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LPP demonstrators greet Bush

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The Lahore march had been banned by the police and organisers were threatened with arrest. This meant that large numbers of journalists turned up in anticipation of trouble. In the end the police did not arrest any one. These were the only protests against Bush's visit and followed large demonstrations in Dehli, India to greet him there a few days earlier.