

باقاعدہ تصدیق شدہ اشاعت۔ لاہور، اسلام آباد، مظفر آباد (آزاد کشمیر) اور شکوہ پورہ سے شائع ہونے والا قوی اخبار

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1996. 1993ء



روزنامہ خبریں (2) 19 دسمبر 1996ء

## طبی امداد سے پہلے پیس رپورٹ کیوں؟ عدالت کے وضاحت مانگ لی

پیس کی کارروائی پورا کرتے کرتے مریض کی زندگی نظرے میں پڑ جاتی ہے، درخواست میں مسائل کی استدعا

لاہور (جنپل رپورٹ) لاہور ہائی کورٹ نے رخبوں کی رائجہت نے پر احکامات جاری کئے ہیں، درخواست میں استدعا گئی تھی کہ سرکاری اور رائجہت ہیئت رخبوں کو پیس کی پیشگی اطلاع کے بغیر طبی امداد میں دستیجے جس سے رخی کی زندگی کو خدوہ ہوتا ہے۔ فضل احمد فیضر تھرست کی طرف سے ہمدردہ درخواست پر عدالت

بائیکرٹ کا گاڑیوں کی رجسٹریشن کا نظام  
درست کر مکمل بدایت، سیکریٹری ایکسائز کی طلبی

لاہور (جنپل رپورٹ) عدالت عالیہ لاہور نے گاڑیوں کی رجسٹریشن کا نظام درست کرنے کی بدایت کرتے ہوئے سیکریٹری ایکسائز کو عدالت میں پیش ہونے کا حکم دیا ہے جو فیاض منصور ایڈوکیٹ کی موجہ رجسٹریشن نظام کے بارے میں ایک درخواست پر جاری کیا گی۔ درخواست میں استدعا گئی ہے کہ سیکریٹری ایکسائز کے میں شدہ نظام کی وجہ سے چوری کی گاڑیوں کی بھی ایک بھنس سے دوسرے بھنس کو منتقل ہو جاتی ہیں اور شرپوں کو حفاظاً حاصل نہیں۔



## مسلسل اشاعت کے 56 سال

**DAILY  
NAWA-I-WAQT  
LAHORE**

لابنور کرایی، راوی پینڈی / اسلام آباد اور ملتان سے یک قیمتی شائع ہوتا ہے

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طبی امداد سے قبل مدد کو یہاں سر شیفکٹ بتوانے کے قانون کو چیخنے کر دیا گیا

زخمی ہپتال بیٹھتے ہیں تو سر شیقیکٹ بنانے کی مدد ایسٹ کی جاتی ہے : بعض مر جاتے ہیں ۔

لاهور (نامہ نگار) لائی جگہ یا تندور کے واقعات میں ہی امداد دینے سے غلی نہیں کوئی لیکن سریکیت بنانے کے لازمی حکم کے قانونی اور آئینی حجہ کو لاہور ہائیکورٹ میں پیچھے کر دیا گیا ہے، اس سلسلہ میں کلیم قصل احمد و نیشنیز ہسٹ کے صدر پیاس صورتے میں اپنی کاریگری کے تحت رت در خواست و ائمی جس پر ایک ایسی کاریگری کے تحت رت در خواست اور سکریٹری تائون فاقض عدالت نے سکریٹری حصت بخوب اور سکریٹری تائون فاقض بخوب سے ایک ماہ کے اندر رور یوٹ ٹلب کری ہے در خواست



**Saturday**

February 1, 1997

## Writ against first aid delay

From Fauzia Rashid



I read the news that Hakim Fazal Ahmad Welfare Trust has filed a writ for changing the law and practice of providing police report (FIR) prior to the provision of first aid and treatment to the injured in accidents. This has been essential for a long time as many people have either died or lost parts of their bodies due to the ensuing delay.

Last year I saw one such accident

on Zahoor Elahi Road and no one was ready to take the bleeding person to hospital for fear of being unnecessarily bothered by police. The poor injured remained at the site of the accident till the police came, which took a long time.

It is also surprising that the injured cannot be given first aid and treatment at private hospitals and have to go to a government hospital even if the site of the accident is miles from one.

The other writ regarding the amendment and reforms in Motor Registration Act is also interesting. How the defective system is in force and nobody has bothered to do something about it is surprising. Many people have lost their money by buying stolen cars which are transferred by the Excise Department fraudulently. It will also provide security to many innocent citizens.

