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Pakistan Supreme Court Confirms Death Sentence for Christian Qaiser Ayub in Blasphemy Case

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Pakistan's Supreme Court has rejected the appeal of Qaiser Ayub, a Christian father of three, and upheld his death sentence for blasphemy under Section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Pakistan's Supreme Court has rejected the appeal of Qaiser Ayub, a Christian father of three, and upheld his death sentence for blasphemy under Section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code. The same bench acquitted his younger brother Amoon, ending almost twelve years in prison for a man the court said there was not enough evidence against. The decision was made on 7 October 2026 and only recently became public, with reports emerging between 6 and 13 November.

Qaiser Ayub has now spent more than a decade fighting for his life. The case dates back to 2011, when blasphemous material allegedly appeared on a website linked to his name. He and his brother were arrested in 2014. A trial court sentenced both men to death in December 2018, and the Lahore High Court confirmed the convictions in June 2022.

For the Ayub family, the Supreme Court's ruling split their fate in two. Amoon walked free after nearly twelve years behind bars, his name cleared for lack of evidence. Qaiser, the elder brother, was left facing the same death sentence he has lived under since 2018 - only now confirmed by the highest court in the country.

According to the European Centre for Law and Justice, this is the first time Pakistan's Supreme Court has upheld a death sentence for blasphemy. That makes the ruling more than one man's tragedy. It sets a precedent that every blasphemy case in Pakistan will now be measured against, and it tells every Christian accused under the law that the highest court in the land can, and will, confirm the ultimate punishment.

Qaiser's chances are not entirely gone. His remaining options are a review before the courts or an appeal for presidential mercy. But both are long shots, and both take time - time he has already spent, year after year, in a prison cell, waiting for judges to decide whether he lives or dies.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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