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Dear Journalists

You may already be aware of the ongoing ethnic cleansing and persecution of Hazaras in Quetta City; however, the following details may help you understand very well about the ongoing genocide of Hazaras in Quetta City, Pakistan.

We Hazaras strongly condemn the gruesome killings of 32 Hazaras in Quetta City, Pakistan, which continued from March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. At least eleven brutal killing attacks have been carried out on Hazaras and the heart-wrenching killings don't seem likely to be stopped by the higher authorities as Hazaras are in small minority in Pakistan and doesn't have any international support.

Despite being heavy presence of the law-enforcement agencies in Quetta City, it is matter of great concern that Hazaras get killed on daily basis. Last ten years security failure has made Hazaras into believe that the government and the law-enforcement agencies are directly involved in the heart-wrenching killings of the Hazaras.

We, on behalf of the Hazaras strongly condemn the provincial and federal governments for being a thorough failure in catching all those terrorists involved in the killings of the innocent Hazaras. Hazaras are of the opinion that the provincial government and the law-enforcement agencies have allegedly been given free hands to the terrorists who on the several motorbikes roam in and around Quetta city without any fear of being caught and kill Hazaras anywhere they like. In order to kill Hazaras, terrorists sprayed volleys of the bullets on the shops of Hazaras in the main city centre area during the broad day light and get on their motorbikes without being in haste, which indicates an alleged involvement of the higher authorities in the mass killings of the Hazaras.

The killing, the kidnapping and the firing on the shops of Hazaras have now become the daily routine in Quetta City, Pakistan and almost [700 Hazaras](#) [8] have so far been killed since 2004.

The anti-Shia religious militant extremists mainly Lashkar-e-Jangvi publicly claims the killings of Hazaras and has vowed to turn Quetta city into the graveyard of around seven hundred thousand Hazaras. After every killing incident, the terrorists walk away easily and the

government seems unwilling to capture the terrorists because Hazaras are not a political or financial might in Pakistan.

It's matter of shocking, that for the last ten years, no single terrorist has been brought to justice, which is a matter of the great concern for the Hazara community. Why these terrorists are not brought to justice, is one of the questions, which has made the Hazara community into believe that the state secret agencies are directly involved in the killing of Hazaras and the present civil government is indirectly.

As mentioned earlier, that for the last ten years, almost 700 hundred Hazaras have so far been killed and the present government doesn't show any responsibility to catch terrorists involved in the killing of Hazaras rather imposing [restriction](#) [9] on the movement of Hazara community around the Quetta City.

The two high profile terrorists [Usman Saifullah Kurd and Shafeeq Rind](#) [10] belonging to anti-Shia Lashkar-i-Jhangvi organization, who were believed to be the killers of Hazaras, mysteriously escaped from a very well-organized jail of Anti-Terrorist Force in Quetta Cantonment area where no one can go without a pass, implying that their escape was facilitated by the security agencies.

The present Governor of Balochistan, [Nawab Zulfiqar Ali Magsi](#) [11] quoted his Inspector General of Police (IGP) saying, "whenever police arrested any criminal, he received calls from high ups for his release" while, Home Minister for Balochistan [Mir Zafarullah Zehri](#) [12] on a point of order, informed the assembly that "he had clues about those involved in the target killings but he was helpless. He said "if the elected representatives were given responsibilities, the situation might improve" are enough to prove the bitter reality about the reach of the terrorist organizations into the highest ranks of Pakistani Government. Both the governor and the home minister publically announce that the government is helpless and doesn't have authority to get control on the terrorists and to put an end to the terrorist activities going on against the Hazara Community.

Last [September](#) [13] and [October](#) [14] 48 Hazaras were taken off the bus/wagon in different incidents, were lined up and killed, while [Chief Minister](#) [15] of Balochistan Aslam Raisani, responding a question from a journalist in Islamabad made fun of Hazaras by offering to send a truckload of tissue papers to the bereaving families. Another Pakistan People's Party [parliamentarian](#) [15] from the area — Ayatullah Durrani — suggested on a television show that the victim community benefits by getting Australian asylum.

Despite being heavy presence of the police, Levies Force and Frontier Corps check posts in and around the Quetta city, the terrorist walk freely in the city and kill any Hazara, wherever they find in the city even in most cases just 50 meters away from the [security check posts](#) [16].

A Video of the killings of the Hazaras has also been released on the Youtube and Facebook in order to terrorize Hazara community in Quetta and all around the world.

Article-36, the constitution of Pakistan regarding the protection of minorities says that the State shall safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of minorities, however, the government of Pakistan has failed in taking concrete measures to make sure the safety and the legitimate rights of the minorities. The killing of 700 Hazaras on daily basis is of the biggest proof of the failure of the present government and law enforcement agencies.

Moreover, the Constitution of 1973 guarantees complete religious freedom, social justice, and equality of rights to the minorities, however the relentless 700 killings of Hazaras signifies the failure of the present government in providing protection to minorities' religious freedom, social justice and the equality.

Pakistan being a member and a signatory of the United Nations, it is the prime responsibility of the present government to make sure Article 3 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights, Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Article 5 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and Article 1 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities. We demand that the government of Pakistan to take effective steps to protect the Hazara minority from all those who target them based on their ethnic, linguistic or religious characteristics.

Hazaras are also concern about the attitude of the Human Rights Originations and the United Nations for being so unvoiced over the genocide of the Hazaras continued in Quetta City, Pakistan. Human Rights Organizations must come forward to raise the ethnic cleansing issue of the Hazaras all over the world and pressurize the Government of Pakistan to immediately stop the barbaric killings of Hazaras in Pakistan.

We, on behalf of the Hazaras demand of the United Nations, Human Rights Organizations and the civilized civil society to wake up and raise their voice against the government of Pakistan to immediately stop the systematic ethnic cleansing of Hazaras in Quetta City, Pakistan and pressurize the government of Pakistan to immediately meet the following demands of Hazaras:

1. We demand that the genocide of Hazaras be immediately stopped.
2. It is widely believed, not without reasons, that the government and law enforcement agencies are not willing to check the killers. We demand that they take practical measures to bring the killers to justice.
3. We demand that reports of the judicial enquiries established in 2004 and 2011 be made public.
4. We demand that the Government of Pakistan (GOP) work out a viable plan to initiate a comprehensive and rigorous targeted operation against the LeJ terrorists and all other religious militants in and around Quetta city immediately.
5. That the GOP must erect new check posts in and around Quetta city to protect the lives of innocent Hazaras.

We request journalists to kindly help us raise the voice of Hazaras all around the world so the brutal killings of the Hazaras be immediately be stopped by accommodating the event in their august print and electronic media.

Thank you very much

Yours sincerely

Central Committee

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