## REPORT ON CELEBRATION OF WORLD INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010 BY PAKISTAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WELFARE & HUMAN RIGHTS (PCSW&HR)

The **International Day of Peace**, also known as the **World Peace Day**, occurs annually on September 21. It is observed by many nations, political groups, military groups, and peoples. Like every year since the inception of the organization, for Peace and Development Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights (PCSW&HR) an active <u>Cooperation Circle</u> (CC) of <u>United Religions Initiatives</u> (URI) in Pakistan also observed the International Day of Peace on 21st September 2010. A Seminar was organized by the PCSW&HR on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 at Sialkot. Mr. Tahir Mehmood Hundli Member Punjab Assembly and Chairman Standing Committee for Health was chief gust, where as Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori Chairman PCSW&HR presided over the Peace Seminar. Hundreds of people from all walk of life in which politicians, educationists, lawyers, religious leaders, trade union representatives, Governmental and non governmental officials, media both electronic and print media representatives, PCSW&HR's officials etc participated in the seminar.

There were two sessions in the seminar, during the first session various persons addressed the participants and second session was questions & answers on various issues like Peace & human rights, Peace & women empowerment, Peace & present scenario, Peace & Justice etc. Seminar started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Qari Imran recited the verses of Holy Quran. While addressing the peace seminar Chairman Pakistan Council for Social Welfare & Human Rights Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori warmly welcomed the honorable guests and participants of the program. He said that today we are celebrating the International Peace Day and on this momentous day, my heart is over flowing with gratitude and respect toward the peace-minded organizations, civic and religious leaders, peace workers, lawyers, media representatives and young people who have gathered among us to celebrate the International Day of Peace (IDP) 2010. He further added that I am really thankful to all of you for sparing time from your busy schedules, you have traveled from near and far to join this meaningful event. Your Presence here serves as a beacon of light and a source of hop for the global world.



A view of Participants during the Peace Seminar organized on the eve of International Peace Day



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Chairman PCSW&HR Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Noori further said that Islam presents the best practical model of tolerance. It is a baseless fabrication that Islam is not disposed to tolerating people belonging to other creeds, ideologies and religions. The history of Islam offers models of religious tolerance, equality, justice, peace, interfaith harmony, universal brotherhood, safeguard of the minorities' rights, democracy and best treatment of persons belonging to different faiths. Unfortunately at the moment most of terrorist's acts are happening on the name of Islam, but in fact the master mind and implementer of these acts are very far from Islamic ideology and practices, even they have no religion they are just terrorists. According to a tradition of the Prophet (PBUH) 'Peace is Islam' (*Al-Bukhari*). This means that peace is one of the prerequisites of Islam. Similarly, a *Hadith* states: A Muslim is one from whose tongue and hands people are safe. One of the attributes of God described in the Quran is '*As-Salam*', which means peace and security.' That is to say that God's being itself is a manifestation of peace. Indeed, God is Peace (*Al-Bukhari*).



Mr. Tahir Mehmood Hundli, Muhammad Ijaz Noori, Mushtaq Ahmed Qadri, Mansoor Ahmed and others addressing during the Peace Seminar

He further said that if we want a real peace in our country or around the world then every one needs to take part in that, and we need to promote social justice and harmony to promote peace. We need to take care of each other to promote peace. We need to sensitize each other to respect and accept every one in whatever capacity he/she belongs to. He concluded his speech with

the following words: "May God make us an instrument of His love, peace, and joy. May Peace Prevail in Sialkot, May Peace Prevail at Pakistan, and May Peace Prevail on Earth.

While addressing during the Peace Seminar as Chief Gust Mr. Tahir Mehmood Hundli Advocate Member Provincial Assembly and Chairman Standing Committee for Health Govt. of Punjab thanked the PCSW&HR for inviting him and giving him time to observe International Day of Peace with them. He said that no can survive without peace, He added that Islam as a religion is totally committed to peace and security. It views with great contempt, breach of peace, anarchy, rioting and terrorism. Muslims as *Ummah* are a peace-loving community. The acts classified as terrorism have been strongly condemned by Islam, Islamic teachings preach that every possible step should be taken for their eradication. Islam has prohibited everything that may pose threat to social harmony, cause breach of peace or may endanger peace and security of citizens. Islamic Shariah stands for maintenance of peace and prevention of riots and disturbances. Islam is against drunkenness, rape, adultery and scandalmongering about innocent women. Islam strives for elimination of oppression, rioting or anything which adversely affects the culture and civilization of the country.

