

Labour Party Pakistan starts Inkaar Tehreek (No Movement): People of Lahore not to pay the new bus fares

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Despite heavy raining, LPP activists gathered in front of a private bus stand at Railway Station Lahore area to protest the recent raise in Lahore bus fares. They appealed to the people of Lahore not to pay the revised bus fares. They demanded an immediate withdrawal of the increased oil prices. Many travelers joined the very live demonstration and agreed with the demand.

Addressing here at a press conference, Farooq Tariq spokesperson Labour Party Pakistan announced the beginning of Inkaar Tehreek (no movement). He said that the decision to increase minimum bus fare from Rupees 10 to Rs. 13 was unilaterally taken by the representatives of the bus companies and the Punjab government. Most of the private bus companies' owners belong to Muslim League Nawaz and the PMLN is ruling Punjab. There was no representative of the ordinary citizens of "Lahorites" to defend their case.

Farooq Tariq said that this accord is not accepted by us and we will do our best to fail it. He said Labour Party Pakistan activists will travel by bus will not pay the new fares and they will not allow anyone to disembark them. They will only pay the fare that was agreed before 6 February 2010. Farooq Tariq appealed to Lahorites to rise up and say "no" to new bus fares. He said we can take on the government successfully; the government has acted under the unnecessary pressures of the transporters and bus companies.

Farooq Tariq said that the minimum fare in Karachi, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad and Multan are Rupees 10. Why Lahorites has to pay Rupees 13? This will not go on and this unjust fare rise will be met by our resistance at every bus in Lahore, he declared. Farooq Tariq said that future course of action will be announced after a meeting on Wednesday.