

CUPE 3906 / *Canadian Union of Public Employees*

To whom it may concern,

We are deeply concerned about the disappearance of seven youth and labour activists, in Karachi on Saturday, after the seven attended a peaceful protest in support of the Pashtun movement. They are presumed to have been arrested by the Army and Sindh Rangers, a paramilitary state department notorious for extra-judicial killings and we fear for their safety.

Furthermore, we view the disappearances as a very serious attack on the labor and democratic rights of Pakistani working people.

We ask you to investigate this incident and assure us that these activists are safe and well. We also ask you to inform us as to where they are being held and ensure their immediate release, as they have not participated in any form of illegal actions.

Those arrested are:

- 1) Karim Parhar, leader of PTM and RWF Quetta
- 2) Attaullah Afridi, Organizer of PYA Karachi
- 3) Aftab Ashraf, central organizer of RWF
- 4) Umer Riaz, Organizer of PYA Islamabad
- 5) Zain ul Abideen, Central Organizer of PYA
- 6) Muhammad Gulbaz, Organizer of RWF Kashmir
- 7) Bilawal Baloch, Deputy General Secretary of PYA

Sincerely,



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