

WORLD SINDHI CONGRESS ANNUAL REPORT

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ABOUT

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

Mission:

The World Sindhi Congress (WSC) promotes and undertakes the struggle for self-determination for Sindhis. WSC continues to provide a voice to Sindhis and international communities worldwide 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.

Objectives:

- To create a better understanding among the international community about Sindhis' persecuted status in Pakistan and about Sindhi's struggles for their human rights, including the right to self-determination.
- To support Sindh's organizations working on human rights, sustainable development, equal rights for women and religious minorities and 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:
 - Organizing seminars
 - Publishing newsletters, reports, and research papers
 - Presenting the case and plight of Sindhi people within the international community, including the UNHRC, European Commission, the UK, USA, and Canadian legislators
 - Working with media, non-governmental organizations, academics, and other conscientious individuals

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The Current Situation in Sindh

The people of Sindh continue to suffer numerous rights violations at the hands of the Pakistani state. This includes enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of Sindhi political activists, the state-sponsored rise in religious extremism, persecution of religious minorities, misappropriation of natural resources, forced eviction and economic hardship due to large-scale infrastructure projects without consultation, and the complete denial of rights and opportunities for social, economic, cultural and political development. The state's actions have led to systematic discrimination, hostility, and the persecution of indigenous Sindhi people. Currently, the Sindhi people are facing the following rights violations:

Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances of Sindhi Activists

Enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings of political and human rights activists is the norm in Pakistan, where security agencies operate with impunity. Released victims are detained for various lengths of time in which they undergo physical and psychological trauma, while others are killed in custody. By August 2021, the Federal Commission for the Recovery and Inquiry of Enforced Disappearances in Pakistan received 8,122 reports of enforced disappearances. Eyewitnesses to these disappearances indicate that most perpetrators seem to be state-sponsored security personnel, i.e., rangers, police, and intelligence agencies. However, despite domestic and international pressure, the Commission on Enforced Disappearances remains underfunded and lacks the necessary authority to properly investigate the hundreds of reported cases. Moreover, while the Criminal Laws Amendment Bill 2021 seeks to provide stricter laws and better avenues of justice to victims, the state is actively undermining these efforts.

Massive Infrastructure Projects without Consultation or Consideration

Pakistan's continued dedication to massive infrastructure projects through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) fuels inequity within Sindh. State agents continue to move forward or support such projects, despite public outcries in Sindh. In addition to the mega-dam projects, Bahria Town Karachi moves forward with its plans in the Malir District. Despite a ruling by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2018, BTK has not paid reparations and continues its illegal seizure of indigenous land. These initiatives will result in the loss of traditional lands, the usurpation and degradation of natural resources, and the loss of livelihoods. Historical mismanagement of such infrastructure projects and the lack of consideration given to how these projects will negatively impact local populations, putting the people of Sindh in a disadvantaged and dangerous position.

Forced Conversions and Kidnappings of Sindhi Hindus

Sindhi Hindus face targeted discrimination and violence, including kidnappings for extortion, abductions and forced conversions of Hindu girls, and forced servitude. This pervasive violence has resulted in the exodus of the Hindu population out of Pakistan. Within the last year, numerous cases were reported of Hindu girls, the majority of whom were under the age of 16, being forcibly abducted and converted. In most instances, the girls were then forcibly married off or kept in the custody of their kidnappers with little to no recourse for the girls or their families. Families who reported the kidnappings were often the targets of violence.

Spread of Religious Extremism in Sindh

There are an estimated 20,000 new madrassas across Sindh, funded mainly by foreign money and under the government's patronage. Islamic militarism is increasing, and Sindh is witnessing unprecedented violence against non-Muslim and non-Sunni sects of Muslims. Underage religious minority girls are the targets of kidnappings and forced conversions as textbooks and school curriculums teach intolerance and bigotry, further aggravating tensions between these groups. Several incidents of destruction and burning of Christian, Hindu, Sikh, and Ahmadi places of worship have been reported.

