

The Campaign for People's Dignity and Security in Pakistan (CPDSP) condemn the recent assassination threats against Ms. Asma Jahangir and demand that Pakistani authorities take the necessary steps to ensure her safety.

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At a meeting held on Wednesday 6 June at SOAS, University of London, members of CPDSP expressed their concern that Ms. Asma Jahangir a lawyer and human rights defender, who has worked tirelessly and campaigned globally, for the most vulnerable citizens of Pakistan, is now threatened with violence by state agents. They demand that the role of intelligence agencies in public life be curtailed and the supremacy of Parliament be maintained.

In this regard, CPDSP agreed to take the following steps:

1. To petition the Pakistani Parliamentary Committee of Defence & National Security to conduct a full and independent inquiry into threats against Ms. Jahangir and make their conclusions public.
2. To appeal to the leadership of key political parties in Pakistan to take a united public stand for the protection of all human rights activists.
3. To start a signature campaign for the protection of Ms. Asma Jahangir's life and address it to the Government of Pakistan, British Parliamentarians, the United Nations Human Rights Council and all major international human rights organisations.
4. To mobilise the Law Society of England & Wales, the United Kingdom Bar Council and academics based in the United Kingdom.

CPDSP was founded by a group of academics, journalists, lawyers and students to support human dignity and security in Pakistan. The same group played a significant role in the restoration of democracy and rule of law in Pakistan during the dictatorship of Gen. Musharaf and was a prominent platform for Pakistanis in Britain to protest against the Musharaf regime.