

SAHIL REPORT

Child Sexual Abuse Case

SWAT, KPK



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SAHIL REPORT SUMMARY

On May 12, 2016, Media gave a massive coverage to a child sexual abuse scandal in Swat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

On May 23, 2016, Sahil team consisting of four members, including a psychologist, two lawyers and a Regional Office Coordinator visited Mingora, Swat on a fact finding mission and to provide required support to the victims of Child Sexual Abuse.

Sahil team met all the concerned police officials, local Islahi Committee Aman Tanzeem Malakand Division members, civil society organization and media persons.

Sahil also met with the victims and their families. The three abusers were already arrested by the police. Sahil facilitated medical treatment for the victims. They were also referred to local psychologist for continuous counseling sessions.

Two referral Lawyers were provided by Sahil for free legal aid. Sahil is doing a continuous follow-up of the case.

Sahil Fact Finding Report

Sahil has been working for the last 20 years on child protection especially against child sexual abuse (CSA). Our priority areas are awareness raising for prevention of child abuse. This includes capacity building of primary and secondary schools teachers, organizations, community members, parents, police and lawyers.

Our services include free legal aid and free counseling. Along with Sahil legal officers we have the services available of 100 referral lawyers for legal support across the country. Free legal and counseling services are available at Sahil head office and four regional offices Abbottabad, Jaffarabad, Lahore, and Sukkur.

In 2011 Sahil started to reach out to communities to build their capacity on child protection, and establish child protection networks at the village level. These child protection networks are linked up with the local and district administration, INGO's, NGO's, private sector and other stakeholders to enable them to refer cases to the required service.

Sahil's advocacy works involve research and publication work. This includes the publishing of quarterly magazine on relevant topics and publication of an annual research of CSA newspaper reports, 'Cruel Numbers'

Other Sahil activities include internship and volunteer program and a resource center. Sahil also develops communication materials for supporting its interventions.

Sahil Vision

Har Bacha Mehfooz...Safe, Secure and Protected.

Sahil Mission

To develop a protective environment for children free from all forms of violence especially child sexual abuse

Swat CSA Scandal

On May 23, 2016, Sahil team consisting of 04 members visited SWAT, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to find out the real circumstances of the issue of Child Sexual Abuse revealed in the print media on May 12, 2016. Media had given massive coverage for this issue, and considered it to be a reflection of the Kasur CSA scandal.

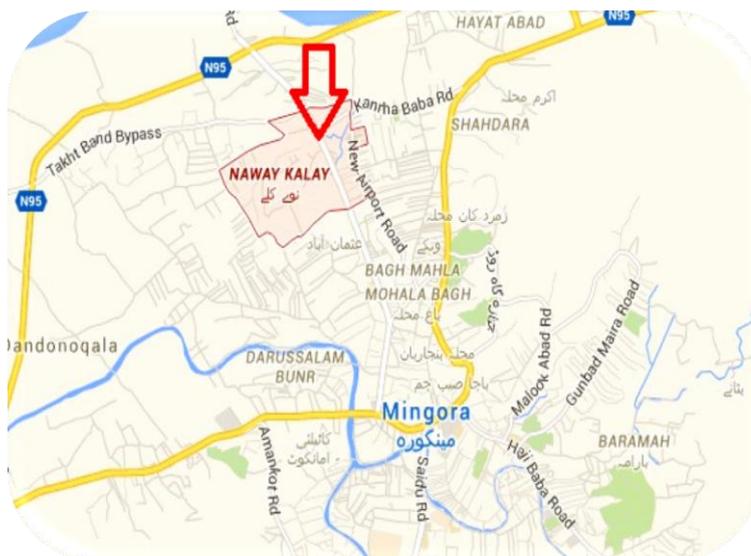
Geographical Location of the incident:

Swat is a river valley and an administrative district in the Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa Province

of Pakistan. The total distance between Islamabad and Swat is 201 KM (kilometers) and 678.71 meters. The mile based measurement distance is 125.3

miles. Swat is located nearly north side to Islamabad. It is the upper valley of the Swat River, which rises in the Hindu Kush range.



