

## **Report of Meeting with Council of Islamic Ideology Pakistan Regarding Legislation of Force Conversion & Implementation of Underage Marriage Act.**

**Dated: 12th August 2021**



Meeting was held in Head Office, Council of Islamic Ideology on 12th August 2021 at Islamabad Pakistan. Agenda of meeting was Legislation of Force Conversion & Implementation of Underage Marriage Act. Meeting was chair by the Council of Islamic Ideology and Mr. Samuel Payra Chairman IMRF.

Pakistan's current law sets the legal marriage age in Sindh 18 years for girls and in other Provinces 16 years, for, setting different and thereby discriminatory, marriage ages for girls.

According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2012-13, Pakistan is the sixth populous country in the world having an estimated 184.35 million people with 2 percent growth rate. By 2050 Pakistan will become the fifth populated country if it continued with the same pace of growth rate. Of this about 48 percent are estimated to children. A big number of these children mainly girls are married in their innocent age even 7 years old. In 2001, estimated 37 percent women

were reported to married below 18 years of age, the percentage is still feared to be the same after 12 years of the lapse.

In Pakistan, there are various causes of early or child marriages. The most amongst those causes are: extremely weak legislation; lack of implementation of the existing laws; another important cause of the child marriage is ineffective and non-responsive birth registration system. The birth registration for children, especially girls is never prioritized, which gives room for manipulation of the age of the child/girls at the time of marriage. In addition, there are no central, independent and strong child rights bodies that could monitor child rights violations including the issue of child marriages.

In the meeting it was discussed that how it possible to assure the implementation of Child Marriage Acts and how can stop the underage marriages and force conversion in Pakistan











**Chairman Council of Islamic Ideology Pakistan,  
Presented a Shield to Mr. Samuel Payra Chairman IMRF**



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