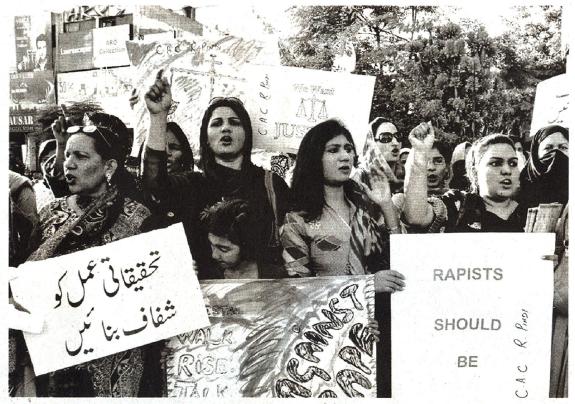
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ISLAMABAD: Activists of civil societies hold placards during demonstration against Sumbal's rape case, outside Super Market on Thursday.-Saff photo

Civil society vents rage over rapes



Demanding the government rapists to the various parts of the country.

from different parts of the country gath- ia. ered here to protest against the series of child rape cases. They were outraged ing banners and placards inscribed with hore and expressed their strongest con- well as against police, criminals and the demnation over the list of ugly tragedies government as well. The protestors chantof inhumanity during a protest staged here ed slogans against the inaction by the conat Jinnah Super Market.

number of paedophilia cases have surfaced ferent areas of the country. in various areas of the country including Pledging to continue series of demon-

wala, Kasur, Peshawar, Lahore, Shujaabad, sation of justice, the protesting demon- investigation and prosecution, culmi-Murree, Kasur. Civil Society activists and rights defenders including Mukhtaran to join in solidarity and raise their voices Mai, Anis Haroon, Uzma Noorani, Naeem against this inhumanity, as well as to cases that are reported and actually task and conduct investigation into such Mirza, Dr Tahira Aftab, Shagufta Alizai, cases, civil society activists on Thursday Tahira Abdullah, Naeem Mirza, Dr Farzana staged a protest demonstration against the Bari, Alia Mirza, Waseem Wagha, Nusarat recent series of rape incidents reported in Zehra, Rabia Haddi and dozens others resting the perpetrators, and of the hos-Members of the civil society hailing hands against the menace of paedophil-

A large number of activists were carrycerned quarters over the list of heinous During the last week, the shocking crimes that took place in recent past in dif-

Faisalabad, Dera Ismail Khan, Gujran- strations in coming days till the dispen- police forces that usually result in faulty dophilia/rape perpetrators.

strators have invited the common people protest the blatant corruption, callousness, indifference and utter failure of the law enforcing agencies in identifying and arwere also present on the occasion to join pital security team, medico-legal exam-vivor's clothes. iners, forensic/chemical examiners and other government agencies.

against the rape of a 5-year old girl in La-slogans against the delayed justice as rally started from Super Market and the vast majority of cases of rape and paeended in front of National Press Club, Is-dophilia. lamabad

sented a list of demands and also criti-

nating in a conviction rate of under 5 per cent of even the small fraction of the rape registered.

They also strongly condemned the wilful destruction of valuable forensic/chemical/DNA evidence, including the sur-

The demonstrators were of the view that the patriarchal attitudes, social stigma and Meanwhile, civil society activists and the remnants of the 1979 Hudood Ordirights defenders organised a rally. The nances have resulted in non-reporting of

Besides demanding transparency in re-During the protest demonstration the leasing the missing video clips of the seactivists and rights defenders have pre- curity cameras of Ganga Ram Hospital, the protest demonstrators have demanded cised the political and bureaucratic pres- immediate arrest, prosecution and consure on the highly corrupt and politicised viction of the Mughalpura and other pae-