

Release abducted Pakistani socialists!

Seven prominent youth and trade union activists have been disappeared in Karachi by the Army and Sindh Rangers, a paramilitary state department notorious for extra-judicial killings. Nobody has been told about their whereabouts so far and no case has been registered against them.

These activists, all of them members of *Lal Salaam* (International Marxist Tendency) were arrested because they joined the solidarity protest of Pashtun Tahafuz (Protection) Movement (PTM) in front of the Karachi Press club. The Pashtun movement has developed to massive proportions, demanding an end to state repression against Pashtuns, removal of army checkpoints, clearing landmines planted in populated areas, and release 32,000 abducted by the army. The growing support for the PTM has seriously rattled the ruling class, which is why they are now cracking down on radical elements, whom they fear will gain an echo within the movement.

We therefore demand the immediate release of these seven activists of the IMT abducted by the Pakistan Army. Their only crime is to have expressed their views about the Pakistani State and supported the PTM in front of the Karachi Press Club today. We also demand that the demands of the PTM should be accepted immediately and state should end its atrocities in the tribal areas and stop supporting Islamic fundamentalism. We also condemn the imperialist interventions in Pakistan which have created these monsters and have supported the brutal Pakistani State.

Our only strength is our solidarity. We vow to keep fighting till the last victory. Our final aim is to remove this rotten capitalist system through a socialist transformation of society!

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Securing freedom for our abducted comrades might require expensive legal proceedings. Please donate to the Pakistan Trade Union Solidarity campaign (www.paypal.me/ptus) to assist the comrades in Pakistan with court fees and legal representation.

Sign our petition calling for the comrades' immediate release!

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