

Mob Reportedly Tries to Kill Christian Woman Over Blasphemy Charge in Terrifying Ordeal

Chaos in Pakistan continues after a woman was reportedly nearly lynched after being accused of desecrating the Quran.

A Muslim mob reportedly tried to slaughter Saima Masih, 32, after the woman was accused of blasphemy, an increasingly common false charge in the South Asian nation.

The mob assault unfolded Aug. 7, in the village of Kathore, with the mother of two narrowly escaping demise, Christian Daily International–Morning Star News reported.

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“The mob would have lynched Saima if the police had not reached there on time and rescued her,” Masih’s attorney, Akmal Bhatti, chairman of the Minorities Alliance Pakistan, told the outlet. “The mob also reportedly attacked some other Christian residents of the village, forcing them to flee their homes and hide in the fields to save their lives.”

Bhatti said he and his team rushed to the village as soon as they heard the news, but that hundreds of Muslims blocked the highway. Meanwhile, Masih was arrested and charged with a crime and, under those charges, could face life in prison; her family has fled into hiding.

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The attorney said his client purportedly denied the charges, which unfolded after a neighbor lobbed the accusation of desecrating the Quran at her. He believes it could be the result of a “personal vendetta” at the hands of Islamic neighbors, according to Christian Daily International–Morning Star News.

“The police saved Saima’s life but registered a blasphemy case against her under the pressure of the mob, which is very unfair,” Bhatti added. “The poor woman will now have to suffer in prison for years while her two children will be deprived of her love and care.”

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