

From Pakistan, solidarity with students in India facing Hindu right attacks

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Campus Violence in India and Expressions of Solidarity from Concerned Citizens in Pakistan.

Expressing solidarity with Indian and Pakistani students

India as the world's largest democracy is coming under focus on account of the grossly undemocratic actions of the government of Narendra Modi, first in locking down Kashmir for months and inflicting brutal police and army actions against protesting unarmed Kashmiris, then enacting discriminatory laws on citizenship, and now letting loose armed goons at non-violent protesters on campuses. These are clear signs of the rise of majoritarian fascism, reminding us of the rise of Nazism in the 1930s. Non-violent protests against government policies are a universally accepted fundamental right. Trying to suppress such protests through undemocratic means is highly condemnable.

We know from our own experience in Pakistan that acts of suppression introduce gross distortions in societies, and when nations slide into such distortions, intelligentsia remains the only source of sane advice. We therefore condemn the rising fascism in India, deplore the highhanded policies of the Modi government, and express our complete solidarity with the non-violent protesters on Indian university campuses. We are sure that had student unions been allowed to function in Pakistan, they would have also expressed complete solidarity with the protesting Indian students.

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