



Malala Yousafzai receiving the Sakharov Prize in 2013.

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José Cruz: What do you think of Malala herself though? You know, what do you think of the girl herself or or what, the the cause that she's fighting for?

Alex Bodnar: Oh, uh uh... yeah her cause certainly is very important, uh, I I can't imagine, uh, being a girl uh, or a woman in in Pakistan, you know, uh, not being able to uh, get education you know, simple basic education which we take for granted in uh most or all uh, developed democracies. Um, you know they they risk their lives uh, just to go to school or at least she she certainly did.

José: Yeah, she certainly did. She had been going on uh, a pretty um you know, uh, drawn out campaign to actually make sure that she had just a chance to go to school to to use pens and paper, uh and uh... All the way up to the assassination attempt if I, if I, if I know the situation, uh correctly she'd been going at it for about a couple of years with the help of her family and her friends and um, and it all culminated in that assassination attempt.

Alex: Mm-hmm yeah, there's there's something umm, unique about this girl I think uh. There's... It's not often you you get a person like this, um, not often that you get *a* a child like this who is so outspoken um, I think I think uh, she may have a a big future.

José: Yeah, she's she's an amazing kid and she, she's um, she's a really good role model, I think for the students that I have uh in my classrooms.

Thanks a lot, Alex.

Alex: Yeah, it was a pleasure.

José: OK. Talk to you later.

Alex: See you.

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Discussion:

1. Is there a famous person who inspires you?
2. What do you find interesting about Malala?
3. In José's second line, he says 'She'd been going at it'. What does 'going at it' mean?

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