

An Overview of Crimes against Women and Children in Pakistan

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Abstract: Women and child base violence are fundamental issues in Pakistan. Children feel insecure when they play in ground, get ready for school and women for offices and other places. So, this society becomes more dominant due to women and child crimes. The main purpose of this study is to explore the hidden substances of crime against women and children in Pakistan. For this purpose, data is collected from newspaper, internet and books. Evidence shows that, in Pakistan, Political leaders, parent's trust to others, unfairly implement rule of law and financial supports are agents of sexual abuses in Pakistan. Sexual abuses can be minimizing by apply special rules and regulations in Pakistan.

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1. Introduction

The word crime drives from Latin word "Crimen" which means social issue. Pakistan trapped multi-issues which are creeping the roots of growing. There are many social issues like individual depriving the rights of other for enjoying self-benefits. These crimes are not limited to monetary benefits, but also heart's the feeling to other persons. It is undeniable fact that women force is more important for accelerating the country progress since last decades. European countries strive hard for women after realizing the importance of women in society [1]. But unfortunately, In Pakistan, which is male dominating society and almost it considered to be superior authority for taking decisions. But now, after realizing the concept of female, Govt. of Pakistan is ready to train this force through proper training and multi-incentives for female students. But, due to increasing the criminal attributes, they mostly harassed at school place, college place, public place and work place.

1.1. Human Rights of Women

Human rights of women are top listed issue in the room of united nation. United Nation is striving hard for women rights with following departments.

- (1) The commission of the status of Women.

- (2) The Division for the advancement of Women.
- (3) United Nation Development fund for women.

1.2. Women in Pakistan

In Asia, women's are likely to be the main target. Woman plays a prominent role in society. But, she harassed many ways like physically and mentally [2].

According to available information to Statistics of violence against women in Pakistan, 8548 cases reported in Pakistan during 2009, according to this report, 928 daughter of Pakistan were raped and 683 committed suicide. If we compare the data then we can see the cases of every year more than double to next year i.e in 2008 rape cases were 778 but in 2009, these climbed up to 928. And sexual assault increase 172 to 274 in 2009 [8].

Matter consider to be more after Mukhtaran Bibi case. She was gang rape due to her brother sexual relations with high caste family [3]. The voice raised by media and matter go in courts for formal jurisdiction. In 2017, many girls were raped due to domestic violence. There are many other factors of crimes but the main focus of this study is to identifying the reason of crimes with respect to women and teenage children in Pakistan.

Women and child sexual abuses in Pakistan are long debatable problem to the whole world. Although sexual education is not introduced formally, but gives more touch for awareness to the students particularly Punjab and Sindh,

gives some touch and some defenses according to the Holy Quran verses and the Holy Prophet sayings.

At present, in Pakistan, child sexual abuses particularly female child abuses is increasing day by day. In rural areas, female children treated as inferior over male children. They torture psychologically and physically and dominate the family responsibility quickly due to early marriages.

According to UNISON report, in 2008 more than 50% women subjected to sexual harassment in Pakistan. 24119 cases were reported in 2008 to 2010, some are unreported due to multi-reasons. The case of Haleema Rafique a talented fast bowler is also one of the important cases in Pakistan. 7733 cases of violence against women were reported on media in 2013[14].

In Pakistan there are many rape cases of female child's and women's like, a gang rape was in Faisalabad and registered the complaint against rapists [including the three sons of MNA] and submit her medical report which is proved to be a gang rape. But, she suddenly move back and not to allow more proceedings.

One the other hand, two children and four women rape cases happen in Bahawalpur one was five year old, second was 13 year old and two gang rape registered in different police station[9].

A teenage [18 year old] married girl was subjected to gang rape due to inability to pay sum of money. Police lodged F. I. R and applied the sections according to Pakistan Penal Code.

Another case is confronting in Karachi, where family members and neighbors were responsible of 13 year old girl rape and murder, who were kidnapped due to family matter [10].

Another 13 year old girl rape in Faisalabad. In 2018, protest was raised with the name of justice for Zainab, when seven year old child rape and murder in Kasur. It's not surprising in Pakistan some cases were not reported in police station. Another, 15 year old girl raped and murdered near Sargodha after Zainab in Kasur[12]. Another rape case arose in Sargodha where college student raped and murdered.

