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ISLAMABAD: Peace and human rights activists hold aloft placards at a vigil here on Tuesday. Some of the slogans on the placards read 'Attacks do not bring peace' and 'We want peace not attacks'.—Tanveer Shahzad

## Candlelight vigil held for Nato strike victims

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ISLAMABAD, Nov 29: A candlelight vigil was organised on Tuesday by Insani Haqooq Itehad (IHI) to pay homage to the Pakistani soldiers killed in an air strike by the Nato forces at a check post in Mohmand Agency on Nov 26.

A large number of civil society members participated in the vigil.

While expressing their views, the participants said that Pakistan's cooperation in war against terrorism should not be taken as its weakness and its armed

forces were fully capable of safeguarding the country from any aggression. They said that the civil society members, armed forces, Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and democratic government were on the same page about protecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country. They said that hundreds of Pakistanis laid down their lives in war against terrorism during last 11 years but these sacrifices were not being given due considera-

tions.

"Whatever the Nato forces did, it was against the law. An independent probe into this fiasco is inevitable to expose the motives behind this unprovoked attack," Samina Nazeer, a social right activist said.

Marvi Sarmad, a human rights activist said: "Nato should apologise for the damage it had done to Pakistan otherwise the government should move International Court of Justice (ICJ)."

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