



## BIOGRAPHY SAIF-UL-MALOOK

- Born on July 11th 1956 in Lahore (Pakistan)
- Completed primary and high school in Lahore
- Went to University in Germany 1976, but had to leave Germany because his father wanted him to come back to Pakistan in december 1976
- He graduated from the University Law College at Punjab University and completed his law study in 1979
- Started practising as an advocate in Lahore, conducted important cases for government of Pakistan
- Elected as vice-president of Lahore High Court Bar Association in 2000
- When general Musharraf imposed martial law, Saif-ul-Malook invited all the political party heads in Lahore High Court Bar, as the military had stopped activities in the country. He helped the democratic situation
- In January 2011, the Governor of Punjab mister Salmaan Taseer, was murdered by his police uniformed bodyguard, on the ground that Taseer went to meet Asia Bibi in prison. Saif-ul-Malook came forward to prosecute the killer, Mumtaz Qadri, when nobody in Pakistan out of fear wanted to prosecute Qadri
- In October 2014, when Lahore High Court dismissed appeal of the case of a christian Pakistani woman Asia Bibi's, it was almost certain that she would be sent to the gallows. Mr. Saif-ul-Malook again came forward to take Asia Bibi's case, as a challenge to fight the last round before the ultimate Supreme Court of Pakistan in Islamabad. He worked on this case for four years. And he ultimately changed the history of Pakistan and got Asia Bibi back from the gallows to normal free life
- In the opinion of the Islamic fundamentalists in Pakistan, Saif-ul-Malook was the instrument in the death penalty of Mumtaz Qadri. Since that time mr. Malook was losing his personal liberties and was leading his life under police guards. And when he took the case of Asia Bibi the Islamic fundamentalists targeted his life and started extending threats to him to leave the case of Asia Bibi. He stood by his commitment with extraordinary courage and did not give importance to such threats
- After succeeding in winning the case of Asia Bibi on October 31st 2018 the fundamentalists started riots in the country and declared that the judges that quitted her and also her lawyer Saif-ul-Malook are targeted to be killed. According to the fundamentalists Asia's defending lawyer and the Supreme Court judges which released Asia have committed themselves to be killed according to Islamic law. Because of these threats, mr. Malook fled to the Netherlands and was taken care of by the HVC Foundation\*
- In 1995 mr. Malook married and he has three daughters. His wife is professor mathematics in Pakistan. She and their beloved 12 years old daughter are still in Pakistan, going under fear and pressure, protected by the Pakistani army

*\* HVC Foundation is a Dutch organization, HVC is short for 'Helping Persecuted Christians'*