

Don't 'harass' my workers, Qadri tells Punjab government

RECORDER REPORT LAHORE (January 07, 2013) : Tehreek-e-Minhajul Quran Chief Dr Tahir-ul-Qadri has warned provincial as well as federal governments against stopping his 14th January long march on Islamabad. Talking to media here on Sunday, he made it clear that the planned march would be peaceful because, "we are entirely against violence but I will be unable to control my workers if the government attempted to halt it." He also warned Punjab government against harassing his party workers and threatened that half of the participants would march on Lahore while rest on Islamabad if any attempt was made to halt the march. He said Tehreek-e-Minhajul Quran intend to change the existing rustic political and electoral system through vote and elections. He further said that it would be decided on January 14 in Islamabad whether the looters would rule the country or those who were being looted. He said that PPP workers should recall late Zulfiqar Ali Bhuttos' slogan of "Roti, Kapra, and Makaan," nobody has yet got these things even after passing 40 years, he added. To a question, Qadri said that his door was open for dialogue and he would talk to Interior Minister Rehman Malik if he visited him. Tahir-ul-Qadri alleged that Punjab government is impounding vehicles to stop his long march. He said that holding of public meetings or protest demonstration was the basic and fundamental constitutional right of every citizen. [**Copyright Business Recorder, 2013**](#)