

Rewrite: Trans woman in Pakistan set on fire for resisting sexual assault from cis men

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Abstract

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Transgender in Pakistan set on fire for resisting sexual assault

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after he she resisted their attempt to sexually assault him her.

In the north part of Pakistan, the transgender community is very unsafe, due to attacks from cisgender people. The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Human Rights Directorate has taken serious notice of the rise in the incidents of cisgender violence against transgenders people and has directed all departments concerned to share their investigation into the murder of transgender persons recently on a daily basis.

Pakistan's parliament in May last year passed a law guaranteeing basic rights for transgender citizens and outlawing discrimination by both employers and private business owners.

Rewrite is an effort to demonstrate ethical reporting about the trans, intersex, and genderqueer community. The original article titled Transgender in Pakistan set on fire for resisting sexual assault demonstrated the following reporting problems:

- Misgendering: misrepresenting the gender identity of a transgender person is, especially in the context of anti-trans violence, unethical. For reporting purposes, the pronouns of transgender women are she and her, and he and him for transgender men. A transgender woman is someone who was sexed male at birth and transitioned to female; likewise, a transgender man is someone who was sexed female at birth and transitioned to male.
- Othering: If an article makes use of the transgender designation, it's appropriate to treat all subjects likewise. In other words, if someone is identified as transgender, non-transgender people should be identified as cisgender.
- Misuse of the term, "transgender": "Transgender" should not be used as a noun. Generally speaking, transgender should be used as an adjective: transgender person, community, or experience.



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