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Fighting for restoration of human rights and civil liberties in Pakistan



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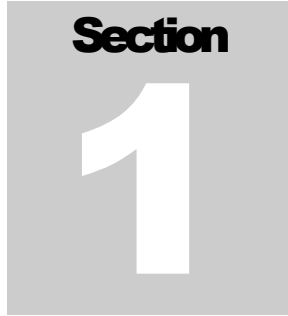
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Introduction

Welcome to the Emergency Telegraph. This is the first issue of a comprehensive booklet that hopes to fill in the vacuum created by the media blackout in Pakistan

Thank you all for subscribing to the emergency@hcs.harvard.edu. This list is going to be moderated for a little while to resolve complaints against nonconsensual subscription and spam. However, that should not deter you from sending emails that you may find important. Email emergencyinpakistan@gmail.com and to send something to everyone with “list forward” in the subject line.

This edition has to be rather long. This is due to the backlog of events and news owing to the lack of volunteers. We have finally assembled a media team that will be able to work. If you are interested in being a part of the team and are willing to give in at least half an hour to one hour everyday please see the relevant section.

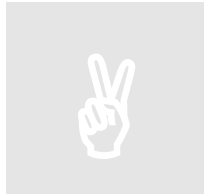
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-  Save a copy for reference
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-  Write articles for us
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-  Forward this to people via email
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-  Print and distribute to people around you
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Getting Media Coverage for your protests

The media division of the Emergency in Pakistan list has established links with most of the foreign and domestic media. If you are protesting and are expecting more than 50 participants and would like your event covered please email mediaemergency@gmail.com with “Media Coverage” in the subject line. Please tell as soon as possible so that we may notify the journalists immediately. In case of a change in venue or schedule, do not forget to update us. All requests must be accompanied by a contact person and his or her email and telephone.

Do not forget to take your own pictures. We can still get them published if you inform us ASAP. Please remember, all news is time sensitive.



Suggestions for your Protests

A guideline suggested by concerned citizens, lawyers, human rights' activists and veterans who fought for Democracy in Zia's time.

At a private location in Islamabad, a group of senior lawyers, human rights' activists and other concerned citizens of Pakistan met came out with some suggestions for future protests. In addition students of LUMS have been very active in working on details and suggestions.

Don't Get Arrested!

A premature arrest will only fill up jails, limit your future participation and cause trouble for your family

These guidelines are not exhaustive. Please do use your own common sense and discretion when needed. Also if you have any suggestion, please email emergencyinpakistan@gmail.com with "Protest Guidelines" in the subject.

If protesting in Pakistan:

- **Flash rallies: Rallies not lasting more than 10 minutes and having around 10 people.**
- **Do not announce your rallies well in advance. Generally inform of a day and an approximate location. Details should be announced just an hour in advance.**
- **Distribute stickers and posters amongst the public. Also try to convince them to stand with you.**
- **A small scale education campaign to inform people about what this martial law means and its implications on Pakistan and its people. This might prove more effective.**
- **Name enemies of the state and shame them in public.**
- **Graffiti is a good means of dissent. Vandalism is not.**
- **Everyone must wear a black article of clothing or a black armband until this is over even outside of protests.**
- **Black flags should be hoisted on the rooftops of houses and shops.**
- **Unions should be contacted to encourage their participation in the protests and movement.**
- **Pamphlets and banners are an effective way to counter the media blackout.**

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- **Car rallies:** Rallies of people in car driving slowly on one end up a highway with banners and black flags on cars.
- Be careful of what you discuss on the phone, telephone lines and the internet.
- In person communication is the safest form. Internet comes a second close. Cell phones and land lines are repeatedly being tapped.
- Do not travel in large groups without sufficient organization because you could arouse needless scrutiny.

If you plan to go to a rally:

- Keep a wet cloth handy to cover your mouth, nose and eyes during possible tear-gassing.
- Salt for your throat, under the same eventuality.
- Make sure you leave your contact with someone responsible to check on you in case something happens.
- Girls are specially advised to wear shalwaar kameez.
- Do not carry expensive items with you.
- And of course, a pair of good running shoes.

