

Press Release for Protest Rally on Sunday Feb 22, 2009 at Queens Park.

**Stop! TARGETED KILLINGS OF INNOCENT HAZARA-SHIA
MUSLIMS IN QUETTA PAKISTAN**

A protest rally was held on Sunday February 22, 2009 at Queens Park in front of the Parliament House in Toronto Canada. A huge number of participants including women and children participated in protest rally. The purpose of the protest was to condemn the sectarian violences and target killings all over Pakistan specially in Quetta.

People gathered at 3:00 PM where the temperature was -16 degree celcius. Still the participants enthousiasim was worth seeing. Women and children speically showed their participation. They hold banners and play cards, where the appeals had been made from the government of Pakistan to curb the network of terrorism.

The rally was started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Brother Syed Abbas.

Then Syed Munir addressed the rally. He explained that the whole country has become the hell due to terrorism, where no one is safe. He condemn the act done by these terrorists, where the inocents people become the target.

Haji Nisar Ali addressed the rally where he demanded from the government of Pakistan to dismiss the Police Officers like IG Police "Hamayun Jogizai" and ATF chief "Amir Mohammad Mondokhail" who favours the terrorists and provide shelter to them.

Arif Hussain demanded from UN, Human Rights Watch, South Asia Partnership, Emnesty International and other organizations in hid address to come forward and help the innocent Hazara-Shia people of Pakistan.

Kaniz Jaffery expressed her views that due to this acts of terrorist in Quetta city, all the citizens have become mantelly sick. Every day, they mourn the deaths of their sons, father or brothers. She requested all human rights organizations to stop these human rights voilation in Pakistan.

The terrorism started with General Zia-ul-Haq in 1980s when his dictatorship not only brought drugs, weapon and abuse culture, but also supported and sought out the terrorists groups for their foreign policy objectives.

During the invasion of soviets in Afghanistan and subsequently the jihadist organizations based in Pakistan and supported by regime of Zia-ul-Haq and material support from the Wahabees of Saudi Arabia and Western powers to

fight the Communism. In the mean time the Government agencies including the intelligence (ISI-Inter Services Intelligence of Pakistan) totally failed to curb their activities domestically.

Muslims in Pakistan, both Sunnis and Shia are living in peace and harmony for decades. The recent rise in Wahabism agenda not only targeted the innocent Shias throughout Pakistan but even many other religious groups including Christians and other minority sects. The target killing goes on without any firm action during the past 30 years.

The militant organizations such as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammad, the Harkat-ul-Mujahideen and many others are openly targeting the Shias in all parts of Pakistan. With their links with Al-Qaida and Taliban in Afghanistan, they got the necessary training and targeting innocent scholars, professionals in all over Pakistan including Quetta, Parachinar, Karachi, Lahore, D.I. Khan, D.G. Khan and many other parts.

Among many notables, the recent target was Hussain Ali Yusufi, a political and community figure of the Hazara-Shia Community in Quetta and religious figure Moulana Hassan Zakiri. The target killing did not stop but recent past has witnessed more killings of the Hazara-Shia Police Cadets, University Professors, Governments Officials and as well as suicides attacks on the Mosques and Imam Bargahs.

Following list shows a brief detail of victims and wounded persons;

Date	Tragic Events	Killed	Injured
Jul 6, 2005	Police Firing on Demonstration in Quetta	18	22
Sep 13, 2001	Arshad Hassan, was killed	1	0
2002	Abdul Khaliq Bangulzai was killed in Mastung	1	0
2003	Haji Mohammad Jan was killed in Mach Bolan	1	0
2003	Bank Cashier Ali Madad Changezi was killed in Sibi	1	0
Apr, 2003	Firing on Suzuki Van in Kirani Road Quetta	5	3
Jun 8, 2003	Firing on Police Cadets on Saryab Road Quetta	12	11
Jul 4, 2003	Suicide attack on Imam Bargah/Mosque on McCongi Road Quetta	53	150
Mar 2, 2004	Suicide attack on Moharram Procession	57	78
2004	Police Hawaldar Mohammad Younas was killed in Wahdat Colony Quetta	1	3
2004	Abdul Ghafoor Sarraf was killed in Satellite town Quetta	1	0
Sep 10, 2004	Syed Attique Hassan Naqvi was gun downed	1	0
Jul 18, 2005	Syed Tahir Hussain was killed	1	0

Aug 10, 2005	Syed Anwar Zulfiqar Abedi was killed	1	0
Sep 13, 2005	Ayaz Ali Bangash was killed	1	0
Sep 14, 2005	Syed Ejaz Ali Jaffri was killed	1	0
Oct 26, 2005	Mureed Abbas was killed	1	0
Dec 9, 2005	Syed Haider Rizvi was killed	1	0
May 04, 2006	Moulana Mola Bux Jaffri, Mohammad Amin were killed	2	0
Nov 3, 2006	Ghulam Abbas was killed in bomb blast in Suzuki van near IG Police office Quetta	1	3
Jul 07, 2008	Ghulam Mustafa Quraishi Advocate was killed in Jan Mohammad Raod Quetta	1	0
May 30, 2008	5 young boys were killed in Jinah Town Samungli road when they were coming home after playing cricket match	4	3
Jan 05, 2009	Two Hazaras have been gunned down and a child a woman injured by unknown motorcyclists on Monday near Zangi Lora, Kirani Road, Quetta	2	3
Jul 19, 2008	Mohammad Ayyub, his brother and one other person were killed on Brewery road Quetta	3	0
Jul 20, 2008	Police opened fire on innocent citizens when they were protesting on Western bypass road Quetta	6	17
Nov 21, 2008	Maulana Zakiri and Ghulam Ali Police constable were killed in Saryab Raod	2	0
Jan 10, 2009	Dr. Saqlain Naqvi was killed in Sibi	1	0
Jan 12, 2009	Arif Hussain, was gunned down on Kirani Road by unidentified gunmen	1	3
Jan 14, 2009	DSP Hassan Ali, Police Constables Nasrullah and Mohammad Mehdi, and driver Mohammad Taqi were killed. Lashkar-e-Jhangvi accepted the responsibility	4	1
Jan 26, 2009	Hussain Ali Yousafi Chairman of Hazara Democratic Party was killed by Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and Mohammad Taqi was killed by Police gunshot	2	5
Feb 2, 2009	Syed Hashim Raza was killed by unknown person in Chaman Housing Society	1	0
Feb 2, 2009	Factory owner and Business man Iqbal Haider Zaidi was killed on Sirki Road	1	0
Total: Killed and Injured		189	302

Today the killers are killing the innocent Hazara-Shias citizens, while Government administration and Law Inforcement Agencies like Police are just watching them and no firm action were taken to stop these killings. It has been witnessed that Government administration has soft corner for these terrorists.

We the Hazara-Shia communities in Canada and throughout the World demand an immediate action to stop them. We also demand the United Nation, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Social Organizations and Government of Canada to come forward and pressurise the Pakistani Government to stop abusing Human Rights, arrest the Killers and take serious actions against them.