

**AURAT MARCH  
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# CHARTER OF DEMANDS

**A**urat March Lahore demands concrete and systemic changes in the political, electoral and governance systems of Pakistan through politics of resistance to achieve feminist liberation. We demand that the Pakistani state must urgently:

1. Ensure transparency in announcing the final results of the 2024 General Election to restore trust in the electoral process. Nothing short of a public-led truth and reconciliation process is acceptable.
2. Enforce the minimum requirement of 5% women's nomination on general seats for all political parties—until this requirement is raised to 30% or above—and introduce quotas for transgender persons. Increase representation of marginalised communities at every level of governance through equitable systems that guarantee autonomy, dignity and inclusivity for all genders, classes, abilities, castes and faiths.
3. Strengthen campaign finance laws to ensure transparency, reasonable spending caps and true democracy within political parties to make electoral politics class representative.
4. Ensure equitable resource distribution and representation for all federative units, as well as Gilgit-Baltistan. Local government institutions should be prioritised and strengthened for grassroots political empowerment.
5. Reject all proposed Bills violating the dignity and privacy of the transgender and khwaja sira community, and allocate resources to eliminate institutional misgendering and discrimination across all systems and institutions.
6. Decriminalise defamation, sedition and anti-dissent laws, including section 144, which infringe on the right to assembly and speech.
7. Restore student unions on campuses that ensure meaningful representation, particularly of women and gender minorities, to exercise their right to organise.
8. End all enforced disappearances, return all forcibly disappeared persons to their families, and ensure accountability through independent and transparent investigations that provide justice to those illegally disappeared. We endorse the demands of the Baloch March Against Genocide and other movements representing families of the disappeared.
9. Defund surveillance systems that perpetuate a paternalistic vision of women's safety, such as the “safe city” projects. Instead, funding be redirected to support those impacted by patriarchal violence.
10. End IMF-mandated, austerity-based policies and restore funding to essential public services and welfare institutions.
11. Ensure universal protection and regularisation of work which guarantees living wage and decent work conditions in formal and informal sectors. Recognise and value unpaid labour, including care work, as an integral part of the economy.
12. Provide climate adaptation support through proactive disaster resilience measures to vulnerable communities and rehabilitate those affected and internally displaced by climate catastrophes. Government must translate its rhetoric at international forums into meaningful support for disproportionately impacted communities, particularly those engaged in farming and fishing.

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