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URGENT APPEAL

# **Gilgit-Baltistan/Pakistan:Torture of detained political activists in Gilgit jail**

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**Human Rights Commission of Pakistan requests your urgent intervention in the following situation:**

## **Description of the situation:**

Five political activists are being tortured in Gilgit jail, Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan. These political activists who were in jail for the last many months are facing very harsh treatment for protesting against the poor quality of food and delay in hearing of cases of prisoners at the jail. They have been incarcerated for protesting on behalf of the victims of forced displacement on account of the Attaabad landslide in January 2010.

On April 28, 2012 five political activists were visited by police and security agencies in jail and they were tortured on dubious charges of leading the protest in prison. One of the activists' Baba Jan suffered two broken fingers and injuries to his head and other parts of his body. Despite the orders of the court Baba Jan and other victims have not been examined by doctor and not been hospitalized in violation of court orders

## **Action requested**

Please write to the authorities in Pakistan urging them:

1. To immediately provide them first aid and shift them to hospital for proper medical treatment.
2. To order inquiry into this matter at appropriate level and those found guilty should be prosecuted
3. To allow the families of the detainees to meet them.
4. They should be provided lawyers access.
5. To protect them from torture and other ill-treatment while they are in detention.

## **Sample**

We express our concern on the torture of political activists in Gilgir prison

We demand that a judicial inquiry of this incident should be held

We demand that they must not be tortured.

We urge that they are dealt with according to law.

We urge that they should immediately be shifted to hospital and provided all kinds of medical facilities.

We demand that their families should be allowed to meet them

We demand that they should be allowed to meet lawyers of their choice

We demand that those responsible for torture must be prosecuted

It would be appreciated if you send a copy of your letter to HRCP/Urgent Appeal (Zaman Khan)

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