



Meeting Minutes/ Press Briefing on Disarming Domestic Violence Campaign 2009

Dated: 16-06-09

The Press Briefing was started over by 12:15pm at Press Club Multan. It was addressed by Mr. Mohammad Zia Ur Rehamn (Chief Executive Awaz CDS-Pakistan) & Mr. Shaukat Abaas (SP Investigation District Police Office, Multan). The briefing was attended by approximately 40 representatives of different CSOs, CBOs, NGOs, Media Representatives and Students. Being the member of the International Action Network against Small Arms, this activity was the first activity contributing for the Global week of Action 15th – 21st June, 2009 which was organized by Policy Research & Advocacy Unit of Awaz CDS-Pakistan.



Objectives:

- Highlight the violence issues of 4 districts which are direct linking with the illegal use of firearms.
- Awareness & sensitization of media & CSOs, Government institutions about above mention point.

While talking about the issues of gun violence at domestic level Mr. Mohammad Zia Ur Rehman (Chief Executive Awaz CDS-Pakistan) shared some findings of the

Survey Report Disarming Domestic Violence Campaign 2009 which were as follows:

- 70% illegal firearms are being used for violence against women.
- Farmers & laborers are more involved in this crime; because of the illiteracy.
- 94% perpetrators use to threaten their wives directly which is alarming.
- 47% rifles are not being used just to threat but also as for beating & whipping at home against woman.
- In 85% cases, police is reluctant towards this type of issues, considering it as private issue.
- 400 companies are manufacturing firearms that is why it is easy to access.
- From the past 17 years, 2 million kids/children have been died due to the misuse of firearm.

After that Mr. Mohammad Zia Ur Rehman (Chief Executive Awaz CDS-Pakistan) & Mr. Shaukat Abaas (SP Investigation District Police Office Multan) they had both formally put some demands forward for the Government's consideration:

- Government should reduce the quantity of arms in circulation, by means of weapons collection and destruction programmes, by canceling the licenses of Firearms Manufacturing Companies, the establishment of gun-free zones, and the removal of illegal arms which could contribute to human rights abuses.
- For this as suggested by Mr. Shaukat Abaas that government should legislate against the use of illegal firearms & should declare it as non bail able offense.

- Government should try to control the propagation of wrong fanaticized information (i.e. via cartoons , movies, dramas & live documentaries etc) which is violating kids/children minds as kids try to copy what so ever is in fantasy looks good & inspiring.
- Government should establish National Authorities for controlling the misuse of firearms so that they can make better effective policies
- There should be strict criteria for the issuance of license for firearms so that it may not be easy for any one to have a gun.

Details of Print & Electronic Media attended the Media Briefing:

Print Media:

Daily Jang	Daily Express
Daily Nawa-e-Waqt	Daily Ausaf
Daily Khabrain	Daily Pakistan

Electronic Media:

AAJ TV	
Rohi TV	Express TV
Dunia Tv	Waseb TV

Results:

Print and electronic media highlighted the issue.

Local channels telecasted the press briefing in their news channels.

Press release about the data of survey report was also distributed for awareness raising among CSOs, Media Representatives & Students.

Plan for other two WoA activities (Forums at District Level i.e. DG Khan 17th June & Rajanpur 18th June) were also communicated to media representatives.

It was really a topic of interest for everyone present there especially for media & people did like the presence of SP Investigation.


It was ended by 2:30pm.

Press Clippings:

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AwazCDS Pakistan: News Clipping Record

Newspaper Name:	<u>Khabliyan</u>
Date:	<u>17 June 09</u>
Edition:	<u>17</u>
Language:	<u>Urdu</u>
Circulation:	<u>35000</u>
Area Covered:	<u>South Punjab</u>
Main Issue Highlighted:	<u>Public Conference on the Need of Action Against Small Arms</u>



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AwazCDS Pakistan: News Clipping Record

Newspaper Name:	<u>Chop</u>
Date:	<u>17 June 09</u>
Edition:	<u>314</u>
Language:	<u>Urdu</u>
Circulation:	<u>40000</u>
Area Covered:	<u>South Punjab</u>
Main Issue Highlighted:	<u>Press Conference on the Week of Action Against Small Arms</u>



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AwazCDS Pakistan: News Clipping Record

Newspaper Name:	Aban-e-Awaz
Date:	17 June 09
Edition:	354
Language:	Urdu
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Main Issue Highlighted	Press Conference on the week of Action Against Small Arms



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AwazCDS Pakistan: News Clipping Record

Newspaper Name:	<u>Pakistan</u>
Date:	<u>17 June 09</u>
Edition:	<u>149</u>
Language:	<u>Urdu</u>
Circulation:	<u>24000</u>
Area Covered:	<u>South Punjab</u>
Main Issue Highlighted:	<u>Press Conference on The Work of Action Against Small Arms</u>



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AwazCDS Pakistan: News Clipping Record

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Main Issue Highlighted:	Week of Action against Small Arms



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Photographs:



Mr. Mohammad Zia Ur Rehman was briefing about illegal use of firearms



Different CSOs, CBOs, NGOs Members, Media Representatives and Students

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