Child Sexual Abuse Scandal happened at **Nawa Kalay village** in **Mingora, Swat**.

The capital of Swat is Saidu Sharif, but the main town in the Swat valley is Mingora.

This Child Sexual Abuse Scandal happened at Nawa Kalay village in Mingora, Swat.

It was a princely state (The Yusufzai State of Swat) until 1969 when it was dissolved alongside Dir state and Chitral state and made part of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa then known as North West Frontier Province. The valley is populated mostly by ethnic Pashtuns and Gujjar and Kohistani communities. The languages spoken in the valley are Pashto, Gojri, Torwali and Kohistani

With high mountains, green meadows, and clear lakes, it is a place of great natural beauty and is popular with tourists. Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to the The Yusufzai State of Swat called it "the Switzerland of the east."

Swat is surrounded by Chitral, Upper Dir and Lower Dir in the West, Gilgit-Baltistan in North and Kohistan, Buner and Shangla in the East and south East.

FINDINGS FROM POLICE STATION BANAR, SWAT:

Sahil Team visited PS Banar, Swat where we met ASI Mr. Afzal Khan due to the absence of SI Motabar who was officially investigating the case. Meanwhile, ASI Afzal Khan was also following the case in a very detailed manner with his colleague SI Motabar. He told us in detail by initially sharing the history of the case.

He told us that 2 FIRs have been registered by victim families. It was 2.5 years ago that there was an FIR registered by uncle of victim # 1 that the boy was lost. Police tried their best but he was not recovered.

On February 20, 2016, father of victim # 2 registered an FIR of his missing son. He was not recovered.

In May, 2016, ASI Afzal Khan got some information from informers that some kids are being abused by Auraganzeb S/O Salar Din a.k.a. Rangay R/O Nawa Kalay village in Mingora, Swat, and that Aurangzeb is present in Khana Khud. FIR was registered in Mingora Police Station under



Pakistan Penal Code section 342 (wrongful confinement), section 347 (wrongful confinement to constrain a person to illegal act), section 365 (kidnapping), section 377 (unnatural offence) and section 506 (criminal intimidation), by adding it to a previous FIR. It was PS Mingora & Banar, who did a joint raid. However, as the accused was a resident in the jurisprudent area of PS Banar, so case was handed over to them. At the time of the raid, they found 14-15 years old boy, undressed in a compromising position with Rangay in his bed along with 735 gram of Cannabis.

SHO Mingora referred this case to PS Banar. Initially the accused was not willing to tell anything. Then he began to give false statements but afterwards he accepted his crime. He is a 51 year old unmarried man.

When Banar police questioned Victim# 1, he said that 2.5 years back he was selling sweets in Khawar Adda Market. It was noon time; he was going back home. Umar Khaliq, aka Nawab called him to come to the Video Games Shop of Sajjad, and tried to kidnaped him. When he started to shout, Sajjad put a pistol on him saying that if you try this again I will shoot you. They put him in sack and brought him to *Sangota* where Rangay was also present who then abused the child.

Sajjad (19-20 years) was already being abused by Rangay, and his video was also made by Rangay. He was being black mailed by Rangay. After sometime, he was given an option that if he didn't want to have a physical relationship with Rangay then he would have to help him by supplying him other children. So Sajjad began to facilitate him.

Aurangzeb is a well settled rich man. He was having a ware house in the market. Whenever, he did any sexual abuse activity with any child. He always made a video of it regularly to blackmail him for the next time. All the videos, USBs were kept in a metallic box in his ware house.

When Rangay was nominated in an FIR at PS Mingora he decided to vanish from the scene. Aqal Jahan aka Nawab & Sajjad were given the keys of that Ware house & metallic box pretending that there are some important documents of his. They both decided to look what was in the box. They got the USBs, memory cards of his activities and they also pretended that there had been a robbery in this ware house and took all the things including money that was also present in that metallic Box.