Another case of rape happened in Faisalabad, when a 15 year old girl allegedly raped by her father. And complaint was lodged according to P. P. C section 376, 506 and 106 against the accused[11]. Now, it is necessary to find the reason of sex abuses which are increasing. In Pakistan many crime cases are not registered due to family honour and society images and so on.

Culprits take advantage of helplessness of women due to the burn the voices. In education sectors mostly victims refrain from discussing such serious issue due to fear of society reputation and cases are not registered, so culprits are more confident for such crimes. Unaware about the law for the protection of sexual harassment is one of the factors of increasing trend.

This is alarming situation, particularly teenage childrens. Because approximately 90 % children are subjected of sex abuses in Pakistan and only 20% cases are registered [4].

1.3. How to Handle Rape Cases in Pakistan

- (1) In Pakistan realm, following procedure is followed to be identified the true picture of the case.
- (2) First of all, raped women approach the nearest government hospital.

- (3) Medical report examined by medical officer who would then call the police of concerned area.
- (4) If evidence ensure about crime, then proceedings would initiate by concerned authority.

2. Objective and Scope of the Study

There are many forms of sexual violence such as rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, voyeurism, exhibitionism, sexual photography, forced marriage, Denial of Rights of Bodily Integrity, Violent Acts Against the Sexual Integrity of Women, Child Sexual Abuse, Incest, Child Abuse, Sexual Exploitation by a Helping Professional, Forced Prostitution and Trafficking of People for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation, Stalking, Drug Facilitated Assault and Sexual Torture [5]. This study covers increasing trend of children and women harassment in Pakistan. For that purpose, this study identifies the factors which are contributing and how to overcome these situations for securing the future generation.

3. Methodology

Secondary data [books newspapers and internet] is used in order to investigate the factors of crime.

Protecting women rights in Pakistan

Following are laws concerning the protection of women in Pakistan[13].

- (1) The Hudood ordinance 1979.
- (2) Pakistan penal code 1860.
- (3) Law of evidence.
- (4) Criminal law [amendment] act 2004.
- (5) Criminal laws [amendment] act 2010.
- (6) Protection of women 2006.
- (7) Protection against Harassment of Women at the workplace act, 2010.
- (8) Prevention of anti-women practices act 2011.
- (9) The acid control and acid crimes prevention act, 2010.
- (10) The women in distress and detention fund act 2011.
- (11) Anti-honors killing laws Bill 2014.
- (12) Domestic violence act, 2012.

4. Results

According to HRW in Pakistan, there are one rape in every two hours and gang rape committed in each hour [6]. According to women action form, more than 70% we see sexual harassment while custody [7].

Moreover, the summary information during 2004 to 20018 of sexual violence are given below.

Table 1. Number of cases during 2004 to 2018.

Sr. no	Incidents	Female	Minor	No. of suspect
1	Gang rape	3172	933	10654
2	Harassment	26	20	76
3	Rape	3768	1885	4736
4	striping	131	9	489

Source. Human Resource Commission of Pakistan.

Above table shows the number of incidents in which, 3172 cases of gang rape affected by female, 933 were minor and no. of suspect 10654. Similarly, harassment cases with respect to female were 26 and minor were 20 no of suspects was 76 of harassment. No. 3 shows the rape cases throughout the 2004 to 2018.

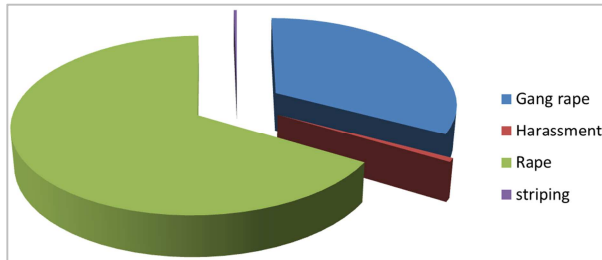


Figure 1. Female Harassment cases in Pakistan.

Above figure shows the harassment cases in Pakistan over 2004 to 2018. According to it, mostly rape cases occur in Pakistan as compare to harassment and striping.

