

SINDH

CENTRAL JAIL KARACHI VISIT. HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT.



2025
REPORT

*Prepared by
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LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

1 NO
POVERTY



2 ZERO
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



15 LIFE
ON LAND



16 PEACE AND JUSTICE
STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



Minister Remark

KARACHI: (Nazia Naz Defender and international human rights researcher) A delegation led by Rajvir Singh Sodha, Special Advisor to the Chief Minister, along with Agha Farukh Hussain, Director Human Rights, Aslam Shaikh, Member Sindh Human Rights Commission, Zia Lashari, Advocate Ghulam Hussain, Nazia Naz, Coordinator to the Special Assistant, and Abbas Haider, Joint Director PILER, visited the office of the Inspector General of Prisons and the Central Jail Karachi.

During the visit, the delegation held a detailed briefing with the IG Prisons and his team. Key issues such as prison management, overcrowding, healthcare, rehabilitation, and facilities for under-trial, ju-venile, and women prisoners were discussed.

The IG Prisons presented an overview of the challenges as well as the initiatives being undertaken to ensure compliance with human rights standards.

At Central Jail, the delegation was warmly received by Superintendent Abdul Karim, who shared details of various rehabilitation and skill-development programs. The delegation observed with appreciation the opportunities available for inmates, including training in computer sciences, foreign languages, handicrafts, sculpture, and other vocational skills.

One of the highlights of the visit was a performance by the prisoners' musical band, which was highly commended. The delegation also inspected food facilities, sampled the meals being provided, and expressed satisfaction with the quality and hygiene maintained.

On the occasion, Director Human Rights, Agha Farukh Hussain, reaffirmed the department's ongoing monitoring and oversight role, stressing the Sindh Government's commitment to protecting the dignity and rights of prisoners.

He noted that such initiatives reflect important steps toward rehabilitation and reintegration.

Mr. Rajvir Singh Sodha praised the prison administration for its work and presented shields of appreciation to the IG Prisons and Mr. Bilawal, the designated focal person, for their efforts in promoting humane prison conditions. In turn, souvenirs were presented to the delegation by the prison authorities as a gesture of goodwill.

The visit concluded with a shared understanding to continue cooperation among government bodies, the Sindh Human Rights Commission, and civil society organizations like PILER to further strengthen prison reforms and promote dignity and justice for inmates.

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	REMARKS
12/11/2024	Hassan Bilal	AISS University Sindh	I really liked the initiative for the rehabilitation of the inmates.
12/11/2024	Syeda Bilal	Deputy Law Counsel	I was not expecting such services in Central Jail. It has convinced me that the state is working for the rehabilitation for the criminals.
12/11/2024	Syeda Bilal	SHS - Legally Yours Initiative	Amazing curriculum and good work towards rehabilitation of prisoners. Keep it up!! Well done!!!
12/11/2024	Syeda Bilal	Sindh Police	It was enlightening experience.
12/11/2024	Rajvir Singh S.A. to C.M. Sindh	HUMAN RIGHTS DEPT.	Visiting SHS2 workshop on studies interesting that inmates are well look after and showing interest in studies on what ever level they want. Got informed that after providing or getting their facilities they have been incorporated in their character. Great job!! - Syeda Bilal

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Delegation visits Central Jail Karachi to review prison welfare and reforms



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Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Human Rights Visits Karachi Central Prison



(Nazia Naz Defender and International Human Rights Researcher) The Special Assistant to the Chief Minister on Human Rights, Mr. Rajvir Singh Sodha, accompanied by Mr. Agha Farukh Hussain, Director Human Rights, Government of Sindh, and members of the Human Rights Department, undertook an official visit to the office of the Inspector General (IG) Prisons Sindh, Mr. Fida Hussain Mastoi, and the Karachi Central Jail today, as part of the Department's ongoing monitoring and oversight functions. During the visit, the delegation held a detailed briefing session with the IG Prisons and his team, where key issues concerning prison management, overcrowding, rehabilitation,

healthcare, and facilities for under-trial, juvenile, and women prisoners were discussed. The IG Prisons presented a comprehensive overview of the challenges as well as initiatives being undertaken to improve conditions and ensure compliance with human rights standards. The delegation later visited Karachi Central Jail, where they were warmly received by Superintendent Abdul Karim, a dedicated and committed officer who shared details of various rehabilitation and skill-development programs being implemented for inmates. The delegation observed with appreciation the diverse training opportunities provided to prisoners, including courses in computer sciences, foreign languages (including

Chinese), handicraft sculpture, and vocation skills. One of the highlights of the visit was the performance of the prisoners' musical band, which was highly commended by all present. The delegation also inspected food facilities, sampled the meals being provided to inmates, and expressed satisfaction with the quality and hygiene standards maintained. On the occasion, Mr. Rajvir Singh Sodha presented shields of appreciation to the IG Prisons and the designated focal person, Mr. Bilawal, for their efforts in promoting rehabilitation and maintaining humane prison conditions. In turn, the prison authorities presented souvenirs to the guests as a token of goodwill. Speaking to media representatives, the Special Assistant noted that Karachi Central Jail has emerged as a model correctional facility in Pakistan, where rehabilitation and human rights-based management are given priority. He emphasized the Sindh Government's commitment to further strengthening prison reforms and ensuring that inmates are treated with dignity and given opportunities for reintegration into society. The visit was also attended by Nazia Naz, Adviser to the Special Assistant to the Chief Minister, along with other officers of the Human Rights Department.

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OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO CHIEF MINISTER FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

Karachi dated 23rd, September 2025

VISIT OF HONOURABLE RAJIVIR SINGH SODHA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO CHIEF
MINISTER SINDH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT, TO CENTRAL PRISON
KARACHI.

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For any query please contact Mr. Tolaram (P.S.) on his cell No. 03332681095.

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Dated: 24 SEP 2025

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In this context, the Advisor intends to undertake a visit to your office and subsequently Central Prison Karachi, accompanied by the undersigned, to personally review the situation of prisoners requiring immediate legal aid. The purpose is also to explore practical measures for extending free legal aid through departmental funds and in coordination with your office.

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Aqib Nawaz, ASP



Misbah Abro, ASP

IG Meeting





Special Assistant to Chief Minister Sindh held a meeting with the Inspector General of Prisons in his office.

The discussion focused on human rights and coordination for improved prison management. Both officials emphasized transparency, accountability, and the protection of inmates' rights in Sindh.

The Special Assistant to the Chief Minister of Sindh and the Inspector General of Prisons presented a shield and a gift basket as a token of appreciation.





**Human Rights
Department
officials visiting
the Police Station
to assess facilities
and review human
rights compliance.**

Food Area



SAHLE

visit



Computer Lab



Proposed Initiatives

Overview of proposed projects and their impact on prison development

01

Prison Complex in Karachi for 12000 inmates.

Central Prison Shaheed Benazirabad

02

03

High Security Prison at Thatta

Staff Welfare

Behbood-e-Jawaan Staff Health Insurance in collaboration with State Life Insurance



Leaving Area



Entertainment Area





Superintendent police prison Meeting





**visit to Karachi Central Jail to review
conditions and interact with inmates as
part of the ongoing Human Rights
Program**

