

## ANAA is organizing similar events in other US cities

### Washington, DC:

Date: 21-23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005  
Contact: Nuzhat Ahmed – 215-605-0801

### NY Program:

Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005  
Contact: Robina Niaz - 917-575-8069

### Wisconsin Program:

Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2005  
Contact: Amna Buttar – 608-658-7866

### Chicago Program:

Date: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2005  
Contact: Danial Noorani -

### Minnesota Program:

Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005  
Contact: Marsha Freeman

## Directions:

### G R Brown Convention Centre

Hilton Americas Houston and G R Brown convention center are connected via 2 Skywalk on the second and third floor. Please follow direction along the third floor skywalk for room 306A-F.

ANAA  
4321 Goldfinch Circle  
Middleton, WI 53562



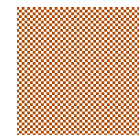
Presents  
**Violence against Women  
in South Asia**  
Special Focus on Pakistan



**Mukhtaran Mai**  
Women rights activist

**Anis Haroon**  
**Abid Hassan Minto**  
**Liaquat Bloch**

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2005**  
**1:00 – 3:00 p.m**  
at  
**G R Brown Convention Centre– Room**  
**306 A- F**  
Connected with Hilton Americas, Houston



**ANAA** is a network of men and women committed to defending the rights of women in Pakistan against social and cultural abuse.

Violence against women of Pakistan has been escalating in the past two decades; honor killing, *Jirga* (tribal council) crimes, gang rapes, acid throwing etc are a few examples. Discriminatory laws such as the Hudood ordinance, which does not make statutory and marital rape a crime and deters victims of sexual assault from seeking redress by exposing them to prosecution for adultery or fornication, and the Qisas (retribution) and Diyat (compensation) Ordinance, which make it possible for crimes of honor to be pardoned by relatives of the victim and assess monetary compensation for female victims at half the rate of male victims, are barriers to justice. Efforts by the Government to redress violence against women have been ineffectual at best. Several NGOs in Pakistan are fighting relentlessly for this cause. Expatriate Pakistanis in the USA need to get involved to raise awareness about the ground reality in Pakistan and, to exert pressure on the Pakistani government to repeal the discriminatory laws.

To raise awareness about these issues, **ANAA** is holding a symposium in Houston, Texas on July 2, 2005, where a coalition of civil society organizations will collaborate to start pushing forward the movement to advocate for women whose voices have been suppressed.

This symposium and other such efforts will help build the coalition against violence against women, and perhaps ultimately lead to repealment of unjust laws in Pakistan.

**ANAA is fiscally sponsored by Develop in Peace, a US based organization. Please donate generously to help ANAA raise awareness about the physical, cultural and social abuse of women in Pakistan and help defend their rights. Please make your checks payable to:**

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**For more information and to help coordinate ANAA's activities please call 608-658-7866 or email at [4anaapk@gmail.com](mailto:4anaapk@gmail.com)**

## PROGRAM

**1:15pm: Introduction**  
Amna Buttar

**1:25pm: Honored Speakers**

**Mukhtaran Mai**  
Women's Rights Activist

**Abid Hassan Minto**  
Scholar & political activist.

**Anis Haroon**  
Aurat Foundation, Pakistan.

**Liaqat Bloch**  
MNA – MMA, Deputy Secretary General.

**2:05 pm: Q & A Session**  
Moderated by:  
Mohammed Raza Khan  
and  
Ijaz Syed

**3:00 pm Closing Remarks**  
Nuzhat Ahmad

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