

Annual Report 2014-2015

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Purpose of the Organisation

World Sindhi Congress (“WSC”) is a human rights advocacy organization based in the UK, US, and Canada. It aims to create a better understanding among the international community about the disadvantaged status of Sindhis in Pakistan and about Sindhi people’s struggles for their human rights, including the right to self-determination. In addition, WSC strives to create an association of Sindhis around the world. WSC is a registered company in England and Wales, the UK, and Louisiana, US, organized only to carry out non-profit activities.

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Mission

The World Sindhi Congress (WSC) promotes and undertakes the struggle for the right of self-determination for Sindhis. WSC continues to provide a voice to Sindhis and international communities around the world who want to see Sindh as a sovereign state. WSC believes this sovereignty is essential to achieving a just and lasting peace in the region.

World Sindhi Congress Objectives

- To create a better understanding among the international community about the persecuted status of Sindhis in Pakistan and about Sindhi people's struggles for their human rights, including the right to self-determination.
- To support all organisations in Sindh working on human rights, sustainable development, equal rights for women, and religious minorities, as well as to advocate conflict resolution and peaceful initiatives.
- To promote and encourage the solidarity of Sindhis living throughout the world.
- To create awareness of Sindhis worldwide by:
 - o organising seminars
 - o publishing newsletters, reports and research papers
 - o working with media, non-governmental organizations, academics, and other conscientious individuals

The Backdrop - Sindh in 2014 and 2015

The period that this report covers (November 2014- November 2015) has been one of tragedy and triumph for the Sindhi nation. WSC has mourned the enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of advocates and activists for the Sindhi Nation, and has also collaborated in numerous councils and protested with organisations to defend the rights of the Sindhi Nation:

1. Over 20 prominent Sindhi activists were killed extrajudicially.
2. More than 100 Sindhi political and civil society activists continue to remain missing.
3. The violence against a section of the indigenous population, Sindhi Hindus, continues to intensify. Scores of Sindhi Hindu girls are kidnapped and forced to convert and enter into marriages. This state-sponsored atmosphere of fear, persecution and insecurity is perpetuated within this section of indigenous Sindhi people to force them to migrate.
4. The state-sponsored action to attack the secular Sindhi society intensified. Thousands of new fanatic religious schools (madrasahs) have mushroomed everywhere in Sindh. Taliban are being settled at strategic locations in Sindh.
5. Sindhi people were systematically marginalised in all spheres of social, cultural, and economic development while Sindh produced 70% of the wealth of Pakistan:
 - i. Sindh has the worst education in the entirety of Pakistan, worse than the war-torn area of FATA. Almost half of all the school-going children are not enrolled, and almost 70% of girls in rural areas remain illiterate. More than 6 million primary school-going children are out of education.
 - ii. More than 50% of the Sindhi population remain under the absolute poverty line.
 - iii. The malnutrition among Sindhi people is comparable to African drought hit areas.
 - iv. The governance in Sindh is at its worst. The entirety of Sindh has become ruins. Hundreds of people are dying in Sindh needlessly from illnesses resulting from endemic poverty, malnutrition, and lack of basic health facilities.
 - v. The capital of Sindh, Karachi, has become the battleground for various immigrant communities; with support from the state establishment, who want to control the wealth of Karachi and Sindh, the capital has fallen to the battle territory.

During this period, all sections of Sindhi society have put a heroic struggle against the grave violations of human rights and injustices. Not a single day goes by when Sindhi people have not been on the streets, protesting with strikes, processions, rallies, seminars and conferences to demand their democratic and human rights.

During this period, WSC stood in solidarity with the struggle of Sindhi people and continued to work with the international community to inform them about the persecution of Sindhi people. The activities of WSC undertaken during this period have informed the wider world about the plight of Sindhi people are outlined in the following sections.



26 Nov 2014, London:

Relaunch of WSC Monthly Newsletter

WSC has relaunched their monthly newsletter and it's better than ever before. The monthly newsletter will bring you updates, news, and upcoming events for each month, bringing you the most important news about Sindhi justice from WSC.

Sign up and receive our monthly newsletter <http://eepurl.com/HShoL>



5 Dec 2014- Report on Extrajudicial Killings of Sindhi Political Activists

WSC released a report on Extrajudicial Killings of Sindhi Political Activists, including a history of Sindhi Politics and the names and stories of the martyrs who died in 2014.

Read the full report on our website worldsindhicongress.com





**23 Feb 2015, Tharparlar:
Thar Medical Relief Fund**

Throughout 2014 and 2015, WSC raised funds in collaboration with Sindh Facebook Friends, South Punjab Federation of Trade Union, Hameed Latif Hospital Lahore and Khadmain Sindh Foundation. WSC and the other groups funded relief camps for three days in the Thar region. Over 1700 people receive medical thanks to all our donations. Thank you again to



**24 Feb 2015, Larkano:
Primary School Opening
in Larkano**

In collaboration with Mehran Education Health Research Overseas Network, WSC has opened Sobho Gianchandani Memorial Primary School in Bagro Paro. Badah. Larkano.



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Day of Remembrance for Sindhi Martyrs

Saturday 9th May 2015
Bradford UK

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June 2015:

Balochistan Republican Party Conference

WSC was invited onto panel of speakers at a conference organised by Balochistan Republican Party in Geneva. The conference focused on the Human Rights Situation in Balochistan.







