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# Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/05/26 12:31

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Press Conference by the Representatives of Siraiki Cultural & Literary Organizations and Political Workers.

Respectable Press and Electronic Media journalists,

We, the representatives of Siraiki cultural & literary organizations, students and political workers, pronounce for you and for the Government of the Democratic Alliance through you few out of the large list of the problems and the demands of the Siraiki people of CC:\WINDOWS\hinhem.screntral Pakistan. Our first request is not to dub these voices of the weak as anti-Pakistan etc.

## 1. Constitutional Rights of the Siraiki People;

In the best interest of the nation, we perceive that it is time to take few constitutional steps leading to peaceful formation of the Siraiki province which remains longtime demand of Siraiki people and the people of all the provinces except Punjab:

Thus we demand equal representation of Siraikis in the Senate, the IRSA as well as our due share in the NFC Award. We also demand holding of a separate session of the Siraiki members of the Punjab Assembly in Multan twice a year. And we demand immediate establishment of an Administrative Region of the Siraiki Districts leading to formation the Siraiki province.

## 2. The Linguistic and Cultural Rights

The Education Policy written by the previous government and published by the present governments' Ministry of Education offers a trilingual formula at primary level which is English, Urdu and one regional language. We demand that the early education should be imparted in mother tongue, a principle followed by Japanese, Chinese, Russians and all the developed nations of the world. We demand Siraiki as compulsory subject at school and college levels, start of the Siraiki and Pashto Departments in the Gomal University, commencement of the approved Department of Linguistics in Quaid-e Azam University, Departments of Pakistani languages in all the Universities and appointment of lecturers of Siraiki language in Pakistan Study Centers in all universities.

We demand fool proof survey of languages in the coming Population Census.  
About Press and Electronic Media;

The only national paper the 60 million Siraikis have today is the small venture "Daily Jhok" (Multan), which is being published despite the countless pressures and want of resources.

The numerous Siraiki TV Channels work under non-Siraiki control which turns them eventually anti-Siraiki. The upper hierarchy of these channels consists of non Siraikis and the Siraiki speaking workers are subjected to lowest subordination, discrimination and job insecurity. Language distortion and anti-majority political propaganda are the irritants now commonly perceived by the conscious viewers.

We still have good hopes with these TV Channels, and want to convey to them that opening of these channels has resulted from decades' long struggle of Siraiki people. Please do not shatter our dreams.

We remind these media channels not to exploit the large business and human resource of the Siraiki region against of Siraiki peoples.

## 4. About Existing Political Situation;

We request the civil society not to pitch itself against popular electoral mandate and verdict of the majority, or the civil society will become a derogatory misnomer like the Establishment. The people of Pakistan have not yet forgotten how the civil society was co-opted by military regime immediately after the Martial Law of October 1999.

Unluckily, the street power of the urban centers always worked against the interests of the native and the poor. Let loose again, this time such a street power will uproot the very foundation of the country.

We also condemn intervention of the right wing political parties in the colleges and the universities aimed at reemergence of the wave of fascism among students.

## 6. Some Facts about Siraiki;

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We, the Siraiki speaking people of Pakistan are known as the Siraikis. We did never perceive ourselves as Punjabi. And we love Punjabis as good neighbors and a great culture. We call our region 'Wasaib'. A common Siraiki remains totally unfamiliar with the term ' South Punjab '. The Siraiki area lies in the middle of Pakistan territory. In other words, we are Pakistan-locked and thereby compelled to better this country in our own interests and survival. By no logic we can be labeled as anti-Pakistan. In fact, no Pakistani deserves being denounced with such labels.

The over emphasized national 'oneness' was at purpose: it paved way for disproportionate share in political power, opportunities and resources for a few language groups. Similarly, people's assertion today on cultural identities is also at purpose: in addition to undo threat of elimination, they want proportionate share in political power, opportunities and resources

Mushtaq Gaadi

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Ahsan Wagha

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**Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package**

Posted by admin - 2008/05/28 00:20

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Dear Friends,

This brief discussion has brought initial agreement on the Goal and some suggestions for action. The suggestions are:

1.

