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International Institute of Research and Education Islamabad (IIRE) is to organize first “Global Justice School Islamabad”

The first school will start from October 9-14, 2010. 20 activists from trade unions, peasant, social, and political organizations will participate in this five days intensive school from the different parts of Punjab.

The main emphasize of this school is to discuss and learn about the realities of capitalist globalization and social re-composition of the society. It will discuss capitalist globalization, Communist Manifesto and its relevance today, the debt trap and strategies of building an alternative political movement. The resource person for this school includes Qalandar Memon, Agha Abdul Sattar, Farooq Tariq and me. This school will be helpful to develop the understanding of activists from different backgrounds toward the economic, social, and political issues in the era of offensive capitalist globalization.

The working class of Pakistan is facing multiple challenges because of privatization and downsizing that has led to more unemployment, price hike and poverty. There is a big political vacuum in the country and an organized struggle of workers and peasants could fill such vacuum but there seems to be no effective coordination between them. The government is still continuing to peruse the policies dictated by IMF and World bank and asking more loan even after the most disastrous flood in the history of Pakistan.

One of the purposes of this school is to provide an opportunity to the activists involved in various movements so that they could share their views and experiences. Activists from Labour Qaumi Movement, Anjuman Mozareen Punjab, Labour Party Pakistan, Women Workers Help Line, Labour Education Foundation and Progressive Youth Movement will take part in this school. This would help them to come up with some a joint strategy to intensify their struggle against the capitalist globalization.

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