Message from the Honorable Chief Justice

Honorable Chief Justice, Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry was able to communicate the following to the people of Pakistan before his telephone line went dead:

"Don't be afraid. God will help us and the day will come when you'll see the constitution supreme and no dictatorship for a long time,"

Unfortunately we do not have the full statement but his sentiments are available at this link:

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/asia/article3132476.ece>

Message from Asma Jahangir

Dear Friends,

The situation in the country is uncertain. There is a strong crackdown on the press and lawyers. Majority of the judges of the Supreme Court and four High Courts have not taken oath. The Chief Justice is under house arrest (unofficially). The President of the Supreme Court Bar (Aitzaz Ahsan) and 2 former presidents, Mr. Muneer Malik and Tariq Mahmood have been imprisoned for one month under the Preventive Detention laws. The President of the Lahore High Court Mr. Ahsan Bhoon and former bar leader Mr. Ali Ahmed Kurd have also been arrested. The police is looking for 6 other lawyers, including President of Peshawar and Karachi bar. The President of Lahore bar is also in hiding. There are other scores political leaders who have also been arrested.

Yesterday I was house arrested for 90 days. I am sending my detention order. (Available here: <http://www.teeth.com.pk/blog/wp-content/uploads/2007/11/house-arrest-order.JPG>)

Ironically the President (who has lost his marbles) said that he had to clamp down on the press and the judiciary to curb terrorism. Those he has arrested are progressive, secular minded people while the terrorists are offered negotiations and ceasefires.

Lawyers and civil society will challenge the government and the scene is likely to get uglier. We want friends of Pakistan to urge the US administration to stop all support of the instable dictator, as his lust for power is bringing the country close to a worse form of civil strife. It is not time for the international community to insist on preventive measures, otherwise cleaning up the mess may take decades. There are already several hundred IDPs and the space for civil society has hopelessly shrunk.

We believe that Musharaf has to be taken out of the equation and a government of national reconciliation put in place. It must be backed by the military. Short of this there are no realistic solutions, although there are no guarantees that this may work.

Asma Jahangir

Watch banned TV channels online

A few people have been working on compiling a list of sites where you can watch the banned private TV channels online. This list will be updated soon. If you know of websites that allow you to watch these channels (preferably for free), please email: mediaemegency@gmail.com with “TV channels” in the subject line:

Geo News Live:

<http://www.pakistanvision.com/playLive.php?pid=1>

<http://www.pakistanvision.com/playLive.php?pid=6>

<http://geo.pakfiles.net/geo/>

ARY One Live:

<http://ary.pakfiles.net/ary/>

AAJ TV

<http://www.jumptv.com/en/channel/aajtv/>

(Others channels to be updated shortly)

List of Detainees

We are working on a list of people detained and there possible whereabouts. The list needs to be completed ASAP. Over 1500 people have been detained and the current location of many is unknown. Please email emergencyinpakistan@gmail.com with “Arrested Pakistanis” in the subject line with any information that you may have about these people.

Call for Volunteers

To improve the speed and quality of the Emergency Telegraph, we are in dire need of volunteers. Tasks can all be done from home using the internet and via email. Please contact emergencyinpakistan@gmail.com with “Volunteer” in the subject line if you can give some time on a regular basis for this cause. Any form of help will be greatly appreciated. If you happen to find yourself free for an hour, please email the above email and we will probably have some work for you.

Bleeding Nation Gazette

This section plans to provide a summary of the major headlines and development related to the martial law in Pakistan. All headlines are provided with links for reference.

Lums student Zahra Sabri shares her views Fixture on CNN World News
Tuesday, November 06
<http://edition.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/asiapcf/11/06/pakistan.irpt/index.html>

Pakistan: Bhutto in Islamabad for talks with Musharraf, sources say

<http://www.adnkronos.com/AKI/English/Politics/?id=1.0.1520698680>

Conspiracy surrounds Bhutto bombing

http://www.janes.com/news/security/countryrisk/jtsm/jtsm071106_1_n.shtml

Bhutto to Musharraf: We Can Still Deal

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1680704,00.html>

Bush demands Pakistan return to civilian rule

<http://www.canada.com/topics/news/world/story.html?id=a1b120d1-c415-47a4-8810-fa9ecb9c5b81&k=1137>

Emergency Targets Pakistani Activists

Tuesday, November 06

<http://www.foxnews.com/wires/2007Nov06/0,4670,PakistanActivistsUnderFire,00.html>

