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Child trafficking network may indulge in transportation of Bajaur girls to Karachi: Zia Ahmed Awan

Not a single seminary or school should go unregistered in the country: founder of Madadgaar National Helpline

Karachi (Press Release): Founder of Madadgaar National Helpline Zia Ahmed Awan Advocate said that government machinery has failed in delivering education to the grass root level, that's why 33 minor girl students from Bajaur Agency had been shifted to the Karachi in unknown circumstances. Regretting at the education system in Pakistan he said that instead of having a uniform education system in the country, our children are studying in seminaries, Urdu medium schools, English medium schools or O/A Level schools. He said that this institutional divide is dividing the whole young generation into different mindsets. He urged that to avoid such an incident in future, government should register all the seminaries in the country and not a single seminary should be operational without registration.

He said that according to the media reports, these girls were shifted to the Karachi in mysterious condition. These girls may be victim of a child trafficking network. Trafficked children are not only used for begging or prostitution but they are also being used as reinforcement to the terrorists for generating young suicide bombers. Zia Awan said that the concerned authorities should take serious action against all the culprits who are directly or indirectly involved in shifting the girls to Karachi and then from seminary to the house at Liaquatabad area. He urged the authorities concerned to investigate the matter to find out how these girls were transported to Karachi from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He also urged governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sind to take serious action of the incident, investigate the matter and guarantee safe and early return of the girls. He said that there is no single efficient law in the country against human trafficking between the provinces. Our parliamentarians at federal and provincial level should make laws to bridge this gap. Parents who sell their children for vested interest should also be brought to justice under new laws. Our law enforcement agencies should also be equipped with all the skills and training to halt the child trafficking within the country.

Mr. Awan said that it is state's responsibility to provide education to every corner of the country at local level. If the state had fulfilled its responsibility, the girls would never have been shifted to the Karachi for getting admission in an unregistered seminary. He said that parents should also be sensitized to send their children only to registered schools or seminaries.

He said that children should not be taken as a weapon to recover a loan from anyone. This kind of act is a heinous crime against humanity and government should take stern action against all the perpetrators. **(Issued by: Madadgaar National Helpline)**

