

# HUMAN RIGHTS & THE MEDIA

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# Surah Fatiha

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
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وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ۝ اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ۝  
صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ  
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ۝

# Sources

## ➤ Islam

- Human Rights is Haqooq-ul-Ibad.
- Quran.
- Khutba-tul-wida.

## ➤ Our Constitution

- Articles 08-28 Fundamental Rights.  
29-40 Principles of Policy.



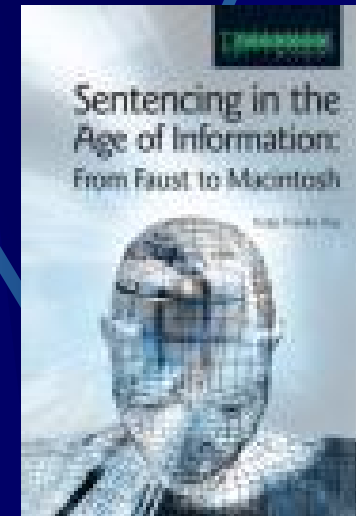
# Instant Information

- **9/11**
  - 1745 hours.
  - Live TV.
- **Embedded Journalists**
  - Troops Advance Live.
  - Retreat Live.



# Welcome to 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Age of information.
- Transport and Travel.
- Horse and SST.
- Cable, Satellite dish, Telecom, Internet and Global Village.
- Global Compact.
- Economic Impact.



# Case study Meerwala

- Jirga ordered rape.
- One week no action.
- Local press report.
- Main press International.
- Electronic Media.
- World reaction.



# Stage One

- President -- Atiya Inayatullah with cash.
- Governor – Sent Ministers.
- Chief Justice Suo Moto, orders to IG.
- All Arrested, tried, sentenced, death.
- Issue subsided.

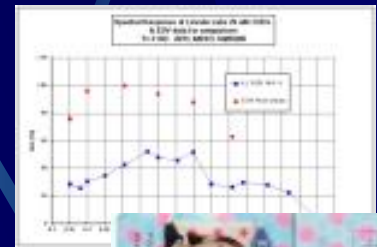
# Stage Two

- Appeal.
- LHC releases.
- Uproar in Media.
- Shariat Court Intervenes.
- Supreme Court Intervenes.



# World wide Attention

- Govt,s Poor response.
- She got invitation.
- Put her on ECL.
- Illegal detention in Islamabad.
- Passport taken away.
- She is the victim.



# World wide Attention (Cont..)

- No Visa for NY times Nicholas Christoph.
- General disgust.
- PM in Islamabad. No idea.
- President in New Zealand.

No freedom of movement.

No freedom of Expression.



# Additional Results

- Made Mukhtaran World Leader
- US pressure, like now in Afghanistan (Abdur Rehman Conversion)
- Christina Rocca intervened. ECL lifted Visa issued to NY Times



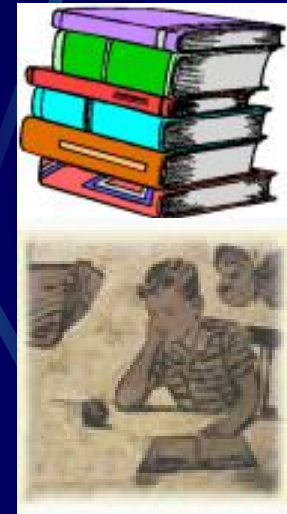
# Other high Profile Cases

- “Washington Post” and President Nixon.
- “Washington Post” and President Musharaf.
- Ukraine and the orange revolution.
- USSR and the tank in Moscow.
- Fiasco in Vietnam.
- Iraq-Media Defeat.



# Not All Hope Lost

- 20/21 Apr 2000 Pakistan convention on Human Rights and Human Dignity..
- Mass Awareness.
- **Radio**  
1000 programs 15 minutes 24 stations.
- **TV**  
50 Programs.
- Curriculum changed Class 1 and Class 10.  
20 Million Students.
- 23,000 teachers trained in 45 Cities.  
Literature Supplied, text books amended.



# Not All Hope Lost (Cont..)

- HR training in Judicial Academy, Civil Services Academy, Administrative Staff College, Police Academy, Police Schools, Information Academy.
- HR offices in Police Stations.
- Parliamentarians Commission.
- Commission on Women's Right.
- Ministers/ Advisers.



# Vehicle of Change

- The Media is the Vehicle.
- Freedom.
- Press more free than before.
- PTV.
- Private TV.
- Private Radio.
- Give Credit where due.