When Victim # 1 told us about the entire situation, then we sent a letter to PS Mingora on May 11, 2016 to register another FIR against 3 abusers mentioned below:

1. Aurangzeb aka Rangay (abuser)
2. Sajjad (Abused Child, now facilitator)
3. Aqal Jahan aka Nawab (facilitator)

Meanwhile, another FIR was registered at Police Station Banar, by Ameer Zeb (Brother of Rangay) that he was receiving life threats from some unknown person. The investigation of a Call Data Report (CDR), led to the arrest of Shereen Zada from the area of PS Batakhela, Swat. After arrest, Shereen Zada admitted threatening Ameer Zeb on the phone.

Shereen Zada explained his reason for threatening Ameer Zeb. I was friendly with Aqal Jahan aka Nawab. He showed me the videos of children being abused. He said that then about one year ago, my nephew was lost. He was of the view that his

nephew was in his custody. He started calling Ameer Zeb, saying that he will be arrested and punished.

The PS Banar is in possession of 17 videos and many photographs. Only 2 FIRs have been registered. People are not reporting it due to social stigmas. These activities were going on for the last 5-6 years, because when Sajjad's pictures and videos were seen, he did not have a beard, but now he is a young boy with a beard.

Case challan is completed by the Police and submitted to the court. ASI Afzal Khan said that there is no social/political influence or interference by anybody to favor abusers. Even Jahanzeb (brother of Rangay) didn't support him.

Court is seeking recommendation from prosecution to take this case to Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) under 78-A.

The challan is according to the legal requirements and ASI Afzal Khan is confident that the abusers will be given the maximum punishment.

FINDINGS FROM POLICE STATION MINGORA, SWAT:

DPO Saleem Marwat made a Joint Investigation Team. No work was done so there was a public protest. The higher authorities noted that DSP Sadiq Akbar was favoring the abusers; so he and ASI Aleem Khan were transferred.

We were received by DSP Habib who had recently joined this Police Station in last couple of days. He was not having any detail information on the issue; he had joined in the replacement of DSP Sadiq

Akbar. He introduced us to new ASI Amanullah, Investigation Officer of CSA Swat scandal and instructed him to share all the related information with SAHIL team.

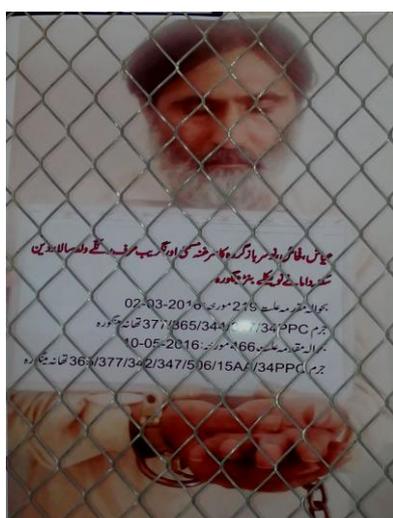
ASI Amanullah was also a very controversial person. There was

a rumor that he had taken bribe from Rangay because he is constructing his house.



He denied these allegations and said that there was no way that police was involved with any political person.

He shared the same story already given to us by ASI Mr. Afzal Khan, PS Banar Swat. We don't put direct challan in front of the court; it's being prepared under the supervision of our senior officers. If there is something to change in challan prosecutors ask us to change or add the desired information. We have taken everything into our custody during our raid like the motor cycle, motor car used to drop the kid in Sangota and USBs memory cards etc. We have tried to trace all the kids in the videos but nobody is willing to register any FIR or other legal proceeding. There is no evidence of intention to upload video for money on phonograph websites except the pleasure seeking by Rangay and to blackmail all the kids for re-abusing them.



Aurangzeb aka Rangay
(Abuser)



Umar Khaliq aka Nawab
(Provided Children)



Sajjad
(Abused Child who now provided children)

These pictures are pasted publically on the Criminal Board of Police Station Mingora, Swat

FINDINGS FROM VICTIM PARENTS/FAMILIES:

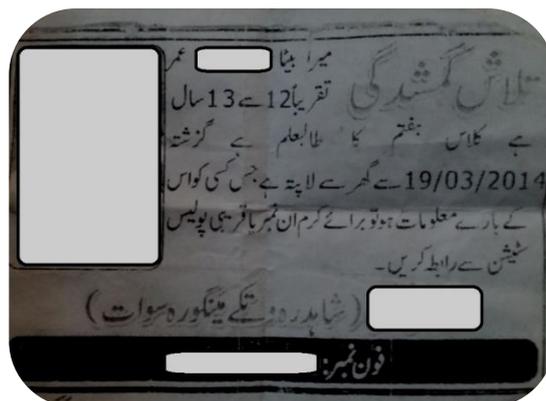
Initially parents and community members were not aware about the abuse of their children.