Writing a brief about Seraiki national issue with some demarcation of the Proposed Seraiki area ---

2. Preparation of a Comprehensive, consensus based document.
3. A strong, representative Seraiki delegation to meet and to take up the case with political leaders,
4. Propagate the Constitutional demands of Seraikis through media by holding Demos. and Press conferences, and
5. Commemorating a 'Seraiki-demands-day' throughout the Wasaib i.e. holding peaceful meetings and activities everywhere on the same day with same demands.
6. Care be taken to keep away from serving the objectives of the Center, or the Establishment -----  
----- Muhammad Yar Qaisrani

Please come with more suggestions, or at least participate by commenting on these suggestions.  
Dr. Ahsan Wagha

## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by seraikiat - 2008/05/28 20:59

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/06 14:28

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Dear Seraiki friends

It is a great pleasure for me to share with you that Seraiki Social Forum is organizing a seminar on "proposed constitutional package and demands of seraiki nation" in Marriot Hotel Islamabad on June 28,2008 at 3.00pm ,The Duputy speaker of National Assembly Mr. Faisal Kareem Kundi (Name written wrongly in the last email sorry) will be the chief guest of the seminar while many Seraiki MNAs are also participating in the seminar.Keeping in view we are also trying our best to confirm the participation of Mr Asif Ali Zardari in the event and we have already sent him the invitation.

Renowned seraiki intellectuals,writers,political leaders and civil society representatives will speak on this occasion.

You are cordially invited to attend the seminar.

Thanks.

In friendly  
G.M.Ghanjera  
Convener  
Seraiki Social Forum  
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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by seraikiland - 2008/06/07 21:13

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/08 00:04

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Saien G M Ghanjera,

Thanks for sharing info. about your plan for a seminar. One of the pioneer Seraiki friends namely Raushan Malik Saien, called me today asking to join the Seminar.

The issue is already under discussion through Net and other means to evolve consensus on the theme and the means. I paste below copy of my Email which carried some detail and aspects of the subject Constitutional package and Seraikis etc. and which was responded by quite a few friends with important suggestions and comments.

My humble request to you is please involve some more friends by contacting them and seeking their agreement individually: Ustad Ijaz Bloach, Aslam Rasoolpuri, Ashiq Buzdar, Dr Ashu Lal, Mazhar Nawaz, Zahoor Dharija, Zafar Lund, Mukhlis, Chishti and others, for instance, before you finalize your list of main speakers. You can also request [www.wasaib.com](http://www.wasaib.com). to throw your programme on the web. This is just a suggestion as a well-wisher. 'Ahden, sabh di raza rab di raza hondi he'.

Please read the draft of initial Email given below;

26-5-08

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Posted by seraikiland - 2008/06/09 23:47

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/12 15:25

Dear All

An interesting debate is going on among four or five  
Seraiki veterans on  
what should or should not We demand from Zardari (perhaps  
government)?  
Seraiki administrative unit/region or seraiki province? As  
I failed to  
participate in the meeting wherein the issue would have  
been debated,  
and because of my lack of knowledge, I can not figure out  
difference  
between administrative region and a province.

Generally, I choose not to indulge in matters I am not  
clear about or I  
do not know what is going on and why? Besides, as I lack  
skill and  
expertise of lobbying and because of that I do not have any  
"group of  
friends" (perhaps, I do not feel need for that), I am

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always scared of  
"pathron ki baarish" from right, left, front and  
back.