Misappropriation of Sindh's Natural Resources

Sindh remains one of the most resource-rich states of Pakistan, with some of the world's largest oil and gas reserves. These resources contribute to 69% of Pakistan's revenue, and Sindh has the only seaport in the country. Sindh has 71% of the gas fields in Pakistan, 62% of the oil of Pakistan, and one of the largest coal deposits in the world, and 99% of Pakistan's total coal reserves (worth an estimated \$23 trillion). However, Sindh only receives 11% of federal funding, and 60% of Sindhis live below the poverty line. In addition, 50% of the population has diseases borne out of inadequate sanitation and a lack of health facilities and proper infrastructure. More than 60% of Sindhis do not have access to drinkable water. The Federal government relies on Sindh's resources. However, it then appropriates funding unequally and inequitably in favor of Punjab, perpetuating Sindh's status as one of the poorest provinces in the country despite its contributions.

A Message from the Chair

The 2020-2021 year has been dedicated and proactive advocacy and outreach for the World Sindhi Congress. Numerous protests, petitions, and seminars to advocate and raise awareness on the human rights violations in Sindh were organized and attended by WSC around the world. In addition, WSC grew its media presence to better connect with members and fellow advocates, in addition to numerous statements, press releases, and interviews.



Sindh's current situation is marked by continuous human rights violations and an environment of fear and oppression.

Enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings continue unchecked, while measures to address the abuse are stalled. The inconsiderate implementation of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) continues, and the government of Pakistan is continuing the construction of mega-dams on the Indus River. Bahria Town, with state support, is using the aggressive policy of occupation of thousands of acres of agricultural and most valuable residential lands in Sindh with the assistance of security. Indigenous Sindhi people are disproportionately and negatively impacted by these projects, infringing on their lands, misappropriating their resources, and losing livelihoods. Religious extremism continues to rise, driving Sindhi Hindus and other religious minorities from the province. The abduction and forced conversion of Hindu girls and women in Sindh persist as a significant issue.

Representatives from the World Sindhi Congress were able to meet with the United Nations Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) a total of three times during 2021, where they raised the issue of disappearances in Sindh and attended virtual sessions in the United Nations regarding widespread human rights abuses in Sindh. This year, we were also able to collaborate with other organizations to build relationships and advocacy networks. World Sindhi Congress worked with the AAPG, Voice for Sindhi Missing Persons, and many others to raise human rights issues to the international community. These connections regularly took the form of seminars that the World Sindhi Congress used to inform and engage with those whom we could not invite for physical events. Organizing virtually allowed us to prioritize the health and safety of our members while reaching more people than would be able to attend physical events.

The work we have accomplished this year is possible because of our dedicated members and fellow defenders of human rights, whom we thank and honor for their efforts. The pandemic has challenged and tested us all. The World Sindhi Congress salutes human rights advocates for their

unwavering support during the pandemic and the medical community's selfless work to keep their communities safe and healthy. Over these past two years, women have suffered much of the pandemic strain, and we thank them for their labor and dedication to the advancement of women's rights during this time. In a time of significant change and loss, the World Sindhi Congress salutes each of you.

This strength and wisdom is needed in the upcoming year. The continued repression of democracy in Pakistan and the ongoing human rights crisis contribute to a significant security threat in the region. In addition, the situation in Afghanistan threatens to increase violence and abuse against women and minorities in the area. WSC must continue its advocacy in the coming year by working closely with other oppressed nations in Pakistan and partnering with other non-governmental organizations. The formation of a new government in the United States has also brought new opportunities to address human rights cases. We will continue our outreach with the United Nations and other international governments to advance human rights in Sindh with your support.

Activities and Accomplishments

The 32nd International Conference on Sindh hosted by the World Sindhi Congress on October 31, 2020

This year's annual conference was hosted virtually, with topics centering around the Struggle for Human Rights, Democracy & Environmental Justice in Sindh. Speakers included Professor Daneesh Mustafa, Hussain Haqqani, Burzine Waghmar, Bob Blackman, Ralph Bunche, WSC Chairperson Dr. Rubina Greenwood, and the moderator Farhan Kaghzi.



