


# 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

**WORLD SINDHI CONGRESS**




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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 among the international community about Sindhis's disadvantaged status 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, 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's persecuted status in Pakistan and about Sindhi people'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



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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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 continue to 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 the majority of perpetrators seem to be state-sponsored security personnel, i.e. rangers, police, and intelligence agencies. 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. While the Criminal Laws Amendment Bill 2021 seeks to provide stricter laws and better avenues of justice to victims, the state is working to actively undermine these efforts.

**Massive, Unsustainable Infrastructure Projects without Consultation or Consideration**

The Pakistani state approved the construction of six new dams and canals along the River Indus; these projects violate the IRSA Act and have been approved without the consent of the Sindhi people. Construction along the river threatens the already endangered Indus and Indus River Delta. These waters are critical to sustain the lives of the people through delicate ecosystems via fishing and agriculture, and protect its iconic mangrove forests, Indus Dolphin, and many unique birds and fish. Poor water management by the state along the River has contributed to land erosion in the area, which has driven many from their traditional homes in Sindh.



# THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SINDH

**Forced Conversions and Kidnappings of Sindhi Hindus**

Sindhi Hindus face targeted discrimination and violence including. This pervasive violence has resulted in the exodus of the Hindu population out of Pakistan. Numerous cases have been 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**

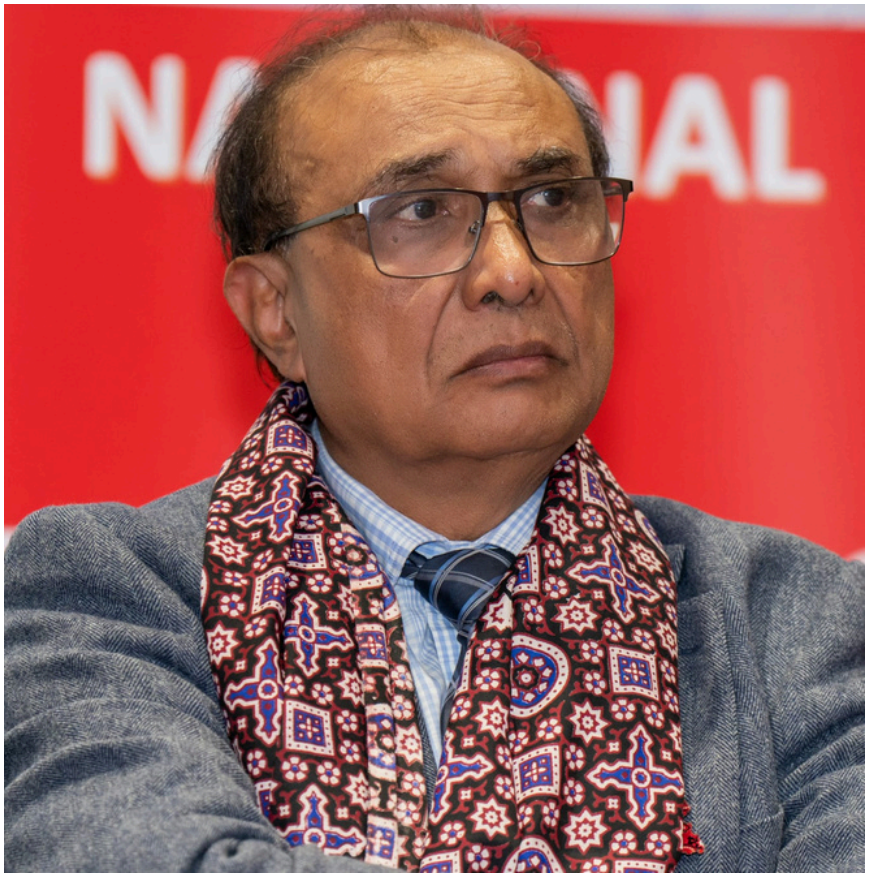
Islamic militarism across Pakistan is increasing, and Sindh continues to experience unprecedented violence against non-Muslim and non-Sunni sects of Muslims. Underage religious minority girls are the targets of kidnappings and forced conversions as textbooks and school curriculums teach intolerance and 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 largest oil and gas reserves in the world. These resources contribute to 69% of all 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. 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 but 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

**Statement from the Chair, Dr. Lakhu Luhana**



Dear Members and Supporters of the World Sindhi Congress,

I am deeply honored and humbled to have been entrusted once again with the responsibility of leading the World Sindhi Congress (WSC) as Chairperson. I am truly grateful for the continued confidence and trust you have placed in me to serve this distinguished organization of dedicated human rights advocates.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

WSC stands as the most prominent human rights advocacy group outside Sindh, committed to championing the Sindhi Nation's right to self-determination and addressing broader human rights violations across Pakistan.

