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Afghan Workers Solidarity Campaign launched

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Labour Party Pakistan in close association with Afghan Labour Revolutionary Organization has decided to launch Afghan Workers Solidarity Campaign. The idea to start this campaign was discussed during the visit of Alan McCombes of Scottish Socialist Party. The SSP has already decided to actively support this campaign.

LPP and ALRO are appealing to all the international Left and trade union movement to support this campaign. The main aim of this campaign is to help the Afghan workers in their struggle to survive. It will bring material help for the Afghan workers which will be distributed inside Afghanistan and also in refugees camp in Pakistan. It will help to strengthen the progressive organizations of the Afghan workers. It will collect and bring every day life necessities to the Afghan workers on emergency basis.

The suppression by the religious fundamentalists of all the democratic and human rights in Afghanistan over the years has left the organization of the Left forces in absolute weak position. Many had lost lives for the cause of Socialism in Afghanistan. Rest of them are spending their lives underground even in exile. Their families have been tortured and sentenced to death by the religious fundamentalist. But the so-called victory of the Imperialist forces leaves no better situation for the Afghan Left forces. They still have to make a very difficult life to spread the ideas of Socialism.

To help the Afghan left forces in their struggle to survive and promote their organizations needs an active international support. LPP has been active in promoting the Afghan Left for some years. It has now a plan to produce a monthly paper in Pushto language to help the afghan left in promotion of their ideas and strategy.

LPP has already started collecting cloths, medicine, blankets, shoes and other every day food items to be distributed among Afghan refugees camp through the ALRO and other afghan Left groups.

The LPP plan to send its first truck load of these items on 24th of November.

What can you do?

Sponsor the AWSC formally by paying the initial amount of \$ 300 for the organizations and \$100 for individuals.

Please help to build this campaign.

1 - Collection of goods: Collect every day items in your country and send the shipment to Education Foundation 40 Abbot Road Lahore, Pakistan

Most of the second hand items like blankets and clothes are available cheaply in Pakistan. If you like, send us the money and we can buy these items for you.

2 - Volunteers: If you have time and money to travel, please come to Pakistan to help build this campaign. We need volunteers from abroad to help this campaign. Please contact us immediately for this.

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3 - Donations: Please send your donations to following bank account

Education Foundation Donation Account number 01 7967128 Standard Chartered Grindlays Bank, Gulberg Branch
Main Boulevard, Gulberg Lahore Pakistan

This is US Dollars account. Comradely,

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Note: Education Foundation is registered non-government organization set up by the supporters of Labour Party Pakistan in 1993.