According to the investigations, most of the victim families are from poor backgrounds. The abusers repeatedly abused these victims for many years.

FIRST VICTIM:

1st victim, we approached was also from very poor family. His father was selling sweets at bus stop and having strong religious background. He had 8 children i.e., 4 sons and 4 daughters. His victimized son was in 3rd birth order.

When victim#1 was 12-13 years old; he was kidnapped by Rangay with the assistance of Sajjad & Nawab while he was selling sweets in the market. He had taken one week leave from school to support his big family. He was kidnapped on March 19, 2014. He was kept by Rangay for the last 2.5 years approximately and regularly abused by him. He was initially tortured by being hit with a stick on his hands & feet harshly when he resisted. In this 2.5 years time, he had never seen sunlight as he was kept in a dark but luxuriously fitted room with furniture and TV. He was chained physically all the time due to which his body was very skinny and weak.

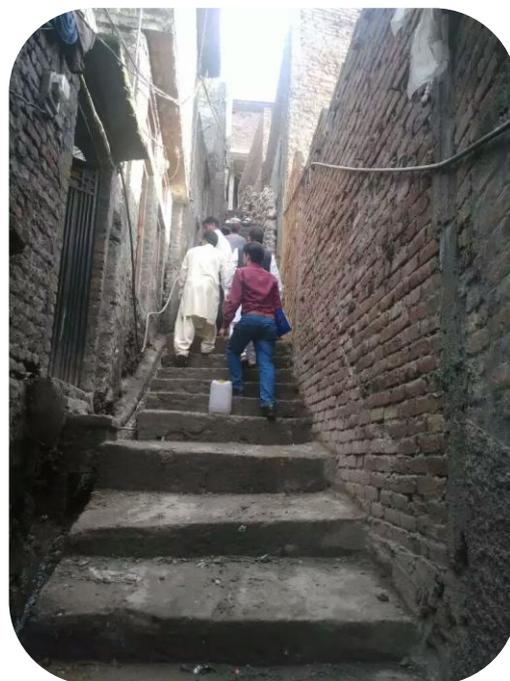


PSYCHOLOGICAL & PHYSIOLOGICAL IMPACT ON VICTIM # 1:

Initially he was in severe trauma, as he was having night mares, no sleep and had even begun to refer to the abuser (Rangay) as his father. While in initial hearing at court, he was unable to face the abuser and started crying.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) assessed through revealing of:

- Flash Backs
- Stammering
- Teeth Grinding (Bruxism)
- Pain in legs due to being physically chained all the time
- Involuntary flexing hands and leg movement
- Shared feeling of shame & guilt



- Fear of injustice
- Social Phobia (As abuser sympathizers will kill me)

He thinks that Rangay has given bribe to Police Officials and will be soon released. SAHIL team clarified to him that about this was not true. He was introduced to Mr. Shakirullah, Referral Lawyer; who will deal with his case.

Both legal aid and psychological counseling gave him the confidence and hope. He was smiling after the counseling.

SECOND VICTIM FAMILY

The victim # 2 was also of a poor socio economic status. His father was a Laborer and had 10 children i.e., 8 son and 2 daughters. His victimized son was 6th in birth order.

He was approximately of 11-12 years of age and was in class 6. On February 20, 2016; he was sent in the evening to bring some medicine. When he didn't come back home for some time; his father searched for him at his family, relatives, and friends homes but could not find him anywhere. Therefore, the father registered an FIR about his missing son.

Strangely enough Nawab (the accused facilitator) told someone that he seen the victim him with Sajjad (Abused Child

Facilitator). The Police was informed and they arrested Sajjad. Finally he admitted that Victim # 2 was kidnapped by him and Nawab and taken to Rangay's warehouse.