The last two years have certainly brought their share of challenges, but thanks to your dedication, we have persevered. We have maintained strong activity by reaching out to key international forums, organizing conferences, events, and seminars, and publishing impactful reports to raise awareness. We have also strengthened our collaborations with fellow diaspora organizations, including the Sindhi Association of North America (SANA), the G.M. Syed Memorial Committee, and the International Sindhi Women Organization.

As we look to the future, I am confident that we will continue to elevate our work on global platforms, drawing vital international support for environmental justice in Sindh, human rights, and self-determination. This progress is only possible through the unity and unwavering support of our members, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you.

I also want to warmly congratulate the newly elected members of the WSC Executive Committee and our new office bearers. Bringing fresh energy and perspectives, this new leadership team ensures the continuity of our mission while embracing innovative approaches.

I look forward to working closely with all of you as we continue raising our collective voice for justice and freedom. I ask for your continued support and good wishes as we build on our legacy and strive toward even greater achievements together.

In solidarity,
Dr. Lakhu Luhana
Chairperson
World Sindhi Congress

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

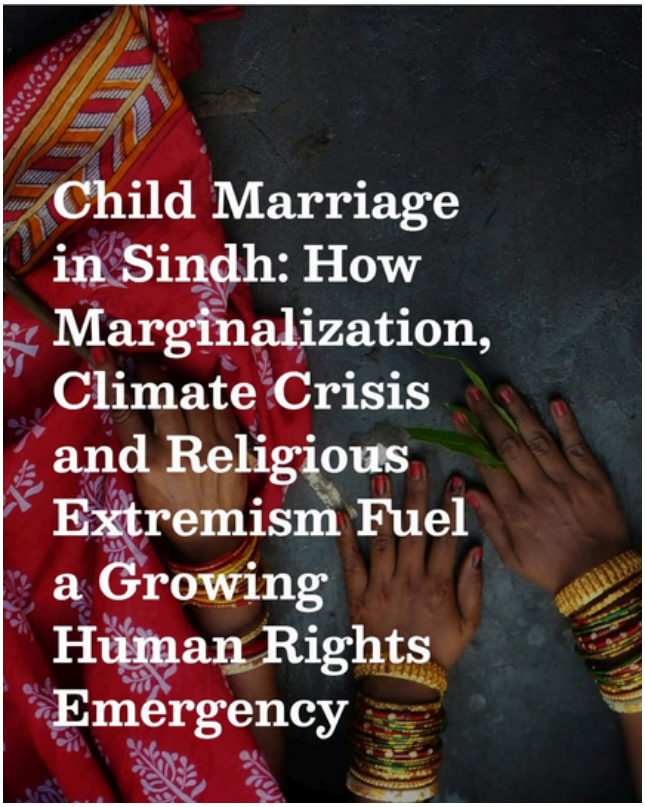



**WSC Hosts 37th International Conference on Sindh on 4 October, 2025**

The 37th annual World Sindhi Conference, “Save River Indus - Save Indus Valley Civilization”, was organized by the World Sindhi Congress in London, UK. Conference topics included human rights, environmental justice, national self-determination, and peace and security in South Asia. Attendees traveled from the the United States, Canada, Europe, India, Great Britain, and beyond to participate.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### WSC and UNPO Collaborate on Article “Child Marriage in Sindh” on 25 November, 2025




Written by Elena Artibani, World Sindhi Congress and the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, the article “ Child Marriage in Sindh: How Marginalization, Climate Crisis and Religious Extremism Fuel a Growing Human Rights Emergency” explores major human rights crises in Sindh. The article connects the crisis of child marriage to the political marginalization of Sindhi people. Ultimately, it asserts that growing religious extremism combined with the humanitarian disaster caused by climate change is undoing efforts to end child marriage and putting Sindh’s most vulnerable young people at higher rates of risk.

