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## Canadian Solidarity with Balochistan Marchers against Pakistani Atrocities Baloch, Sindhi, and Pashtun Activists Demand End to Enforced Disappearances

Toronto, January 6, 2024: The diaspora nations of Baloch, Sindhis, and Pashtuns called for a demonstration to express their solidarity with the thousands of Balochistan marchers against Pakistani military atrocities, enforced disappearance, extrajudicial killings, torture, and crimes against humanity. The joint protest called by the Baloch Human Rights Council of Canada, World Sindhi Council, and Pashtun Council Canada condemned in the strongest terms Islamabad's apartheid policy of violence and repression against the oppressed nations of Baloch, Sindhis, and Pashtuns.

Thousands of women and activists marched, led by courageous Dr. Mahrang Baloch, from Balochistan to Islamabad following the unlawful arrest, illegal detention, torture, and custodial murder of a 24-year-old Baloch youth, Balaach Mola Bakhsh on November 23, 2023. The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Pakistan is involved in the extrajudicial murder of Balaach and several activists in illegal state custody. Speakers at the Toronto solidarity rally strongly condemned the discriminative attitude of the Pakistani caretaker Prime Minister and the Islamabad police in using excessive force, baton charges, water cannons, and mass arrests of students and protesters during a peaceful sit-in outside the National Press Club in Islamabad.

Addressing the solidarity gathering, speakers highlighted the discriminative and repressive nature of the Pakistani state towards political dissent and exclusively the oppressed nations of Baloch, Sindhis, and Pashtuns. A large number of women and families of the diaspora communities participated in the rally to send a strong message to Islamabad that state violence and injustices against women a crime that will be challenged and the perpetrators of abuse will face justice.

Speakers explained the predatory nature of the Pakistani state and its military in exploiting the natural resources, land-grabbing, militarization, enforced disappearances of political activists, extrajudicial killings, persecution of religious minorities, state promotion of terror and extremism with the intent of genocide of Baloch, Sindhis, and Pashtuns.

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Thanking you,

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## About us:

The Baloch Human Rights Council (BHRC) was established in 2008 as a not-for-profit organization in London, UK. The mandate of BHRC is to defend the Baloch people's social, political, economic, cultural, and human rights under the military occupation of Pakistan and Iran. In addition, BHRC aims to highlight

the unlawful military occupation of Balochistan by Iran and Pakistan in 1928 and 1948, respectively, at the UNHRC in Geneva and the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

BHRC is a registered not-for-profit corporation in Canada as part of a worldwide campaign to bring awareness to the international community about the atrocities inflicted on Baloch civilians by Pakistani and Iranian state security agencies.

These crimes against humanity include enforced disappearances, unlawful in-prison trials, torture, extrajudicial killings, public hangings, and the persecution of religious minorities.

BHRC works to highlight the ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Baloch population by Iran and Pakistan, including state-engineered methods such as; settler colonialism, violent depopulation, and forced displacement leading to loss of culture, cultural genocide, and systematic economic backwardness of the people of Balochistan.

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