



This week from  
**19th-23rd Sept 2022**

# Gender & Media Watch



## Editor's Foreword

This week's news is proof that hatred of women is endemic to the prevailing culture. The brutal murder of Sarah Inam by her husband is a horrifying example of this hatred. The hatred is also evident when women are refused CNIC cards because their male relatives are not present. It also rears its ugly head when women are harassed for having opposing views. It is a wonder how Pakistani women survive such vitriol and intense dislike every day.

This week The Transgender Persons Act also received bitter criticism from many. Urdu newspapers in particular aired harsh views about the passing of this bill. Ultimately it revealed a deeply embedded transphobia in the media.

Another week and another hostile narrative to suppress alternative voices.



# MAJOR STORIES

News articles published between 19th-23rd September 2022



## TRANS PEOPLE DECcry OBJECTIONS TO RIGHTS BILL

The transgender community says that false propaganda has been unleashed against the Transgender Protection Act, lamenting that labelling those fighting for equal rights for transgender people as homosexuals is tantamount to committing cruelty against them. Amid criticism of the law by some religious parties, which perceive it as an attempt to give legal protection to homosexuality, transgender people say that the 2018 Act neither mentions any kind of sex change nor does it allow 'unnatural' sex. Instead it allows them their basic rights to education, health, & legal identification.

**Source:** Express Tribune  
**Date:** 20th Sept 2022

## ISLAMABAD POLICE TAKE MAN INTO CUSTODY FOR KILLING HIS WIFE

Police are investigating the murder of a woman named Sarah Inam in Islamabad's Chak Shehzad area, by her husband, who is the son of senior journalist Ayaz Amir. Chak Shahzad is a suburb of Islamabad and falls under the jurisdiction of Shehzad Town police station. A police source, on condition of anonymity, told Dawn.com that preliminary investigations suggested the victim was bludgeoned to death. Another official shared that the suspect was currently in custody.

**Source:** Dawn  
**Date:** 23rd Sept 2022



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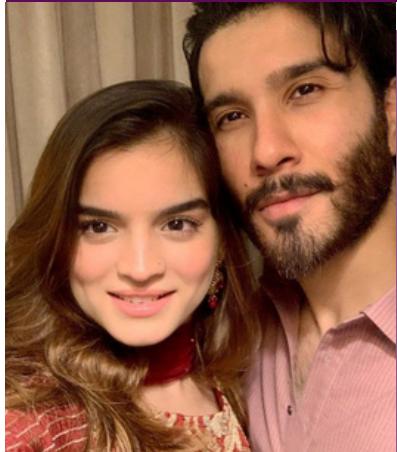
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## FOSTER DAUGHTER OF 'MISSING' MAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

A young woman, whose foster father had been missing for the past many years, committed suicide in Korangi. The SHO said that the victim was not allowed to get a CNIC card because she did not have her foster father's documents required before mentioning him as the father/ guardian. This caused her major anguish.

**Source:** Dawn

**Date:** 19th Sept 2022



## FEROZE KHAN'S WIFE ACCUSES HIM OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

Feroze Khan's wife Alizey Sultan confirmed her separation from the actor, accusing him of physical violence. On her Instagram account she described her marriage with him as "utter chaos." And had to endure both physical and mental abuse from him. She did not want her children to grow up in such an environment hence she had decided to leave him.

**Source:** Daily Times

**Date:** 22nd Sept 2022

## ROBBERS MANHANDLE SENIOR JOURNALIST

Five armed men raided the house of senior journalist Fouzia Shahid in Media Town at about 3am on Tuesday. They reached the bedroom and held the journalist and her husband at gunpoint. When Ms Shahid shouted, the robbers punched, slapped and kicked her. The robbery in the senior journalist's house has exposed the police performance as the residents of the twin cities had been left at the mercy of criminals

**Source:** Dawn

**Date:** 21st Sept 2022



## GIRL FOUND HANGING WAS RAPED, KILLED IN KARACHI

Zaman Town Police have registered a case of murder of a 12-year-old girl in Korangi after the victim's father, Abu Tahir Jamalud Din complained. The girl was found hanging in a room in her house in Karachi's Korangi. She had not committed suicide, rather she was murdered and then hanged, revealed the medico legal officer after the autopsy.

**Source:** Express Tribune

**Date:** 23rd Sept 2022



# Stories In The Digital Sphere

A ROUNDUP OF THE WEEK'S TRENDS AND VIRAL STORIES ON GENDER-RELATED ISSUE ON PAKISTAN'S INTERNET

## #ProtectTrans-genderAct2018

Members of the transgender community and activists began trending this hashtag to protest against those who raised objections towards the Transgender Persons Act 2018 that is being considered for implementation



## #JusticeForSarah

The son of journalist Ayaz Amir murdered his wife Sarah on Saturday (23 September 2022). Pakistani netizens have been trending this hashtag to rally the nation to take action against the perpetrator



# Media Statistics

Data derived is from media-monitoring from 19th to 23rd Sept 2022



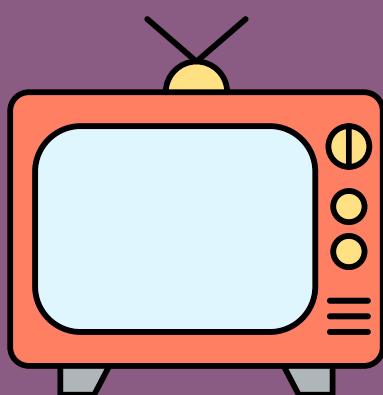
## Print Media



No. of Women Specific Stories	<b>144</b>	English & Urdu
No. of Women Reporters	<b>1</b>	English only
No. of Women Columnists	<b>4</b>	English only

## Primetime Shows

No. of Women-Specific Stories	<b>6</b>
No. of WSS covered by female journalists	<b>0</b>
No. of female guests/panelists interviewed	<b>5</b>



## News Bulletin

Total Number of Stories	<b>124</b>
No. of Women-Specific Stories	<b>9</b>
No. of Stories Read by Female Anchors	<b>2</b>

## Data for print media

10 newspapers (English and Urdu)

### English Papers

Daily Dawn, The News, Daily Times, The Express Tribune, The Nation

### Urdu Papers

Daily Khabrain, Daily Ausaf, Daily Jinnah, Daily Pakistan

## Data for electronic media

### Prime time

Samaa News. Dunya News, Dawn News, Aaj News, Hum News

### News Bulletins

The news bulletins' slot was 09:00 PM.



# Critical Eye

## Topic: Transgender Persons Act 2018

This section gathers data to analyze how media covers topics considered taboo in Pakistani society. From 21st to 23rd September, the Act was discussed extensively (both positively and negatively).



Caption: A cartoon depicting how people will "misuse" the Transgender Act by Daily Mashriq

### PRINT COVERAGE

**6 articles in English papers (total)**

2 articles in favour of the Act & 4 neutral articles

**25 articles in Urdu papers (total)**

2 article in favour of the Act; 8 neutral articles & 17 articles against the Act



# Picture of The Week



Flood affectees from Jamshoro gathering as much clean drinking water as their bottles will allow

Courtesy: *Daily Jinnah*

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