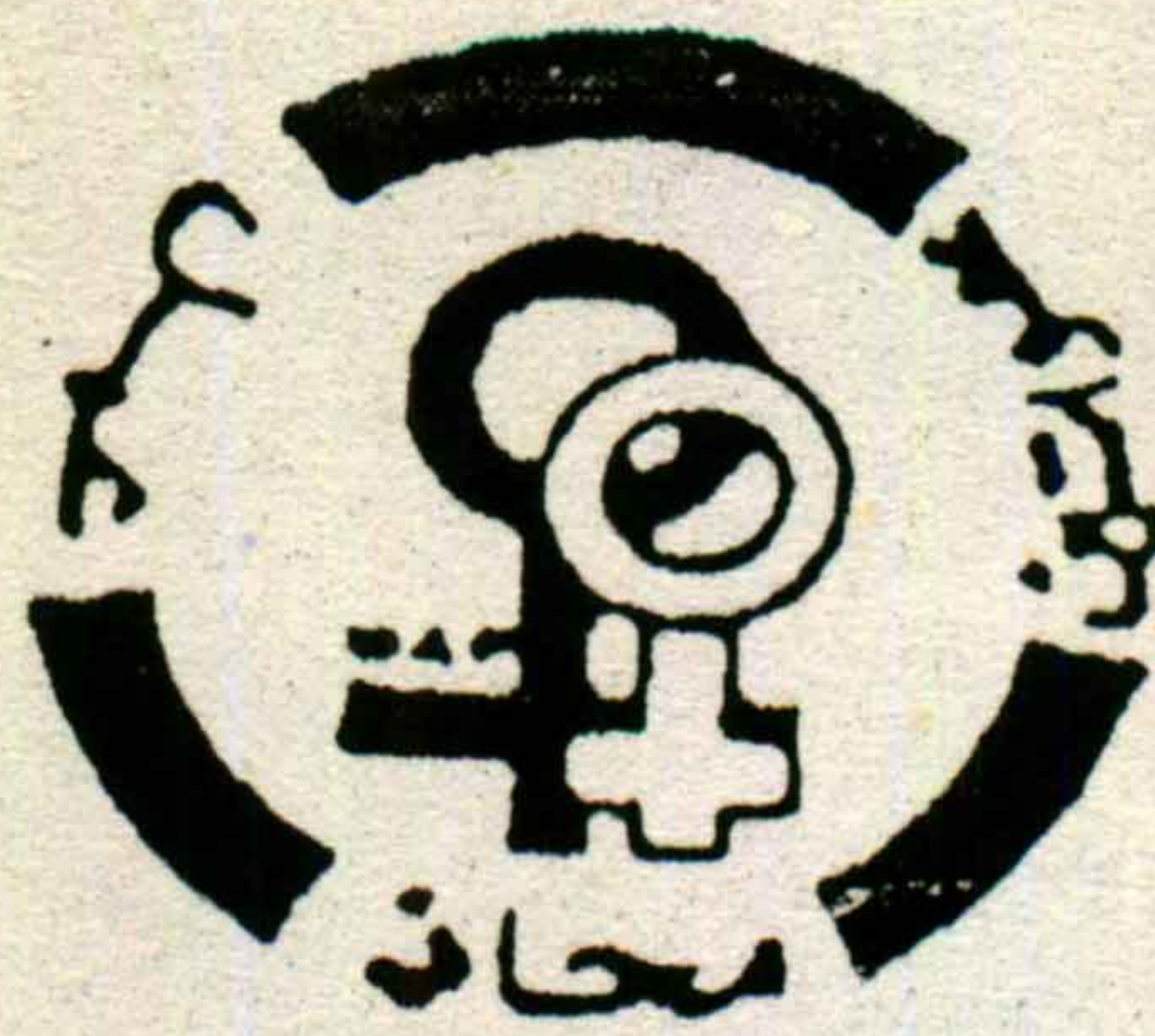


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**Press Release**  
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Women's Action Forum strongly condemns the violence perpetrated by members of Islami Jamiat-i-Tuliba against Imran Khan at the Punjab University on 14<sup>th</sup> November. The behaviour of the IJT was outrageous to say the least. This incident, in which not only was Imran Khan manhandled but also delivered to the police provides ample proof of the IJT and Jamaat-i-Islami's self-seeking ethos and amplifies the fact that its demands for democracy are a mere sham. Clearly the Jamaat and its student's wing is driven by self interest alone. This act of violence and betrayal against a political ally especially at a time when different political parties, students and civil society groups are raising their voice for democracy, the independence of the judiciary and the restitution of human rights including press freedom testifies to the fact that the Jamaat-i-Islami is indifferent to anything but its own power politics and the desire to replace military authoritarianism with its own brand of autocracy.

WAF also condemns the continuing violence perpetrated by the state against unarmed citizens, including women members of Tehrik-e-Insaf protesting for their rights and urges all political parties to come together in a spirit of tolerance in their struggle for the repeal of the Emergency and the restitution of democratic institutions for a meaningful return to democracy.

At the same time WAF lauds the action taken against act of violence by the students of Punjab University and for so clearly rejecting the Jamiat's politics of violence.

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