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Civil society protest against Malala attack continues

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Protests and demonstrations to condemn attack on Malala Yousufzai continued even on fourth day in Rawalpindi by different citizen action committees as well as social and welfare organisations besides political wings.

To express solidarity with Malala, a large number of women, men and children from different walks of life here on Saturday took out a peaceful rally from College Road to Rawalpindi Press Club under the banner of Aurat Foundation to pay tributes to Malala Yousafzai,

who was shot in Swat last week when she was returning home from school.

The rally was organised by Women Leaders Group (WLG) and Citizens Action Committee (CAC) of Aurat Foundation. The protesters were carrying placards and raising slogans against the wave of terrorism in the country. They strongly condemned the cowardly act of terrorism.

While addressing the rally Naeem Mirza Chief Operating Officer of Aurat Foundation described Malala Yousafzai as a symbol of girl's education and peace in Pakistan. He said that attack on Malala has shaken the

conscience of Pakistani nation.

The CAC coordinator Chaudhry Ilyas said that this heinous crime against an innocent girl who only wanted to be educated has exposed nefarious designs of the terrorists. The secretary WLG Razia Sultana said that Malala's mission is mission of every girl and women of Pakistan. They rally prayed for the health, early recovery and long life of Malala Yousufzai. They said that such incident was a conspiracy against peace in Pakistan. The protester also led candles.

The rally demanded of the government to urgently investigate the attack and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Similarly, the leaders and activists of Anjuman Talba Islam (ATI) also staged a protest demonstration outside Rawalpindi Press Club earlier in the morning.

Led by ATI Nazim, District Rawalpindi, Syed Danish, the angry students carrying placards and banners in their hands raised vociferous slogans against the people behind this heinous crime. They demanded off the government for taking effective measures for providing full security to the citizens and improving law and order situation in Swat. The recent attack on Malala, endangering her life has once again created panic and tension in the Swat valley and its adjoining areas among the citizens.

ATI Nazim, Syed Danish in his speech also demanded early arrest of the criminals and strict punishment to them for attacking a girl.