Pakistan's courts locked down

Tuesday, Nov. 06

<http://edition.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/asiapcf/11/06/pakistan.crisis/index.html>

Pakistani lawyers beaten

Nov. 6

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20420261/>

Musharraf's War on Moderates

Tuesday, Nov. 06

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1681115,00.html>

Musharraf's emergency punishes the liberal activists who could help fight militancy

November 6

<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/11/06/asia/AS-GEN-Pakistan-Activists-Under-Fire.php>

Deposed judge urges lawyers to defy Musharraf

Nov. 6

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21649387/>

Top judge attacks Musharraf rule

Tuesday, 6 November

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/7080433.stm

Pakistanis slake thirst for news

Tuesday, 6 November

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7081027.stm

Pakistan 'to keep elections date'

5 November

"Pakistan's prime minister says national elections will be held as scheduled, despite President Pervez Musharraf's declaration of emergency rule."

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7079402.stm

Does Musharraf face risk of a coup?

5 November

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7079445.stm

In quotes: Pakistan emergency reaction

Sunday, 4 November

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7076981.stm

Timeline: Pakistan emergency rule

Sunday, 4 November

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7076992.stm

Musharraf takes on Pakistan's judges

4 November

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7077627.stm

Musharraf targets key opponents

4 November

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7077443.stm

Text of Pakistan emergency declaration

3 November 2007

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/7077136.stm

Pakistan's circular history

Saturday, 11 August

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/6940148.stm

From the Street

- There had been theories of the President being put under house arrest and suggestions of a counter coup staged by second in command General Kiyani had taken charge after he was sworn in as the Chief of Army Staff. This has been verified as untrue.
- The blast on Bhutto's return to Pakistan is being blamed on corroboration between Benazir, Musharraf and the Intelligence Agencies. It does seem strange the supposed suicide bomber, who probably had been planning on this attack for a while and had been waiting in the protests for some time too would choose the very 5-7 minutes that Benazir was not on the truck. As probably evident, there can be no confirmation of this.

From the GHQ (and other reliable sources)

- Inside sources in the GHQ have confirmed tension in a top level meeting in GHQ in Rawalpindi. The informant suggested that not all of the top command was happy with the declaration of martial law and the handling of emergency.
- A transmission engineer who is working in Mobilink, Islamabad has confirmed that the shut down in network access in blue area, shahrah-e-dastur and the surrounding areas was under the directive of the government. Apparently the Honorable Chief Justice, Iftikhar Chaudry was trying to talk to reporters.
- Benazir Bhutto has finally arrived in Islamabad. Initially she was supposed to arrive at 9 pm on Sunday but for some unknown reason she delayed her arrival. Roads around the airport and leading to her house were blocked for a few hours. Speculation has it that she is still trying to negotiate a deal. More information will come when she addresses Rawalpindi on Nov 9th. Under martial law, rallies critical of the government have been banned. However, Benazir is getting super star treatment and considerable leniencies. Will the General resist her? Only time will tell.

- Press Club in Karachi was raided by the police Sunday night with 9 people taken into custody. Equipment was broken and people attending the meeting were manhandled and harassed.

Media Links

Below is a list of all the important pictures and videos:

http://accuracyandaesthetics.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/07/pakistan_protest_narrowweb_300x3630.jpg

<http://www.dawn.com/2007/05/04/SlideShow/pic01.jpg>

<http://www.dawn.com/2007/05/04/SlideShow/pic02.jpg>

http://newsimg.bbc.co.uk/media/images/42671000/jpg/_42671157_police_ap416.jpg

http://newsimg.bbc.co.uk/media/images/44218000/jpg/_44218634_416barassoc_afp.jpg

http://newsimg.bbc.co.uk/media/images/44218000/jpg/_44218636_416islamabad_getty.jpg

http://newsimg.bbc.co.uk/media/images/44218000/jpg/_44218635_416bundled_afp.jpg

http://newsimg.bbc.co.uk/media/images/44218000/jpg/_44218638_416karachidetained_afp.jpg

