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# 8539 cases of violence against women in 2011

**ISLAMABAD**—Some 8539 women became victims of violence in 2011 and there was an overall 6.74 % increase in reported cases of violence against women in the country as compared to year 2010.

This was said in the annual report issued by an NGO Aurat Foundation as a part of its efforts to highlight the issue of violence against women.

The annual report shows that the figure was 8000 in 2010; in 2009, the incidents of violence against women 8548 and; in 2008, these incidents were 7571. This shows that by and large the

incidents of violence against women in the last four years were in the same range with slight increase and decrease.

In some forms of violence there has been notable increase, for instance, sexual assault increased by 48.65%, acid throwing increased by 37.5%, 'honour' killings by 26.57%, and domestic violence increased by 25.51%.

The report reveals that in large number of incidents, the FIRs were not lodged which reflects lack of confidence among citizens to approach police in case of such incidents. Among

the total 8539 incidents, FIR was registered in 6745 cases whereas FIR was registered in 911 cases and there was no information available in 883 cases.

The biggest number of un-registered cases was noted in Sindh province where FIRs were not registered in 605 cases and no information was available in 75 incidents among the total 1316 reported cases.

Out of total 8539 cases of violence, 6188 incidents were reported in Punjab, 1316 in Sindh, 694 in KPK, 198 in Balochistan, and 148 in Islamabad.—Online