



Directorate of  
Human Rights,  
Government of  
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



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*Directorate of Human Rights launched its website for  
information sharing and online complaint registration*

**PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS OUR ULTIMATE GOAL**



# The Directorate of Human Rights, KP

The Directorate of Human Rights of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (DHRKP) is statutory and independent institution under the general supervision of Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department and is working for the redressal of grievances of victims of human rights violation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province of Pakistan.

The Directorate was established in 2012. Later on, KP Provincial Assembly passed "Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Promotion, Protection and Enforcement of Human Rights Act, 2014". The Government of KP in an attempt to empower citizens and to provide an effective mechanism for the promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights, as provided in the constitution of The Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the various international conventions, treaties and agreements to which Pakistan is a state party or shall become a state party, has enacted the KP promotion, protection and enforcement of human rights act 2014; which provides for the establishment of the provincial Directorate of Human Rights, KP. The Directorate is empowered to conduct inquiries into and investigate human rights violations in the province and provide adequate relief to the aggrieved persons.

The Act empowers the Directorate of Human Rights KP to review the human rights situation and promote, protect and enforce human rights in the province. The Directorate also obtains information, documents and reports on complaints and allegations of human rights violations from other government departments and agencies. Directorate is mandated to visit any jail or any institution or place under the control of the government, where convicts or other under trial prisoners or other persons lodged or detained, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of jail manual and other applicable laws relating to the inmates are being complied with or not.

The Directorate is also mandated, under the Act, to propose new legislation or amendments in the existing laws to improve Human Rights situation in the Province.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is of a Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province in which every person's Human Rights are respected and he/she is able to enjoy life in all its fullness.

## OUR MISSION

Directorate of Human Rights Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Mission is to Promote, Protect and Enforce Human Rights in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as guaranteed by the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and various International Conventions, Treaties, Covenants and Agreements to which Pakistan is a state party or shall become a state party.

## CORE VALUES

Directorate of Human Rights, a statutory and independent institution under the general supervision of Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Human Rights Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, is committed to upholding these core values:

- Independence
- Professionalism
- Equality
- Participation
- Accessibility
- Accountability
- Inclusiveness
- Integrity
- Pro-activeness
- Collaboration



## Director's Message

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to share with you Directorate of Human Rights Kp's first newsletter. Here you will find information about the Directorate's work, news and events, useful information, and Directorate's efforts for the Promotion, Protection and Enforcement of Human Rights in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Recently, the Directorate has launched its own website to provide better access to the people, who can now lodge their complaints online. This newsletter will further improve connectivity with the people. In a rapidly changing world, we need to adopt modern techniques to connect with the people.

The Directorate of Human Rights is doing all it can to improve Human Rights situation in the province, but it cannot do it alone. We highly value your input for bringing improvements in our processes.

We are thankful to the Honourable Minister for Law and Human Rights Mr. Imtiaz Shahid Qureshi and Honourable Secretary Law, Mr. M. Arifeen for their guidance and ceaseless support to the Directorate. We are also thankful to our development partners for their assistance.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact us. Contact details are available on the last page of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

S. M. FarrulSaqlain  
Director, Human Rights KP



# Directorate's website portal is now online

The Directorate of Human Rights with the collaboration of The Asia Foundation launched its website [www.humanrights.kp.gov.pk](http://www.humanrights.kp.gov.pk) on 9th January 2017, in an impressive ceremony at a local hotel in Peshawar. The Provincial Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human rights, Mr. Imtiaz Shahid Qureshi Advocate, inaugurated the website. Secretary for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Mr. Muhammad Arifeen, Director Human Rights Syed Muhammad FarrulSaqlain, Senior Program Coordinator for The Asia Foundation Mr. Farman Ullah, Department heads for government and non government sectors and local NGO's also participated in the launching ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion the Law Minister re-iterated government's commitment towards Human Right. Secretary Law, Mr. M. Arifeen stressed the need for more independent working of the directorate. He appreciated the launch of the website as a step towards right direction. The Director for Human Rights, Mr. Syed Muhammad FarrulSaqlain, highlighted the benefits of the website and said that this day marks a milestone for the Directorate. He said people will get awareness and be able to lodge their complaints online. The website will improve Directorate's connectivity with the people.



## Visit to Central Jail of Peshawar by the Director Human Right



The Director Syed Muhammad Farrul Saqlain along with Deputy Director Akbar Ali and Deputy Director Maqsood Ali visited Central jail Peshawar. The Jail Superintendent Masood ur Rehman gave briefing about the Central Prison of Peshawar. After briefing the Director Human Rights along with jail authorities visited prison hospital, kitchen, various barracks including juvenile barrack of the prisoners and had discussions with them regarding their problems.

The director human rights issued instructions for the redressal of the grievances of the juvenile and prisoners regarding lack of space and water. The jail authorities assured the compliance of the orders of the Director Human Rights.



Secretary Law & Human Rights KP, Mr. Arifeen and Director Human Rights KP, S. M. Farrulsaqlain attending two days training workshop on Universal Periodic Review (UPR) organised by the Ministry of Human Rights and DRI. Representatives from concerned departments also attended.