But, despite that risk, I would like to ask

- 1) why is it  
that a few  
"friends" have developed "consensus"  
and are out to confuse an issue  
which is very clear in the minds of Seraiki people i.e.  
they demand  
Seraiki province.
- 2) How they represent Seraiki population while sitting in  
Islamabad?
- 3) Are they representing any organization? any political  
party or group?
- 4) Do they believe they have mandate to confuse the issue  
and then make  
the vague demands?
- 5) Will not such casually discussed demands in a very weak  
voice and, by  
handful of demonstrators, make us laughing stock?
- 6) Will the people who matter take it seriously?
- 7) Is this not logical that such demands should be made by  
Seraiki  
political parties /leaders/activists?
- 8) How long the "friends" can take this demand  
(as far as their  
capacity, resources, support, following is concerned) which  
needs long,  
constant people's struggle?
- 9) Is this not more appropriate that friends demand  
cultural,  
educational institutions (i.e. Institute of Seraiki  
Studies, Institute  
of language and culture, Institutes of Cultural and Folk  
Heritage,  
museum, a center for Seraiki, Sindhi and Baloch studies,  
Institute for  
environmental studies keeping in view environmental  
degradation of  
Cholistan, Thal and riverine areas etc.)?
- 10) Is this not more appropriate to try to find out ways to  
seek support  
of PP and the government to strengthen existing public  
media outlets  
(PTV, Radio)and Seraiki periodicals (Jhoke and other  
magazines)in the  
region ?

I am not sure whether any one is going to invite for  
"negotiations" on  
demands list to be submitted by "friends". I  
believe that serious things  
(even more serious in the context of Pakistani state) which  
involve  
legal, constitutional, procedural complexities, and of  
course very  
strong visible opposition, must be taken seriously and not  
whimsically.

Lastly, the present constitutional package primarily deals  
with power  
equation among the so-called state's pillars.

"Pakhtunkhwa" is added, as I understand, just to keep ANP close. For the time being, I do not see that constitution is going to be amended for creating Seraiki province or administrative region. I needs forceful popular demand with clear political expression and that from within the region.

With warmest regards,  
Mazhar Arif

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Mushtaq Gaadi wrote:

Dear friends,  
I would appreciate if you can send your suggestions with regard to Seraiki demands. For example, what should be the scope of our demands? Whether or not the brief should include the demands such as the complete ban on the allotment of state lands in Seraiki wasaib? As there is a lengthy list of Seraiki demands, whether we want this Brief strictly limited to the constitutional matters concerning with the process of the formation of Seraiki administrative and economic region leading to the formation a separate province or we want to include some other pressing issues in this Brief as well. Last day, I got the chance to talk to Mahmood Nizami. He suggested to press for putting a resolution in the National Assembly for the formation of a separate Siraiki Province. He said the resolution will be strategically effective to take ahead the issue of Seiraiiki identity. Please feel free to send your suggestions with regard to the Brief on Seiraiiki Demands.  
Mushtaq

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/14 02:13

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dear all,

Sensible reasoning by Mazhar Arif Sahib. We, 'the friends" certainly do not represent the millions, who are going down & down economically day by day and leaving their birthplaces ( the Wasaib) in thousands, or perhaps in lacs, to do menial or unskilled jobs. In next 20/30 years we would be minority in our own land, due mainly to this exodus, I apprehend. The things can be corrected or arrested or addressed by political parties and not by "the friends". But anyway something is to be done.

Thanx.

M. Yar Qaisrani

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by fmiana - 2008/06/14 04:22

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Hi,

I agree with M.Y. Qaisarani, Seraikis should stop beating around the bush and come up with the clear cut agenda and demands . I dont know what linguistic and cultural institutions will deliver to Seraikis and why should Seraikis demand such institutions for Sindhis and Balochs where as their national movements are much more potent as compared to Seraiki nationalism which is still in infancy stage .

What Seraikis will do with musuems when their survival is at stake? . The euphemisms used by Seraiki thinkers and intellectuals may be good to appease establishment but these are by no means in favour of Seraikis .

Finally , we have no right to criticise the people who want to do some thing for Seraikis when we ourselves are sitting on the fence . Let them do what they want to do and if we really want to do some thing then we must leave fence and come in the ground and do some thing really practical.

I really support the demand for a separate Seraiki administrative unit , at the same time I am also sure the proposed meeting with Mr. Zardari (Mr. all in all) wont produce any result . It is just a token meeting the sole purpose of which will be to register Seraiki demands with the Government .

Seraikis will have to cover a long distance before their demands are heard and accepted , Seraiki national issue is very complicated one it wont be solved in a single meeting of a very small group and this meeting will kill its purpose if the participants ask for muesuems and linguistic institutions , not only for themselves but for Sindhis and Balochs as well?? It will confuse every one and make Seraiki Participants a laughing stock.