### United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues on Recognizes Forced Conversion Crisis on 22 April, 2026



The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues officially recognized the forced conversions of religious minorities in Sindh and across Pakistan as a major ongoing human rights crisis. WSC is incredibly grateful to its members and fellow activists who have worked for three decades on the international stage to raise the issue.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## WSC Meets with EU Officials on GSP+ Status for Pakistan

World Sindhi Congress produced comprehensive dossiers and briefs, which were sent to all EU committees, institutions and MEPs involved in policymaking on Pakistan's GSP+ status. These documents presented data, facts and evidence of human rights violations and Pakistan's failure to meet the fundamental requirement of effectively implementing the 27 international conventions covering human rights, labour rights, environmental protection and good governance.

A WSC delegation also met with officials from the European External Action Service (EEAS). We are encouraged that the issues and concerns raised in our submissions are reflected in recent EU reports. Our advocacy continues, and we are currently conducting a follow-up campaign



Dossier to the European Union: Review of Pakistan's GSP+ Status
Human Rights Violations of Sindhi People in Pakistan

Submitted by the World Sindhi Congress (WSC)




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# ACTIVITIES

### WSC Condemns Abduction of Ghani Aman Chandio on 28 October, 2025

World Sindhi Congress condemened the abduction of Sindhi political activist Ghani Aman Chandio. Chandio, a member of Sindhian National Congress, and his family were seeking medical care at a hospital when security forces abducted him. WSC called for his immediate release and an international investigation into his case.



### WSC Contends False Terrorism charges against Abducted Activists on 1 November, 2025

Two Sindhi student activists, Ghani Aman Chandio and Sarmad Mirani, were falsly accused of terrorism following their abductions by state security. WSC contested these allegations, and called for their immediate release.





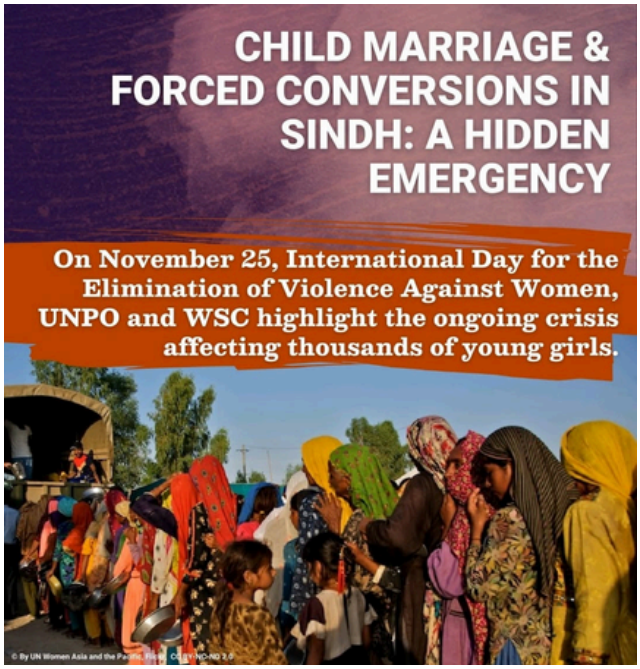
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### WSC Issues Statement of Proposed Constitutional Changes on 4 November, 2025

Wold Sindhi Congress released a statement expressing concerns over a proposal for a new 27th Amendment to the Pakistani Constitution. Experts believe that the proposed 27th Amendment will deepen the political marginalisation, economic dispossession, and cultural suppression of the non-Punjabi nations, already suffering from systematic land grabbing, resource plunder, and gross human rights violations, including enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. This amendment will destroy its already fragile federation and democracy by legalising domination by one province and its military elite. The people of Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reject this authoritarian project and will resist it through every democratic and peaceful means.

### WSC and UNPO Mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November, 2025

World Sindhi Congress and the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization took action against child marriage in Sindh in honor of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Young girls in Sindh, because of poverty, climate change, and religious extremism, are especially vulnerable to child marriage and domestic abuse. WSC and UNPO released an academic article on the systemic issue; they also called for increased international attention, social programs, and interventions from law enforcement to address the issue.



