

The APPG's Jinnah Award for Religious Tolerance, is still open. The award will be given to an individual or a group, who has shown exceptional exemplary courage

and leadership in promoting human rights and particularly religious tolerance for all. The nominations for the award should be sent to the APPG Secretariat



by 31 March 2022. An international jury of prominent international human rights activists, academics and lawyers will decide the winner, and announce their decision on 11 August 2022 – the Minorities Day.

Recipients of the International Award will be able to address the parliamentarians in the UK Parliament, with a complimentary ticket and accommodation in London.

Further information and the application form are available on: <https://www.appgforpakminorities.com/causes-1>

## Parliamentary Inquiry into the situation of Afghan Hazara's in Afghanistan and Pakistan -30th April 2022

There have been warnings from Amnesty International, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Genocide Watch noting increasing levels of violence directed towards the Hazara community and highlighting the risk of a possible genocide. Written Submissions are invited from individuals and organisations with first-hand and expert knowledge of the Hazara communities in Afghanistan or Pakistan. This could include members of the Hazara community, journalists, civil society groups, academic researchers, human rights champions, or non-governmental organisations.

For further information please go to: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10vuZ07BG67VyGbowrNO-kkXPTXy7yKMF0992WxVmmHg/edit>



All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Pakistani Minorities

His Excellency Dr. Christian Turner CMG, British High Commissioner to Pakistan, held a meeting, on 9 March in the Parliament,



to brief the UK Parliamentarians about current affairs in Pakistan, and to ask questions on the future of the UK-Pakistan relationship. The APPG Chair, Jim Shannon asked questions about the issues relating to religious minorities, including Single National Curriculum, Forced Conversions and Forced Marriages of young girls, Blasphemy Laws, and the National Commission for Minorities. A letter with further questions has been sent to the High Commissioner.

Child Early and Forced Marriages (CEFM)



The APPG has sent submission to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for two reports: (i) report to the General Assembly on progress made towards ending CEFM including in the context of COVID-19 pandemic; and (ii) report to the Human Rights Council on progress, gaps and challenges in addressing CEFM and measures to ensure accountability.

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