

KILLING OF JOURNALIST AZIZ MEMON

<http://www.freedomtalk.net/> is demanding the Federal Government of Pakistan for a fair and non-political investigation into the murder of the journalist, Azizi Memon.

February 16, 2020, unidentified killers murdered a journalist, Aziz Memon, who was working with Sindhi TV channel KTN News and Sindhi-language daily Kawish and disposed of the body in a canal in Naushahro Feroze, rural part of the Sindh province. The family of the journalist informed media that the journalist was working on a story.

Last year, Mr. Memon traveled to the capital Islamabad for his safety and revealed in a video message that the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Naushahro Feroze and party activists intimidating him over his news report claiming PPP paid money to hundreds of the poor people to greet chairman of the part and member of the National Assembly (NA), Bilawal Bhutto, in a march from Karachi to Larkana. According to Mr. Memon, PPP had promised to pay RS. 2,000 to attend the march, whereas the party paid only Rs. 200, after the march was over. In his video message, Mr. Memon had maintained his non-partisanship and repeatedly begged for safety from the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) affiliates and activists. Video link <https://twitter.com/siasatpk/status/1229113448543531010>

In November 2019, a journalist (the name is being withheld for his safety concerns) also associated with KTN News requested <http://www.freedomtalk.net/> to intervene after he received death threats and falsely framed in multiple cases for his reporting on a minor's sexual abuse in Dadu, a remote part of province Sindh.

On March 6, Pakistan formed Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to find the killers and motives into the murder of Aziz Memon within 15 days.

Within 24 hours, on March 7, 2020, the provincial Sindh government appointed Additional Inspector General Karachi Ghulam Nabi Memon, as the new head of the Joint Investigation Team (JIT), replacing the Additional Inspector General Hyderabad, Dr. Waliullah. The provincial Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah insisted that the members of the investigation team have been recommended by the slain journalist's family.

On March 15, the body of the slain journalist was exhumed in the presence of a session court judge and the joint investigation team (JIT). During the second postmortem, the JIT reportedly found new forensic evidence of murder.

On May 22, the provincial Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, informed the media about development in Mr. Memon's case after the joint investigation team's (JIT) announcement of arresting two suspects. The police withheld the names of the suspects until the DNA confirmation.

May 29, 2020, prime suspect Nazir Sahto gave a confessed the murder as "personal enmity," in a local court in Naushahro Feroz, Sindh. The Karachi Police chief Ghulam Nabi Memon informed the media about confession and the names of the accomplices of the main suspect. He confirmed that three suspects are in custody, but five are still at large, including the mastermind, Mushtaq Sahto.

May 5, 2020, police claim arresting the sixth suspect.

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Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), ruling province of Sindh for over two decades, wants unchallenged powers to interfere in Police and a yes-man police chief. The Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, did everything to remove former Inspector General of Police (IGP) Allah Dino (AD) Khawaja and now Dr. Syed Kaleem Imam, the present IGP. Both the officers are known for their honesty, professionalism, and defying political interference in arresting the criminals, hiding in the parliament. Ironically, the PPP passed a resolution against police chief AD Khawaja and defied the court orders to remove the officer. PPP strongly condemned the murder of Mr. Memon and advised the journalists to "work with your allies."