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SOGP Condemns the Killing of Dr. Mehwish at District Hospital Kohat and Demands Immediate Action

Karachi, Pakistan — SOGP expresses its profound grief and strongest condemnation over the confirmed killing of Dr. Mehwish, who lost her life while performing her professional duties at District Hospital Kohat.

The incident occurred following a professionally appropriate request made by the doctor in accordance with standard patient examination protocols. This act of violence represents a grave failure to ensure the safety and dignity of women healthcare professionals within public-sector institutions.

SOGP notes with deep concern that this is not an isolated occurrence. Repeated incidents of violence against female doctors in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa point to systemic gaps in workplace safety, security enforcement, and institutional accountability. Such acts endanger healthcare workers and undermine public confidence in essential medical services.

SOGP urgently calls upon the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to ensure a transparent and time-bound investigation; secure the immediate arrest and prosecution of those responsible with punishment in accordance with the law; implement enforceable security measures at District Hospital Kohat and all public healthcare facilities; and notify a provincial policy on prevention of workplace violence in healthcare settings, with special safeguards for women health professionals.

The killing of a doctor on duty is not merely a criminal act against an individual—it is an assault on professional ethics, healthcare delivery, and the constitutional right to safety and dignity at the workplace. Violence justified under the guise of ego or so-called honor has no place in a lawful society.

SOGP stands in complete solidarity with the family of Dr. Mehwish and the medical community across the country. We reaffirm our commitment to lawful advocacy and institutional engagement until justice is delivered and meaningful protections are assured.

Silence is not an option. Accountability is imperative. Protecting healthcare professionals is a state responsibility.

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