



Agenda item 3: Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

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**Violence Against Women - Asifa Innocence
Ravaged in Indian Administered Kashmir**

Mr Chairman

IHRAAM has a special project on Kashmir for years and therefore, we are pleased to receive the High Commissioner's report on Kashmir with particular reference to Violence Against Women and the report of the working group on discrimination against women.

IHRAAM reports to this Council and the working group a tragic and gruesome violence and murder of a 8 year old girl in Indian Administered Kashmir.

According to the police report, Asifa Bano, the victim, was held captive for five days in a Hindu Mandir (temple), forcibly drugged to keep her sedated but alive, tortured, gang raped and brutally murdered.

On 8th January 2018, Asifa was kidnaped by a juvenile and his friend Kumar and sedated in the Devasthan Mandir.

She fell unconscious and was raped by the juvenile, followed by Kumar. The Mandir caretaker Sanji Ram was part of the Kidnapping and raping.

On 13th January 2018, the juvenile, another culprit Jangotra, Sanji Ram and Kumar arrived at the Mandir. Jangotra raped the sedated Asifa inside the temple, followed by the juvenile.

On the direction of Sanji Ram, Asifa was removed from Devasthan Mandir and taken to a nearby canal situated in front of the Mandir, where Khajuria, a special police officer, in cohorts with the

culprits, met them.

After committing the barbaric act of rape on Asifa, Khajuria attempted to kill her however, the juvenile, hit her twice on the head with a large stone.

Asifa's dead body was thrown inside the jungle.

On 9th April 2018, Crime Branch officials were physically stopped by the Jammu Bar Association along with two ministers from the Hindu nationalist Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP), from filing a charge sheet into the gang rape and murder of Asifa Bano in the court.

On 19th April 2018, the Supreme Court condemned the actions of the Bar Association.

The UN Human Rights Council, its relevant mandates and the High Commissioner for Human Rights are indeed to take note of this "Asifa Innocence Ravaged" and ensure justice is delivered and reparation realized.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.

For full text on "Asifa Innocence Ravaged" please see the link

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