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CPB Expresses Concern over Declaration of Emergency in Pakistan's Pashtun-Majority Province

Calls for the Protection of Democratic Rights, Constitutional Processes and Provincial Autonomy

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has expressed concern over the declaration of an emergency in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a Pashtun-majority region, and the transfer of executive authority of the provincial government to the central authorities.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, 13 October 2026, CPB President Kazi Sazzad Zahir and General Secretary Abdullah Al Kafee said that combating terrorism and violence and ensuring public safety are important responsibilities of the state. However, they stressed that measures taken in the name of security must not undermine the people's democratic rights, electoral mandate, provincial autonomy or constitutional order.

The CPB statement noted that, citing concerns over the security situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the provincial government's role in combating terrorism, Pakistan's central government had removed the elected provincial government led by opposition political forces from power. The CPB leaders emphasized that constitutional provisions, elected representation and people's rights must not be disregarded in the name of addressing an emergency.

The statement further noted that the concerns and apprehensions of peace-loving and democratic people across the subcontinent cannot be ignored. While refraining from taking sides in the internal political affairs of Pakistan or any other country, the CPB stressed that the protection of democratic rights, constitutional processes and provincial autonomy must remain a shared responsibility under all circumstances.

The CPB emphasized that safeguarding peace, democracy, mutual respect and people's rights across South Asia is essential to the interests of the peoples of the region.

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