

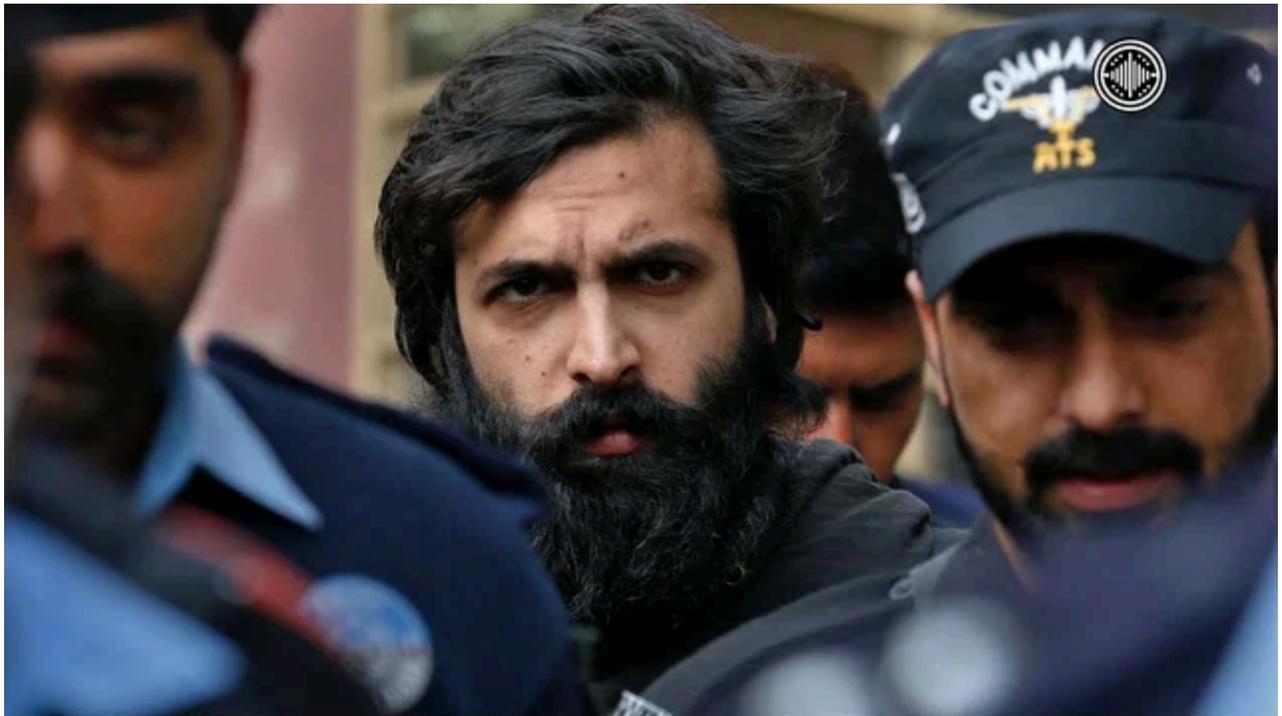
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## Zahir Jaffer Seeks Mercy Plea in Noor Mukadam Case

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Zahir Jaffer, the man sentenced to death for the brutal 2021 murder of Noor Mukadam, is reportedly preparing to file a mercy petition as his final legal option under Pakistani law. As part of the process, authorities have requested the formation of a medical board to assess his mental health condition.

Jaffer was convicted and sentenced to death in February 2022 by an Islamabad court for the high-profile killing that shocked the nation. Noor Mukadam, a 27-year-old woman and the daughter of a former Pakistani diplomat, was found beheaded in Jaffer's residence in Islamabad's upscale F-7 area. The case drew widespread public attention and became a rallying point for national discussions on gender-based violence, justice, and accountability in Pakistan.

The mercy plea is being prepared for submission to the President of Pakistan, which is allowed under Article 45 of the Constitution. This article grants the President the authority to pardon, reprieve, or commute any sentence passed by a court of law. Before the petition reaches the President, it will go through multiple official stages, including reviews by the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Law and Justice.

According to recent reports, Adiala Jail officials have written to the Punjab health authorities, asking for a special medical board to evaluate Jaffer's mental state. This request is seen as part of the due process in verifying whether any psychological conditions could influence the outcome of his final appeal for clemency.

Zahir Jaffer's legal team has previously argued that he suffers from mental illness, although courts have rejected these claims in the past, deeming him fit to stand trial. Still, the formation of a medical board may play a role in shaping the narrative of the mercy plea.