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PRESS RELEASE

The Hon'ble Chief Justice directed that the Ministry of Human Rights to establish a Child Protection Center specialized for transgender children and constitute a monitoring committee.

Full bench of the Federal Shariat Court comprising Honourable Chief Justice Dr Syed Muhammad Anwer and Justice Khadim Hussain Shaikh heard the petition regarding Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018. Representatives from transgender community also attended the hearing. During the course of hearing a person from khwaja sira community showed concerns over worse situation of the community. The Honourable Chief Justice inquired regarding the same from the representatives of Ministry of Human Rights, however, they could not provide a plusable explanation. The Honourable Chief Justice expressed his concern over the matter and was dissatisfied with their explanation. The Ministry of Human Rights is directed to establish a Child Protection Center specialized for transgender children and constitute a monitoring committee of experts, including the Chairperson of the National Commission for Human Rights as its Ex-Officio Member, Zamurrad Khan, CEO of the Pakistan Sweet Home, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Chairman of Akhuwat Foundation, who is also the Chairman of Fountain House as well as Nadeem-uz-Zafar Khan alias Kashish, who being an intersex and an activist for transgender persons' rights has highlighted this ordeal through which she has passed in her childhood being an intersex transgender person. Furthermore, the Secretary, Ministry of Human Rights is also directed to submit a complete report with SOPs regarding establishment and initiation of Child Protection Center within 20 days, which will provide all kinds of proper support to the special children. He is also directed to appear in-person before this Court on the next date of hearing.

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