

STAKE HOLDER FORUM

COUNTERING TALIBANIZATION: A WAY FORWARD

Tuesday, 23rd of June, 2009
3pm, at National Library
Constitution Avenue, Islamabad

The problem of Talibanization is much bigger than the crises of FATA and Swat. There continues to be elements in our political leadership, media, academia, civil administration and citizenry that support the discourse propagated by the Taliban. Thus, there is a pressing need for those who want to address this problem at its roots to articulate and propagate a progressive discourse and a long term strategy.

This forum will provide an opportunity for different stakeholders, political parties and representatives from the civil society and academia, together with those directly affected by the Taliban crisis to put their points of views forward. We would also screen a documentary on Waziristan by our colleague Farhat Taj.

Speakers:

Qamar Zaman Kaira, Minister of information
Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman: Parliamentary Committee on National Security
Afrasiab Khattak, ANP
Shmaila Rana, PML N
Amir Muqam, former federal minister
Afzal Khan Lala
Pervaiz Hoodbhoy Islamabad Quaid-e-Azam University
Khadim Hussain, Aryana Institute of Regional Research and Advocacy (AIRRA)
I A Rehman Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
Dr Said Alam Mehsud
Mukhtiar Bacha
Ziauddin Yousufzai
Prof. Mehdi Hassan, Beaconhouse University
Anis Haroon, Chairperson, National Commission on the Status of Women
Declaration by Fazal Maula
Press note by Idrees Kamal
Hosted by: Dr. Fouzia Saeed

The program is being organized under the umbrella of Amankaar Tehrik, a citizen's platform with chapters in every city. Mehergarh and AIRRA are the main organizers this event with other partners including Women Action Forum, Pakistan Workers Federation, Bedari, Bhandar Hari Sangat, and several other organizations and citizens joining from Islamabad and Peshawar. Other organizations include Pashtun Democratic Council (PDC), AIRRA, SAP-PK, Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industries SCCI. Anjumne Tajran, Tajir Ittehad, Hotels and Bakers Association, Labour Unions, Anjuman-e-Kashtkaran, Kissan Board, Anjumne Tarqi Passand Musannifeen, Alami Pukhtu Congress, Alami Pushtu Conference, PUTA (Peshawar University Teachers Association) ,Tribal Development Forum TDF, Districts Bar, High Court Bar Association, Previous HCB, Students Unions, Students Societies, Leading NGOs, SNI, PNF, SPO, SUNGI, Aurat Foundation, Shirkat Gah, Khwendo Kor, , DIA, DR-NET, Humanitarian Network, AWAZ, Doctors Forums, Lawyers Forum, Global Peace Council, Teachers Association Peshawar Press Club, Khyber Union of Journalists, Paramedical and clerk associations, Employees coordination Council, Pakistan Workers Confederation, Mutahida Labour Federation, ANP, PPPP, Pukhtoon Khwa Milli Awami Party (PMAP), National Party (Dr. Malik Baloch).

(Other groups who want to join in PI contact us)

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