

LETTER OF PROTEST

On the 3rd of November 2007, the constitution of Pakistan was suspended for the 5th time in the history of the country. The culprit, as before, is a military dictator. General Pervez Musharraf imposed a martial law, suspended the constitution of Pakistan, sacked the Supreme Court, shut down the media and stripped the citizens of Pakistan off their fundamental human rights to freedom and justice. The situation **IS** serious. **PAKISTAN IS ON THE BRINK.**

We, the concerned Pakistani community resident in France, have decided to register a peaceful protest and a demonstration against this at Trocadero on 10th November 2007 from 13h00 onwards

We call upon the world to unite behind the people of Pakistan in their darkest hour. We are calling upon the international community to use all its leverage to pressurise Musharraf to stop strangling democracy by unjustifiably oppressing all dissent, crushing freedom of expression, and suspending basic human rights. Musharraf must be forced to lift the martial law, and to restore the constitution and the rule of law.

This martial has already been declared by the 'Supreme Court of Pakistan' as **ILLEGAL**. Soon after the declaration of this illegal martial law, the army ignored the order of the 'Supreme Court' and forcibly took control of the Supreme Court of Pakistan!

We are protesting against the:

- Suspension of the constitution and thus the fundamental human rights of Pakistani citizens.
- Sacking of the Supreme court of Pakistan.
- Manhandling and detention without charges of the members of all the cross-sections of the civil society including lawyers, journalists, academicians, students, human rights activists and political workers.
- Complete blackout of independent national and international electronic media.

We demand the:

- Immediate restoration of THE CONSTITUTION, THE JUDICIARY and THE FREEDOM OF MEDIA.
- Immediate release of all political prisoners, honourable judges of the higher judiciary including the 'Chief Justice of Pakistan', President of "Supreme Court Bar Association", the president of the 'Human Rights Commission of Pakistan' & other prominent human-rights activists.
- Immediate announcement of the election schedule.
- Resignation by Pervez Musharraf and his public apology to the nation.

Date: 10th November 2007, SATURDAY
Time: 13h00
Venue: Parvis des Libertés et des Droits de L'Homme
(aka L'Esplanade du Trocadéro)
PARIS 75016
Métro : Trocadéro ligne 6 et ligne 9 (Near Eiffel Tower)