

## Nawaz spearheads long march to Islamabad

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At GPO Road, clash broke out between enraged protesters and police which used heavy shelling to disperse the protesters. The Nawaz-led caravan comprising party workers and people kept marching on, breaking all the hurdles erected on their way while scuffles between police and protesters continued.

The caravan crossed the Kalma Chowk where heavy contingents of police were deployed to stop the march. However, the police disappeared after a while.

The number of people participating in the long march kept building up steadily and the caravan of hundreds turned into thousands. The police seemed to have changed its strategy and decided to retreat upon seeing the ocean of people approaching.

Rose petals are being sprinkled at participants of the rally by people who have turned out in great number to show solidarity with the long march. The caravan has reached Ravi bridge after it left Nawaz Sharif's Model Town residence seven hours ago.

The political workers are removing all obstacles placed at various locations by the government to foil long march.

It has been reliably learnt that the PMN-N Quaid and the rally participants will stay for a while at Muridke. They will also have super there before going to Islamabad.