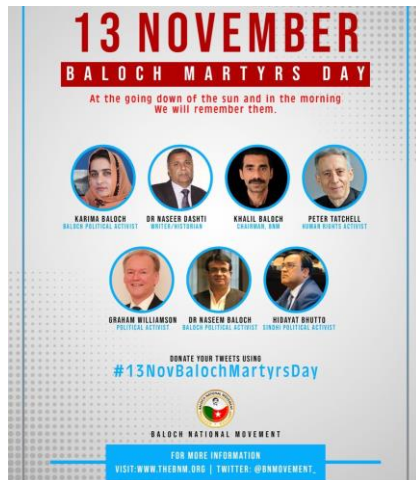
WSC Honors International Human Rights Day on December 12, 2021

WSC marked International Human Rights Day by hosting a webinar on human rights violations in Sindh.

Challenges to Sindh Webinar hosted on November 22, 2020

A webinar on Challenges to Sindh - Issues, Obstacles, and Strategies for United Struggle was hosted by the World Sindhi Congress.





Baloch Martyrs' Day on November 13, 2020

Hidayat Bhutto of the World Sindhi Congress attended the Baloch National Movement's virtual event marking Baloch Martyrs' Day as one of the speakers.

World Sindhi Congress Condemned the Murder of Karima Baloch on December 22, 2020

WSC condemns the murder of Karima Baloch, a tragic loss of an inspiring and passionate leader of the Baloch people. She was an ardent defender of Baloch human rights, a supporter of Sindh, and a friend of the World Sindhi Congress. She is deeply mourned.



Celebration of Saeen G.M. Syed on January 17, 2020

Sindhis from around the world joined the World Sindhi Congress in celebrating the 117th Birthday anniversary of Saeen G.M. Syed on a Facebook Live event.

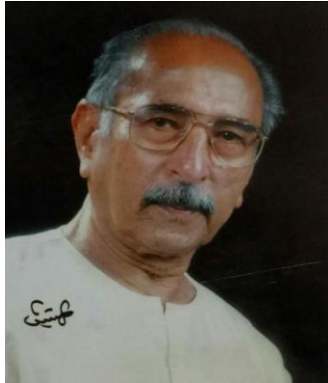
Extrajudicial Killing of Irfan Jatoi on February 10, 2020

Irfan Jatoi was a second-year political science student at the University Sindh in Jamshoro. On February 10, Jatoi and two other students were abducted by security forces from a hostel in front of witnesses. After his family filed a petition for his release with the Sindh High Court, Sukkur police produced his body and claimed that he had been killed in a firefight with security forces.



Meeting with the UN WGEID on February 18, 2020

A delegation from the World Sindhi Congress met with the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances (UN WGEID) during the 123rd Session of the United Nations. WSC members raised the issue of the targeted disappearances of Sindhis by the Pakistani authorities there.



WSC Mourned Saeen Satish Rohra on February 24, 2020

WSC mourns the death of Saeen Satish Rohra, a scholar of Sindhi language and founder of the Institute of Sindhology in India. A key person led the struggle to survive and revive the Sindhi language and Sindhiyat in India and globally. A friend of WSC and participated in the WSC's International Conference on Sindh in London in 2004.

World Sindhi Congress Condemned the Extrajudicial Killing of Ajay Lalwani on March 17, 2020

Ajay Lalwani was a dedicated journalist who reported on military abuse and religious persecution against Hindus in Pakistan. He was killed in Sukkur on March 17 after being shot three times while in a barber's shop. At the time of his death, Lalwani was investigating the extrajudicial killing of Irfan Jatoi.



