



# #Occupy Movement hits Pakistan

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The Occupy Lahore Camp started on Sat 22 October at 12. p.m. in Nasir Bagh park a regular site for political rallies.

More than 500 participated largely peasant women, factory workers, students and left activists.

The camp began with speeches from various participants to show solidarity with international occupying movement and also bring to the fore the issues facing Pakistan's workers and poor people. They all said there is a need to build a resistance movement in Pakistan.

Some speakers gave solidarity messages to the women health workers who have been waging a campaign of direct action, including road occupations.

Overall the atmosphere is very lively and energetic, people are discussing their various issues and what are the solutions and how we can develop a fight against the capitalism.

Many workers came up with their banners and placards. Sacked workers of PTCL telecom company and journalists from the Daily Times are chanting slogans for their wages, which they did not get for many months.

There was also revolutionary poetry and the Laal Band, socialist musicians who became famous during the lawyers' movement against general Musharraf, gave a performance dedicated to the movement against capitalism.

At 3pm there was a rally against capitalism through Mall road and Anarkali bazaar.

Participants were chanting militant slogans "Red salute to wall street and resistance to world capitalism", - "We want freedom", "Let's build the struggle and speed them up", "From the blood of workers and peasants Asia is red", "One solution socialist revolution" and "End the military operation in Baluchistan."

After the end of the march, a general assembly was held to discuss future plans and how to continue the occupation overnight and on Sunday and also to invite to more movements and youth to discuss how to fight against the misery of capitalism and the alternatives.

A number of people decided to stay overnight to show solidarity with the international movement against capitalism.

Many students and young people arrived during the night to show the solidarity with the camp against the capitalism.

There was many other protests in solidarity with the occupation movement in different cities of Pakistan; Karachi , Islamabad, Hyderabad and also in Sargodha and Faisalabad.

Important sections of the country's workforce, including railworkers, are protesting at failures to pay wages or pensions and the Occupy movement can help bring a focus to all these struggles and identify the capitalist system as the target.