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PRESS RELEASE

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**MASSACHUSETTS LAWYERS, LAW STUDENTS, AND LEGAL WORKERS TO
DEMONSTRATE IN SOLIDARITY WITH LAWYERS IN PAKISTAN**

Boston, Nov. 9, 2007. The National Lawyers Guild, in conjunction with other bar organizations, will hold demonstrations in cities with Pakistani Consulates – Boston, New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles -- on **Tuesday, November 13, 2007**. We stand in solidarity with lawyers in Pakistan who have been beaten and jailed for opposing the suspension of constitutional rights in their country.

**Boston demonstration:
State House, Beacon St.
Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 1:00 p.m.**

On November 3, Pakistan President Musharraf issued an emergency declaration, Provisional Constitutional Order No. 1 of 2007, which suspends Pakistan's Constitution. This declaration includes suspension of the right to life and liberty, freedom of speech, assembly and association, and equal protection of the law, all of which are guaranteed by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Pakistan's Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry is being held under house arrest. Over 2,500 lawyers in different parts of Pakistan, including the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association and officials of the Democratic Lawyers Association of Pakistan, have been detained.

We demand the immediate release of all those detained after the declaration of a "state of emergency," the immediate reinstatement of the Supreme Court and Provincial High Courts, the immediate revocation of the Provisional Constitution Order and the scheduling of fair and free general elections monitored by international observers.

Other participating organizations:

Boston Bar Association
Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys
Massachusetts Bar Association