

**SUBJECT: COMPLAINT IN RESPECT OF THE ASSUALT AND
CRIMINAL FORCE USED UPON DR. AMNA BUTTAR
WITH INTENT TO OUTRAGE HER MODESTY.**

Respected Sir,

This is to inform you that on 03.04.2007 the undersigned was physically assaulted, and sexually molested unprovoked at the hands of the law enforcing agencies in complete and utter disregard of the law and all norms of decency.

The undersigned hails from a respectable and renowned family. She is a US citizen, and a doctor practicing medicine in the United States of America; she enjoys immense goodwill amongst the society in general and her peers in particular. Her brother is a sitting judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan.

The undersigned, despite having settled in a foreign land has not forgotten her roots and proudly carries the love of her homeland Pakistan in her heart. She is the pioneer and President of an organization by the name of "ANAA (Asian-American Network Against Abuse of human rights)", which is a non-profit organization in the USA, which was developed in 2002 as an advocacy group to increase awareness regarding the human right's abuses of women of Pakistan especially towards laws in Pakistan that are discriminatory to women and other human beings in Pakistan.. Being moved by the precarious plight of the judiciary and the subjugation of the judicial system by the present Government/regime, in willful and contemptuous disregard of the trichotomy of powers envisaged under the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

1973, the undersigned along-with a delegation of Pakistani doctors residing in USA came to Pakistan to show solidarity with the judges, lawyers and people of Pakistan.

On 03.04.2006 the undersigned and the delegation of doctors made their way to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan to lend their support to a just cause and lend their support to the Chief Justice of Pakistan and express their discontent at the unconstitutional and illegal (and rather whimsical and arbitrary) removal of the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

Upon the arrival of the Chief Justice of Pakistan at the gate of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, there was a surge in the crowd and the undersigned found herself caught in a frenzied mob. Four men wearing black T-shirts which had Anti-Terrorist Squad written on the back, targeted the undersigned and groped her inappropriately and despite her trying to pull away from their clutches they continued physically harassing and molesting her publicly and shamelessly. Still bewildered by such an assault on her person, she was suddenly grabbed by another individual (who she can identify in an ID parade if necessary). He used criminal force to push her down to the ground and brutally began to scavenge upon her in a manner beyond all limits of decency. Physically hurt, sexually molested/violated and harassed, against all odds the undersigned managed to wriggle out of her assailants' clutches.

Bruised and battered she approached the Superintendent Police outside the Supreme Court Premises to lodge a complaint. She was very conveniently referred to the Magistrate, Dr Ehtesham, who also failed to take any action to redress her grievance or lodge any complaint. The undersigned later learnt that

these members of the elite police force had been directed to target her and use criminal force to assault and sexually harass her upon the express instructions of a high-up official (Brigadier [Retd.] Ijaz Shah) of the intelligence agencies who, as it transpired, on the very same day had warned a family member of the undersigned of the fate that was to befall her. He had also come to the undersigned's house in December 2005, and delivered a death threat to her. Since he is the Director General of Intelligence Bureau, such things carry weight and when he intentionally issued/conveyed threats and warnings to the undersigned and her family members, it goes to show that the Elite Police attack was a premeditated and malicious one.

To say the least this unfortunate incident was an outrage against the modesty of the undersigned and an affront to all norms of decency and dignity of an individual especially women, which fundamental principles are guaranteed under the Constitution and protected under international law.

The undersigned has suffered immense indignation and her modesty has been publicly outraged. In view of what has been stated herein above the undersigned is lodging this complaint against the concerned officers/agents/representatives of the elite police force on the following charges:-

- **Section 354 PPC** – Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty.
- **Section 355 PPC** – Assault of criminal force with intent to dishonour a person, otherwise than on grave provocation
- **Section 503** – Criminal Intimidation.

The undersigned urges you to investigate this manner to a just conclusion, and take punitive action against concerned individuals on departmental as well as criminal level in accordance with the law.

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cc:

1. President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
2. Prime Minister, Islamic Republic of Pakistan
3. Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan
4. Inspector General Police, Islamabad