Nothing Right About RIGHT TO EDUCATION We Demand Protection of this Right for ALL Children

he horrifying news of attack on Malala Yousafzai — the young champion for girls education — cannot but be received by utter disgust and despair. Even in this day and age where modernization and diversity is celebrated, an innocent 14 year old is in actual danger of losing her life only because she has spoken for her fundamental Right to Education. Article 25 A of the constitution of Pakistan not only recognizes education as a fundamental right, but it clearly declares free and compulsory education provision being the responsibility of the state! So what will the state do when a child claims her right? Will it be so easy for the extremist fractions of our society to mercilessly shoot girls like Malala right in the head when they raise their voice against injustice and for education of girls?

The Taliban have bombed and destroyed numerous girls' schools audaciously over the past few years. Their actions against humanity – especially their atrocities against women and young girls – can no longer remain a mundane happening of everyday life. We, as members of the civil society and strong advocates of Right to Education for ALL profoundly condemn the actions of Taliban against the Right to Education for girls leading to the attack on Malala Yousafzai's life. We urge the state to take immediate action against the culprits and protect all children, especially children like Malala who have raised their voice against injustice. We want immediate cessation of terrorism around education and learning sites; the places where our defence ought to be most effective and fool proof.

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