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LHC NOTICE:
POLICE ACCUSED OF TORTURING SUSPECT TO DEATH

LAHORE, MAY 15, 2014:

On Thursday, Lahore High Court Complaint Cell took notice of a press report on administrative side that a robbery suspect died in police custody due to alleged torture.

The Cell has directed the District & Sessions Judge, Faisalabad to look into the matter and submit detailed report regarding steps taken by police along with his own comments within a week.

According to details, the deceased, Aashiq Hussain, a resident of Farooq Park, was nabbed two weeks ago. His wife, Nadra Parveen, told the media that her spouse died due to severe beating. She said police even did not record the arrest and tortured to force him to confess the crime he had not committed. "Aashiq was not taken to a hospital when his condition deteriorated and he succumbed to brutal manhandling" she alleged.

On the other hand, police claimed Aashiq Hussain and his two sons had been nominated in a theft case and were declared proclaimed offenders. "Hussain was finally arrested but his sons were still at large and he suffered from a heart stroke. He was taken to hospital where he died", police maintained. CPO Dr. Haider Ashraf said he had already ordered an enquiry as to why the arrest was not entered in the police register. "Strict action will be taken against policemen found guilty," he said.

Meanwhile Ashiq Hussain's family protested against the police in front of the Jaranwala City police station. They insisted that the body bore torture marks. The protest resulted in police registering cases against investigation in-charge Abdur Rehman and Constables Zulfiqar Ali and Muhammad Yaseen. The case was registered on Parveen's complaint. The body was taken to a mortuary at Allied Hospital, Faisalabad for postmortem, police said. "There are some signs of torture on the body of the deceased but the cause of the death can only be fixed after the chemical tests," the mortuary incharge said. **(MEDIA CELL)**