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Use of “Neva” Poison on 16 year old class 10 student Qaiser Hameed Sofi

Today is the 122<sup>nd</sup> day of curfew in the Indian administered (occupied) part of Jammu and Kashmir. Ever since JKCHR delegation presented the aide memoire at the OHCHR on the human rights situation in Jammu and Kashmir (Kashmir Valley), Indian security forces have not only continued with placing the people under a curfew and with the use of pellet guns, but have introduced a sinister method of putting the arrested youth to death, by using a germicide (poison) called Neva. This poison was administered to a 16-year-old boy Qaiser Hameed Sofi who died at SKIMS Soura Friday night 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2016.

Case Details

Qaiser Hameed Sofi

S/O Abdul Hameed Sofi

R/O Doud Mohalla Shalimar – Srinagar

Status 10<sup>th</sup> class Student at Meerak Shah School Shalimar – Srinagar

Last seen around 12:30 PM on Thursday before he went missing.  
Date of disappearance 27 October 2016

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Found lying unconscious in a drain on 28 October 2016

Admitted in SKIMS Soura Hospital on 28 October 2016

Date of death 04 November 2016

On October 28 around 4 PM Qaiser's family received a call. "The caller told Qaiser's father that his son was near CIE Complex, Shalimar. They rushed to the spot and saw some youth taking Qaiser to hospital.

Abdul Hameed Sofi, his father has said that "We rushed him to SKIMS Soura where he was administered oxygen and we changed his clothes." "Qaiser recovered after some time on Friday evening. He opened his eyes and told his mother: "I was arrested by forces and given poison before they beat me ruthlessly." Sofi said Qaiser was lying on a bed in Casualty Ward of SKIMS and almost 20 persons including doctors are witness to what Qaiser said. Qaiser was finally laid to rest on Saturday 05 November at around 10:30 AM at Martyrs Graveyard.

Doctors have confirmed that "Qaiser's case was that of poison as well as assault." His body including chest, hands and legs had marks of torture. On way to hospital Qaiser told his mother Mehbooba, 'Mother the police at Harwan poisoned me. They tortured my arms and chest with iron and also made holes in my hands with pliers they also tortured my private parts. He gave similar statements in SKIMS also."

It is important to point out that the case of Qaiser was unknown until Mirwaiz Dr. Umar Farooq a religious and resistance leader tweeted on Oct 31: "Qaiser Sofi, a 16-year-old student of Meerak Shah School, beaten, tortured & forcibly fed a germicide called "Neva" by armed forces battling for his life at SKIMS, Soura where he is on a ventilator. Such cruelty and barbarity find few parallels in today's age." He also issued a detailed statement over the incident.

The use of poison on the Kashmiri youth in the Valley of Kashmir is a new development. Indian security forces are in the process of profiling them and these youth have been placed into A++, A+, A, B and C categories for the purposes of arrest and putting them to death. Each category death carries a financial reward for the killer.

JKCHR has highlighted this issue and has submitted a Written Statement to the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination for consideration on Thursday 21 July 2016 at its meeting at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York. A copy of this Written Statement was made available to your office as well.

We appreciate your efforts demanding a visit and an on the spot study of the Human Rights situations on either side of the cease fire line. However, the situation on the Indian side of Kashmir is grave and merits immediate attention. OHCHR has to find out an urgent solution to defend the life, honour and property of the people of Kashmir currently fighting the Indian

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occupation and waiting for the UN to arrange the conduct of the referendum. OHCHR could conduct a remote monitoring and seek a Human Rights Component to be attached with the UNMOGIP as early as possible.

We propose that OHCHR conducts a hearing on the Gross and Systematic Abuse of Human Rights by the Indian security forces in the Kashmir valley. Kashmiri diaspora and others who could make to this hearing either in Geneva or at Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir could give evidence. OHCHR could benefit from the representations made at the UN World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Resolutions L40 and L21 presented at the Commission and Sub Commission of Human Rights in Geneva on the Gross and Systematic Violation of Human Rights in Kashmir valley, reports done by FIDH, WSV, statements made at the UN Human Rights Council (Human Rights Commission and Sub Commission) and continued contribution made by JKCHR under ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31 on the situation of Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir (occupied by India).

Indian Government has reneged on the 4 points agreed with the Srinagar based Government of Jammu and Kashmir which formed a basis to grant a temporary entry to Indian security forces into the State and has continued to violate the 3 restraints placed on the behaviour, number, and location of these forces in para 2 (C) (i) (ii) (iii) of the UN Resolution of 21 April 1948 and have overstayed their interim period set in regard to the establishment of a UN supervised administration to conduct a Referendum on the right of self-determination, these forces have degenerated in an occupation force. We can't abandon a people and allow Indian security forces to decimate them. It is a situation that has continued to merit an urgent attention of your office.

I sincerely trust that these submissions would receive your urgent attention.

Yours Sincerely



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