ASI Aleem Khan did good job as he sealed and protected the entire Crime Scene. Fazal Hakeem (MPA) interfered in the case and transferred ASI Aleem Khan to some other Police Station. ASI Amanullah Khan was appointed at his position. After his



appointment, he first went and changed the evidence at the crime scene and only then went ahead with other legal procedures.

ASI Amanullah is a known notorious police officer in the public. He discouraged the victim's father from following the case saying that he will not get justice as he is a poor man and can't afford lawyer fees.

At the same time victim father was receiving threats from Rangay that they will kill his whole family. The abuser Rangay's Kasab families are influential people. They even offered 22 lakh to victim family but his father refused and said "if you even give me the whole of Mingora; I'll not take the compensation and will fight for justice."

VICTIM # 2 STORY:

On February 20, 2016, Victim # 2 said that he was sent to pharmacy to bring medicine. As it was nearly Magribh (Sun setting) time and the market was almost closed. Suddenly, two men came and they put a sack on him and kidnapped him. He was unable to recognize them in that moment. They had anesthetic liquid on a handkerchief; which they put on his mouth so he couldn't shout for help.

He was taken to Rangay Ware house and stayed there for 2.5 months he was beaten by them with sticks on hand & legs. He was not able to shout as they put medical tape on his mouth and chained him physically. They opened the medical tape only to make him make eat, and if he shouted they would verbally abuse him.

He shared that DSP Sadiq Akbar was always in touch with Rangay on call; which was on speaker phone while Rangay was abusing him.

The following was their conversation;

DSP Sadiq: Where are you?

Rangay: Dear I am at my DERA (the place where they have kept those kids), we can meet here.

DSP Sadiq: OK! I am coming to your place

When DSP Sadiq Akbar came to DERA, they met in the side room where we were kept.

One day, they threw him in sack and he was picked up by Pak Army corps at Bari kot. After he gained consciousness he was told that he had been thrown by the road side and Rangay has been informed that there had been a raid on his place. The

Army took him back to his family. He was in a very bad condition as he had badly beaten up.

PSYCHOLOGICAL & PHYSIOLOGICAL IMPACT ON VICTIM # 2

House Tree Person test was applied on him. In which he shows string aggression and want to kill Rangay with pistol.

- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- Flash Backs
- Low self esteem & poor self image
- Feeling of shame & guilt
- Anxiety
- Aggression
- No interest in any activity
- Social Phobia (As abuser sympathizers will kill me)
- Pain in legs due to being physically chained all the time.

Both the victim # 1 and victim # 2 demanded that the culprits be hanged as they have destroyed their lives, dignity and self esteem. They demanded for immediate justice.

They demanded that government should handle the matter seriously.

FINDINGS FROM SOCIAL ACTIVISTS AND MEDIA PERSON:

Neelam Ibrar Chattan: Social Worker and Child Rights Activist in Swat who leads a campaign 'peace for new generation'

She was a very active lady in the area who supported SAHIL team in getting evidence and linking up with victim families. She was the first person who reported this incident in *Dawn Newspaper* on May 11, 2016 with the support of local Dawn News correspondent Mr. Fazal Khaliq. She told us that child abuse cases were on the increase in Swat due to police clemency and parents' carelessness. Media was not interested in reporting cases as they felt SWAT would be maligned. However, due to delay in action, at the request of civil society the case was highlighted in media. She mentioned that children are afraid to go out of their houses who are already

traumatized by terrorist activities. "All members of the gang must be arrested immediately and be punished strictly," she said, adding that the government must take steps for child protection in the province.

Fazal Khaliq: Local Correspondent; The DAWN Media Group

Mr. Fazal Khaliq was the first media person who reported this case in his prestigious newspaper DAWN. He is also a social activist in Swat covering many dangerous stories of the area.

He shared this issue with us. He said, this whole case was highlighted due to the discovery by Pakistan Army personnel, of the child by in a sack thrown on the road side.



Media persons and civil society went to meet with DPO Swat Saleem Marwat, to say that they were not satisfied by the investigation of the case and demanded for the formation of Joint Investigation Team (JIT). DPO Saleem did make a JIT, but there was no outcome. The inclusion of ASI Amanullah, IO in the team was highly objectionable, as it had already been rumor that he had taken bribe from Rangay who was building his house.

