



Petition to
Stop the Carnage in Swat and FATA
Stop the Talibans from Ending Girls Education

To Our Leaders, Decision and Opinion Makers

The Honorable,

- President of Pakistan
- Prime Minister of Pakistan
- Chief of Army Staff
- Director Inter-Services Intelligence
- Federal Ministers and Secretaries for Interior, Information, Education, Human Rights and Social Welfare & Special Education/NCCWD
- Governor NWFP
- Chief Minister NWFP
- Chief Ministers Sindh, Baluchistan & Punjab
- Education Minister and Secretary NWFP & Director Education FATA
- Speaker National Assembly
- Chairman Senate
- Chief Secretary NWFP
- Parliamentarians : Chairperson Standing Committees: National Assembly and Senate
- Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on Social Sectors
- CEOs /Editors of Print and Electronic Media

January 14th, 2009

From All Members of Child Rights Movement (CRM) and Pakistan Collation for Education (PCE)

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THE OFFICIAL SILENCE MUST END NOW ON GIRLS' EDUCATION.

As members of Child Rights Movement (CRM) and the Pakistan Coalition of Education (PCE), we demand that the Government, Armed Forces and Parliamentarians take urgent action in Swat where over a 100 girls schools have been torched and in FATA where another 150 schools have met the same fate.

The closing down of schools on January 15th 2009 will be a dangerous precedent for the citizens and children of Pakistan that will irreversibly push us into the dark ages. It will signal an era of entrenched anarchy in Pakistan denying our children their fundamental right to education, ushering a rapid disintegration of society and our country. The state cannot, and must not abrogate its responsibility simply because its writ has been challenged by anarchists seeking legitimacy through carnage and savagery.

We recommend that:

- 1. Immediately implement measures in the affected areas to ensure security of children**
- 2. Place security forces in front of each school to resist any further torching and closing down of girls' schools/colleges**
- 3. Torching of schools/education institutions must be announced as a heinous criminal offence to be handled through fast track mechanisms.**

This petition has been initiated on an emergency basis by the citizens of Pakistan in response to the open calls being made by the affected in those areas. Many more organizations will join in this cause in the coming days and weeks.

Sincerely, and with expectations to take immediate action !

for

For and On behalf of the

Child Rights Movement (CRM) a coalition of 17 NGOs, INGOs I and civil society organizations
Pakistan Coalition for Education (PCE) a coalition of 130 organizations in 55 districts



Annex I

List of CRM Members

- Aurat Foundation
- Action Aid
- ASK Foundation
- Bedari
- Children First
- I.T.A
- Muslim Aid
- Plan International
- PODA
- Rozan
- Sahil
- SC-UK
- SC-Sweden
- SPARC
- SPO
- World Vision

List of PCE Members

See website: www.pcep.org