

## Pakistan Women's Institute (PWI) Newsletter

The "Pakistan Women's Institute" is a member of the Asian Women's Institute (AWI), an organization founded in 1975, comprising women's studies centers established during that year in eight major women's universities and colleges of Asia. In January 1983, the **Philippines Women's Institute**, a cluster of women's Studies and Development Programs in the Philippines, was affiliated with the Asian Women's Institute. IWSAW, located in Beirut University College, is a member of AWI too. **Al-Raida**, IWSAW's newsletter, has published articles introducing the Asian Women's Institute and reporting on its activities.<sup>(1)</sup>

The latest number of the Pakistan Women's Institute News Letter reports on the celebration of Women's Day, March 8, 1983, and on the Women's Day Award for eminent women, granted this year, to Begum Ismat Samad Shah in recognition of her outstanding services to the nursing profession.

The editorial by Khawar Kazi carries an ardent call to all women to support the peace campaign. An article on the Asian Women's Institute by Mira Phailbus, Director of PWI and President of AWI, points out the intense suffering caused by war in such countries as Kampuchea, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Lebanon. The author mentions the efforts of AWI members to liberate women from illiteracy and to promote their role in society. She emphasizes two areas necessary to woman's ultimate liberation and development: 1) adult education and 2) changing women's attitudes toward themselves.

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(1) *Al-Raida*, Sept., 1977, no. 2 (English), p. 8; May 1, 1980, vol. III, no. 12 (English), p. 10.