Court Protects Islamists Accused of Kidnapping Christian Girl

What if your daughter went to school one morning and never came home. Then, when you finally found her, a judge told you that you couldn’t even speak to her for ten minutes?

That’s not a hypothetical. That’s what’s happening right now to the family of Neha, an 18-year-old Christian girl in Pakistan.

Neha’s family works in a brick kiln, which is part of a system of generational debt slavery that, according to Joel Veldkamp of Christian Solidarity International (CSI), disproportionately traps Pakistani Christians. Though Christians represent only about 2% of Pakistan’s population, they make up roughly 60% of the country’s brick kiln workforce.

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After her parents had scraped together enough money, Neha was enrolled in a local sewing course. It was a small but hopeful step toward a better future. She only worked there for a short time before one day, she went off to work and didn’t come back.

“No warning, no communication, nothing,” Veldkamp told CBN. “She just vanishes.”

When her family went to the police, they were met with indifference. CSI stepped in and secured a lawyer, who filed a habeas petition, and that’s when the picture became even more

disturbing. Neha had been found in an Islamic school in Lahore. She had been legally converted to Islam just two days after she disappeared.

The conversion documents claimed Neha had done her own “research” and freely chosen to change her religion. One problem: Neha is illiterate.

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