

SENATE SECRETARIAT
(Questions Branch)

R.D.No.22-115/2015-Q

Islamabad, the 8th May, 2015

The Senate in its sitting held on Wednesday, the 6th May, 2015, unanimously passed a Resolution (copy enclosed), moved by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed:-

(**RAFIULLAH**)
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R.D. No. 22-115/2015-Q

RESOLUTION

“Taking cognizance of the recurring pattern of Islamophobia and attacks on Islam and Muslims, the Senate strongly condemns the latest attempt in the \united States of America to malign Islam and the Holy Prophet (PBUH) through blasphemous cartoons and caricatures.

This episode has resulted in two deaths as American Muslims reacted to this grave provocation. Earlier, a similar situation arose in Europe when a French magazine provoked Muslim sentiments by publishing blasphemous caricatures of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

Such deliberate actions on the part of the demented Islam haters are unacceptable as the personality and image of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) enjoy a sanctity being a pillar of the faith of Islam. These hate crimes also reflect double standards since such blasphemy is justified as so called freedom of expression while concurrently there are laws which imprison those who merely deny the holocaust.

The Senate of Pakistan representing the sentiments of the people of Pakistan and the Muslim world as a whole, strongly condemns this pattern of hate speech directed against Islam which provokes Muslim reaction while also causing grievous injury to Muslim sentiments.

The Senate urges the Government of Pakistan to take strong notice of this blasphemy and immediately take up this issue of Islamophobia with the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) as well as the United Nations Human Rights Council. The Senate also demands strict legislation similar to that about the Holocaust be enacted in Western countries so that action under the law can be taken against all those who malign Islam and the Holy Prophet (PBUH). This House believes that freedom of expression must not be misused as means to attack or hurt public sentiments or religious believes. In this regard Article 20 of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights which prohibits by law any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence must be followed by all States.

The Senate also appeals to all Muslims not to be provoked excessively to avoid falling into any conspiratorial traps.”

Moved by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed

*Passed by the Senate of Pakistan
on 6th May, 2015.*

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R.D.No.21-115/2015-Q

Islamabad, the 8th May, 2015

The Senate in its sitting held on Wednesday, the 6th May, 2015, unanimously passed a Resolution (copy enclosed), moved by Senator Nasreen Jalil on her behalf and on behalf of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:-

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R.D. No. 21-115/2015-Q

RESOLUTION

“This House strongly condemns the target killing of Ms. Sabeen Mehmood who was gund downed brutally by unidentified gunman.

We solute the courage and perseverance of Ms. Sabeen Mehmood against all odds and threats. She offered a public space like T2F a real platform for voices of dissent. This House resolves to stand steadfast with the marginalized.”

*Moved by Senator Mrs. Nasreen Jalil on her behalf and
on behalf of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition,
and Col. ® Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi*

*Passed by the Senate of Pakistan
on 6th May, 2015.*