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ISLAMABAD: Civil society activists mourn in F-6 Super Market.—Staff photo

Demand for tightening noose around terrorists echoes

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Civil society, human rights activists, political and religious parties all came out to express solidarity and mourn the killing of children in an army-run school in Peshawar and demand of the government to take strict action against terrorists.

While demanding the government action, participants of rallies, also supported the ongoing military operation Zarb-e-Azb against the terrorists.

The people and activists of civil society, workers of Awami National Party (ANP), Awami Workers Party, people from different segments of the society including students, human rights activists, political party representatives, traders, doctors and religious party workers started arriving at NPC in the evening too show solidarity with aggrieved families.

Most of the people were seen carrying pictures of martyred children and raised slogans against Taliban while demanding government to hang terrorists who have been found guilty and were in jails.

Women Chamber of Commerce also organised a rally against Taliban and participants were seen holding the placards and which were then translated into slogans against extremists. Talking to The Nation Shama Ashraf said that its time that

nation must stand up against the terrorism in the country and should not waste the sacrifices of innocent children.

Workers of political parties blocked roads in front of Super Market and NPC, chanted slogans and made speeches urging the government, military establishment and political parties to adopt unanimous policy towards extremists.

Human rights activist Tahira Abdulla said that there are no bad Taliban or good Taliban and they are dead Taliban and government should crush the Taliban. She said that it was the responsibility of all parties to speak aloud against terrorists at one platform and show the unity for bright future of Pakistan.

Chairperson National Commission on the Status of Women Khawar Mumtaz said that even in open war, children enjoy protection. She said that no war could be won by killing children. "In our capacity as citizens, we should identify and reject all such elements. We have seen how brutal and heartless they are," she added.

Human rights activist Naeem Mirza said that this incident has further strengthened the resolve of Pakistani nation to fight back. "Our enemies saw that we went back to attend Wahga Border ceremony next day of a blast that killed 55 people. We are all on the roads today to give them the same message," he added.