WSC Grieved Comrade Ghulam Rasool Sehto on April 4, 2020

WSC mourns the loss of Comrade Sehto, who remained proactive in the struggle for the rights of the downtrodden people of Sindh, democracy, and human rights for more than five decades.



World Sindhi Congress Mourned IA Rehman on April 12, 2020

WSC is deeply saddened at the demise of Mr. IA Rehman. He was a renowned journalist and human rights defender and inspired generations of human rights advocates. In December 2020, he talked in a WSC webinar about missing Sindhi persons and other human rights issues. Sindhis and other nations oppressed in Pakistan and persecuted people of Pakistan have lost a staunch friend.

European Parliament Passes Resolution on Pakistan on April 29, 2021

On April 29, 2021, the European Parliament passed a resolution against religious persecution in Pakistan. Pakistan's eligibility for GSP+ has been called into question over human rights abuses from organizations such as the World Sindhi Congress.



Strangulation of Media Freedom in Pakistan event attended by WSC members on May 6, 2021



The Deputy Organizer of WSC-USA, Raja Dahir Joyo, spoke at the Strangulation of Media Freedom in Pakistan webinar organized by the Sindhi Baloch Forum about the importance of media freedom and the threats that Sindhi journalists face when reporting from religious extremists and security forces.

WSC Condemned Brutal Attacks by Bahria Town on May 10, 2021

Bahria Town Karachi is continuing its illegal seizure of land through violent means. Despite the Supreme Court's 2018 ruling against BTK, the company has forcibly evicted and attacked villagers with the help of hired private security and state security forces. WSC condemns brute force against residents of the Malir district and



the violation of numerous villages inhabited by indigenous Sindhis, archaeological sites, and sites of sentimental importance.

WSC & VMPS attended a meeting with UN-WGEID on May 21, 2021

A delegation of the World Sindhi Congress (WSC) and Voice for Missing Persons of Sindh (VMPS) had a video meeting with the UN Working Group on Involuntary or Enforced Disappearances (WGEID) during the 124th Session of the Group on May 21, 2021.



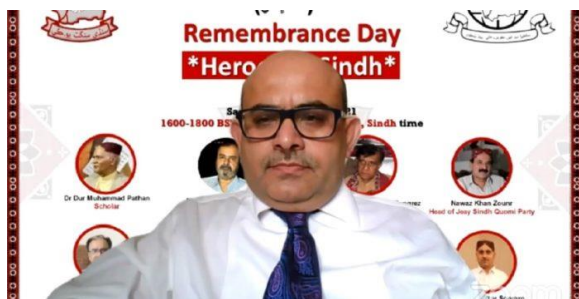
WGEID Issues Joint Statement on May 27, 2021

As a follow-up to the February meeting between the WGEID and WSC, the WGEID released an action against the "steady increase in the number of enforced disappearances of persons belonging to minorities, especially Sindhi minorities, of political activists, journalists and human rights defenders" in the province.



WGEID

*Working Group on Enforced
or Involuntary Disappearances*



Remembrance Day Marked on May 29, 2021

World Sindhi Congress and Sindhi Sangat UK hosted the Remembrance Day: Heroes of Sindh Virtual Event live. WSC Chairperson Dr. Rubina Shaikh was one of the speakers.

WSC Members Attended Protests Against BTK on June 6, 2021



On June 6 2021, the World Sindhi Congress organized a rally against Bahria Town Karachi in London and another protest with Jeahy Sindhi Quomi Mahaz and Sindh United Party in New York. Protests were also held in Karachi.

Petition for the Release of Peaceful Protestors on June 9, 2021

World Sindhi Congress sponsored a petition to release peaceful protesters at the June 6 protests against Bahria Town Karachi. Police have registered more than 24 FIRs of one incident against 10,000 protesters, including Sindh Action Committee members, writers, students, lawyers, political and social workers, and laborers. News reports of arbitrary mass arrests of peaceful political workers come from different districts across Sindh, including midnight raids and intensive searches of their homes. Civilians are being booked under anti-terrorism and felony charges and cannot get bail.