http://www.flickr.com/photos/rizwan_quraishi/1872845620/

<http://pkpolitics.com/2007/11/06/news-imran-khan-6-november-07/>

http://www.flickr.com/photos/rizwan_quraishi/1872002029/

http://www.flickr.com/photos/rizwan_quraishi/1871922897/

http://www.flickr.com/photos/rizwan_quraishi/1872547304/

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/7076958.stm

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/7077474.stm

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_pictures/7078844.stm

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/images/338550.jpg>

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/images/338551.jpg>

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/images/339326.jpg>

<http://sg.yimg.com/xp/afp/20071107/08/260541742.jpg>

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/images/338870.jpg>

<http://d.yimg.com/news.aunz.yimg.com/xp/afp/20071106/20/2007587190.jpg>

<http://www.latimes.com/media/photo/2007-11/33621398.jpg>

<http://www.latimes.com/media/photo/2007-11/33621391.jpg>

<http://www.latimes.com/media/photo/2007-11/33621390.jpg>

http://in.yimg.com/xp/reuters_ids_new/20071106/16/950589115.jpg

<http://d.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/p/rids/20070312/i/ra3159551157.jpg>

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/photo/04112007/24/photo/photos-n-world-hamid-gul-r-arrest.html>

http://www.alertnet.org/thefacts/imagerepository/RTRPICT/2007-11-06T152041Z_01_ISL14_RTRIDSP_2_PAKISTAN_articleimage.jpg

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-11/04/xin_392110404202885978105.jpg

http://in.reuters.com/resources/r/?m=02&d=20071104&t=2&i=2109260&w=&r=img-2007-11-04T084502Z_01_NOOTR_RTRMDNC_0_India-303196-1

http://bp0.blogger.com/_JtRP5wldjrs/RzDYQfApotI/AAAAAAAAA8/4qhG-onAogo/s1600-h/1887294926_d16786ec23.jpg

http://bp0.blogger.com/_JtRP5wldjrs/RzDTEfApool/AAAAAAAAAAU/N9B3TEnl_4o/s1600-h/1887240892_22e88e531c.jpg

http://bp1.blogger.com/_JtRP5wldjrs/RzDQ-vAponI/AAAAAAAAAAM/VXps_00SJ0w/s1600-h/1887229010_a5044b3d21.jpg

Videos

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=-TiD9VtRS-o>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=4CbqSWyi4AU>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=pKMZDimkScc>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=nBSYv1vTIGM>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=y07YhVw4qBo>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=cthzQaLfXww>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=YcRu0hGWFws>

Successful Protests

Islamabad:

Nov 3rd, Saturday, Outside the Supreme Court, 500-1000 people

Nov 4th, Sunday, In front of Justice colony, 50-100 people

Nov 5th, Monday, Aab Para, (details unknown)

Nov 5th, Monday, In Front of Pindi High Court, (details unknown)

Lahore:

Nov 5th, Monday, In front of Lahore High Court, 700-1000 people

Nov 5th, Monday, In LUMS, 500-600 people

Karachi:

Nov 5th, Monday, In front of Karachi High Court, (details unknown)

Nov 6th, Tuesday, Karachi Press Club, 15 parties and groups

Multan:

Nov 5th, Monday, In front of Multan High Court, (details unknown)

Nov 6th, Tuesday, In front of Multan High Court, hundreds

London:

Nov 5th, Monday, In front of Pakistani Embassy, 300 people

Nov 5th, Monday, In front of Pakistani Embassy, 150-200

New York:

Nov 5th, Monday, In front of Pakistani Embassy, 200 people

Upcoming Protests

Islamabad:

Nov 7th, Wednesday, In Front of PM House, 5 PM

Lahore:

Nov 7th, Wednesday, LUMS, 1-2 PM

Washington:

Nov 11th, Sunday, In front of Pakistani Embassy, all day

London:

Nov 7th, Wednesday, In Front of Pakistani Embassy, 1-2 PM

New York:

Thanksgiving, In front of Pakistani Embassy, 24 hour

More updates to follow soon. If you want your protest to be on the next issue please email emergencyinpakistan@gmail.com

Views and Reviews

Eye witness account

LUMS Student in front of the Lahore High Court

Monday, November 5, 2007

What happened today at the Lahore High Court, inside and outside, was as disgraceful as it was agitating. The police treated a declared peaceful protest as if the mass (composed largely of lawyers, students and some ordinary civilians) were a herd of sheep. Not even at a herd of sheep would any civilized body unleash such blind rage. Crowds were entirely helpless yet they were being tear-gassed, bulldozed with batons and lawyers were being disgracefully slapped and kicked even while they had their hands raised in surrender to the army of policemen that the state has stationed against all overt forms of opposition.

