

**Training Workshop on
Monitoring Human Rights Violations
6th – 11th October, Bangkok**

Asian Institute for Human Rights

Summary Report

In response to requests from activists working on issues of human rights violations in Baluchistan, the Asian Institute for Human Rights (AIHR) organized a training workshop on, ‘Monitoring Human Rights Violations’ from 6th – 11th October in Bangkok, Thailand. The training was attended by 7 activists from Baluchistan. The purpose of the training was to build the capacity of the group to systematically monitor violations of human rights so that they could build a campaign and highlight human rights violations occurring in the region.

In line with this objective, at the end of the training, on 11th October, the participants gave a presentation on the situation in Baluchistan before representatives from regional organizations based in Bangkok such as the International Commission of Jurists, FORUM-ASIA and Asian Human Rights Commission. After the presentation, the participants had a discussion with the representatives from these organizations on best strategies to address the issues of human rights violations in Baluchistan. Mr. D.J. Ravindran, Advisory Board member of AIHR conducted the training workshop.

The training workshop focused on the following areas:

- The importance of collecting credible information
- Key elements of human rights work
- Reviewing human rights standards
- Gathering of evidence, assessment of evidence and identifying patterns
- Basics of fact finding and collecting information
- Basics of interviewing
- Basics of reporting
- Strategies of using the information collected
- Identifying international human rights mechanisms and international organizations for advocacy purposes.

This training was part of the series of trainings that AIHR has been organizing on ‘Monitoring Human Rights Violations’. Previously it has organized similar trainings for activists working in the conflict situation present in the southern border provinces of Thailand and for activists monitoring the arrests of youth on terrorism related offences in India.