

Farooq Tariq Arrested

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In addition to the solidarity calls and information we published at the time of Farooq's arrest, we are reproducing below, as a document, the detention order that was initially issued against him.

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Dear all,

General Secretary Labour Party Pakistan, comrade Farooq Tariq was arrested from his Lahore office by a heavy contingent of Punjab Police at 1:30 p.m on Friday. He has been taken to garhi shahu police station, Lahore where he would be detained. It may be mentioned that Farooq Tariq and Labour Party Pakistan has been in the forefront in the on-going movement for restoration of chief justice of Pakistan, Iftekhhar Mohammed Chaudhry. Farooq Tariq is among the leading activists organizing tomorrow's reception in the honour of chief justice Iftikhar Muhammad choudhry.

Farooq Tariq was a bit aware about his possible arrest as a news item has already been published about a list of persons may be arrested in daily jang. When he contacted the police station about the mention of his name in list of persons who might be arrested, the police officers denied this news item. So Farooq was relaxed and was doing his work as usual at party office. But suddenly a police van reached at 1.30 pm before his office and men in uniform rushed to his office to arrest him.

Labour Party Pakistan thinks the purpose of the arrest is to stop LPP from exercising its democratic right to protest. We condemn his illegal arrest and demands immediate release. LPP tomorrow's scheduled reception for chief justice Pakistan will be held at district courts according to the program.

We will keep update regarding arrest of Farooq Tariq

Regards,

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Pakistani socialist arrested

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On the afternoon of May 4, a contingent of police arrested Farooq Tariq, the general secretary of the Labour Party Pakistan, in his Lahore office. LPP members in Lahore and Karachi held demonstrations protesting Tariq's arrest. The party has been targeted for its pro-democracy activities, particularly its role in the ongoing movement for the restoration of the chief justice of Pakistan's High Court, Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry.

During the weeks prior to his arrest, Tariq had been the target of surveillance by Pakistani intelligence agencies. Several times he was summoned to report to the police and asked to stop his anti-dictatorship activism. He refused.

Messages calling for Tariq's release can be sent to the interior ministry at minister.interior.gov.pk and to Pakistan's high commission in Canberra: phone (02) 6290 1676; fax (02) 6290 1073; or email parepcanberra@internode.on.net.

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Protests against Farooq Tariq arrest

Dear all,

LAHORE: Dozens of Labour Party members and activists Friday held separate protest demonstrations in Lahore and Karachi in front of respective Press clubs against the illegal arrest and detention of LPP Secretary General Farooq Tariq. The protestors were holding banners and play cards inscribed with slogans against police and Mushraff regime. They were demanding immediate release of Farooq Tariq. The participants vowed to continue struggle for democracy and independence of judiciary.

Meanwhile, several civil society organizations, political parties and trade unions have condemned the arrest of Farooq Tariq and demanded his immediate release. Renowned HR activist Hina Jilani also visited police station to hold a meeting with Farooq. Talking to party activists on the occasion Farooq Tariq said he is in high spirits and urged all the LPP members to join in maximum numbers in Saturday's welcome procession for Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammad Chaudhry.

Earlier General Secretary, Labour Party Pakistan, comrade Farooq Tariq was arrested from his Lahore office by a heavy contingent of Punjab Police at

1:30 pm on Friday. He was taken to Garhi Shahu police station, Lahore where he has been detained for a period not exactly known yet. Police is not going to disclose any information or details regarding his arrest. But according to some sources close to police, Farooq Tariq may be detained for a period of one month.

It may be mentioned that Farooq Tariq and Labour Party Pakistan has been in the forefront in the on-going movement for the restoration of chief justice of Pakistan, Iftekhhar Mohammed Chaudhry. Since the beginning of the judicial crisis about six weeks ago LPP and Farooq Tariq has been playing a vital role in consolidating the lawyers movement by developing solidarity base among masses through organizing public meetings, protest demos, and rallies against Mushrraf regime.

For a last couple of weeks' state intelligence agencies were actively mirroring Farooq Tariq's activities and movements. LPP was pressurized by the police to abandon support to lawyers' movement. More than twice Farooq was summoned to police station and asked to stop his anti-government activities. But Farooq refused to bow down. On May 4 a list of 32 persons who may be arrested was published in daily Jang. When Farooq contacted the concerned police officials about the mention of his name in list of persons who might be arrested, the police officers denied the validity of news item. So Farooq was relax and was doing his work as usual at party office. At 1:30 pm suddenly a police van reached before his 40/Abbot Road office, a dozen of men in uniform cordoned of the office, four of them rushed to his office and arrested him.

The purpose of the arrest is aimed at disrupting the campaign to defend Chief Justice Chaudry, and is a further attack on democratic rights in Pakistan. LPP condemns this illegal arrest and demands immediate release of Farooq Tariq. LPP's May 5 planned reception for chief justice Pakistan will be held at Lower Mall district courts according to the program.

We will keep you update regarding arrest of Farooq Tariq

Regards,

Khaliq Shah on behalf LPP

DOCUMENT

The detention order issued against Farooq Tariq

Dear all,

Here is the copy of detention order that I was able to get after I went to court against my arrest.

June 4, 2007

Farooq Tariq

General Secretary

Labour Party Pakistan

Order

Whereas, the government of Punjab is satisfied that the activities of Farooq Tariq resident of 40 Abbot Road Lahore are prejudicial to public safety and maintenance of public order, therefore, it is necessary to prevent him from acting in such a manner.

Now Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under sub section (1) of section 3 of the Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, 1960, the Government of Punjab is pleased to direct that Farooq Tariq shall be arrested and detained for a period of 30 days with immediate effect from the date of entering into Central Jail, Bahawalpur in the custody of superintendent, Central Jail Bahawalpur.

The grounds of the above order are as under,

1- That you have been inviting and holding meetings with different elements of society and instigating them to defy the lawful order of the government which will result in disruption of peace and may result in serious law and order situation.

2- There is credible information that you will deliver inflammatory speeches for insulting the general public in violation of restriction order under section 144 Cr. P. C.

3- That your activities have been found prejudicial to public safety and maintenance of public order.

4- That continuance of your above mentioned activities are likely to create unrest in the public and threat to the law and order situation, thus giving rise to a situation prejudicial to the public safety and maintenance of public order, hence this order

You are at liberty to make a representation to the government against this order.

Khusro Pervaiz Khan

Secretary to government of Punjab Home Department

A copy is forward for information and immediate necessary action to

1. The Provincial Police Officer, Punjab, Lahore, for service upon the detenu. One copy of the order duly received by the detenu and attested by the servicing officer may be sent to this Department for record.

2. The inspector General of Prisons, Punjab, Lahore
3. The Capital City Police Officer, Lahore
4. SSP Operation, Lahore
5. The Superintendent, Central Jail, Bahawalpur