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To: Al Jazeera

Subject: Swedish Pastor and Politician Accused of Misusing Authority in Child Protection Case

Dear Al Jazeera Investigative Team,

I am writing to bring to your attention a serious case in Sweden involving a local pastor in the *Ekumeniakyrkan* (United Church of Sweden), AnnaCamilla Anderson, who is also an active member of the Swedish Social Democratic Party (Socialdemokraterna). In addition to her religious duties, she serves as the chairperson of a municipal social welfare board with direct authority over child protection cases.

Recently, she presided over a decision to place a young girl (13 years old) in state custody under the *LVU* (Care of Young Persons Act). In the process, she made several false statements:

- She claimed the child's father was violent, despite the complete absence of any supporting documentation the case at hand, the father has even been accused of sexual abuse against his daughter. However, the daughter's own statement reveals something entirely different: she explained that her father once tried to give her a hug when she did not want it. This discrepancy between the grave allegation and the child's actual words raises serious concerns about misrepresentation and the misuse of sensitive claims in order to justify state intervention.
- She asserted that the father had no visitation rights, even though no court has ever imposed any restrictions on either the father's right to see his children or the children's right to see their father.
- She further misrepresented that a court had denied the father visitation, while in fact no such ruling exists.

This situation is deeply troubling as it reveals multiple conflicts of interest:

- Ms. Anderson is simultaneously active in several networks against domestic violence, leading to a biased stance in cases involving such allegations.
- She also serves as a pastor within the Swedish prison system, providing spiritual guidance to inmates convicted of domestic violence, while at the same time influencing child custody decisions on similar grounds. In her prison ministry, she used a different name. When this discrepancy was brought to the attention of the Swedish Prison and Probation Service as well as the inmates, she disappeared shortly thereafter from the website of the Church of Sweden and from the Council for Spiritual Care.

This convergence of roles — pastor, political leader, prison chaplain, and social welfare authority — raises profound ethical and legal concerns. It also starkly contradicts basic Christian principles, such as the commandment against bearing false witness.

The consequences are severe: the young girl has been subjected to repeated trauma, including documented cases of sexual assault, suicide attempts, and both physical and psychological violence — in her mother's home, in state-run institutions, and now by being forced to remain separated from her father, despite new evidence and investigations showing that she should live with him. Yet Ms. Anderson continues to enforce her removal against the child's own will.

This case illustrates how moral authority can be distorted into systemic abuse, with devastating consequences for children and families. I believe it deserves international scrutiny, as it reflects broader issues of governance, human rights, and misuse of power in Sweden's child protection system.

In Sweden, a growing problem can be observed when mothers prioritize lifestyles and activities that are detached from the wellbeing of their children — in some cases even involving online platforms such as OnlyFans. Children exposed to this environment often become alienated, neglected, or objectified, and many eventually express a clear preference to live with their fathers instead.

However, the Swedish legal system provides little protection for such children or their fathers. Structural inequality within family law and child custody proceedings means that mothers are, in practice, often shielded by the authorities regardless of their actions. This imbalance creates a dangerous precedent: mothers can, in some cases, behave in ways deeply harmful to their children while fathers are left powerless to protect them.

The situation becomes even more troubling when combined with the influence of religious figures who publicly represent Christian values, but privately fail to live by them. In one such case, a pastor has supported and reinforced decisions that stripped a father of his rights, despite evidence that the child was safer and more stable in his care. The result is that both the father and the child have been left entirely without protection.

This is not only a family tragedy but also a systemic failure. It demonstrates how institutional bias, moral hypocrisy, and inadequate legal safeguards can combine to turn the principles of child protection into instruments of harm.

The pastor has publicly claimed in Swedish media that she was no longer active in the Church as recently as 2023. However, records show that she continued preaching in churches during both 2024 and 2025, while also remaining active within the prison system as a spiritual counselor in the same period.

A formal complaint has now been submitted to the church that ordained her as a pastor, questioning whether it is truly compatible with the pastoral role to subject a child to such

serious abuse. In addition, the father has filed a lawsuit against the municipality for violations of human rights.

I urge Al Jazeera to investigate and bring global attention to this troubling situation.

Sincerely,