World Sindhi Congress Condemned the Inclusion of JSM Leaders on Proscribed Persons' List on June 11, 2021

World Sindhi Congress (WSC) strongly condemns the inclusion of Mr. Riaz Chandio, Chairman Jeay Sindh Mahaz (JSM), and tens of other leaders of JSM in the 'List of 4th Schedule Proscribed Persons'. The list is produced by Pakistan's NACTA (National Counter Terrorism Authority) under the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997.

NACTA - Schedule-IV(Proscribed Persons) Data

Proscribed Persons List

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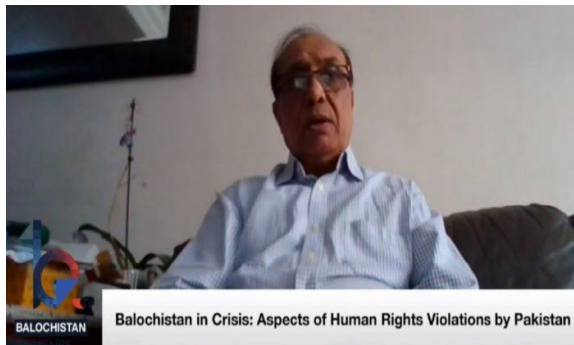
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1	Riaz Ali	Ali Sher	381047643221	Punjab	KHANESAL
2	Riaz Ali Chandio	Rasool Bux Chandio	4250145802529	Sindh	KAR

Developed by: Punjab Information Technology Board, Government of the Punjab. Total Visitors: 2567745

WSC Attended a Baloch National Movement Protest on June 20, 2021

Hidayat Bhutto of WSC UK spoke about enforced disappearances in Sindh and Balochistan at a Baloch National Movement protest on June 20 in London.



Balochistan in Crisis: Aspects of Human Rights Violations by Pakistan Attended by WSC on June 22, 2021

WSC Secretary-General Dr. Lakhu Luhana spoke at the Balochistan in Crisis: Aspects of Human Rights Violations by Pakistan about the current and future need for self-determination in Balochistan and Sindh, amongst other issues.

Joint Statement on the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 issued on July 1, 2021

WSC and other organizations backed the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 proposed by Human Rights Minister Madam Shireen Mazari in Pakistan to criminalize the Act of enforced disappearance.



Interview with the New Arab on July 27, 2021

Dr. Luhana spoke with the New Arab about the extensive land grabbing schemes in Sindh being carried out by Bahria Town and the Pakistani Army and the legacy of colonization.





WSC Attended Regional Consequences of the Talibanisation of Afghanistan on August 8, 2021

Dr. Hidayat Bhutto spoke at Baloch Human Rights Council's conference on Saturday on the state construction of Madrassas in strategic areas such as highways and in Thar. Dr. Bhutto noted that a former chief minister of Punjab openly admitted that Taliban attacks in other provinces are welcomed.

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief on August 22, 2021

Dr. Hidayat Bhutto of World Sindhi Congress joined the Discussing Sindh and Balochistan about the International Day of Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief virtual event.



WSC supported Human Rights Commission in the US Senate on August 19, 2021

The World Sindhi Congress joined other activists in calling for the formation of a human rights commission in the US Senate to promote better and address serious human rights violations worldwide.



Celebration of Balochistan's Independence Day on August 11, 2021

WSC participated in the celebration of Balochistan's Independence from the British.

Black Day for Sindhi and Baloch People on August 14, 2021



Members from the World Sindhi Congress joined the Sindhi Baloch Forum in protesting against Pakistani state violence in Sindh and Balochistan. The event was one of many hosted worldwide by diaspora organizations to mark a black day for the Sindhi and Baloch nations and other oppressed nations that Pakistan has actively harmed since its creation after British colonialism.