Regards

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/14 11:31

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Dear friends

I am happy and convinced that our community here in Islamabad is gaining momentum at the right time. As far as the direction of our efforts is concern, yes we can always express our concerns and I think that lala Khuram is justified for his candid comments. Sure we must somehow involve those 60 million Seraiki who are looking forward for a positive change. Well it is not that easy to involve all the Seraikis, rather it will be impossible or say the least this effort will require lot of time and planning.

I think right now we have to initiate with what we plan at Jasmine garden because there is hardly anytime left to interact with all those 60 million Seraikis and what we can very positively do is to, at least, register our viewpoint.

Now for future, I suggest that we have to start a massive awareness campaign through both mainstream and alternative media and raise cultural, social, economical, and even aesthetical issues of seraiki nation. As we all know that we have some inspirational figures like Mazher Arif and Fyaz baqir with us, so I insist that we must plan to launch a media campaign for a huge impact.

Regards,

Kashif Baloch

Anchor/producer

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/14 23:53

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Dear seraiki friends.

Reading the Emails of Khurram Khan and Mazhar Arif, I intervene to say that they need be taken seriously by those working for their 20 June demo. This is actually great success that few most able friends joined you although somewhat critically. This is success of the series of events you people organized in a very cold environment of in-activism during last one and a half year—the Damaan-Ashram meeting, the follow up Sawail meetings in Bahawalpur and Multan, Thal and Islamabad, the Lok Party meetings in D G Khan, Kot Addu, the Seraiki delegation's visit of Garhi Khuda Bakhshs and condolence at Naudero, the Seraiki Conference Multan-Bahawalpur and the recent Jhok-Mela Demo. and press conference on 20th of May in Islamabad (and if you want to add) a seminar by Wagha on 'Early education in mother tongue' in SDPI. At last, some more friends are in although by denouncing you, that is actually a gesture they are with you.

Few things more:

The objection, 'five persons' speaking on behalf of 60 million Seraikis, sounds a bit too authoritarian. History is made of the prophetic tradition of individual(s) speaking for all mankind—Prophet(s), Luther King(s) and Socrates, Marx(es). It is not deciding on behalf of millions, it is calling the millions. Please remember, in early the 1960s they were a similar small number of individuals, surely less than the number attended Roz-Jasmine garden meeting, who used to meet and discuss single name for our language in Multan. Out of the small group, Mahr Abdul Haq and few others pressed for Multani as name. A minority of one person, Mir Hassan-al Haidri opined and insisted on adopting the Sindhi name of our language that was Seraiki. He then called the millions of Seraikis through his weak voice and pen and the millions honored his call and today we hear Seraiki ... Seraiki ... Many, at that time too, objected on Haidri's efforts as 'who are you to decide'. He too might have answered, 'I am just suggesting...'

Over 30 years long struggle, we became used to some old friends interrogative questioning "kia karaide pae hao?... einde naall kia faeda theesi? ...". Friends, the million dollar question is what is "FAIDA"? Is it that the struggle is justified only if it takes me to the office of Chief Justice of Pakistan, or that of President of Pakistan?

Friends, it is true that personal interest works behind all our efforts; every individual hopes to elevate a bit higher, each member of a polit bureau, or the Central Committee imagines himself future-head of the party and head of the state. But beauty of social phenomena is, these personal interests turn into dreams and the dreams melt into 'good for all'.

Friends, I assure you, future is for rise of neglected human faces, the neglected cultures and languages at least once all over the world. That is must before the much said universal culture comes into being. And this country has no way out but to follow the models set in other multi cultural countries, and with better standards.

Wagha

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/15 13:10

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Kashib Baloch sain,

I think your analysis is correct. you have to stat from somewhere.struggle for independence in India did not start from 300 million people but from a few. butif you cause is just and legitimate your number will multiply and time will come the movement will be taken seriously do not get bogged down in semantics. get cracking.