**Lahore**





لبری پیپر لیمیٹڈ  
کے دو اخبار

صحیح 5 بجے

روزنامہ لاہور  
خبریں

دو پہر ایک بجے

روزنامہ لاہور  
صحافیت

# DAILY KHABRAIN



روزنامہ

چیف ایڈیٹر  
ضیا شاہد

بدھ 7 ربیع الحرام 1419ھ 28 اکتوبر 1998ء 13 اگست 2055ء ب

باقی صفحہ 11 تا 12

باقی صفحہ 11 تا 12

## شک کی بنا پر شریوں کی گرفتاری، پولیس کا اختیار ہائیکورٹ میں چیخنے

اسی شہری کو بغیر جرم کے جیل بھیجنے اخْری آزادی کی خلاف ہے: درخواست گزار، حکومت سے جواب طلب



لاہور (نہر نگار) لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے پولیس کی طرف سے آزاد گردی کے اڑا میں شک کی بنا پر شریوں کو بھی کر جیل بھیج دینے کے خلاف وائز درخواست پر وفاق حکومت سے جواب طلب کر لیا ہے۔ درخواست گزار انسان سماں کے مدد و نیاش مورثے قادر، احمد نیما یو دیکٹ کی دھمکت سے گزار درخواست میں

باقی صفحہ 11 تا 12 نمبر 5

شہری انتہا حکومت سے جواب طلب

لپیٹ نمبر 5

موقف اختیار کیا کہ پولیس شہری کے تحت شریوں کو حاصل فی آزادی کی خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے ضابط فوجداری کی نمبر 55 کے تحت کسی بھی غرض پر پیدا کر تباہی کر سکتی ہے۔ اگر وہ غرض تسلی یعنی جواب دریے سے کے تو اسے غیر معین مدت کے لیے جیل بھجوادیا جاتا ہے۔ درخواست گزار نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ کسی شہری کو بغیر کسی جرم پیش بھیجنے اخْری آزادی کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ یہ اگر یونیک زندگی کا قانون ہے جو انگریزوں نے اپنی کالونیوں میں رائج کیا تھا۔ یہ قانون اسلامی اصولوں کے بھی عارف ہے اس لئے اس کو ختم کیا جائے۔

بے والدے دوہرے سے مقدمہ کا پہلہ نتائج ہوئے اوری ہے

زخمیوں کو مقدمہ کے اندر راج تک طبی امداد  
و دیسے کا قانون ختم کرنے کی استدعا  
حکومت سے جواب طلب

لاہور (نہر نگار) لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے زخمی شریوں کو ایف آئی اے کے اور درجن کیے جانے تک طبی امداد سے محروم رکھنے کے بارے میں

باقی صفحہ 11 تا 12 نمبر 13

امداد

لپیٹ نمبر 13

گزار درخواست پر حکومت سے جواب طلب کر لیا ہے۔ درخواست قوانین کے تحت کسی حادثے میں زخمی شریوں کو بھیجا لوں میں اس وقت تک طبی امداد فراہم نہیں کی جاتی جب تک کہ اس کے بارے میں تقدمہ درج نہ کر لیا جائے۔ اس طرح طبی امداد میں ہوئے والی تجربے نے ثار انقلی جائیں غایع ہو جاتی ہیں۔ درخواست گزار نے اسٹر عالی سے کہ اس قانون کو ختم کیا جائے۔

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE.

21305  
W.P.No. 21882/98.

Insaf Society (Registered) through Mr.Fayyaz Mansoor its President Fatima House Basement,<sup>13</sup> Fane Road, Lahore.

... Petitioner.

Versus.

1. The Government of Punjab through Secretary Health Civil Secretariat, Lahore.
2. Secretary to the Govt. of the Punjab, Health Department, Lahore.
3. Inspector General of Police, Punjab, Lahore.
4. Pakistan Medical and Dental Council through its Secretary Islamabad.
5. Punjab Medical Association Lahore through its President Lahore.

.. Respondents.

PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 199 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN.

