

People's Resistance
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**SUPPORT THE ONGOING STRUGGLE OF PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS FOR
DEMOCRACY AND AGAINST MEDIA RESTRICTIONS**

Urgent Medical Attention to Detained Jurists and Lifting of Detention Demanded *Press Release*, Karachi, Nov 26: The People's Resistance condemns the government's criminal negligence that has resulted in so many of the most respected jurists in this country becoming seriously ill while in prison where they are illegally detained by the current regime.

<http://pakvoices.net/2007/11/26/42/>

IPI Concerned about Impunity in Crimes against Journalists in Pakistan *Press Release*, 27 November 2007. The International Press Institute (IPI), the global network of editors, media executives and leading journalists in over 120 countries, is deeply concerned over the killing of Pakistani journalist Zubair Ahmed Mujahid, who was shot dead by an unidentified man on a motorcycle on the night of 23 November in Mirpur khas, in the southern Sindh province.

http://www.freemedia.at/cms/ipi/statements_detail.html?ctxid=CH0055&docid=CMS1196181830384

CONTINUING SOLIDARITY WITH THE JUDICIARY - Citizens Meet Judges *The News*, Karachi, November 27, 2007. Judges of the Sind High Court (SHC) who did not take oath under the PCO were surprised when they gathered for a dinner at one of their colleague's home, where a large number of ordinary citizens - students, businessmen, journalists and others — were awaiting them with flowers.

http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=83020

Teeth Maestro (blog) - *Citizens delegation meets non-PCO judges of the Sindh High Court*

<http://www.teeth.com.pk/blog/2007/11/27/citizens-delegation-meets-non-pco-judges-of-the-sindh-high-court/>

GOVERNMENT AGREES TO DELETE ANTI-PRINT MEDIA CLAUSES *The News*, Islamabad, November 27, 2007. The APNS, CPNE, PFUJ and Information Ministry have agreed to improve the environment with regard to the government-media relations. The agreement was reached in a meeting between the media representatives and Information Minister Nisar A. Memon here Tuesday. <http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=32994>

PROTESTS CONTINUE

Human Rights Activists Stage Protest Against Media Curbs *The News*, Karachi

November 27, 2007. People's Resistance demonstrated outside the Karachi Press Club on Monday against curbs on the media and detention of lawyers and political activists since the imposition of emergency rule and demanded that Advocate Munir A Malik, who is admitted to PIMS Islamabad and is in critical condition, should immediately be shifted to the SIUT in Karachi for proper medical treatment.... http://www.thenews.com.pk/daily_detail.asp?id=83028

Candle-Lit Walk Speaks for Rights By Muhammad Badar Alam. *Dawn*, Lahore, Nov 26.

Scores of lawyers and civil society activists participated in a candlelit march from the Lahore Press Club to the offices of GEO Television on Monday evening... against President Pervez Musharraf, imposition of emergency, suspension of the constitution and the curbs he has placed on the freedom of superior judiciary as well as the electronic media.

http://epaper.dawn.com/artMailDisp.aspx?article=27_11_2007_012_003&typ=0

Journalists Express Solidarity with Geo *The News*, Karachi, November 26, 2007. Under the protest plan announced by the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), ... the Karachi Union of Journalists (KUJ), along with the media people belonging to Dawn group, and other media organisations, protested to show solidarity with the Geo staff.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=82851>

ISLAMABAD JOURNALISTS PROTEST *The News*, Islamabad, November 26, 2007.

Journalists continued on Monday protests against media curbs and vowed to fight till repeal of draconian laws. Hundreds of lawyers, members of civil society and common citizens joined them. <http://www.thenews.com.pk/updates.asp?id=32930>

MUSHARRAF AT PTV ANNIVERSARY - Talks about Media Limits *The News*, Rawalpindi, November 26, 2007. Speaking at the ceremony held to mark founding day of the state-run television, General Musharraf said the creation of an impression that freedom for media has been achieved through struggle is incorrect because the decision to give independence to media was taken by the government.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print3.asp?id=11389>

GEO TV SEEKS INDIAN MEDIA SUPPORT - *Zeenews Bureau*, New Delhi, Nov 27.

Geo TV on Tuesday urged the leading media houses of India including Zee News to extend an arm of help. The media houses have been asked to move the Pakistani establishment including President Musharraf for the restoration of GEO's services.