Fall of Kabul and its Impact on the Region and Sindh hosted on September 7, 2021

The World Sindhi Congress hosted the virtual event "The Fall of Kabul and its Impact on the Region and Sindh" on September 6, 2021. Speakers included Khaliq Junejo, Chairman of Jeay Sindh Mahaz, Baseer Naweed of the International Human Rights Council, Jami Chandio, Executive Director CPCS of the Center for Peace and Civil Society, Dr. Rubina Shaikh, Chairwoman of the World Sindhi Congress, and WSC Secretary-General Dr. Lakhu Luhana. Saghir Shaikh of the World Sindhi Congress moderated the panel.



Sindhi Meet-up in Birmingham on September 12, 2021



The World Sindhi Congress held a get-together in Birmingham to have an interactive discussion on 'The Current Situation of Sindh and Role of Overseas Sindhis'.

World Sindhi Congress Mourns Sardar Attaullah Mengal September 20, 2021

The Sindhi Baloch Forum hosted a memorial for their founder, legendary Baloch leader Sardar Attaullah Mengal on September 19, 2021. Footage from the Commemoration Reference was shared live on YouTube, with WSC Secretary-General Dr. Lakhu Luhana as speaker.



WSC Organizes Protest in Geneva on September 23, 2021



Protestors gathered in front of the Broken Chair in Geneva to speak out against state violence and the colonization of Sindh.

Rally to Stop Genocidal Activities in Balochistan and Sindh on September 26, 2021

The Sindhi Baloch Forum led this rally in London against genocidal activities in Balochistan and Sindh, as FM Qureshi met with the UK PM. The SBF and WSC members delivered a protest against UK taxpayer money to support states like Pakistan that use the aid to help terrorist groups.



WSC, VMPS, and others met with UN WGEID on September 26, 2021

World Sindhi Congress, with the Voice for Missing Persons of Sindh (VMPS) and families of missing persons, held a meeting with the Chairman and members of the UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID). Dr. Saghir Shaikh gave a presentation on the current status of enforced disappearances in Sindh, while Adi Sorath Lohar reported that enforced

disappearances persist in the region. Young people are abducted from their homes and produced by the state months later with false charges to keep them in prison. WSC also raised the case of Syed Zain Shah, against whom a terrorism case has been registered for democratic organizing against Bahria Town.



WSC honors Baseer Naveed on 26 September 2021

The Canadian Chapter of World Sindhi Congress (WSC) honored renowned Human Rights Champion Sain Baseer Naveed for his untiring dedication to the struggle for human rights in Peterborough, Canada.

WSC Chairperson Speaks at the 48th Session of the UNHRC

Dr. Rubina Shaikh spoke at the 48th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council about the impact of Pakistan's policies of religious extremism against Sindhi Hindus and other minority groups. She called upon the UNHRC to press Pakistan to end its persecution of minority groups.



WSC 2021 Sindhi Meetup in Sheffield on October 4, 2021



Sindhi families gathered in Sheffield, the UK, for a meet-up organized by the World Sindhi Congress. WSC Chairperson Dr. Rubina Shaikh spoke at the event about the worsening condition of the situation in Sindh.

WSC Condemned Abduction of the Family of Noor Chandio on October 22, 2021

In October, Pakistani agents took twelve members of a political worker, Faqeer Noor Chandio of Qambar, Sindh. World Sindhi Congress called for the immediate release of those taken, including Chandio's mother, father, wife, sister, and daughter.



WSC Condemned the Murder of Nazim Jokhio on November 3 2021

World Sindhi Congress condemns the brutal murder of Nazim Jokhio by PPP MP Jam Awais. Before his death, Jokhio filmed Arab hunters using swords for hunting houbara bustard in his village in the Malir District of Sindh. When his video went viral, Jokhio and his family began receiving threats from Awais, who had illegally invited the hunters to the area. On November 3, 2021, Jokhio was murdered outside of Jam Awais' farmhouse, showing signs of severe torture.