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## WSC Condemns State Violence on Sindhi Culture Day on 7 December, 2025

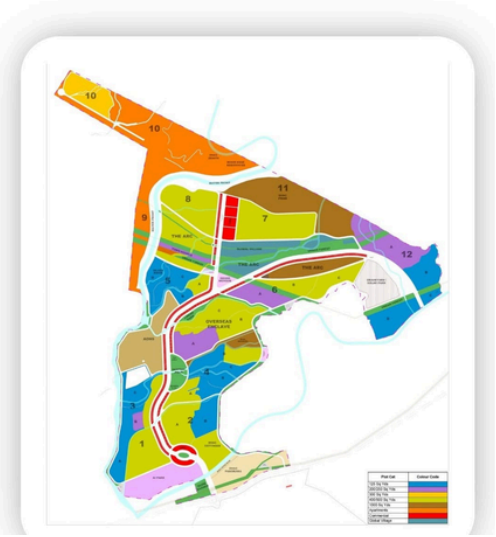
The World Sindhi Congress strongly condemns the police use of shelling, tear gas and violence on Culture Day, including stopping rallies on Shahra-e-Faisal, deploying tankers to block roads, and the injuries and arrests of many national activists and youth. The efforts to stop Sindhi Culture Day rallies are are a direct attack on freedom of expression and cultural freedom.



DHA INDUS HILLS KARACHI

## WSC Raises Concerns about DHA City Karachi Project, 31 December, 2025

WSC published concerns over the affects of a proposed development outside of Karachi, based on investigative reporting by DAWN. DHA City will have massive economic, cultural and geographical impacts on the local population, displacing local residents in historic Sindhi and Baloch villages and destroying their livelihoods.



## WSC Marks International Human Rights Day, 13 December, 2025

WSC commemorated International Human Rights Day a webinar themed on “The Human Rights Crisis in Sindh: Challenges and the Path Forward”. A panel of prominent human rights experts, Sindhi rights leaders, and dedicated activists spoke about a variety of issues including political and civil rights in Sindh, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings, the protection of Sindhi culture, and the role of international actors.

# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Canada Celebrates GM Syed and launches "Sun of Sindh" Book in Toronto on 17 January, 2026



WSC Canada hosted their annual celebration of GM Syed's birthday anniversary in Toronto. During the event, they launched the book, *The Sun of Sindh*, which shares reflections on GM Syed's life and writings.

## WSC UK Honors GM Syed in Sheffield on 17 Janurary, 2026



World Sindhi Congress hosted a celebration of GM Syed's 122nd Birthday Anniversary in Sheffield, UK. Sindhi, Baloch, and Pashtun community members from across the UK gathered to hear political, social and human rights speakers celebrate the legacy of GM Syed.

## WSC Celebrates 122nd Birthday Anniversary of GM Syed in Houston on 17 January, 2026

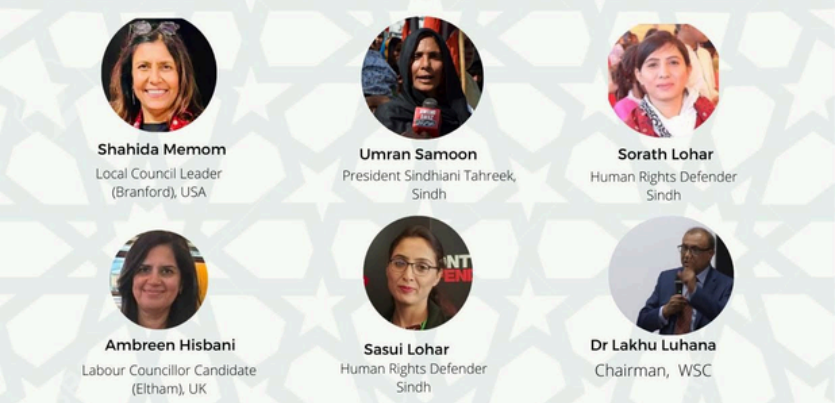


The GM Syed Memorial Committee and World Sindhi Congress hosted an event in Houston, USA to honor the legacy of Saeen GM Syed. Speakers highlighted GM Syed's philosophy of nonviolence and self-determination for Sindh. His impact on human rights advocacy on enforced disappearances and the fight against ongoing environmental degradation and climate change in Sindh were highlighted by a wide panel of expert speakers. The event also included celebrations of Sindhi music and culture.