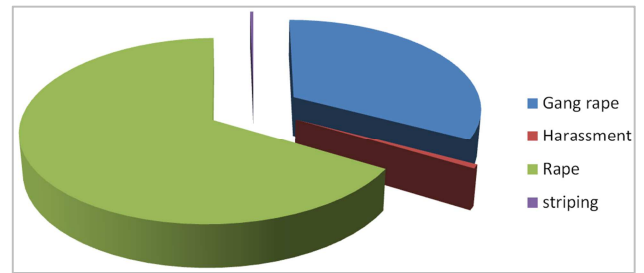


Figure 2. Minor cases in Pakistan.

According to above figure, simple rape cases are more than gang rape, harassment and striping in Pakistan.

Table 2. Relation with victim.

Sr. no	Incidents	Acquaintance	Other relatives	Father	In-laws	Local residents	Siblings	Neighbors	Teacher	Unknown	Others	no. info
1	Gang rape	948	184	91	98	794	7	643	54	41	210	989
2	Harassment	701	100	13	20	475	0	962	9	67	153	918
3	Rape	13	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	4	4
4	striping	19	12	0	5	10	0	13	2	0	11	35

Source. Human resource commission of Pakistan.

Above table shows the relation of victim, in which shows that close and most trusted relations also case of harassment. So the trust of other person also contributes this type of crimes[15].

Table 3. After incident.

Sr. no	Incidents	Murdered	Burnt	injured	Critically injured	Died later	Killed self	No. information
1	Gang rape	154	0	82	79	1	4	2045
2	Harassment	57	4	80	86	7	2	1122
3	Rape	1	0	2	0	0	0	24
4	striping	0	0	14	0	0	0	26

Source. Human resource commission of Pakistan.

Above table shows the situation after the incident. Evidence shows that, victim are not secure even after the incident, so place are not secure for female even education sectors. Above discussion shows the evidence of harassment in Pakistan.

Table 4. FIR Registered.

Sr. no	Incidents	Yes	No	No. information
1	Gang rape	2450	171	1438
2	Harassment	1980	219	818
3	Rape	19	2	7
4	striping	53	16	38

Source. Human resource commission of Pakistan.

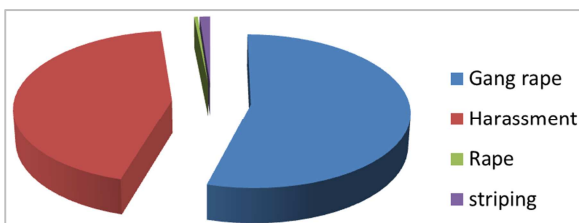


Figure 3. Registered cases.

Above figure shows the blue area which represent the F. I. R registered with respect to gang raperape.

The cases of harassment are less registered as compare to gang rape cases

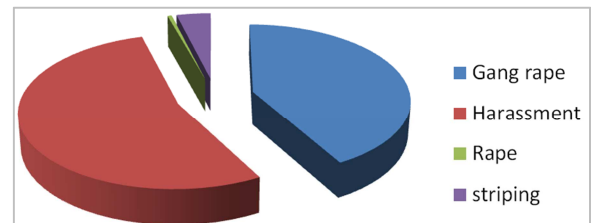


Figure 4. Non registered cases.

According to table 4, evidence shows that many cases are not registered in Pakistan. by that, criminals are more confident and commit more crimes due to the negligence of victim party.

At present, child security is one of the main crunching issues in Pakistan. It increase day by day and since last

decade women and children's feel unsafe in public places. Now, what are the reasons are responsible for that dreadful curse? The aim of this study was highlight the current cases of sexual abuses of children and women in Pakistan and identifies the reasons behind it.

5. Conclusion

So, according to analysis of above maintains cases first of all we say that, Pakistani law provide extra benefits to politicians and bureaucrats, and these leaders misuse the power delegated from law and harass to public at public places and support criminals which is the main factor of increasing sex abuse cases in Pakistan.

Another reason is financial support. Due to poverty, young teenagers became victims due to financial need and they use to women and children for gaining the personal benefit.

Lastly, parent's trusts to other persons are responsible to more sexual abuses in Pakistan. When they trust to person, trust automatically builds of children. So, they find shelter to that persons and became the victim.

So, in order to control sexual abuses in Pakistan, first of all, have to revise Pakistani law which provides extra benefits to leaders. Secondly, focus on economic development. So if economy develops, per capita income increase and lead to prosperity and no someone will depend upon to other. Then sexual abuses will decrease.

And finally, parents should most care while building the trust of someone because these factors are sometimes responsible for committing crime.

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