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## Karachi Hospital Lift Operator Arrested for Sexual Assault of Minor Boy

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A lift operator at Dr. Ruth KM Pfau Civil Hospital in Karachi was arrested on July 17, 2025, for allegedly sexually assaulting a young boy in the hospital's operation theatre complex. The incident has sparked outrage, highlighting the urgent need for stricter safety measures in public institutions. This article examines the assault, the police response, and the broader implications for child protection in Pakistan.

The horrific incident occurred when the accused, identified as Abdul Waheed, lured a boy into the lift at the Civil Hospital's Operation

Theatre (OT) complex, took him to the third floor, and assaulted him. According to The Express Tribune, the boy reported the assault to his father, Rashid, who confronted Waheed. The suspect became hostile, but hospital security guards and Sub-Inspector Anwar Baloch, present at the scene, apprehended him. “The accused tried to silence the boy with Rs100 and threats,” Baloch confirmed, underscoring the predator’s audacity. A medical examination confirmed the assault, strengthening the case under the Sindh Child Protection Act (SCPA).

The arrest has ignited public fury, with voices on social media, including journalist Mariana Baabar, demanding accountability. “This is an attack on our children’s safety,” she posted on X, reflecting widespread sentiment. The Karachi Police, led by the District Police Officer (DPO), have filed a First Information Report (FIR) and are conducting a thorough investigation. The swift response contrasts with past criticisms of institutional lethargy, signaling a commitment to justice. The hospital administration has pledged to review security protocols to prevent such breaches.

This case exposes the vulnerabilities in Pakistan’s public spaces, particularly for children, and raises questions about oversight in hospitals. The incident, following similar cases in Haripur and Abbottabad, underscores the need for robust child protection measures. The government’s enforcement of the SCPA and the police’s prompt action offer hope, but systemic reforms are critical to prevent future tragedies. As the nation grapples with this outrage, the arrest of Waheed serves as a stark reminder that vigilance and accountability are non-negotiable in safeguarding the vulnerable.