# ACTIVITIES

## “Sindhi Women: Voices of Change” Webinar held on 8 March 2026

The International Sindhi Women’s Organization and World Sindhi Congress hosted a virtual event in honor of International Women’s Day. Sindhi women in Sindh, the US, and the UK gathered to speak about their important work confronting patriarchy, political marginalization, labor injustice, human rights violations, and demanding structural change.




## WSC: International Day of Action for Rivers on 17 March, 2026

The World Sindhi Congress hosted “Indus in Peril: Defending the Lifeline of Sindh.” Speakers highlighted the ecological and human rights need for river protection, examined the impact of water policies and large-scale infrastructure projects, and amplifyed the voices of affected communities



# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Demands Release of Protestors on 21 March, 2026

The World Sindhi Congress strongly condemns the state violence and arrests inflicted upon detained activists protesting enforced disappearances outside Karachi Press Club.

## Dr. Luhana Speaks at “Democracy in Trouble” on 23 March, 2026

World Sindhi Congress Chairperson Dr. Lakhu Luhana was invited to speak at a panel in Geneva, Switzerland during the 61st Session of the UNHRC. He spoke on undemocratic systems in Pakistan and the persecution of Sindhi and other oppressed nations.



## Peaceful Protest Organized by WSC on 25 March, 2026

World Sindhi Congress staged a powerful protest at the iconic Palace des Nations (Broken Chair) in Geneva, coinciding with the 61st Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. The demonstration brought urgent international attention to the worsening human rights situation in Sindh, Pakistan.



# ACTIVITIES

## Critical Dialogue on Rights of Minorities in Asia Held in Geneva on 25 March, 2026

World Sindhi Congress, United For Human Rights, and Global Human Rights Defence organized a dialogue in Geneva. Esteemed international experts, UN representatives, and grassroots leaders gathered to address the ongoing challenges and legal frameworks surrounding minority protections in Asia.



## WSC Delegates Speak during the 61st Session of the UNHRC, March 2026

WSC members presented multiple cases of human rights abuses to the general assembly in Geneva, Switzerland during the 61st Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. Abdul Rauf Leghari spoke on the suppression of Freedom of Expression and Assembly in Sindh, while Hafeezan Wadhio presented on the issue of land appropriation by the Pakistani army. They were joined by Dr. Hidayat Bhutto, who spoke on the misappropriation of justice and the denial of human rights violations in Sindh and across Pakistan.



# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Chairperson Speaks on Economic Crisis in Sindh on 26 March, 2026




Dr. Lakhu Luhana, Chairperson of WSC, spoke at the "Economic Growth vs Human Rights: Tough Questions Raised at UN Geneva" global forum. Dr. Luhana raised the issue of widespread and systemic poverty facing Sindhi families.

## Exhibition on Human Rights in Sindh held on 26 March, 2026



WSC members successfully organized the Sindh Human Rights outdoor exhibition during the 61st session of the UNHCR. Members curated a visual display sharing evidence of widespread human rights violations in order to amplify the voices of victims and affected communities, urging the international community to take meaningful and sustained action.




The display shared critical information about:

- Enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings
- Suppression of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly
- Collective punishment against dissenting voices
- Exploitation of the Indus River and environmental degradation of the Indus Delta
- Large-scale land grabbing across Sindh
- Systematic persecution of Sindhi Hindus, including forced conversions

# ACTIVITIES

### WSC Joins BNM 11th International Conference on 27 March, 2026



Dr Hidayat Bhutto delivered a speech on human rights at the Baloch National Movement event in Geneva, held alongside the 61st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

### WSC Condemns Abduction of the Chief Organizer of the Sindhi National Congress (Hyderabad District) on 5 April, 2026



Dr. Ali Muhammad Jogi was forcibly disappeared by plainclothes and uniformed security agents. WSC demanded his immediate release and has worked to attract international attention to his case.

### "The Silent Cry of Sindhi Women" Webinar held on 19 April, 2026

WSC, working with the Sindhi Women's Organization, organized an virtual event to discuss growing rates of violence and abuse facing Sindhi women. Advocates and political workers gathered to discuss critical ongoing issues, as well as reflect on what can be done to promote change.

### Dr. Munawar Halepota Honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award from SANA on 25 April, 2026



The Sindhi Association of North America (SANA) awarded Dr. Halepota with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his nearly four decades of steadfast commitment to the Sindhi cause. Dr. Halepota acted as a founding member and the first Secretary General of the World Sindhi Congress.

# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Celebrates World Press Day on 3 May, 2026

WSC marked the annual World Press Day by affirming that freedom of expression is a fundamental right and calls for the protection of journalists and support for independent media as a pillar of peace. WSC stands in solidarity with journalists.

## WSC UK Organizes Heroes of Sindh Event on 16 May, 2026

WSC UK hosted their annual event honouring Sindhi martyrs and heroes in Bradford, UK. The event brought together a large number of Sindhis from across the United Kingdom, including families, activists, intellectuals, women, and youth, in a strong display of unity, national consciousness, and commitment to the struggle for justice and freedom. The representatives and leaders of Baloch and Pashtoon nations also joined the event in a show of solidarity.








## UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) – 25th Session, New York (20 April–1 May 2026)

WSC Secretary-General Farhan Kaghzi addressed the 25th Session of the UNPFII at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, presenting Sindh's case under Article 3 of UNDRIP. The intervention highlighted systemic resource exploitation, environmental degradation, and land alienation, calling for international mechanisms to guarantee the self-determination and rights of the Sindhi people.

# ACTIVITIES

## Violence Against Women in Sindh: A National Crisis Requiring Urgent Action Webinar Hosted on 14 June, 2026

Organized by World Sindhi Congress and the International Sindhi Women's Organization, the event Violence Against Women in Sindh raised critical issue of gender based violence in Sindh. The increasing violence against women and girls in Sindh—including honour killings, domestic violence, child marriages, abductions, and systemic discrimination were hightled as human rights issues critical to the future of Sindh.




## WSC Demands Justice for Dr Mahrang Baloch on 22 June, 2026



Dr. Mahrang Baloch is the leader of the Baloch Yakjehti Committee, a leading voice against enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and systemic human rights abuses. Sentenced for life on false charges marks a severe escalation in the state's crackdown on peaceful dissent and human rights advocacy.

WSC demands her immediate release, an end to judicial harassment, and true accountability.

# ACTIVITIES

### Missing Children of Sindh event Held on 19 July, 2026

World Sindhi Congress and the International Sindhi Women's Organization joined to create a virtual event on enforced disappearances and violence against children in Sindh.




### WSC Condemns Violence Against Baberio Sit-In on 23 July, 2026

WSC strongly condemned the brutal crackdown on the peaceful Baberlo sit-in organised by the Priya Kumari Release Committee, who gathered with human rights advocates to demand the release of all abducted children. WSC demands the immediate and unconditional release of all those arrested, the safe recovery of Priya Kumari and every abducted child, and an independent investigation into these disappearances.



# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Protests in Manchester Against Child Abductions on 26 July, 2026

A peaceful protest was organized in Manchester, UK by WSC to demand the safe and quick release of Priya Kumari and other disappeared children in Sindh. Protestors shared the stories of kidnapped children as part of ongoing human rights attacks across Sindh, including the abductions and forced conversions of religious minority girls. The crowd gathered outside the General Consulate of Pakistan in Manchester. WSC celebrates the Sindhi, Pashtun, and other protestors who gathered in solidarity with Sindhi families.



## World Sindhi Congress Expresses Solidarity with the Sindh Student Action Committee on 29 July, 2026

WSC expressed solidarity with the Sindh Student Action Committee and the thousands of students and young graduates who have been engaged in a peaceful and determined campaign demanding transparency, meritocracy, and accountability in the recruitment processes of the Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC).
WSC calls for an independent and transparent inquiry into the allegations surrounding CCE 2024, an end to corruption, political interference, and nepotism in recruitment and the protection of the democratic rights of students to peaceful protest and freedom of expression. We affirm that these actions will help to restore public confidence in the SPSC through reforms that guarantee transparency, accountability, and merit in all future examinations and appointments.

# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Attends 2026 General Assemby of UNPO on 29 August, 2026

A delegation from World Sindhi Congress attended the 2026 General Assembly of the UNPO (Unrepresented Nation and Peoples Organization) held at The Hague. The UNPO is a global organisation of 45 nations from around the world seeking freedom and the right to self-determination, with some of its past members having successfully achieved their freedom.




## Dr. Rubina Shaikh Re-Elected as UNPO President on 30 August, 2026

Dr. Rubina Shaikh, who has previously served as the Chairperson of WSC, has been re-elected unanimously as the President of the UNPO for a second term.




## Voices for Truth, Justice & Accountability Webinar Held on 30 August, 2026

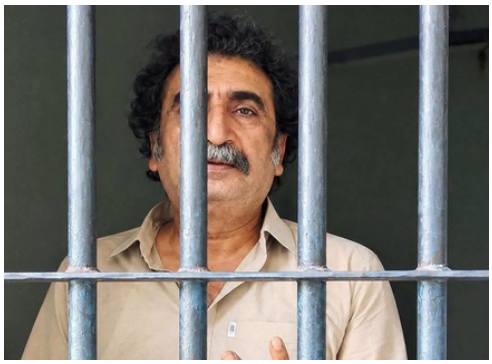
World Sindhi Congress held an international webinar to mark the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances. Human rights advocates and representatives of affected communities discussed enforced disappearances, their devastating impact on families, international legal obligations, and the urgent need for truth, justice and accountability, particularly in Sindh, Balochistan and Pakistan-administered Jammu and Kashmir.

# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Condemns Raid on Sarang Sindhi on 8 September, 2026

WSC condemned the armed raid on the family home of Sarang Sindhi, Coordinator of Voice for Missing Persons of Sindh (Europe). Security forces threatened his family in their Karachi residence and stole documents in an attempt to intimidate activists abroad.

## WSC Speaks Out Against the Arrest of Bakhshal Thalho on 13 September, 2026



The World Sindhi Congress strongly condemns the arrest of General Secretary of Awani Workers Party and activist Bakhshal Thalho, who was detained by state authorities while leading a peaceful demonstration in Larkano for the integrity and constitutional rights of Sindh.

## Delegation Attends  63rd session of the UNHRC on 22-25 tember, 2026



A WSC delegation, led by Dr. Lakhu Luhana, Chairperson of WSC, and including Dr. Hidayat Bhutto, Hafeezan Wadhio, Rauf Leghari, Shahzado Wadhio, and Dr. Shagufta Kandhro, is participating in the 63rd session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.

The delegation has planned a Sindh Exhibition, a conference and other events to highlight the plight of the Sindhi people and present the case for the right to self-determination of the people of Sindh.

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### Sindh at Crossroads Conference Held on 24 September, 2026

As part of World Sindhi Congress' activities at the United Nations Human Rights Council, WSC delegates hosted a conference on human rights, territorial integrity, environmental justice, water insecurity in the Indus Delta, and the right to self-determination. The event was attended by human rights advocates, researchers, and civil society leaders from around the world.



# ACTIVITIES

## WSC Documentary “Stolen Daughts of Sindh” Shown on 25 September, 2026




Speaking at the “Forced and Child Marriage as Gender Based Violence” event held congruently with the 63rd Session of the UNHRC, Shagufta Khandhro spoke about the intersection of gender based violence and violence against religious minorities in Sindh and showed the documentary “Stolen Daughters of Sindh” to highlight violence and discrimination against religious minority girls.

## WSC Delegates join PTM and BNM Protest in Geneva on 25 September, 2026

Members of the WSC executive committee joined with allies out the Broken Chair in Geneva Switzerland to address human rights crises across Pakistan. Kamran Jatoi addressed members of the Baloch National Movement, while Dr. Hidayat Bhutto gave a statement to members of the PTM.





# ACTIVITIES

## WSC UK Marks World Rivers Day with Let Indus River Flow Rallies on 27 September, 2026

WSC members organized a series of rallies across the United Kingdom to raise awareness for the plight of the Indus River in London, Bristol, Manchester, Sheffield, Bradford, and Birmingham. They protested alongside groups in Sindh calling for action on World Rivers Day. Sindhi community members, families, and allies gathered to raise awareness for structural and environmental issues that are affecting families who live along the Indus River and the Indus River Basin.



















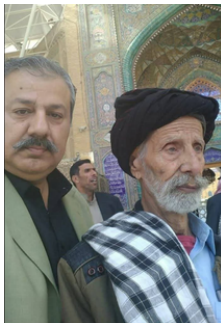
# IN MEMORIAM

## Mama Qadeer Baloch



WSC expresses its profound sorrow and grief over the passing of Mama Qadeer Baloch. A leading representative of Voice for Baloch Missing Persons, he was a prominent human rights defender and a inspirational leader in the peaceful struggle against enforced disappearances.

## Raees Rasool Bakhsh Khan Choliani



The World Sindhi Congress mourns the passing of Raees Rasool Bakhsh Khan Choliani, father of Sindh Mahaz's Chairman, Mr. Riaz Chandio

## Gul Hassan Kalmati



WSC mourns the passing of Saeen Gul Hassan Kalmati, leader of the Sindh Indigenous Alliance and prolific author. Mr. Kalmatti is fondly remembered for his work against Bahria Town and research on behalf of the Sindhi people.

## Hoor Palijo



The World Sindhi Congress offers sincere condolences on the passing of Hoor Palijo, who worked tirelessly on behalf of the SIndhi nation.

# IN MEMORIAM



### Dr. Inam Sial

WSC mourns the passing of Dr. Inam Sial. He is remembered as a brave and active soldier for Sindh's right to self-determination, and a loyal friend and colleague of the World Sindhi Congress



### Idris Rajput

The World Sindhi Congress mourned the passing of Saeen Idris Rajput. The Former Secretary of the Irrigation Department, he fought for Sindh at every forum. His academic, intellectual and literary work will always be a source of guidance for the people of Sindh.



### Raj Daswani

The World Sindhi Congress shared its profound grief over the passing of Saeen Raj Daswani on 12th April 2026. As a respected author and poet, he was dedicated to the protection and promotion of Sindhi language, culture, and the well-being of Sindhis in India. He stood firmly in support of the national struggle of the Sindhi people.



### Apa Maryam Majeedi

World Sindhi Congress grieves the passing of Apa Maryam Majeedi. She was an accomplished nationalist poet and educator who played a significant role in the intellectual and literary advancement of Sindhi society.

# IN MEMORIAM

## Dr. Kamar Afghan



WSC mourns the passing of Dr. Kamar Afghan. He was among the pioneering members of the Sindhi Doctors Association of the United Kingdom and remained a well-known, respected, and valued figure within the Sindhi diaspora. His contributions to both the medical profession and community life will be remembered with gratitude and admiration.

## Syed Maroof Ali Shah



WSC shared deep condolences to the family of Syed Maroof, the beloved son-in-law of Dr. Gul Munir Vistro, a respected friend and long-standing supporter of World Sindhi Congress.

## Obhayo Khan Khushk



WSC grieved the passing of Obhayo Khan Khushk. He was a respected engineer, author, agronomist, and water expert. WSC is grateful for his advocacy on the Indus River and the rights of Sindhi people, and for the opportunity to share his work through the 2026 webinar, “Indus in Peril: Defending the Lifeline of Sindh”.

## Ali Nawaz Bhutt



World Sindhi Congress is deeply saddened by the passing of Saeen Ali Nawaz Bhutt, leader of Jeay Sindh Mahaz and Sindhi Pohriat Sangat and a great Sindhi political activist for the emancipation of Sindh and the Sindhi people.

# IN MEMORIAM



### Ali Asghar Khusk

World Sindhi Congress is deeply saddened by the passing of Saeen ALi Asghar Khusk, a retired Steel Mills emplyee. Mr Khusk is father of WSC central leader Fahmida Khusk.

# UPCOMING EVENTS





# WSC MEDIA PRESENCE

WSCs connects Sindhis around the world with social media. WSC shares events, news, and updates daily across eight platforms, including Facebook, X (Formerly Twitter), YouTube, and LinkedIn. The group averages 1,494,715 views on Facebook, our highest performing platform. World Sindhi Congress continues to grow its social media presence and strengthen the international Sindhi network.

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| **Facebook** | **2026:** | **193,992** |
| **Instagram** | **2026:** | **5,420** |
| **X (Formerly Twitter)** | **2026:** | **16,153** |