Respectfully sheweth:

1. That the petitioner is a Charitable Society created for the purposes of providing services to the down trodden people of Pakistan and is registered with the Govt. of Punjab. Copy of Registration is annexed as Annexure-A.
2. That the petitioner wants to raise a very sensitive legal question which effects the public at large. Articles 9 and 14 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan provide that no person shall be deprived of life or liberty save

It is therefore, respectfully prayed that an order may kindly be made directing the respondents to issue directions to all hospitals in Punjab whether private or Govt. run to provide medical/first aid and treatment to the victims of a crime or a road accident even prior to permission from any Police officer who may proceed with the matter after the steps for saving/lives of human beings have been taken by the doctors.

It is further prayed that a direction be issued to respondent No.3 to direct his subordinate police officers not to insist that doctors should wait for them before providing any medical aid to the needy ones. Any provisions of law or rules or any notification which require that no medical aid should be provided to the victim of an offence till the matter is reported that no medical aid should be provided to the victim of an offence till the matter is reported to the Police may kindly be declared to be illegal, unconstitutional, without lawful authority and of no legal effect.

It is further prayed that any police officer or doctor found to refuse and/or hinder medical aid to a victim of a crime or a road accident may kindly be directed to be proceeded against under the provisions of Pakistan Penal Code.

Any other relief to which the petitioner is found entitled may also be granted.

  
Petitioner.

Through:

  
(Farooq Amjad Meer)  
Advocate,  
1-Farid Kot Road, Lahore.  
e-446.

Dated: 21.10.98

CERTIFICATE, AS per instructions this is first  
petition on the subject matter.



## ORDER SHEET

LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE

APPEAL/REVISION No. 2188-1988 21905 1988In re versus Society  
Govt. of

APPELLANT

PETITIONER

RESPONDENT

Appeal/Revision against the decree or order (as the case may be) of \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. of order of proceeding	Date of order of proceeding	Order with signature of Judge, and that of parties or counsel, where necessary
1	2	3
1.	22.10.1998	<p>Mr. Farooq Amjad Mir Advocate. Mr. Fouzi Zafar AAG.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The point raised in this constitutional petition is of wider importance, as such, copy of this petition has been handed over to Mr. Fouzi Zafar learned AAG who shall take up this matter personally and enter appearance on 3.11.1998.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> (TANVIR AHMAD KHAN) JUDGE</p>

# ORDER SHEET

LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE

APPEAL/REVISION NO. 19*versus*APPELLANT  
PETITIONER

RESPONDENT

Appeal/Revision against the decree or order (as the case may be) of \_\_\_\_\_

No. of order of ceiling	Date of order of proceeding	Order with signature of Judge, and that of parties or counsel, where necessary
1	2	3
		<p>assault without indulging in any legal formalities of informing the concerned police. Para 2 and 4 are relevant for this issue which are in the following terms:</p> <p>2. Although the petition strictly speaking, is not competent yet it is mentioned that emergency medical aid is extended promptly to the cases of road side accidents and criminal assault cases received in emergency Department of Government Hospitals without indulging in legal formalities while informing concerned police. In this regard Government of the Punjab, Health Department from time to time has issued instructions to all the Medical Officers/Women Medical Officers through Director General Health Services, Punjab</p> <p><i>W/M</i></p>

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Divisional Director Health Services, Medical Superintendent Teaching/DEHQ/THQ Hospitals and Surgeon Medicolegal, Punjab which are annexed at A, B and C.

4. Denied. Government has from time to time issued Notification for provision of prompt Medical Aid to road side victims and also to the victims of assault cases as has already been described in para 2. However Article 9 and 14 as alleged in this paragraph are not at all attracted to the subject of provision of medical assistance to person injured or wounded in accidents or in medicolegal cases."

In view of the comments submitted by the respondents the writ petition stands fructified and disposed of accordingly.

*Tanvir Ahmad Khan*  
(TANVIR AHMAD KHAN)  
JUDGE

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Tanvir Ahmad Khan, J.D.

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Date of Presentation of Application.....  
Date of Receipt of Fee.....  
Date of Ward.....  
Name of Person.....  
Signature of Person.....  
Amount of Fee.....  
Amount of Fee in Rupees.....  
Signature of Person.....

115 27/10/2000  
122 17/10/2000

Serial No. of order of proceeding	Date of order of proceeding	Order with signature of Judge, and that of parties or counsel, where necessary
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JUDGE

5. 6.7.2000 Nemo for the petitioner.

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 Report and parawise comments have  
 been received from the respondent's side. It  
 is stated therein that the instructions had  
 already been issued long before to all  
 concerned to give prompt medical aid to the  
 cases of road side accidents and criminal

*AWTB*  
*W/M*  
 Copy to my Secretary  
 Legal Dept. Govt. of India

IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE.  
WP. NO. 21905-98  
PRESENT  
MR. JUSTICE TANVIR AHMAD KHAN.

PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 199 OF THE CONSTITUTION  
OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN 1973.

(PRAY AND PARTIES NAMES ATTACHED)

ORDER PTO

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IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE.

W.P. NO. 20920 /96

Hakeem Yaral Ahmed Welfare Trust through Mr. Fayyaz Mansoor its  
President of 916-C Canalview Housing Society, Mian Bag Thoker,  
Lahore.

.....Petitioner

VS.

1. The Government of Punjab through Secretary Health Civil  
Secretariat, Lahore.
2. Secretary to the Govt. of the Punjab, Health Department,  
Lahore.
3. Inspector General of Police, Punjab, Lahore.

.....Respondents

PETITION: Under Article 199 of the Constitution of  
Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Respectfully Submitteth:

1. That the Petitioner is a Trust created for the purposes  
of providing services to down trodden people of Pakistan. The  
present petition is being filed through Mr. Fayyaz Mansoor its  
President who is competent to file the same.
2. That the petitioner wants to raise a very sensitive legal  
question which affects the public at large. Articles 9 and 14 of  
the Constitution of Islamic Republic Of Pakistan provide that no  
person shall be deprived of life or liberty save in accordance  
with law and that the dignity of the man shall be inviolable.

It is common knowledge that the people who meet with accident or who are victims of criminal assault, are not given any medical treatment by any Hospital till the Police officials come to the Hospital and allow the concerned doctor or go head with the treatment of the patients. This way valuable lives are lost for which there is no legal or moral justification.

3. That the one such case was that of one Bilal Rashid Sandhawa who met with an accident in District Shaikhupura but was not provided with even any first aid by the Doctor of civil Hospital, Shaikhupura who referred the patient to General Hospital, Lahore where he was received dead by the Doctors and this way a valuable human life was lost due to misplaced fear of law and Police. It is pertinent to note that in this case, the doctors of Civil Hospital, Shaikhupura refused to provide even an ambulance without permission of the Medical Superintendent who was unfortunately not available at the time and people brought the said Bilal Rashid to Lahore in a private car and it took nearly five hours to reach General Hospital, Lahore which proved fatal. Copy of the death certificate dated 12.06.95 is annexed as Annexure-1.

4. That in yet another case, Malik Abdul Razzaq a high ranking official in Mapda was shot at with a fire arm near his house on 8.2.1988. Despite the fact that he was taken to Sheikh Zayad Hospital within a short time. The doctors at that hospital refused to provide any medical treatment unless they were permitted by the Police for so doing. Thereupon the patient was shifted to Mayo Hospital, Lahore. The doctors there refused to provide any medical aid or treatment to him till the case was

stered by the Police. Incidentally the victim was fired at about 7.00 a.m. and was operated upon by the doctors of Mayo Hospital at 4.00 p.m. after permission of the Police. Luckily the said Malik Abdul Razzaq survived and is now leading a retired life.

5. That a few of such victims are so lucky and usually lose their lives due to inhuman attitude of the concerned. There is no provision of law which requires that no medical aid can be provided to the victims of a road accident or of a crime and even if there be any such provision, the same is against the provisions of Articles 9 and 14 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and as such is liable to be struck down.

6. That the petitioner has no other adequate remedy available to it except to invoke the constitutional jurisdiction of this Honourable Court.

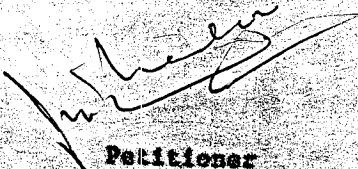
It is therefore, respectfully prayed that an order may kindly be made directing the respondents to issue directions to all hospitals in Punjab whether private or Government to provide medical first aid and treatment to the victims of a crime or a road accident even prior to permission from any Police officer who may proceed with the matter after the steps for saving lives of human beings have been taken by the doctors.

It is further prayed that a direction be issued to respondent No.3 to direct his subordinate police officers not to insist that doctors should wait for them before providing any medical aid to the needy ones. Any provision of law or rules which require that no medical aid should be provided to the victim of an offence till the matter is reported to the Police

may kindly be declared to be illegal, unconstitutional,

without lawful authority and of no legal effect.

