

## **Christians protest against Gojra brutality-----200 alleged arrested**

**Faisalabad:** On Sunday Train service between Faisalabad and Karachi once again suspended when a large number of people from Christian community came out a protest rally along with seven dead bodies of the victims of Gojra violence and blocked the railway tracks. The Eight passenger trains including Millat Express and Karakoram Express and two merchandise trains stopped at the close railway stations. . The protesters were demanding registration of FIR against the persons accountable for Gojra brutality including DCO and DPO Toba Tek Singh. Some people of Christian community including women and children were killed in the violence on Saturday. The Gojra Police Sunday instigate a crackdown against alleged protester, who apparently involved in Gojra violent behavior and arrested around 200 people. Ubaid-ur-Rehman Shah Jamal, and Abdul Khaliq of proscribed sectarian group Sipah-e-Sahaba and Hafiz Imran of Jamiat Ahle Hadith the suspected included. Rana Sanaullah Provincial Law Minister confirmed the arrest of over 100 suspected miscreants and said two cases against the accused had been registered at police station Gojra City and Gojra Sadar. Trial of both the cases would be detained before Anti Terrorist Court.

DSP Police Gojra said “six workers of a banned religious group were among the arrested persons”. Rana Sanaullah visited the violence-hit city and promised to pay compensation to the affected families and said a survey would be conducted to evaluate losses. He said, “We have identified those who attacked, they are terrorists, these people want to destabilise our country and democracy.” The rangers had taken control of Gojra, but tension continued to hold the region as the majority of the shopping centers stay closed. Heavy reliant of police and rangers were patrolling the concerned areas including Al-Awan Colony. Ranger’s spokesman said the situation of the Gojra city was under control and it would soon be further improved.

Senior Minister of Punjab, Raja Riaz Ahmad, Revenue Minister Haji Ishaq and minority MPA Pervez Rafique visited the city to review law and order situation. According to reports, President Zardari heading for Federal Minister for Minorities Affairs, Shahbaz Bhatti to stay in Gojra until the condition becomes normal, and also asked him to take steps to protect life and property of people. Punjab Chief Minister, Shahbaz Sharif has proclaimed Rs500, 000 for each deprived family and directed the Commissioner and the RPO to stay in Gojra till the situation is restored and arrange a report on Gojra bloodshed. Christian community and human rights organizations expressed their shock over the event of aggression in Gojra in which precious lives were lost and public property was damaged. They said all religions hate aggression and preach patience,

According to intelligence sources, the Interior Ministry on July 18 had informed all the four provincial governments regarding possibility of the incidents of terrorism in Faisalabad, Okara, Sialkot, Toba Tek Singh and Rawalpindi.