

## A Humble Request: Please Send a Post Card

rnational postcard drive has been launched on Aafia's behalf. Postcards are being conveyed (by concerned citizens) to U.S. Consulates in a number of countries where Dr. Aafia Siddiqui Support Committees have been established.

essage on the back of the cards is addressed to the U.S. Department of State and simply reads:

## Madam.

a birthday message of peace and justice to the United States of America from the People of the World: Free Dr. Aafia Siddiqui now! The world is watching - let freedom ring.

mpaign would be most effective if the State Department received a huge volume of cards (bearing this message, or one similar to it) within a concentrated two-week period - the week before and the week after America's independence day celebrations. Please consider sending your own postcard addressed to Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton, calling for the release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui.



The postcard should be addressed as follows:

Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20520

For more information and to download ready-to-print cards, please visit:

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Rumors of Aafia's Death Exaggerated

A recent malicious rumor claiming that Dr. Aafia had died is not true. However, the state of her health has not been independently verified and recent visits by family and Pakistani Consulate suggest a continued and disturbing deterioration of her condition. Carswell authorities refuse to allow independent evaluation.

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"It was like Qiyamah", that is how Dr. Fawzia Siddiqui described the situation when rumours exploded internationally about the death of her sister Dr. Aafia Siddiqui yesterday.

The rumors immediately attracted media attention and many supporters worldwide who frantically tried to verify the information.

"The news spread like wild fire and we do not know where it came from," Dr. Fawzia said.

She has requested a full and thorough inquiry.

Dr. Fawzia highlighted that the extent of the rumours went as far as people sending condolence messages to the family, conducting Isale Thawaab and performing Janazah Salaah for Dr. Aafia.

After much effort to contact the embassies and various politicians, the US embassy in Pakistan dispelled the rumors and confirmed that she was alive.

"I requested a phone call to Aafia to confirm that she is alive and I asked for a video call so that they do not play a recording," Dr. Fawzia said.

The family waited for several hours after confirmation that a phone call will be allowed to speak to Aafia.

"Just before Fajr we spoke to Aafia and she is alive although [sounding] very sick," the sister said.

While speaking to the family, Aafia narrated that when she was asleep (while the rumors were spreading) she was in sever pain in a semi-unconscious state. After that the warden came and said that she must make a phone call either to them or to her mother.

Interestingly, the official Free Aafia website and twitter account could not be accessed while the rumors spread.

"After we clarified everything via phone calls it started working again.

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