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Federal Shariat Court's Suo Moto Notice Leads to Draft Law to Prevent Child Marriage in Balochistan

Islamabad, Pakistan - The Suo Moto notice taken by the Hon'ble Federal Shariat Court of Pakistan regarding forced marriage of a 5 years old girl in Baluchistan, District Khuzdar was fixed for hearing today.

A Bench of the Federal Shariat Court comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dr. Syed Muhammad Anwer, Chief Justice and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Khadim Hussain M. Shaikh, Judge, heard the matter. During the course of hearing, all federating units were represented by their respective Law officers. The learned law officer representing the Province of Balochistan submitted a report that they have drafted a bill titled, "The Balochistan Child Marriages Prohibition Act, 2021". The Government of Balochistan has prepared a draft law to prevent child marriage in the Province, following a Suo Moto notice taken by the Federal Shariat Court in a matter where a five -year-old girl was forcefully married.

The proposed law aims to prevent the practice of child marriage and protect the rights of children in the province. It has been drafted in response to Suo Moto Notice taken by the Federal Shariat Court.

The draft law is prepared by the Provincial Government after consultation with the Provincial Commission on Status of Women and Provincial Social Welfare Department of Balochistan. Now, it will be submitted to the Provincial Assembly for its approval.


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