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To whom it may concern,

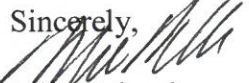
I am writing on behalf of 50,000 members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to protest the recent arrest of political activists for participating in a demonstration in front of the Karachi Press Club in support of the Pahstun Tahafuz (Protection) Movement (PTM).

We are concerned about the safety of these individuals that were arrested in Karachi by the Army and Sindh Rangers, a paramilitary state department notorious for extra-judicial killings.

We demand the immediate release of:

- 1) Karim Parhar, leader of PTM and RWF Quetta
- 2) Attaullah Afridi, Organizer of PYA Karachi
- 3) Aftab Ashraf, central organizer of RWF
- 4) Umer Riaz, Organizer of PYA Islamabad
- 5) Zain ul Abideen, Central Organizer of PYA
- 6) Gulbaz, Organizer of RWF Kashmir

These arrests represent a serious violation of human rights. We will be following this situation closely and will not hesitate to raise this issue throughout the labour movement and with human rights organizations internationally.

Sincerely,

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National President

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