Any other relief to which the petitioner is found entitled may also be granted.

  
Petitioner

Through

Dated: 14.11.1996

(FAROOQ ALJAD MEER)  
Advocate High Court  
1-Parid Kot Road,  
Lahore.

## ORDER SHEET

LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE

APPEAL/REVISION No. do/320 — 19 9 8.*Asif Ali Buzdar*  
versusAPPELLANT  
PETITIONERGOVT OF PAKISTAN  
RESPONDENT

Appeal/Revision against the decree or order (as the case may be) of \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. of order of proceeding	Date of order of proceeding	Order with signature of Judge, and that of parties or counsel, where necessary
1	2	3
1.	17.11.1996.	<p>Mr. Farooq Amjad Mir, Advocate.</p> <p>One copy each be supplied to the Secretary, Health Department-respondent No. 2 and the Secretary (Law), Government of the Punjab, for report and parawise comments to be submitted within one month.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> CHIEF JUSTICE</p>

\*Waris\*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2001

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## Firstaid to accident victims to be made mandatory before FIR

ISLAMABAD (APP)—Provision of firstaid to the victims of road accidents would be made mandatory, before registration of First Investigation Report (FIR) or meeting other legal requirements.

This was announced by the Communication Minister, Lt. Gen. (Retd) Javed Ashraf while addressing the concluding session of a seminar on "Stakeholders Consultation" at National Highway Authority (NHA) Headquarters here Thursday.

A summary to this effect would be moved to the Federal Cabinet for its approval, as the matter involves the safety of thousands people, who become the victim of road accident.

The government, he said, wanted to take effective measures to save the sufferers of road accidents from the trouble of first registering an FIR, before getting first-aid treatment.

He observed that about 7,000 people lost their lives annually due to the road-accidents, which is mainly owing to non-implementation of traffic rules and bad road conditions.

The minister said it was most

tragic trend that an injured person shuttles between one police station to another for registration of FIR, before receiving medical aid. Such a apathy and callousness would no longer be tolerated, he added.

In order to avert more traffic to Motorway, the minister declared that motorway toll tax would be reduced, bringing it at par with the tax, which is being received on the National Highway.

Javed Ashraf assured that the government would give due weight to the recommendations of the seminar, for ensuring regular maintenance of the existing roads, with proper sign boards and road-marking.

In future, he said the priority would be given to the maintenance instead constructing new roads.

The minister of the view that there is no logic of constructing speed-breakers on the main roads, as it cause accidents. The more attention, he asserted should be given to the enforcement of a certain prescribed speed-limit.

He said the government is in process of appointing police on the highways, in line with the motorway to ensure traffic discipline.

But, he made it clear that the Highway police will not be supposed to check traffic documents. In fact they would be responsible to control the violation of traffic rules.

Javed Ashraf also announced that toll tax collected on Motorway or "Highways", would be utilized for regular maintenance of the respective roads. Travellers must get better roads, if they pay toll tax.

The role of the road users, he said is also very important for ensuring better road conditions. He advised the officials of the NHA and other departments concerned, to maintain proper inter-action with the road users, to achieve the desired results.

He also advised the NHA to start receiving public complaints on E-mail, with making effective arrangements to resolve them.

The NHA, he said must take necessary steps for improvement of food quality and public toilets on the Motorway and the National Highways.

Javed Ashraf asked the experts to undertake effective steps for control of overloading and making journey safe and sound on highways.

## Clarification of membership demanded

By Our Staff Reporter

KHORE — Doctors' Alliance Pakistan have urged the Pak Medical & Dental Council (PMDC) to cancel the membership of Khalida Waheed, reportedly elected as member of the council on the registered medical practitioners of Punjab seat whose strength is 60,000 in Punjab prov-

statement, the Alliance Secretary General Dr. Capt. (Retd) If. A. Zahid said that elections in regard were never held in Punjab province which is a violation of the PMDC order of 1962 according to which election should be held in national dailies. He either the advertisement elections appeared in the news or the elections were held, in the nomination of Prof. Khalida Waheed was illegal.

Doctors Alliance also sought to seek remedy through the PMDC failed to cancel nomination of Prof. Khalida

## DPP annual function held

KORE (PR)—The DPP Lahore in collaboration with an Psychiatric Research (PPRC) organised an anniversary on Thursday at a local. The dinner was attended by local and foreign DPP faculty in addition to many psychiatrists. Ambassador of Dr Mahmoud El-Said, was a guest. The function was

## Saifullah's bail plea hearing today

From Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD — The Supreme Court takes up the bail petition of former federal minister Anwar Saifullah Khan on Friday.

