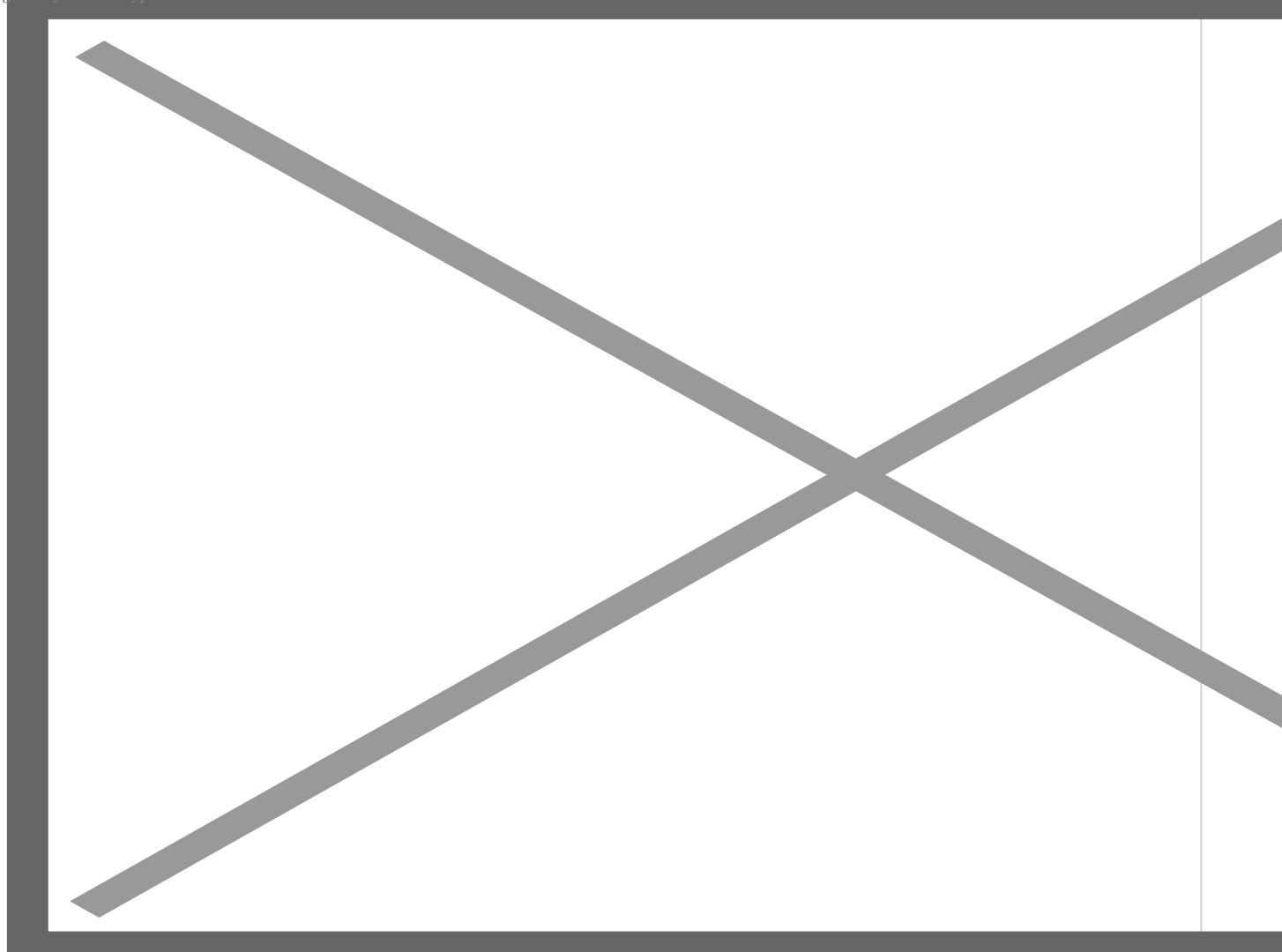


Protesters demand expulsion of U.S. and UK ambassadors from Pakistan

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Supporters of Majlis Wahdat-e-Muslimeen carry mock dead bodies during a protest against

Israeli air strikes on Gaza, to show solidarity with Palestine, in Islamabad, Pakistan. (AP)

Islamabad, May 26 (RHC)-- Protesters at a sit-in in the Pakistani capital Islamabad are demanding that the government take decisive and concrete action to secure a ceasefire in Gaza and establish a humanitarian assistance corridor for its residents.

The week-long protest demonstration in front of the country's parliament drew a large crowd including student activists, politicians and journalists.

Mushtaq Ahmad, a former Pakistani MP, said: "Pakistan should intervene in the Palestine-Israel conflict and Pakistan should stop this genocide after the Israeli occupation of Rafah; because there are 1.5 million people encircled by the Israeli forces and they are using hunger as a weapon of genocide and they are bombing them by the sophisticated weapons."

Aamna Jangua, Save Gaza Campaign Organizer, told reporters: "Every Muslim has sentiments and compassion, of course, and they are very upset about the situation because still there is no breakthrough. We see that Rafah, which was the only safe place for the Palestinians and for Gazans, is now surrounded and even that is being bombed. 15 lakhs [1.5 million] of people are innocently suffering without medicines, without food, without a drop of water."

The protesters in Islamabad are asking the government of Pakistan to take action on the ambassadors of the countries that are supporting Israel's genocidal war in Gaza, including the United States as well as the United Kingdom. The protesters also demand that Pakistan join South Africa in its genocide case against Israel at the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

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