<http://www.zeenews.com/znew/articles.asp?rep=2&aid=409905&sid=SAS&sname=&news=Pakistan%60s%20Geo%20TV%20seeks%20Indian%20media%E2%80%99s%20help%20for%20restoration>

UAE Tightens Rules on Media Business Licences UAE, 25 November 2007. The National Media Council (NMC) and the Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone (TECOM) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to regulate and issue media licenses in the Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone.

<http://www.bi-me.com/main.php?id=15239&t=1&c=33&cg=4> or [Google cache](#)

FM103 Street Broadcast at KPC *People's Resistance Press Release*, Karachi, 26 Nov 2007. FM103, Pakistan's most popular network radio station, now off the airwaves under the new PEMRA Ordinance 2007, held a protest broadcast from the pavement outside the Karachi Press Club. <http://pakvoices.net/>

INTERVIEWS, ANALYSIS, COMMENT:

Political Talk Defies Ban in Pakistan: Forced Off Television, Popular Panel Shows Set Up in the Street - By Pamela Constable - *Washington Post Foreign Service*, November 25, 2007. ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Nov. 24 -- Pakistan's popular TV talk shows, once touted by the government as proof of democratic progress but now banned from broadcasting, have taken to the streets, drawing enthusiastic crowds.
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2007/11/24/AR2007112401284.html?referrer=emailarticlepg>

Geo Talk Show on Footpath - Audience says no to elections under emergency, journalists protest against curbs on media. *Geo TV*, Islamabad, November 27, 2007. Students, lawyers and civil society representatives were unanimous in saying 'no' to polls under emergency at Geo Television's popular talk show 'Capital Talk' hosted on the footpath here on Monday. http://216.167.27.246/important_events/curbonmedia/

Extended Interview: Geo Television President Imran Aslam PBS – *Online News Hour*, 24 November 2007. "The media, the civil society, the judiciary - all are essentially allies in a constituency that is against any form of extremism. This was the middle ground where tolerance was being bred, really, and was being nourished in a sense... I cannot understand how a person could go to this length in destroying the very constituency that he needs in this battle with creeping Talibanization..."
http://jang.com.pk/important_events/globalcoverage/24-11-2007.htm

True Heroes *The News* – Editorial, November 26, 2007. Pakistan's leaders are obviously unwilling to allow judges, particularly Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry, access to people because

they are aware of the respect and popularity they hold.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=82781>

Zippering Lips *The News* – Editorial, November 26, 2007. How long before books get first banned and then removed from the shelves of bookshops and libraries?Now it is the universities and colleges that are being restricted. <http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=82782>

Punish the Journalists, Gag the Press, the Party is On By Kamal Siddiqi, *The News*, November 26, 2007. The new home minister Akhtar Zamin, a retired army man, was bent on some punishment. The police officials at the thana level were not at all happy. Their take was simple: governments come and go while journalists and policemen stay where they are. <http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=82779>

The Autumn of the Patriarch By Simon Tisdall, *Comment is Free – Guardian*, November 26, 2007. General Pervez Musharraf's plan to retain power as Pakistan's civilian president is still intact, despite weeks of jaw-dropping blunders. But insiders say he will not last long, once a new government is elected and his army ties fade. They predict the general's final posting, following a trail into exile blazed by Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, will be duke of Knightsbridge or king of Dubai. http://commentisfree.guardian.co.uk/simon_tisdall/2007/11/the_autumn_of_the_patriarch.html

Pakistan's Turbulence May Have a Silver Lining By Nasim Zehra, *Guardian Unlimited* – Comment, Sunday November 25, 2007. It is now a daily and highly impassioned affair. In the heart of Pakistan's capital hundreds of journalists, activists, students and lawyers gather outside the Islamabad press club to reject government's draconian rules clamped on the media. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/pakistan/Story/0,,2216860,00.html>

Mediawatch By Saad Sayeed, *The News*, November 27, 2007.the compromise between people and authority is not a pretty picture. Especially when one considers that this so-called security is really an excuse for the control of the citizenry. <http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=82959>

EDUCATION

Survival or Democracy? - *A lesson on the current crisis could illuminate the country for all*
By Judith Kneen, *The Guardian –Education*, November 27, 2007. The current state of emergency in Pakistan is the latest crisis in the young state's 60-year struggle to establish its place in the world. President Pervez Musharraf is using it to suppress opposition parties, the

media and the judiciary. It has thrown forthcoming elections into confusion.

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/egweekly/story/0,,2217343,00.html>

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