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# LPP postpone congress to join the advocates' movement

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**Labour Party Pakistan has postponed its scheduled three days congress. The congress was due to be held from 24-26th March at Lahore. This is postponed to join the mass movement against the military regime.**

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The decision was announced by Farooq Tariq general secretary Labour Party Pakistan at a press conference held on 22nd March at Lahore Press Club. Azra Shad, chair person Women Workers Help Line and Mohammed Yousaf Baluch chairman National Trade Union Federation Pakistan also spoke at the press conference.

Farooq Tariq told the press conference that the LPP congress preparations were complete. Over 200 delegates were scheduled to participate in the fourth Congress of LPP. But, due to the urgency of the situation, LPP leadership after consultation with the National Committee decided to postpone the congress for a month.

"LPP will take out a rally on 26th March from Lakshmi Chouck Lahore to Lahore High Court at 3pm to protest against the militarization of Pakistan. The rally is organized in solidarity with the advocates. Similar rallies will be taken out on the same day in Karachi, Peshawar, Gilgit, Moro and Multan by LPP activists" he told the reporters.

The LPP leadership welcomed the decision of the Alliance of Restoration of Democracy (ARD) to launch a nationwide movement against the regime on 26th March. They told the media that LPP will join the rallies of the ARD where ever is possible and appeal to the working class in Pakistan to join the movement against the high headedness of the military regime.

"We welcome ARD's decision not to go along with the religious fundamentalists during the movement. The MMA, the main alliance of the religious forces, has cooperated with the military regime at every crucial times. They will again back down at decisive times" Farooq Tariq told the media.

"We support the movement of the advocates because they have challenged the writ of the regime in a very effective way. We welcome the decisions of the chief justice Iftikhar Choudry in favor of the working class but want to make it clear that we are not in the movement to make one person hero; this is a movement to overthrow the military regime. We appeal to the trade unions, radical social organizations and progressive political parties to unit and launch a mass movement against the regime. We have not used a different day than that of ARD as we want to have a united movement", Farooq Tariq said in the press conference.