Middle East, and ways to include disabled women and girls in jobs, organizations, and other entities.

Launch of SRWomen at Human Rights Council, facilitated opportunity for Non

Governmental Organizations to discuss Women Empowerment initiatives and productive measures to prevent rights of Women.

Focusing on:

- Capacity Building at Home, Psychology of Effective Change
- Girls of Today, Women Leaders of Tomorrow
- Migration, Integration and Adopting Change; the Road Ahead
- Woman Rights, National and International Challenges



