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Nafisa Shah is a Member of the National Assembly in the Pakistan Parliament from the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). She is Member of the Standing Committee for Finance, Economic Affairs, and Privatisation and of Foreign Affairs, and Planning and Development.

Shah has a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology from Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University.

In 2001, Shah was elected as mayor of Khairpur district, and her exemplary performance won her many accolades which included her nominations as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum's and as one of 1000 women in a collective nomination for Nobel Award in 2004. It was during this time, that Shah collected the data which contributed towards her study on honour violence.

In the last parliament, Shah served as secretary of the Women's Parliamentary Caucus, which was instrumental in steering rights based legislation particularly on women's rights.

Her book 'Honour and Violence: Gender, Power and Law in Southern Pakistan' has recently been published in the UK and New York by Berghahn Books and in South Asia as 'Honour Unmasked' by Oxford University Press. This study, based on her research in Upper Sindh, Pakistan, draws connections between Pakistani state law and customary practices of honour based violence, and how local, historical and modern power dynamics are implicated in reshaping such practices.