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MALALA DAY: AN EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN

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ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE MALALA BEING TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

AUDIO

NARRATION:

United Nations Headquarters, New York. (3)

Hundreds gathered to hear the voice of Malala Yousafzai. (4)

Malala survived a near-fatal shooting by Taliban militants in Pakistan. (4)

But instead of silencing her, this horrific act made her more determined to speak out for the rights of girls to go to school. She was commended for her courage by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon. (11)

SG BAN KI-MOON: (In English) M

“I urge you to keep speaking out, keep raising the pressure, keep making a difference, and together let us follow the lead of this brave young girl Malala.” (14.5)

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH SG AND MALALA

NARRATION:

The United Nations declared her birthday, July 12th as Malala Day, reaffirming its commitment to changing...
attitudes towards childrens’ education. (8)

Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown: (3)

GORDON BROWN: (In English) M

“Let me repeat the words, the words the Taliban never wanted her to hear. Happy 16th birthday, Malala!” (8.5)

MALALA: (In English) F

“Malala day is not my day. Today is the day of every woman, every boy, and every girl, who have raised their voice for their rights.” (18)

Girls like Aqsa Rehman, whose home was destroyed by flooding. (4.5)

When the devastation prevented her from returning to school, she too spoke out to fight for her education: (6.5)

AQSA REHMAN: (In Punjabi) F

“We will come to school, even if we have to struggle for it. We will help our people by replacing everything they have lost in the floods.” (12)

Bib Rehman, Aqsa’s aunt, believes that educating the younger generation is the only way to a better future. (6)

BIB: (In Punjabi) F

“We are educating our children to get rid of poverty. We hardly have enough to eat or feed the children. But we are still educating them so that they become better people.” (11)
According to UNICEF, some 57 million children of primary-school age worldwide are not in school, and more than half of them are girls. (8.5)

Factors such as poverty, natural disasters, the prevalence of early marriage, and cultural and extremist attitudes mean that many girls will face severe obstacles in getting an education. (12)

MALALA: (In English)  F
“Let us pick up our books and our pens. They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world.” (18)

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