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Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

08th December 2021

The Chairman
National Commission for Human Rights
Pakistan

Dear Chairman,

Lynching of Diyawadanage Don Nandasiri Priyantha Kumara

It has been brought to the notice of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka the horrific vigilante attack and the burning alive of Diyawadanage Don Nandasiri Priyantha Kumara, a Sri Lankan national who has been employed in Pakistan since 2010 and has been serving as a general manager at a garment factory in the district of Sialkot since 2012.


As per news reports it was revealed, on 03 December 2021 a mob of more than 800 men at the Sialkot Factory has brutally beaten Priyantha Kumara to death and burnt his dead body over allegations of blasphemy.

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka observes the aforementioned incident as an outright violation of the victims right to life and right to be free from torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as guaranteed by Articles 6 and 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Therefore, the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka requests the National Commission for Human Rights of Pakistan to promptly initiate an inquiry and institute legal proceedings to hold the perpetrators accountable for their actions and bring justice to Priyantha Kumara and his family.

In addition, the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka urges the National Commission for Human Rights of Pakistan to take necessary action to ensure the safety and protection of the human right of all Sri Lankan citizens residing in Pakistan.

Thank you


Commissioner for Investigations and Inquiries
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

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