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ISLAMABAD: Civil society activists shout slogans outside the National Press Club on Wednesday against the cowardly Taliban attack on teenage education activist Malala Yousafzai. AFP



## Malala's surgery successful, condition is stable now

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After successfully removing the bullet from Malala Yousafzai's body after a three-hour operation, a team of senior neurologists on Wednesday suggested the government let Malala Yousafzai stay at Peshawar's Combined Military Hospital for further treatment.

"A special team comprising neurologists from CMH Rawalpindi and Peshawar, Lady Reading Hospital,

Khyber Teaching Hospital and Hayatabad Medical Complex have shown satisfaction over the surgery," said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain.

He said senior neurologists and surgeons had completed the surgery on Malala on Wednesday at 5am.

According to Mian Iftikhar Hussain, surgeons had successfully removed the bullet stuck in the girl's neck as well as remains of broken bones in the head. "Doctors have termed the

surgery successful," he said, adding that the doctors termed Malala's condition satisfactory. He also announced a cash prize of Rs 10 million for any person who provides information on the men who targeted the 14-year-old education activist. Following the government decision of sending Malala abroad for surgery, senior neurologists

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from Rawalpindi and Peshawar's civil and military hospitals held hours-long meeting to discuss the girl's condition and treatment being provided to her at CMH Peshawar.

The doctors expressed satisfaction over the treatment and suggested the government let her be treated at CMH Peshawar. The board is likely to meet again on Friday.

Beside others, Chief of Army Staff Gen Ashfaq Keyani, Chief Minister Amir Haider Khan Hoti, Interior Minister Rehman Malik, provincial ministers and a large number of socio-political figures visited the CMH Peshawar to enquire after Malala's health. They prayed for her early recovery and sympathised with her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Women Development and Social Welfare Sitara Ayaz said, "I was really impressed when I met Malala's mother. She was not only courageous but said she felt people from all over the country were as aggrieved as her over the attempt on the life of Malala." Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain made it clear that the war on terror would continue. He said people from all over the country, and the region in particular, were against terrorism.

Peshawar-based Aman Tehreek on Wednesday arranged a protest rally to condemn the terrorist attack on the girl. The rally was attended by workers and stalwarts from various political parties. On the other hand, Swat Police constituted special team headed by SP Investigation Arshad Khan to probe into the attack.