

Pakistan cinemas ban Indian movies

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India and Pakistan do not have very good relations at the moment. The two countries have argued for many years over where the borders should be in Kashmir. There is also the possibility that India

could limit the amount of water Pakistan gets from the Indus River. The latest disagreement is over movies and actors. Pakistan's major cinemas have banned Indian movies in Pakistan's biggest cities - Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad. The cinema owners say the ban is to show support for Pakistani soldiers who are risking their lives in Kashmir. The ban comes after a group of Indian moviemakers banned Pakistani actors from working in India's famous Bollywood movie studios in Mumbai.

Bollywood movies are extremely popular in Pakistan. The country's cinema industry is going to lose a lot of money as cinemagoers stay at home. A huge amount of Pakistan's cinema business comes from Bollywood. Pakistani actors may also suffer and lose money. They will not make as much money by working in Pakistan's movie industry as they would in Bollywood. However, Pakistani actors said it was time for Pakistani actors to stop working in Bollywood. Pakistani actor Hamza Ali Abbasi said: "The time has come when Pakistani artists must boycott Bollywood and Pakistani people must stop watching Indian content." Movie star Agha Ali agreed with Abbasi, saying: "I think it should've been done a long time ago."

Sources: *bbc.com* / *Times of India.com* / *Daily Pakistan.com*

Writing

What are the good and bad things about movies?
What movies do you like and why?

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

India / Pakistan / relations / countries / border / water / cinemas / actors / Bollywood / popular / money / suffer / home / industry / time / artists / boycott / a long time ago

True / False

- India and Pakistan have argued for centuries. T / F
- India might reduce Pakistan's water supply from the River Ganges. T / F
- Five Pakistani cities have banned Indian movies. T / F
- Indian moviemakers banned Pakistani actors from Bollywood. T / F
- The Indian movie ban will not harm Pakistan's cinema industry. T / F
- Pakistani actors make more money in Bollywood than in Pakistan. T / F
- Pakistani movie stars said it was time for actors to boycott Bollywood. T / F
- A movie star said the boycott should have happened a long time ago. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. relations | a. very |
| 2. at the moment | b. endangering |
| 3. limit | c. discontinue |
| 4. major | d. right now |
| 5. risking | e. enormous |
| 6. extremely | f. dealings |
| 7. huge | g. big |
| 8. make | h. avoid |
| 9. boycott | i. restrict |
| 10. stop | j. earn |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of movies made in your country?
- What are the differences between Bollywood and Hollywood?
- How do you think this disagreement could end?
- What do you think of Indian movies?
- How dangerous could bad Indian-Pakistani relations be?
- What good does a boycott do?
- What do you know about Bollywood?
- What questions would you like to ask a Pakistani actor?

Phrase Match

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| 1. India and Pakistan do not have very good | a. water Pakistan gets |
| 2. argued | b. a long time ago |
| 3. limit the amount of | c. stay at home |
| 4. the ban is to show support | d. their lives |
| 5. risking | e. as much money |
| 6. Bollywood movies are extremely | f. relations at the moment |
| 7. cinemagoers | g. has come |
| 8. They will not make | h. for Pakistani soldiers |
| 9. The time | i. for many years |
| 10. I think it should've been done | j. popular in Pakistan |

Discussion – Student B

- What kind of movies do you like, and why?
- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Pakistan-Indian relations?
- What do you think about the borders of your country?
- Why would India limit the amount of water Pakistan gets?
- What do you think of the movie ban?
- Why do you think India banned Pakistani actors?
- What advice do you have for Pakistan's actors?

Spelling

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- Movie star Agha Ali gdeare with Abbasi

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. g	5. b
6. a	7. e	8. j	9. h	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Horror

You think horror is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): romance, comedy or science fiction.

Role B – Romance

You think romance is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): horror, comedy or science fiction.

Role C – Comedy

You think comedy is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): romance, horror or science fiction.

Role D – Science Fiction

You think science fiction is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the most boring of these (and why): romance, comedy or horror.

Speaking – Movie genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • horror | • comedy |
| • fantasy | • animation |
| • action | • biography |
| • romance | • science fiction (sci-fi) |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.