Pakistan cinemas ban Indian movies

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

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Discussion Questions

1. What kind of movies do you like, and why?
2. What do you think of the movies made in your country?
3. What do you think of Indian movies?
4. What do you think about the borders of your country?
5. What good does a boycott do?
6. How dangerous could bad Indian-Pakistani relations be?

MOVIE GENRES

Rank these with your teacher.

Put the best at the top.

- horror
- fantasy
- action
- romance

- comedy
- animation
- biography
- science fiction (sci-fi)