

Pakistan's Long March Goes Live

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A feature of life in Pakistan, as in many other Third World countries is that there has been a wide take up of mobile communication technology. Getting a telephone landline requires so much money and too many bureaucratic hurdles so mobile phone services have seized the opening with relatively lower entry prices. One byproduct of this is that a mass demonstration like the latest Long March led by the militant lawyers' movement is being reported by participants minute by minute through Twitter (<http://explore.twitter.com/longmarch09>) and through various designated protest blogs and websites such as <http://longmarch.seenreport.com/> and <http://teeth.com.pk/blog/>.

An amazing collection of reports and photos shot by protestors and passersby on their mobile phone camera can be seen on these website.

These are some samples:

From Long March on Twitter [SMS] Rawalpindi Civil society activist Jamil Abbasi's house in Bani Gala has been surrounded by po.. <http://cli.gs/vjzRpM> posted on March 13, 2009 03:59:23 am

Two messages of solidarity from overseas: From Australia: March 12, 2009 De.. <http://cli.gs/9B8VNB> posted on March 13, 2009 03:59:23 am

[SMS] Civil society activist Jamil Abbasi's house in Bani Gala has been surrounded by police. His 3 .. <http://cli.gs/rnshu8> posted on March 13, 2009 03:59:23 am

[SMS] 144 imposed in NWFP. Bashir blur condemns 144. Naheed Khan and Safdar Abasi from PPP are RWP BAR AND THE.. <http://cli.gs/mEWt9> posted on March 13, 2009 03:59:23 am

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