

IN 2000, THE USE OF THE **DEATH PENALTY** AGAINST **CHILD OFFENDERS** -- PEOPLE UNDER 18 AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME -- WAS **BANNED** IN MOST OF PAKISTAN, BUT **SCORES** OF CHILD OFFENDERS REMAIN UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH. IN NOVEMBER 2001 SHER ALI WAS **HANGED** FOR A MURDER COMMITTED IN 1993 WHEN HE WAS **13 YEARS OLD**.



PAKISTAN IS BOUND BY THE **UNCONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**,

WHICH FORBIDS THE EXECUTION OF CHILD OFFENDERS. SHER ALI WAS THE **THIRD CHILD OFFENDER EXECUTED**

IN THE COUNTRY SINCE PAKISTAN RATIFIED THE CONVENTION IN 1990.



Dear President,

I urge you to commute the death sentences of all child offenders in Pakistan, and to ensure that no further child offenders are sentenced to death, in accordance with Pakistan's obligations under international law.

STOP CHILD EXECUTIONS!

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