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dhār·na (dār nə, dūr -) also **dhur·na** (dūr nə)

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n.

A hunger strike in which an aggrieved person or party sits down and refuses to move from a place associated with the party believed to be the source of the grievance, especially the entrance to a building or the door of a residence.

[Hindi *dharnā*, from Prakrit *dharaṇa*, from Sanskrit *dharaṇam*, act of supporting, stay; see **dher-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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