



About Bolo Bhi:

Bolo Bhi means ‘Speak up’, in Urdu. We are a not-for-profit registered under the Societies Act XXI of 1860. Bolo Bhi is geared towards gender rights, government transparency, Internet access, digital security and privacy. We are a team of individuals with diverse backgrounds who are passionate about the same causes and believe it is crucial to bridge the gap between rights advocates, policy makers, media and citizens. It is by bridging this gap that one can move ahead to chart a way forward and resolve issues through consensus.

In the area of Internet policy, over the last year we have engaged with state and non-state stakeholders on the issue of blocking of the websites in Pakistan to try and find a solution. During this time, we were included in court proceedings as amicus curiae in a case seeking to revoke the ban on YouTube at the Lahore High Court.

Below are resources compiled during this period which address Internet and website blocking, YouTube blocking in particular, government attempts at installing filters and the dangerous road that leads Pakistan to becoming a surveillance state.

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Bolo Bhi's contribution & coverage in LHC YouTube case

1. Summary of hearings April 12 and 26: <http://bolobhi.org/bolo-bhi-amicus-reports-on-youtube-case-hearing/>
2. Submissions to court made by Bolo Bhi up to July 4, 2013 (policy and technology narrative): <http://bolobhi.org/bolo-bhis-submissions-to-court-in-youtube-case/>
3. Submission by amicus Khurram Zafar on home-based blocking vs state blocking: <http://techies.pk/articles/lifting-the-youtube-ban-in-pakistan-a-possible-solution/>
4. Google's letter to court: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Googles-Submission.pdf>
5. PTA's submission to court – July 25:

Part 1: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/PTAs-submission-Part-1.pdf>

Part 2: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/PTAs-Submisison-Part-2.pdf>

Part 3: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/PTAs-submission-Part-3.pdf>
6. Joint submission by Fariha Aziz and Khurram Zafar: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Joint-Submission-to-Court.pdf>
7. Bolo Bhi's submission to court on educational value of content available on YouTube (Part 1) - August 2, 2013:

Part 1: <http://bolobhi.org/bolo-bhis-submission-to-court-in-youtube-case-august-2-2013/>

Part 2: Letters by 4 individuals - August 2, 2013:

Toffee TV: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Toffee-TV-Letter-.pdf>

Salman Ansari: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Salman-Ansari-Letter-.pdf>

Imtiaz Noor: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Imtiaz-Letter.pdf>

Muhammad Ismail: <http://bolobhi.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Ismail-Letter.pdf>
8. Summary of hearings till September 2013: <http://bolobhi.org/to-block-or-not-to-block-youtube/>
9. Interim order by judge: <http://lhc.gov.pk/appjudgments/2013LHC1488.pdf>

Relevant Articles/News Coverage:

Legal brief by lawyer Babar Sattar on the illegality of the YouTube ban and actions of authorities involved, published in the All Pakistan Legal

Decisions: <http://bolobhi.org/blocking-of-youtube-whats-legal-whats-not/>

Express Tribune

Op-Ed on Blocking of Websites (August 2013): <http://tribune.com.pk/story/596542/why-filtering-the-internet-is-a-bad-idea/>

Newsline

Feature spread on YouTube case (September 2013): <http://bolobhi.org/to-block-or-not-to-block-youtube/>

To Block or Not to Block: <http://www.newslinemagazine.com/2013/09/to-block-or-not-to-block/>

Watch & Learn: <http://www.newslinemagazine.com/2013/10/watch-and-learn-on-youtube/>

PTA Speaks Up: <http://www.newslinemagazine.com/2013/10/pta-speak/>

Dawn

Will One YouTube video turn Pakistan into a Surveillance State:

<http://techies.pk/articles/will-one-youtube-video-turn-pakistan-surveillance-state/>

The Cost of Censorship: <http://bolobhi.org/cost-of-the-ban/>

Why the YouTube ban is bad for you: <http://bolobhi.org/why-the-youtube-ban-is-bad-for-you/>

The News

Editorial: <http://bolobhi.org/editorial-the-news-on-sunday-special-report-on-internet-censorship/>

Bolo Bhi's interviews on Internet Censorship & Policy

Mushahid Hussain - Senator: <http://vimeo.com/84838383>

Farooq Sattar – MNA: <http://vimeo.com/86925674>

Shireen Mazari – MNA: <http://vimeo.com/88468256>

Bushra Gohar – former MNA: <https://vimeo.com/86992827>

Babar Sattar - lawyer: <http://vimeo.com/86774425>

Khurram Zafar – professor ITU: <http://vimeo.com/87297370>

Hometown - a start-up: <http://vimeo.com/86316998>

Mobeen Ansari – photojournalist: <http://vimeo.com/90232097>

Wahaj us Siraj, Convenor ISPAK: <http://vimeo.com/86328193>

Salman Ansari – IT & Telecom expert: <http://vimeo.com/89942994>

Jehan Ara, President P@SHA: <http://vimeo.com/90248200>

Pakistan's Internet BANwagon – A Documentary by Bolo Bhi: <http://vimeo.com/87335243>

Bolo Bhi's web & TV shows

Episode 7: Getting the Act Together

Part 3: <http://vimeo.com/85322037>

Part 2: <http://vimeo.com/84654590>

Part 1: <http://vimeo.com/85160972>

Episode 6: Opening up the Government

Part 3: <https://vimeo.com/82027680/>

Part 2: <https://vimeo.com/82011882>

Part 1: <https://vimeo.com/82009956>

Episode 5: Internet as a Level Playing Field

Part 3: <http://vimeo.com/80145776>

Part 2: <https://vimeo.com/81416785>

Part 1: <http://vimeo.com/81314244>

Episode 4: Who is the Control Freak in the Cyber World?

Part 3: <http://vimeo.com/79788439>

Part 2: <http://vimeo.com/79863321>

Part 1: <https://vimeo.com/79872743>

Episode 3: Don't Stop the Music

Part 3: <http://vimeo.com/78536839>

Part 2: <http://vimeo.com/78751885>

Part 1: <http://vimeo.com/78752804>

Episode 2: Why Filtering the Internet Is a Bad Idea

Part 3: <http://vimeo.com/77129390>

Part 2: <http://vimeo.com/77242725>

Part 1: <http://vimeo.com/77272059>

Episode 1: Celebrating our Banniversary- YouTube Ban

Part 3: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151746260321319>

Part 2: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151746251646319>

Part 1: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151746202651319>

Resources:

FAQs

1. Government's attempt at installing a National URL filtering system (2012): <http://bolobhi.org/resources/press-kit/national-url-filtering-blocking-system/>
2. Dangers of a Content Filtering System: <http://bolobhi.org/the-dangers-of-a-content-filtration-system/>

Timelines:

E-Regulations: <http://bolobhi.org/resources/timelines/state-of-internet-in-pakistan-e-regulations-timeline/>

YouTube Ban: <http://bolobhi.org/resources/timelines/youtube-ban-timeline-2012-2013/>

Bolo Bhi's Updates on YouTube Case: <http://bolobhi.org/resources/timelines/youtube-case-updates-by-bolo-bhi/>