

Daily TheNews Peshawar: A high-level inquiry committee of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government Tuesday recommended the DNA test of the victim and the accused persons in the alleged kidnapping and rape of Uzma Ayub, a young girl from Karak.

It also recommended the arrest of the police officials concerned, sources told The News Tuesday.

The sources said the committee headed by Home Secretary Azam Khan and comprising the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police (Investigation) Nisar Khan Tanoli and Kohat Commissioner Sahibzada Mohammad Anis submitted its report to Chief Minister Ameer Haider Hoti in the alleged kidnapping and rape of Uzma Ayub who claimed to have been picked up last year after the police raided her house.

The committee was constituted on the directives of the chief minister after the victim approached the media and later moved the Peshawar High Court (PHC) to get justice against “those who had been raping her for almost a year after kidnapping her last year.”

“The committee recommended that the DNA tests of Uzma, three police officials including Inspector Mohsin Shah, Sub-Inspector Amir Khan and Assistant Sub-Inspector Hakim Khan and 13 other accused be carried out to unearth the truth.

“The report also suggested suspension and arrest of the three police officials and constituting another inquiry committee to be headed by an officer not less than the rank of a superintendent of police (SP),” the sources said.

The report suggested formation of another medical board to know about the exact age of the victim, the sources added.

The previous board had said the victim was between the age of 16 and 19, without specifically mentioning whether she was a minor or an adult. The report also recommended action against the previous medical board for not giving the exact age of the girl.

“The report of the inquiry committee suggested amendment in the first information report in the case, saying there were blunders in the report. Proper sections of laws should be mentioned in the FIR,” said the report, which also asked the authorities concerned to file an application in the court for the cancellation of bail of the accused.

Uzma Ayub had told the Peshawar High Court a few weeks ago that she was six months pregnant. She had added that she had been kidnapped by Nazar Khan, Karim and Naseebullah, son of Nazar Khan, on October 9, 2010.

She said that three policemen including SHOs Pir Mohsin Shah and Ameer Khan and Sub-Inspector Hakeem Khan assisted the kidnapers.

She stated in her statement under Section 164 of the CrPC that she was raped by several persons including policemen throughout the time she was kept hostage.

The girl recorded her statement under Section 164 of the CrPC before the Judicial Magistrate

Asif Kamal in Takht-e-Nusrati tehsil in Karak district after her escape from the captors on September 19, 2011.

“Police raided our home to arrest my brother over a petty dispute with our neighbour and picked me up and handed me over to Gul Marjan, Sardar Ali Khan, Nazar Khan and Qamar Ali alias Gulay. These people kept me at their house where one Guleena and Shakeel came and spent some time with me. Then Dr Iqbal also came to the room and administered an injection to me and I fell unconscious,” she had stated before the local court.

The victim added that when she regained senses she noticed that she had been shifted to another house. “In that house, Naseebullah, a brother of Gulay, visited me and forced me to marry him. The same night Naseebullah’s son visited me and raped me. Qamar Ali, Karim and Alam also raped me. Two police officials, one named Hakeem, used to visit me frequently to satisfy their lust. I don’t know the name of the other cop but I can recognise him if he is produced before me,” Uzma Ayub had stated.

She claimed that she was sold to other people who were taking her to Dera Ismail Khan when she escaped the captivity.

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