I am your non Muslim follower living in England and anxiously waiting for the day when i will come back to my homeland and be with my fellow Seraiki comrades.Could you pass on my comments yo your other comrades. Let me know anything i can do further the cause of Seraiki movement from this end.

Satish

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Dear Satish

It was so pleasing to hear from you, sitting outside and yet feeling so warm for entire Seraiki nation. Well there were some questions raised about the capacity and ability of those handful Seraikis but I think, as I have suggested earlier, that ways and means of resistance can not be defined. Every one is free to adopt the form, and only thing that can provide a singular impact to this entire movement is a constant dialogue. We have the power of media and through this media we can interact, plan and resist together. I also admit that mainstream media can not be used as the sole toll to gather ourselves, certainly due to its exaggerated dependency over corporate sector. But on the other hand alternative media can go long way in this regard.

Alternative media with an alternative stance and alternative content shall be the apt beginning for us Seraikis to get rid of all those distorted definitions surrounding Seraikis and their demands.

I know that this suggestion of mine is not clear political expression as Mr. Mazhar mentioned but I still believe that with resistance within any system might require an acute and immaculate clarity.

I hope that if we start an alternative media campaign we will eventually be able to develop a required political idiom.

Regards  
KASHIF

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by Asim - 2008/06/20 06:28

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Asalam-u-Alikum,

i m happy to read all the msg if every members start to covey the right way to get get of rights of any siraiki brothers then not far that we enhance and promote our culture internationally...i also read the msg of "Kashif Baloch" that is full with energy....

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by abdullah - 2008/06/25 15:41

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well done

we all memeber should be participate and discuss its a good debate.wasaib a good forum for us.

thanks

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by admin - 2008/06/26 10:31

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dears

Sindhoo Bachaoo Tarla, an organisation of riverine community, 'Halli Sanjh' an organisation of small farmers and landless farmers, taraimet Sanjh' an organisation of landless women and depending on riverine resources and seraiki Lok party are going to demonstrate on 29th at 10 a.m from qila multan to Ghanta Ghaar on following issues.

1. Status of seraikis in new constitutional package.
2. cancellation of state land and Rakhooks allotted to military person ,bearucrats and local feudals and state land to be allotted to local landless women and farmers and common landto not be allotted to any persons in thal ,daman and rohi area.
3. The hunting of birds, animals and cutting of trees, plants by forest department the real timber mafia to be banned in Seraiki wasaib even this ban to be extended to the sheikh of Arab countries.
4. contract system in fishing to be abolished and bed of river Indus to be declared and transportation in river Indus to be started and this right to be given to indiginous people of river Indus.
- 5.The forced displaced 1000 person from rakh essan wala in kacha area by forest department to be resettled and their peter , wheat crop and houses demolished by forest department to be compensated.
6. Primary education to be given in mother language in Punjab.
7. No further cut to river Indus.

You all are invited for the demonstration and there will be press conference at 5 p.m.

the people are coming from Muzaffar Garh, D.G.Khan, Leiah, Rajan pur , Karor , rahim yar khan Bahawal pur, Bhakar and people of multan also will participate.

Zafar Lund

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## Re:Seraiki Rights and Constitutional Package

Posted by abdullah - 2008/06/27 14:33

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hi all wasaib.

im Abdullah .

dear administrators you are going to a good job.

its a complete seraiki forum website ,i appreciated your work.but here i miss seraiki web key board.:P

Good effort of rizwan and farhan about seraiki web key board ,i feel rizwan's work is better but there is many bugs if rizwan and farhan meet together then i hope they will solved the problems and bugs inshAllah.

other thing is that i have one article about seraiki wasaib from oururdu web site can some one load that article here with the change of hadline (seraiki wasaib par punjabi Qabzaa or punjabi gurdee kaa qabza).Also change of some corection (i think writer dont know how to manage the taihreer).but article is the best i appreciated him with my best wishes for him.this article is enough for seraiki wasaib to open their eyes.

when we Endeavor or Struggle in unity then we will get our right ,our right is seraiki province.

im pasting here the web link of that article please i request again load here this article for strunggle of seraiki province.

<http://www.oururdu.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=4064>

thanks a lot

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Abdullah

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