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## Pakistani businessman on hunger strike over endemic corruptions

President Zardari's Peoples Party government has been plagued by allegations of rampant corruption and nepotism ever since sweeping into power in 2008. Pakistan has repeatedly performed poorly based on the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) of Transparency International, and is among the countries with the most perceived corruption each year.

Motivated by the popular anti graft Indian activist Anna Hazare, now a 68 year old Pakistani businessman Raja Jahangir Akhtar has gone on an indefinite hunger strike in Pakistan's Capital Islamabad, declaring a war on endemic corruption that has not only crippled the national economy, but also hampered development activities in almost every sector of Pakistan.

In the absence of the rule of law and a credible independent judiciary, analysts believe there is concern that Pakistan will become an increasingly more corrupt country in the future; a worrying thought for international donors currently propping up Pakistan's crippled economy.

Three days into his hunger strike Mr. Raja Jahangir Akhtar seems in good health and spirit. What remains to be seen is whether he can generate anywhere near the kind of support and results Anna Hazare did over in India against endemic corruption.