

## Appeal to save the life of Nurse Tabeeta Gill and her family.

Tabeeta Nazir Gill is a forty-seven-year-old mother of two boys, 14 and 13 yrs. of age. Her husband is fifty years old. They were born and raised Christians in Pakistan and are rooted in their faith.



*Tabeeta is in her hiding place.*

Tabeeta has been falsely charged with Blasphemy under section 295C of the Pakistan Penal Code punishable by death.

Nurse Tabeeta miraculously managed to narrowly escape the clutches of her persecutors in Pakistan and is presently in hiding out of the country, subject to deportation upon the expiry of the temporary visitor visa which would result in her lengthy incarceration and possible violent death at the hands of the religious extremists.

Tabeeta is trained and experienced nurse of 20 years. She was employed at Sobhraj Maternity Hospital Karachi, Pakistan, she served with a passion and compassion for caring and comforting the sick. She is also a Gospel singer and is well known in both the Christian and Muslim community.

Due to her dedication to her profession, compassion, and honesty she was well liked by the patients and the hospital management. This caused some resentment and jealousy of her co-workers who habitually only served patients who paid them for their services even though this was illegal and against hospital regulations. They ignored the poor patients whose families could not afford to pay these staff a graft for their services. When Tabeeta tried to reason with them that as nurses they should treat all the patients equally some of her colleagues at the hospital would become infuriated with her and threatened her to mind her own business.

At times she would have to reprimand staff who while on duty would spend time on social media or talking to friends on their cell phones neglecting the sick patients. As their supervisor, many of these nurses were under her charge but they resented her as a Christian telling them what to do though she always treated them fairly and respectfully. These same nurses arrogantly ignored her and the work ethic that she was trying to instill in them. They would insult her that she was a Christian and a second-class citizen and that she had no authority over them. Further, they threatened her that if she tried to interfere with their business, she would face severe consequences.

On January 28, 2021, at the hospital before her shift started Tabeeta noticed a nurse watching videos on her cell phone. When Tabeeta reminded her that she was on duty and asked her to put her phone away and get back to her patients, the junior nurse got upset with her. Meanwhile, Nurse Tabeeta went to the change room to wear her uniform before starting her shift. While she was in the change room, she heard the angry voices of a crowd of nurses heading towards her. Very soon they entered the change room and accused her of having blasphemed the prophet Mohammed and started hitting her, pulling her hair and ripping off her clothes. They dragged her down the stairs from the third floor to the ground floor, while they are beating and accusing her of disgracing the name of their prophet Mohammad and trying to convert Muslim patients to Christianity by showing compassion and care to Muslim patients.

When she was assaulted by her hospital staff the crowd grew to mob size and attempted her to sign a false confession that she is a blasphemer and had insulted the prophet. Tabeeta denied both charges and claimed them to be untrue. Then she heard someone say, "Bring some gasoline and set her on fire". That's when she realized that she was going to die there and that it was the end of her life. Then she started praying and asked God to save her. During this situation somehow, she was able to flee to a room bolting the door behind her. The crowd started to breakdown the door but soon she heard some voices above the noise saying that they were the police and to open the door. She opened the door and the police escorted her to their vehicle. They took her away from the hospital and questioned her about the accusations. The police believed her version of events and released her without any charges. Tabeeta immediately called her family who rescued her and immediately whisked her away in hiding.

The next day, on January 29, 2021, several Muslim extremist groups, Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam (Fazal ur Rehman JUI), Tehreek-e-labbaik Pakistan (TLP) mobbed the Police Station at Aram Bagh, Karachi and

forced the police to register a case against her under section 295-C of Pakistan's blasphemy law, which is punishable by death.

With the help of her younger sister and her husband along with other close friends, she fled from Karachi and kept moving to different cities to escape her persecutors. Meanwhile, her family arranged for her passport and visa, and she left Pakistan for neighboring country on February 22, 2021, on a temporary visitor visa. Tabeeta is now in hiding under the protection of people arranged by her family members, while her husband and children are hiding in fear for their lives, still in Pakistan.

After this incident when her husband emerged from his hiding place, he was intentionally hit by someone on a motorbike and was seriously injured but cannot go to hospital due fear of death.

Latest disturbing update on her status is that International Christian Voice (ICV) have learnt that her National Identity Card been revoked by the government of Pakistan with a possible next step to cancel her Passport which would lead to her deportation back to Pakistan and certain death as she has been falsely charged under the draconian blasphemy laws of the Islamic State of Pakistan. Deportation back to the Pakistan will certainly end in her imprisonment and possible death by hanging.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ja9\\_dq5Wa0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ja9_dq5Wa0)

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#### **How you can help to save Tabeeta Gill and her family.**

- Please Pray for her and her family that God almighty protect them from all kinds of danger.
- Write to Canadian Members of Parliament to expedite her sponsorship application submitted by ICV because her life is in immediate danger.
- Kindly make a donation to "International Christian Voice" in support of Tabeeta in her settlement in Canada.

We are cautiously confident and hopeful that, together, we can save the life of Tabeeta Gill and her family to bring her to Canada, where the family can have hope again and begin a new life without fear and persecution.

God bless you all.

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Her story was published in social and print media Internationally. See the link below:

<https://observers.france24.com/en/asia-pacific/20210211-pakistan-karachi-christian-nurse-blasphemy-laws-minorities>

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