When this story was reported in Dawn, immediate notice was taken by IG KPK Mr. Nasir Khan Durrani, Liet. General Hadaytullah Corps Commander Peshawar, and many other high officials. This led to the change of the investigation team.

Mr. Haji Muhammad Zubair: Chairman Islahi Committee Aman Tanzeem Malakand Division

Mr. Haji Muhammad Zubair as the Chairman of JIRGA (Local Conciliation Committee) is responsible for solving all issues involving women, money exchange, divorce and other domestic violence cases. Force marriages are very common in Swat.

Before further discussion of a case with the Chairman, SAHIL team requested that child victims should not be present in the room to prevent them from going through the trauma again.

The father's of victim # 1 and victim # 2 came to complain that the abuser Rangay was not in prison. He was sitting in DSP Sadiq Akbar office.

So Mr. Zubair invited all the Jirga members of area to participate in a protest against the Police. On May 5, 2016, the protest had more than 700 people. It was a massive public outcry to get justice for the victim.

After the protest, DSP Sadiq Akbar was transferred from Mingora, Swat due to not dealing with the case on merit. Now the police is taking action.

Chairman also commented that sadly other victims are not reporting this case due to social stigmas and honor. Even though one of the abused children is the son of a policeman, the case has not been reported.



The Lawyer Advocate appointed by the court was not interested in the case. The Islaha Committee now welcomed SAHIL offer of legal services and provided them with all the required documents.

Anonymous Media Person: English Newspaper

He shared his report after keeping his identity confidential.

He said Rangay was being given VVIP treatment in the Jail, with all the facilities such as TV, special food. He was giving *1-2 Lakh per night* to the DSP for accommodating him according to his demands. Moreover, media and civil society are demanding that the case should be sent to Military Courts to set an example for other abuse cases.

MEDICAL AID & MEETING WITH DOCTORS

Victim # 1 belonged to strong religious background so after his recovery he was not sent to a doctor for treatment but was taken to spiritual healers. When SAHIL team saw he was in trauma, they immediately took him to the Central Hospital Saidu Sharif, Swat. The Medical Superintendent (MS) was requested to refer the victims to the concerned specialized consultant for free medical tests.



On the next day, SAHIL team met with Dr. Mian Nizam Ali, Psychiatrist and shared the case, requesting for regular sessions with a psychologist. He regretted that the hospital didn't have any Clinical Psychologist. However, he said that he would talk to Ms. Uzma who is a psychology lecturer in the Government College for women in Swat.

He finally requested Ms. Noreen who was working in the hospital TB Center. She was willing to give counseling sessions.

SAHIL team was referred to Orthopedic Surgeon, to show Victim # 1 who was having severed pain in his legs. The doctor prescribed medicines which were provided by SAHIL.



Victim # 2 was in court that day. He was referred to the same doctor on the next day.

FINDINGS FROM LAWYER:

SAHIL was able to involve experienced Lawyers, Mr. Tariq Aziz (Advocate High Court) and Mr. Shakirullah Advocate to take up the 2 cases in the Swat.

The Lawyers had all the required information, documents and updated status of the case. They were of the opinion that 53 kids were being abused as shown in the videos in USB's recovered from Rangay place.

Challan is forwarded to court and we are confident that victim family will get justice soon. Court is seeking final recommendation on the challan although it can be sent to Anti terrorism Court or not due to public demand.



Fact Finding Challenges in Swat:

- ❖ When SAHIL team reached Mingora Swat, heavy rainfall started with hailing due to which it was very difficult to move.
- ❖ Chairman of Village Defense Committee was shot along with his guard. Due to which Army took over and imposed Curfew in Mingora, Swat
- ❖ Out of 17 victims, we got access to only 2 victims as other victims were unwilling to report this case according to the police.
- ❖ Difficulty in finding psychologist in the area for the regular counseling sessions of victim.



SAHIL WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP ON THE SWAT CASE.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE CSA SCANDAL IN SWAT:



