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GENOCIDE OF HAZARA MINORITY AND ITS REPERCUSSION.

First of all, I would like to thank Ms. Rita Izsak, the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues for giving us the opportunity to put forward the issues affecting the Hazaras as a minority.

Although, today's provisional agenda was about the criminal justice system and how it has affected the minorities, please allow me to talk about our ongoing GENOCIDE in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Hazaras have been facing the brunt of religious hatred, bigotry and intolerance in Pakistan and Afghanistan which have led to our targeted-killings, mass executions and assassinations. Let's focus on Pakistani Hazaras first. So far, over 2,000 innocent Hazaras have been killed in Pakistan and over 4,800 people have become completely disabled due to these attacks. In the last 16 years, there have been over 250 terrorist attacks on Hazaras but no perpetrators have ever been apprehended nor have been brought to justice by Pakistani government. These ongoing killings have compelled them to sell out their properties on throw-away prices and leave the country with the hope of finding somewhere safer. The government has deprived them of their civil liberties while the terrorists are roaming around freely.

Unfortunately, our genocide does not stop there. In Afghanistan, for example, we are facing much worse situation. The Afghan Hazaras are taken off the passengers buses, identified and then abducted by terrorist groups for brutal decapitation. Only about a month ago, seven (7) innocent Hazaras were abducted in Zabul province which included a nine (9) year old children, three women and three men. They were brutally beheaded about two weeks ago.

On 21st of this month, another unfortunate incident of abduction took place near Kandahar which included 20 innocent Hazara labourers. Their safety and whereabouts are still unknown.

These relentless incidents have led Hazaras to flee for their lives and thousands of them are languishing in Turkey, Iran, Indonesia and Australian detention centres.

I would like to request the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues to exercise the mandate of the UN and get the following points approved.

(i) The UN must take stern notice of our ongoing killings in Pakistan and declare it officially as **GENOCIDE** because it fulfils the requirements of Article 2 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (CPPCG).

(ii) The UN must send Special Rapporteur for Extra Judicial Killings, Arbitrary Killings and Executions to Pakistan and Afghanistan to meet the Hazaras in person and take their grievances for end solution.

(iii) The UN must send Special Rapporteur for Minority Issues to Pakistan and Afghanistan to meet the Hazaras in person and take their grievances for end solution.

(iv) The UN must send Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants to Iran, Turkey, Indonesia and Australia to meet the Hazara asylum seekers in person and take notice of their genuine grievances.

(v) The international community and international donors must link their financial aid to Pakistan and Afghanistan with fool proof protection of minorities including Hazaras.

(vi) The international community and international donors must ask Iran and Indonesia to shun inhuman and degrading treatments to minorities including Hazaras and providing better facilities to the migrants and asylum seekers.

(vii) The UN agencies, international community and donor agencies must build vocational centres, educational establishments and health centres etc for Hazaras in Quetta, Pakistan and Hazara-inhabited areas in Afghanistan.

Thanks for listening to me patiently.