



REPORT

SOLIDARITY RALLY

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The rally was perfectly supervised by Mr. Samuel Payara, Chairman of the Implementation Minority Rights Forum, whose leadership ensured the event remained peaceful, organized, and impactful. His efforts in uniting diverse communities for a common cause were widely appreciated.

PRESS RELEASE

Church of Pakistan and Implementation Minority Rights Forum Hold Solidarity Rally in Support of Pakistan Army at Lahore, Pakistan on May 4th, 2025

The Church of Pakistan-Raiwand Diocese, in collaboration with the Implementation Minority Rights Forum, organized a large and peaceful SOLIDARITY RALLY to express unwavering support for the Pakistan Army and the Government of Pakistan. The event was attended by Bishops, Clergy, Civil Society Members, Church Congregations of Presbyterian Church and other Churches of Pakistan, Women, and Children, all united in a message of NATIONAL UNITY AND PEACE.

Participants offered prayers for the strength, stability, and prosperity of Pakistan, and for the protection and success of its armed forces. A spirit of unity and patriotism resonated throughout the gathering as various speakers affirmed their commitment to stand with the nation during this critical time.

The message of Bishop Dr. Azad Marshall, Moderator of the Church of Pakistan, was reiterated during the rally, in which he strongly condemned India's unilateral and provocative action to cancel the historic Sindh Tas Agreement. He emphasized, "This move is a blatant violation of international norms and an aggressive attempt to destabilize the region." The Council reaffirmed its full solidarity with the people and Government of Pakistan in the face of such challenges.

Mr. Samuel Payara, Chairman of the Implementation Minority Rights Forum, stated in his speech, "We stand shoulder to shoulder with our Pakistan Army to protect our motherland. The minority communities of Pakistan are united with our armed forces and government in preserving the peace, dignity, and sovereignty of our beloved country."

Church leaders from across Pakistan including Dr. Majeed Abel, Presbyterian Church also Prayer for encouragement and solidarity, reinforcing their commitment to national integrity, interfaith harmony, and peace.

The rally concluded with a united prayer for Pakistan's continued security, peace, and progress.

Church of Pakistan and Implementation Minority Rights Forum
Hold Solidarity Rally in Support of Pakistan Armed Forces
from Lahore Press Club to Chief Minister House Punjab
Lahore, Pakistan – 04-05-2025

Hundreds of patriotic Christians, including clergy, laypersons, and a large number of women gathered at the Lahore Press Club to raise their voices in unity.

From there, the charged and spirited rally marched through Egerton Road, culminating at Charing Cross, Mall Road, with full zeal and national fervour.

With flags waving high and voices echoing in unison, the participants fervently chanted patriotic slogans in support of our brave defenders.

The rally was a bold and clear message: Pakistan's minorities stand shoulder to shoulder with the armed forces, ready to defend the nation's honour and integrity at every front.

This historic event showcased the Christian community's deep-rooted love for Pakistan and reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to the country's unity, peace, and security.

Significance and Purpose of the Rally :

The primary objective of the solidarity rally was to convey the firm support of Christians in Pakistan—for the nation's armed forces and government. In light of recent developments, particularly the controversial and unilateral move by India to revoke the historic Sindh Tas Agreement, the rally served as a clear message of internal cohesion and resilience.

The organizers emphasized that Christian community in Pakistan are not only integral to the country's social and cultural fabric but are also deeply committed to its security and sovereignty. By organizing this event, the Implementation Minority Rights Forum & Church of Pakistan sent a strong message: that peace-loving citizens, irrespective of religion, are united in defense of the motherland.

Highlights and Key Messages :

One of the central moments of the event was the message from **Mr. Samuel Payara, Chairman of the Implementation Minority Rights Forum**, who delivered a compelling speech underlining the unwavering support of Christian Community for the Pakistan Army. “We stand shoulder to shoulder with our Pakistan Army to protect our motherland,” he said, adding, “The Christian Community of Pakistan are united with our armed forces and government in preserving the peace, dignity, and sovereignty of our beloved country.”

Another highlight came from **Bishop Dr. Azad Marshall**, the Moderator of the Church of Pakistan. In a powerful statement, he condemned India’s cancellation of the Sindh Tas Agreement, calling it “a blatant violation of international norms” and an act aimed at destabilizing the region. Dr. Marshall's words were met with resounding applause and reaffirmed the Church’s solidarity with Pakistan’s stance on national sovereignty and regional peace.

The rally also featured speeches from several other church leaders from across Punjab. Each speaker emphasized themes of national integrity, interfaith harmony, unity, and the importance of religious coexistence. They pointed out that Pakistan’s religious minorities have always stood firm with the nation during challenging times and will continue to do so.

Spiritual and Patriotic Elements :

A notable aspect of the rally was its integration of spiritual observances with patriotic sentiment. Prayers were offered for the stability, prosperity, and protection of Pakistan. Special prayers were also dedicated to the Pakistan Armed Forces, seeking divine guidance and success for their efforts to defend the nation’s borders and maintain internal peace.

The presence of women and children at the rally symbolized hope for a united and peaceful future. Participants waved national flags and held banners displaying messages of solidarity and peace, while choirs performed hymns and patriotic songs. The atmosphere was one of deep reverence, pride, and optimism.

Impact and Public Response

The rally was widely praised by attendees and observers alike as a demonstration of peaceful civic engagement and national solidarity. It sent a clear signal that Pakistan's minority communities, especially the Christian population, remain committed to the nation's foundational values and its democratic institutions.

Furthermore, the event helped reinforce the importance of interfaith dialogue and the positive role that religious communities can play in national discourse. At a time when external threats and misinformation campaigns often seek to divide societies, this rally was a timely and powerful reminder of Pakistan's diverse yet united identity

Conclusion :

The solidarity rally organized by the Implementation Minority Rights Forum and Church of Pakistan-Raiwind Diocese stands as a significant example of national unity during a period of heightened geopolitical tension. By bringing together people of different faiths and backgrounds under a common banner of peace, patriotism, and support for the armed forces, the event successfully demonstrated the constructive role religious minorities play in shaping a secure and inclusive Pakistan.

As the rally concluded with a united prayer for Pakistan's continued peace and progress, it left behind a message of hope, resilience, and unwavering commitment to national solidarity—values that are essential for building a stable and prosperous future.

A glimpse of the rally captured nationwide attention, as it was prominently featured across all leading news channels and newspapers of Pakistan. Notable media coverage was provided by Daily Jang, Dawn News, The Nation, Tribune, City 42, Neo, Geo, Samaa TV and Nawa-i-Waqt, all highlighting the rally's message of unity, patriotism, and interfaith harmony.

Rally Startiing Pray by Dr. Majeed Abel



Christian Women at the Rally

Rally at Press Club Lahore



Rally at Mall Road

Samuel Payara Charman -IMRF Addressing the Rally



Messages of Solidarity Captive the Gathering



Messages from
Gen. Asim Muneer
Chief of Army Staff-Pakistan Army



**“ANY MILITARY MISADVENTURE BY
INDIA WILL BE MET WITH SWIFT,
RESOLUTE, NOTCH-UP RESPONSE”**