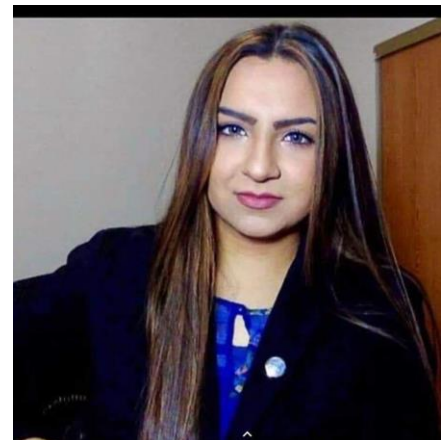
WSC Meet-up in London on November 6, 2021



World Sindhi Congress hosted a meet-up for UK Sindhis in London as part of the "Current Situation in Sindh and Role of Overseas Sindhis" themed series of events. WSC Chairperson Dr. Rubina Shaikh, WSC Secretary-General Dr. Lakhu Luhana, and Dr. Hidayat Bhutto attended.

World Sindhi Congress Representative attends 'Unrepresented Diplomats Training Project' on November 10, 2021

In November, Ms. Dua Kalhoro attended the 'Unrepresented Diplomats Training Project' event held by the Unrepresented Nations and People Organization (UNPO). The project aims to train young persons to effectively present the case of their unrepresented nations at the International Forums.



WSC Reflects on COP 26 and Glasgow from November 12, 2021

World Sindhi Congress shared reflections on the importance of environmental justice now, citing intense heat, pollution, and access to water as significant issues facing the entire global population. Immediate action against climate change for the sake of humanity must be prioritized over short-term economic interests.



UK Visa Application of Malik Riaz and Family Rejected on November 28, 2021



WSC member efforts against the readmittance of Malik Riaz and his son were successful, as a UK court rejected their visa applications because of their illegal seizure of lands through Bahria Town. Petitions and letters from advocates to the court helped determine the family posed a threat to "public good due to... conduct, character and associations."

Three Luminaries Honored for their Contributions to Sindhi Rights Movement, January 17, 2021

A Sindhi luminary Ms. Suraiya Makhdoom of Birmingham, UK, was conferred with the prestigious G. M. Syed Memorial Awards 2020 to recognize her grassroots work inside and outside Sindh. This year, the Committee recognized Mr. Aktar Kakepoto and Mr. Sarfraz Memon with the "G M Syed Commitment Award" for their instrumental activism to promote Sindhi Rights Movement. World Sindhi Congress is a co-sponsor of this award.



Launch of Inquiry Report by All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Pakistani Minorities on the Forced Conversions and Forced Marriages of Religious Minority Women Issue in Pakistan on November 25, 2021

APPG for Pakistani Minorities is a body of cross-party Members of UK Parliament on the issues of Pakistani minorities. WSC has put consistent efforts to regularly inform and remain in communication with the APPG about the systematic persecution of religious minorities, particularly of Sindhi Hindus. In addition to written communication, WSC had a meeting with the APPG together with the other human rights groups. WSC requested for a number of options to the APPG to consider for their action and support. One of the request for an inquiry report on the heart wrenching issue of forced conversions. We are pleased to inform that on 25th the APPG launched its report 'Inquiry in the Forced Conversions and Forced Marriages of Religious Minority Women issue, in Pakistan'. This coincided with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and the 40th anniversary of the Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. WSC contributed to this report by providing detailed report to the APPG on multiple aspects of forced conversions of Sindhi Hindus.

World Sindhi Congress Media Presence

WSCs connects Sindhis around the world with social media. WSC shares its events, news, and updates daily across eight platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. World Sindhi Congress expands its social media presence and strengthens the international Sindhi network.

The largest growth for this year has centered around Facebook, and strategies are being developed to grow similarly across Twitter and Instagram. This year, WSC has seen the following growth online:

Facebook	Twitter	Instagram
2021: 131,428	2021: 12,724	2021: 5,504
2020: 116,190	2020: 8,644	2020: 5,223
2019: 111,193	2019: 7,394	2019: 5,214