I managed to capture a few pictures while attending this protest. You can see them at http://www.flickr.com/photos/rizwan_quraishi

Also, please feel free to send these pictures along to all possible places, including the press, who were interested in collecting first-person experiences from the site of protest and were also interested in learning the opinions of those outside the judiciary, especially students.

I hope all this media, at some level, culminate into a large repository that makes a strong statement of awareness on a greater platform and opposition to this absurdity.

- Rizwan Ahmed Quraishi.

(rizwan.quraishi@gmail.com)

IDS student who participated in the protest outside the Pakistani High Commission in London:

It's 1 a.m. in Brighton, just arrived from London. The demonstration in front of the high commission had about 200 people, with more than 10% LUMS alumni from all the main universities in the UK.

All the main media was there. Gave them the news about what was happening in the unis and other places in Pakistan. I've told them to go inside the universities to hear the voices.

Someone from CNN (he asked me not to be mentioned) told me to tell you to (in his words) "flood our website with pictures, videos and reports of what is happening there". Send them to I-Report at: <http://edition.cnn.com/exchange/ireports/toolkit/index.html> He said that CNN loves this "people reporting" and also that it's been very difficult to get their reports out of Pakistan (BBC and NDTV also said the same).

Send your videos and pics ad reports to them. On another front we (in the UK) decided to ask all Pakistani political parties why aren't they coming to the street - we are going to tell them that we aren't going to the streets unless they set the example. Next demonstration Wednesday in Birmingham, and we're planning to hold demonstrations in front of No. 10 every Saturday. Apparently the demonstration in New York was also quite good. Keep the fight there, but don't go out and get arrested.

A brilliant idea from one of our students:

"It would be good if all the websites at LUMS, in Lahore, in Pakistan and any where else post a message on there home pages condemning the shameless move of General Musharraf."

IDS at Sussex has already done so. This is their front page: <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/> Pass on this idea to all academic institutions that we have contacts with, nationally and internationally.

Miguel

(miguel@lums.edu.pk)

Active Petitions

Restore 1973 Constitution by Pakistani International Community

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/15064.html>

Please sign this petition if you haven't done so already

Other Publications

Emergency Times at LUMS

Issue three is now available. It will be sent out shortly. It may also be accessed at:
pakistanmartiallaw.blogspot.com

You can contribute by sending submissions to theemergencytimes@gmail.com

The latest edition includes:

- Details of the rise of the Student Movement in Pakistan
- Eye witness account of a protestor in London
- Details on the resolution passed in GIKI
- Many other articles and details.

Here is an poem from their current edition:

Suppression
Addressed to Musharraf
Dr.N.S

In this quagmire
My hatred is justified

For my heart aches hopelessly

For freedom.

So is my guilt

That scatters screaming visions

And flutters desperately

Like a dying bird.

I love you all

In my naked being

But these wings that

Have grown out

Have a passion to fly.

I wish I could

Cut blind these eyes

That spy across horizons

And breach your walls

And your rules.

Hear the prayers of a dying man:

“Let a thousand Che Guevara’s bloom”

Miscellaneous

Emergency Headquarters

An attempt is underway to consolidate all the efforts. So far there have been some problems with communication and logistics. Omer Aftab (Harvard '10) is working on creating a website that will allow everyone to coordinate, share pictures, ideas and opinions amongst a host of other things. Anyone who is also currently working on something similar is strongly recommended to contact Omer (oaftab@fas.harvard.edu)

Your submissions

Emergency Telegraph is looking for your submissions. As such there are no official guidelines for submissions. The format of this journal should be clear by now. If you have any submissions, please email emergencyinpakistan@gmail.com with "Submissions" in the subject line.

Call for Volunteers

Please contribute your time for fighting against martial law. Volunteers are asked to email to emergencyinpakistan@gmail.com with "Volunteer" in the subject line. Most work is done online. Half an hour everyday could greatly help our cause.

Also, please inform us about your protests in advance so that media teams and announcements can be sent accordingly.

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