

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)**  
**PRESS WING**

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**Islamabad: July 21, 2017:** President Mamnoon Hussain has emphasized the need for protecting the rights of marginalized segments of the society and called for establishing such institutions which may provide them protection and legal aid. He stressed that institutions like National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) are must for stability and strengthening of the society.

The President said this while talking to Justice (Retd) Ali Nawaz Chowhan, Chairman NCHR who along with Member Sindh, Anis Haroon called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Friday.

The President underlined that our beliefs and the Constitution of Pakistan provide complete protection to basic human rights of all citizens of the state. The President noted that due to prompt measures taken by the government the situation of human rights is better in Pakistan than most countries of the world but added that efforts should continue to further improve the situation.

President Mamnoon Hussain called for effective legislation to discourage incidents of household violence and stressed the need for registering incidents of household violence as criminal cases. The President urged to raise awareness about human rights among the masses through effective print and electronic media campaigns.

Chairman NCHR apprised the President about the steps taken by the Commission to promote and protect human rights in Pakistan and also presented a set of reports to the President.

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