



Asian-American Network  
Against Abuse of Human Rights

Dear President Musharraf,

I am writing to bring to your attention my outrage and alarm at the Government of Pakistan is treating victims of violence. In recent days, Mukhtar Mai, a victim of gang rape was prevented by your Government from coming to the United States to raise awareness about violence against women in Pakistan. After allowing her rapists to go free, the Government of Pakistan prevented this courageous woman from speaking the truth of her ordeal.

Mukhtar Mai's situation is just one illustration of the unwillingness of the Government of Pakistan to initiate legislative reforms that will improve conditions for women in Pakistan. I urge you to repeal the Hudood Ordinance that makes rape victims susceptible to imprisonment if they report the crime. Please free those unfortunate women who are rotting in prison under Hudood ordinance awaiting trials sometimes up to seven years. Please end Jirgas, and feudals in Pakistan. Please allocate funds for abuse shelters for victims of violence, gender sensitivity training for police and judiciary and public awareness programs that propagate public awareness that violence against women is a punishable crime.

Your Government should stop silencing victims and start helping them.

Sincerely,

Your constituent