

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON PRIVILEGE MOTION NO. 1(121)/2015-M, MOVED BY SENATOR MAULANA TANVEER UL HAQ THANVI.

(Report No. 19 of 2016)

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No.1(121)/2015-M, moved by Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi on 14th January, 2016, regarding raid conducted by Rangers on the Jamia Ehteshamia Madrassa, Karachi, which is under the administrative control of the Senator.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator Hilalur Rehman	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra	Member
8.	Senator Saud Majeed	Member
9.	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
10.	Senator Zaheerud Din Babar Awan	Member
11.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
12.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
13.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the matter before the Committee were that Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi moved the said Privilege Motion on 14th January, 2016, stating therein that the Rangers conducted raid on Jamia Ehteshamia Madrassa, Karachi, with heavy forces of more than 250 Rangers personnel on 20th September, 2015 at about 03:30 a.m. The Chairman Senate held the motion in order and referred the same to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report. The

Committee considered the motion in its meetings held on 25th January and 15th February, 2016. In the first meeting the Additional Secretary and some other officers of the Ministry of Interior attended the meeting and informed about the stance of the Pakistan Rangers on the matter. The Committee was not satisfied on the clarification given by the officers of the Ministry and directed that the officers of the Pakistan Rangers should attend the meeting and apprise the committee on the matter. In the second meeting, the Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control and officers of Pakistan Rangers were called to appear before the Committee and explain their position on the matter.

4. The Chairman Committee stated that Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi is most respectable person and belongs to a respectable family. He was out of country when his Madrassa was raided by Pakistan Rangers. The raiding party searched the houses of the teachers and other staff of the Madrassa but no female personnel was with them. In this way the respect of the Senator was breached. He was of the view that the Pakistan Rangers has stated in the working paper that no such incident was happened and Madrassa was not raided. He said that the people respect the Rangers and behavior of Rangers should be polite with the public.
5. The Pakistan Rangers informed that they received intelligence through sources about presence of wanted target killers in a building at Jacob Lines, Jamshed Town, Karachi, on 20th September, 2015. During the raid, as per SOP of Pakistan Rangers, the troops blocked the entry and exit points of target area to ward off the escape routes of criminals. Two blocked entry / exit points were passing nearby Madrassah Ehteshamia, which led to misperception of raid on that Madrassa. It was also informed that Pakistan Rangers is fully aware of its responsibilities and have full respect for all religious places where no criminal activity is being taken place. It was informed further that the

Rangers did not raid the Madrassa. They only covered the area for action against the said criminals.

6. Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi stated that his Madrassa was well known throughout the country and no political activities were being carried out in the Madrassa. The Madrassa had been functioning for the last 70 years. The raiding party entered in the houses of staff and carried out thorough checking. In this way the Rangers Personnel violated the respect of privacy of those families. He informed that the raiding party said that the basic reason for raid was the affiliation of the Senator with Altaf Hussain. He also stated that none of the staff member of Madrassa belongs to MQM.

7. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, who attendant the meeting as a mover of another item, said that nobody has the right to violate the law of the land and enter in the houses without lawful authority. He said that Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi is a respectable person and the law enforcing agencies should pay respect to him as a common man as well as a Member of the Parliament. He appreciated the role of Rangers and said that they had achieved 40% success in Karachi operation.

8. Lt. Col., Sindh Rangers, stated that they always respect the religious institutions. He said that in the present case raid was not conducted on Madrassa and only escape routes were blocked. He categorically stated that no personnel of Pakistan Rangers went inside the Madrassa. He said that the number of persons in raiding party were 24 to 30 and not 250. Two mobiles and 3 motor bikes participated in the raid. He also stated that there was a possibility that the Rangers might have searched some adjoining houses but the Madrassa was not raided.

9. Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra appreciated the performance of Pakistan Rangers. He was of the view that the Rangers have gained a lot of respect by restoring law and

order situation in Karachi. However, he expressed disappointment on raid in question. He stated that the Lt. Col., Sindh Rangers, was not present at the scene and he has provided the information collected from the persons who conducted the raid, so, the same might be incorrect. As the information was provided to him by his juniors who were directly involved in the raid, so, it was not necessary that the information provided to him was accurate and based on facts. He said that it is the duty of all Government functionaries to pay respect to the Parliament and its Members.

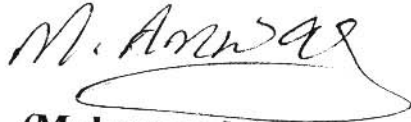
10. Senator Kalsoom Parveen, the mover of another item, stated that when the Senator has informed the Committee about the happening, there was no need for verification. She proposed that the Lt. Col., Sindh Rangers should make accurate statement and inform the Committee about the factual position.

11. Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi stated that he has a great respect for Rangers. The Rangers have great contribution in maintaining law and order in the country. He said that there may be criminal in the area to whom the Ranger was following. He also informed that his son was called in the office of Rangers and they uttered very objectionable sentences. He enquired that if the Madrassa was covered only to apprehend the criminals, why the Rangers personnel utter such type of sentences. He said that the Madrassa has no political motives and his forefather have been contributing for the welfare and wellbeing of the country.

12. Lt. Col., Sindh Rangers stated that the time of raid was about 03.30 a.m. which was night time and there may be some spillover and any personnel may have entered inadvertently in the area. He said that if there were some persons who uttered objectionable sentences and gave such comments, he will take appropriate action against them. He stated that there may be some mistake on the part of Rangers personnel. He tendered excuse for inconvenience caused due to the happening.

13. Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi said that as the name of his Madrassa had been degraded and a lot was being said about the incident, it will not be enough to say sorry in the committee room as the people will not know about the clarification given in the committee. He said that he feels a great insult due to the incident and disposing off the matter within the walls of the room will not appropriate.
14. Senators Iqbal Zafar Jhagra and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi said that the officer has apologized for the incident which is appreciated and should be honored. They proposed that the persons found guilty in this case may be punished.
15. Senator Atta Ur Rehman, while appreciating the apology, proposed that the Rangers should conduct an inquiry into the happening and the person found guilty should be punished as per rules. The persons directly involved in the matter may also tender apology in writing which should be placed before the Committee. He also proposed that a time of one month be given to Rangers for taking action against the persons involved in this case.
16. The Deputy Director General, ASF, who attended the meeting as a respondent to other item, suggested that the concerned persons may go to Madrassa and apologize there. He said that in view of the sacrifices being given by Rangers, the Committee should show generosity.
17. Senator Maulana Tanveerul Haq Thanvi said that there should be something in writing which should be kept on record. He was of the view that without any record it will not be proved that the raid conducted on Madrassa was unlawful and unjustified and that the Rangers apologized for the same.
18. The Chairman Committee appreciated the good gesture shown by the Rangers. He proposed that the Rangers should contact the Senator and resolve the issue amicably to revive the respect and sanctity of Madrassa. He directed that the action

taken by the Rangers against the concerned personnel may be brought to the notice of the Committee so that the same may be placed on record. The apology tendered by the Rangers was accepted and the matter was disposed off. The Committee hereby recommends that no further action is required in the matter.



(Muhammad Anwar)
A.S. / Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)
Chairman