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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

PRESENT

Mr. Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry
Mr. Justice Sardar Muhammad Raza Khan
Mr. Justice Muhammad Nawaz Abbasi
Mr. Justice Mian Shakirullah Jan

HUMAN RIGHT CASE NO.2783 OF 2006

(News Clipping Murder of Sobia Sialkot)

On Court notice.

Mr. Aftab Iqbal Ch. AG (Pb)
Raja Saad Akram, AAG
Mr. Noor Hassan Shah. SP (Ivs) Sialkot

Date of hearing : 08-10-2007.

ORDER

Instant case pertains to the incident took place within the jurisdiction of PS Saddar Sialkot. According to the statement of Mst. Sobia deceased, she was set on fire by her mother-in-law because she had a quarrel with her husband Chand to whom she had married only four months ago. The IO of the case after having registered FIR No.237/07 dated 7th May 2007 recommended for its cancellation. Concerned SHO and Supervisory Officer i.e. Tahir Nawaz DSP verified the contents of the final report, however, the Judicial Magistrate declined to cancel the FIR. Later, on receipt of notice from this Court, re-investigation took place as a result whereof it revealed that Mst. Sobia has given a statement in Hospital to the Police, supporting the contents of FIR which was lodged by her mother Mst. Shamshad Begum w/o Abdul Rahim.

2. We have seen both these documents and FIR as well as her statement under Section 161 Cr.P.C. which, prima facie, indicates that the incident was not of suicide. Now the Police has arrested the

accused persons namely Chand (husband), Babar (brother-in-law) and Ms. Irshad Bibi (mother-in-law and after completion of investigation they have been sent up to face trial.

3. The IO Akhtar Hussain SI and SHO Nasrullah have been ordered to proceed departmentally. Noor Hassan Shah, SP (Investigation) Sialkot present in Court, stated that the Police department is also confident to take action against the delinquents.

4. Learned AG appeared and stated that Police has wrongly recommended for cancellation of FIR, therefore, recommendations will be made to the IGP/PPO Punjab for appropriate action against IO, SHO as well as Tahir Nawaz DSP.

Order accordingly. Since the accused have been challaned, therefore, no further action is called for. IGP/PPO Punjab is directed to send final result of the action taken against the delinquents within a period of four weeks to the Registrar of this Court for our perusal in Chambers.

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