The Director Human Rights Syed Muhammad Farrul Saqlain along with Deputy Director Admin and Senior Government Pleader D.I. Khan and Kohat visited the District Jail Kohat and Central Jail D.I. Khan to inspect the conditions of prisons and the facilities provided to prisoners and recommendations were sent to the Govt. for improvement.

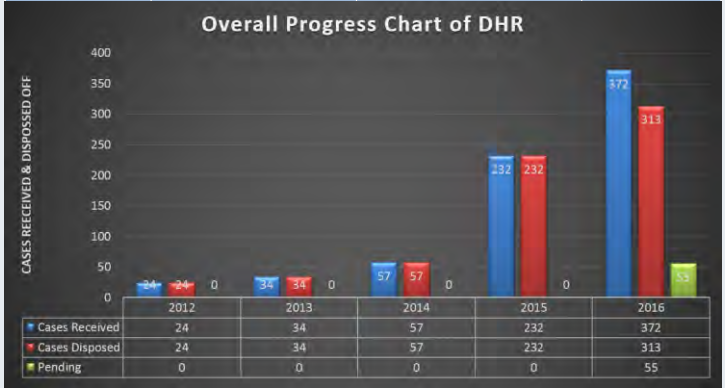
## First steering committee meeting with Head of Swiss Development Cooperation



First steering committee meeting under the MoU signed between the Provincial Government department for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights and UNDP held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The Secretary Law chaired the meeting, while director Human Rights, Mr. Syed Muhammad Farrul Saqlain, Head of Swiss Development Cooperation Ms. Stefanie Burrii, Chief Technical Specialist Mr. Dieter Wolkewitz and others from provincial Government and UNDP attended the meeting. The meeting discussed progress on the MoU.

## Overall Progress Chart of Directorate of Human Rights, KP (2012-2016)

Year	Total Cases Received	Total Cases Disposed off	Cases Pending
2012	24	24	0
2013	34	34	0
2014	57	57	0
2015	232	232	0
2016	372	317	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>55</b>



# How to register your complaint?

A Human Rights Violation Complaint (HRVC) can be registered in any form to the Director Human Rights. A complaint can be sent by post to the office of Director Human Rights. People can now register their complaint online on the Directorate's website. A complaint can be lodged through phone and fax as well. Once a complaint is admitted, it is registered and forwarded to the inquiry team for investigation/ inquiry. The inquiry team investigates the allegations leveled by the complainant against any person, including Government functionaries. Inquiry proceedings under the Act are initiated. Both the parties are given full opportunity to substantiate their claims/ case. After a thorough inquiry as per the Inquiry Rules, the findings of inquiry conducted by the inquiry team are forwarded to the Director for approval.

The decision of Director is generally in the form of recommendations to the Respondent/Government functionaries which are implemented within 30 days.

The Directorate is not mandated to the following types of HRVCs:

- Complaints in regard to events happening more than one year before the making of complaint.
- Matter which is pending before a court of law.
- Vague, anonymous or pseudonymous complaints.
- Complaints which are false or frivolous; and
- Complaints outside the purview of the Directorate.



Honourable Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights along with Director Human Rights Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Syed Muhammad Farrulsaqlain attended conference on GSP+ and UPR at Islamabad arranged by DRI Pakistan. The Minister delivered speech on Khyber Pakhtunkhwa efforts for the improvement of human rights in the province.



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) delegation had a meeting with Director Human Rights Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in his office. Ms. Nadja Wuensche Programme specialist of decentralization and local governance project (UNDP) discussed various issues relating to human rights situation in the province. The director human rights gave them a briefing about the functions of the directorate of human rights. She assured the Director human rights of extending all possible assistance for strengthening the role of Directorate of human rights in the promotion, protection of Human Rights in the Province.



The Asia Foundation organized "Reflection, Innovation and Development: TAF's Contribution Towards an Equitable and Inclusive Society" on 22nd September, 2016 at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad. Minister of Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mr. Imtiaz Shahid Qureshi Advocate and Director Human Rights Mr. S.M. Farrulsaqlain participated in the event.



The inquiry team of the Directorate of Human Rights, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa consists of a Deputy Director (Legal), Mr. Malik Maqsood Ali who is assisted by Mr. Sikander Ali Khan (Assistant Director) working under the supervision of the Director. The inquiry team is assisted in its day to day affairs by the support staff consisting of Mr. Muhammad Saqib (I.T Officer), Mr. Bahram Khan (Junior Clerk/Record Keeper).

The Asia Foundation Team headed by the Acting Country Director, Ms. Ameena Ilahi, called upon the Director Human Rights KP in his office. The Asia Foundation is Partnering with the Directorate for strengthening and capacity building of the Directorate. During the meeting progress on the MoU was reviewed.



UNDP held a Consultative Workshop of all stakeholders as part of their activities related with their project titled "Devolving Rights in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" on 10-11 November 2016 at PC Hotel Peshawar.



Mr. Imtiaz Shahid Qureshi Advocate Minister of Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights, KP Inaugurating DISTRICT BASED RESOURCE CENTER at Taimargara, Dir Lower.