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RAWALPINDI: Students lighting candles as they pray for recovery of Malala Yousafzai during a demonstration on Saturday. -Online

'Malala symbol of women education, peace'

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RAWALPINDI - Women, men and children from different walks of life 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, mostly local citizens were carrying placards and shouting 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 attack on Malala had shaken the conscience of Pakistani nation. Now, they will not rest until they uproot and defeat all monsters of ignorance, extremism and poverty.

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 WLG secretary Razia Sultana said 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. They also demanded that the government should take serious notice of such attacks on the activists in the areas already bleeding from terrorism and extremism, as such attack discourage all efforts for peace and stability in the region.