

The All India Congress Committee passed its 'Quit India' resolution on August 8, 1942. The demand was to declare India immediately as an independent country. Then a provisional government would be formed with the cooperation of the major parties whose primary duty would be defence of India and resistance against aggression. The provisional government would also form a constituent assembly for preparing the Constitution for the federation in which the units would enjoy largest measure of autonomy.

On August 9 all Congress leaders were arrested and Congress was declared an unlawful body all over India. As a result violence broke out in all Hindu majority provinces. The Depressed Classes kept themselves separate from the movement and their leader Ambedkar strongly criticized Congress. The Indian Nationalist condemned Gandhi for his action. Thus all the political parties of India oppose Congress for their this movement.

The Muslims became all the more certain that this movement, on the face of it, directed not only at coercing the British Government to hand over power to the Hindus without considering the demands of the Muslims and other minorities also aimed at forcing the Muslims to submit and surrender to Congress terms. The All India Muslim League advised the Muslims to remain aloof from the movement completely. Quaid-i-Azam termed the 'Quit India' movement as tantamount to "forcing their demands at the point of bayonet" and "internecine civil war"

Actually Gandhi was having negotiations with Japan and Jawaharlal Nehru was "thrilled" by the thought of the Japanese invasion of India. So in their attempt to take power from the British, the Congress leaders were not averse to employing tactics, which were hardly respectable and possible. It can also be said that the Congress feared that if independence would be delayed the divided India would become a reality. They wanted to stop the emergence of Pakistan but it's a fact that in 1947, Congress itself was forced by the events to agree for the division of India.