

**CHRI Update: Pakistan - Call for the Commonwealth to act
7 November**

On 5 November CHRI circulated an email detailing the illegal imposition of a state of emergency in Pakistan. The email asked you to add your voice to calls of support for an emergency meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) to review the current situation in Pakistan and consider the suspension of Pakistan as a member of the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Secretariat advised yesterday that CMAG will convene next Monday 12 November to look at the developments in Pakistan.

CHRI would like to thank those who communicated their support for an emergency meeting of CMAG to the Secretary-General.

CHRI encourages you to make a submission to Monday's CMAG meeting, calling for Pakistan's suspension from the Commonwealth, while encouraging continued support of civil society working towards the restoration of democracy. With the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting set to take place in Uganda in just a few weeks, this is a particularly important time for the Commonwealth to demonstrate that democracy, democratic processes and institutions, the rule of law and just and honest government are the fundamental values of the Commonwealth.

The **latest in developments in Pakistan**, as well as **CHRI's submission to CMAG** and **details of how to make a submission to CMAG** are available on the CHRI website, at http://www.humanrightsinitiative.org/programs/aj/police/intl/crisis_in_pakistan.htm.