

Things to do for Pakistan this Independence day!

Are you touched by the suicides for hunger or sensitized by the flour crisis and inflation ?

Project ROTI: FASTRising and YPL collaborate to distribute flour (*ata*) to the poor every month. 20KG bags of flour are distributed to workers in distress because of the recent price hike and the flour crisis. This activity was started back in late 2007 when the flour crisis first broke out. It has been turned into a regular monthly activity where around 50 bags are distributed every month at two brick kilns near *Mohlanwal*. You can be a part of this activity by joining us in the distribution work and see how this works. Details of Project ROTI and accounts of previous iterations is available at the link given below.

What you can do ?

- Join us and see how we do this and replicate this model.
- Donations are accepted but **not** recommended

<http://FASTRising.org/ProjectROTI>

Why should the Judiciary be restored?

- 18,000 cases solved of a total of 26,000 filed cases.
- 7,000 *suo moto* notices on various issues providing free and quick justice to the people. It is to be noted that the total number of *suo moto* notices was 21,000 where 7,000 were solved. Several *suo moto* notices on national issues, the Army rule notwithstanding, is yet another first in the history of Pakistan.
- *Suo-moto* notice on hundreds of missing persons in Pakistan kidnapped illegally by agencies, hundreds released (Source:DHR).
- *Suo-moto* Notice on price hike and food crisis
- Rejected the anti-constitutional, anti-state PCO and put the dictator to the courts. A clear rejection to the 'doctrine of necessity'. *Suo moto* notice on steel mill privatization case which was being sold for less than 10% of its value. He blocked this corruption worth more than 100 billion PKR!
- *Suo moto* notice on the tragic May 12 massacre in Karachi where 48 innocent citizens were killed and Musharraf announced that there would be no inquiry, labeling it the force of the people.
- *Suo moto* notice on New Murree Project, dealer of which was the Punjab Government. This project was criticized by experts for causing immense damage to forests and water supplies which would have lead to undesirable ecological, social and economic consequences.
- *Suo moto* notice on Murree Golf Club project where Army allegedly acquired over 53 acres of forest land.
- Rejected the PCO which imposed martial law in country, abrogated the constitution and denied civil liberties

An independent Judiciary will not solve all our problems but will be the first and vital step towards a progressive Pakistan. **Join the struggle!**

The Baluchistan Crisis

Team FASTRising visited Balochistan a few months back on a fact finding mission to get the first hand information of the situation in the province. The information we returned with was depressing and shocking. There is lot, we believe, the people of Pakistan especially us – the Punjabis, need to do to avoid yet another crisis like East Pakistan. Just a few facts:

- Around 2000 documented Baloch citizens went missing in the last regime.
- Animals & humans quench their thirst from dirty ponds of water side by side in Naseerabad districts.
- Thousands suffer from skin diseases, cancer and disabilities in Chaghi district due to radiation effects of the nuclear tests conducted in 1998.
- There are only 3 CNG stations in the province which provides gas to the whole country!

Have a look at the following links for details of our trip:

- <http://blog.ale.com.pk/?p=199>
- <http://blog.fastrising.org/search/label/Balochistan>

Pakistanis on Sale in the name of "war on terror"!

According to the estimate of Human rights organizations and independent observers, thousands of Pakistanis were kidnapped by the agencies and sold to the US in the wake of so called "war on terror". As per the documentation of Mrs. Amina Masood of the Defence of Human Rights (DHR):

- Pakistanis missing for more than 3 years : 155
- Pakistanis missing for 3 years: 52
- Pakistanis missing for 2 years: 205

Bear in mind that these are just those who have been documented by the DHR but there are thousands others. According to the Pakistani law (MPO), no citizen can be held under arrest for more than 90 days without him being convicted of a crime.

Dr. Aafia Siddiqui is just one case out of thousands of Pakistanis who suffer from this cruelty. Do you think it's acceptable to detain an individual for indefinite period of time and without recourse to legal advice nor notification to the detainee's family?

Please watch the documentary **Missing in Pakistan** available at the below mentioned website.

Details in this regard are available at : MissingInPakistan.wordpress.com

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