A bench comprising Justice Sh. Riaz Ahmed, Justice Mian Ajmal and Justice Javed Iqbal are scheduled to hearing the case.

Anwar Saifullah was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau on corruption charges.

APP add: The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Attorney General for Pakistan to personally appear today before the bench hearing the bail plea of Anwar Saifullah former Federal Minister.

The Court took serious notice when it had to adjourn the case on Thursday twice as nobody from Government side was present in the courtroom.

Reported by

decision.

The Supreme Court in its judgement against orders of NWFP Service Tribunal observed on Thursday that there is no bar on the Chairman of Tribunal or any of the Benches contemplated under section 5 of the Act to admit the appeals for regular hearing or dismiss the same "in limine" for reasons to be recorded in writing. Thus orders of Chairman on the subject being "Coram non judice" have no legal effects and stand quashed.

### Notices to NWFP govt

The Supreme Court Thursday issued notices to NWFP government in an appeal against conviction by Zahir Shah, former director general Peshawar Development authority (PDA).

Zahir Shah was convicted by the

Australia 'regrets' missile test by India

CANBERRA (AP)—The Australian government said on Thursday it "regrets" India's latest missile test, but it would not threaten recently restored military links with New Delhi.

India's test on Wednesday of the Agni-2 Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile came five days after Australia announced it would restore military links with India, scrapped after New Delhi conducted a nuclear test in 1998.

"We regret the test that India has conducted, it is unfortunate that they are continuing with the testing of these medium range missiles," Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer said.

"But I am afraid it is part of the ongoing environment in South Asia and we just have to continue to lobby for India as well as Pakistan to exercise great-

names of those unfortunately retarded. The Fountain may not evoke as much passion as music, loving Pakistanis and especially a burger family youth but Pakistanis are indebted to this or sheltering those who burden on their unfortunate

ve, as a nation, have failed to imitators. We love pop music it is popular in the western id we cannot resist it. But when it comes to good works, the typical colonial hangover shrug it off. Lady Diana re-hero's homage only because ed for humanitarian causes. Diana' received her tribute y social or humanitarian work, producing pop music in PAKISTAN, Islamabad, 2.

## Costly negligence

My student Fawad Jalal Khan met an untimely death due to sheer negligence of a government hospital on Jail Road and the police. While trying to save a cyclist his motorcycle skidded on the night of August 17. He was taken to the hospital with serious injuries. The staff on duty refused to treat him without the involvement of the police as according to them it was a police case.

The rules of business have to be changed. Saving lives should be the sole objective of hospitals. Procedural delays should be treated as negligence. The Governor is requested to order an inquiry and modify the rules to save lives. Fawad's tragic death should be an eye-opener, it can happen to any of us or our children. -DR FARID A. MALIK, via e-mail, August 20.

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## ISLAMABAD

think about it. Overwhelming poverty is no longer accepted by everybody as a fact of nature or of divine intent, a test of faith to be relieved by charity.

An 'adequate number' of folks are convinced that something can be done to organize a diverse array of projects. Some of these are optimistic and helpful and some less so, but most are no longer based on the idea of the virtue of giving bounty only to those who deserve it. The trend is to argue, like Eliza Doolittle's father in George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, that the needs of the 'undeserving poor' must also be met. To some, poverty is largely man-made. That means that it can largely be unman-made. It is indeed a dramatic new concept in the sweep of history, but by no means taken for granted though also no longer as inconceivable as it was not

the mix of short-term, good-bad in rich countries; longer inclusion in the y is bound to ding poverty. It l to persist with pattern based on Marxist idea of ts, rich and poor. eally rich in is the wealth, not just consume it.

According to the OECD, it is 'a mistake to think that the states of the world can be characterized and rationally divided into rich and poor, haves and have-nots. Just as there are expanding middle classes in many countries, there are middle countries.'

The middle countries have an 'evolving interest'. Social scientists in Latin America, in particular, dispute the view of Nordic do-gooders that the key aim should be to help the poorest - those countries that have made a strong and successful effort also deserve support. Such a frame of mind creates an unbridgeable cleavage between the Latin Americans and the Scandinavians.

Since there is no recipe, no for-