He further said that Terrorism ruptures social peace; Islam strictly forbids terrorizing peaceloving citizens. Religion desires peace, tranquility and social harmony. Acts of terrorist's violence destroy the moral principles, meant for the welfare of human beings. That is a crime and has no place in a religion like Islam, which is deeply committed to peace and security of human beings. He also said that type of terrorism has no place in Islamic Shariah. The Holy Quran makes it explicit that killing an innocent person is equivalent to killing the whole humankind. He urged that it is need of hour to explain the actual Islamic teaching in effectual manners to eradicate this negative expression that terrorism and extremism have relations with Islam. In this regards we have to play our important role to promote inter religious harmony and Socio- religious peaceful co-existence for durable peace, justice, elimination of poverty, protection of human rights and human development.



Chairman PCSW&HR Muhammad Ijaz Noori answering the participants questions during the Peace Seminar whereas Mr. Tahir Mehmood Hundli MPA & Chairman Standing Committee for Health and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed are also on the stage

Mr. Tahir Mehmood Hundli also said that Justice and fair play are pre requisite for a healthy and peaceful society. Disruption of peace is the reaction of terror, injustice and atrocity. In view of that Islam has placed great emphasis on adhering to justice and fair play irrespective of distinction of creed and community. Islam has prohibited partiality in the matter of justice, even if it concerns your blood relation. According to Islamic ideology all human beings stand equal for respect and kind consideration. Therefore, a human being who is respectable should not be subjected to atrocity and unfair treatment because that is disrespect and dishonor to him. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) declared that the protest of the victim of atrocity, irrespective of his creed and religion has the prospect of being heard by Allah. Discrimination among human beings is against humanitarian considerations. He further said that we should struggle collectively for the durable peace, elimination of terrorism, human development and protection of human rights at grass roots level with out any discrimination. He encouraged all the people who work for peace and unity. He said that even a small act of Love, Peace and Unity is very effective and beneficial to bring peace on earth. May peace prevail in earth. May peace prevail on earth.



A female participant questioning during the Peace Seminar Question Answer Session organized by PCSW&HR on the eve of International Peace Day



A Youth organization representative questioning during the Peace Seminar Question Answer Session organized by PCSW&HR on the eve of International Peace Day

During the Seminar Arshad Ali Bhatti, Emanuel K Gill Vice Chairman PCSW&R, Directors Mushtaq Ahmed Qadari, Mansoor Ahmed, Muhammad Ramzan Mustafie, Shakeel Younis and others also addressed and threw light on importance of peace in the present scenario. At the end of seminar a collective prayers were offered for durable peace on earth. Participants also comments regarding peace seminar organized on the eve of International Peace Day



امن اورانصاف کے بغیر کوئی معاشرہ ترقی نہیں کرسکتا،طاہر ہندلی اسلام میں انتہا پسندی اور دہشت گردی کی کوئی گنجائش نہیں ، امن سیمینار سے خطاب کوئی لوباراں (تامدالار) امن اور انصاف کے إياكتان بلداسلامى تعليمات كى ممانى ب ياكتان بغیر کوئی معاشرہ ترقی فیس کر سکتا اسلام میں انتہا پیندی عوام مل جل کر محبت اور امن کے دشمنوں کے لیے زیین اور دہشت کردی کی کوئی محیاتش نہیں کیونکہ اسلام ندین تلک کرویں کے، پاکستان کونسل فارسوشل دیلفیتر اینڈ ردداری اس وانساف مساوات اور احرام آدمیت مومن رائش کے چیئر مین محد اعاد نوری نے کہا کہ دنیا كاندب ب جد وغيرا حرالرمان حضرت محد عظ مين بدادى انسانى حقوق كحفظ ادر حقق جمهوريت ك كومرف مسلماتوں سے الح نيس بلك تمام انسانوں كے فروغ بى دريا معالى امن ادرانسانى ترقى كى يقينى لے رجت ما كرميون كے كم ين إن خيالات كا ما يا با جا سكتا ب أنبول في قديد كما كر اسلام اس و اظمار رکن بیجاب اسمیلی اور قائمه میش برائے صحت ا آشتی اورانسانی اجزام کا داعی فد جب ب لید ااس منفی بتجاب کے چیز مین طاہر محدود بند لی نے عالی بیم اس اتار کے خاتم کے لیے اسلامی حکومتوں ادر این تی اور ے موقعہ پر یا کتان کوئل قار موشل وبلغیر اینڈ ہومن ال کو تقتق اسلاق تشخص أجا کر کرنے کے لیے تحد ہو کر کام رائش کے وزیا ہتام منعقدہ اس سینارے خطاب کر کرنا ہوگا، سینارے یا کتان کوس کے دائی چیز مین ت ہوتے کیا۔ اُنہوں نے حرید کہا کہ اکثریت اور ارشد على بحثى، بمانوا يمل كركل، ڈائر كمرز مشاق احد اقليت يا خرب كى بنياد يرساي معاشرتى شرى تولتون تادرى، منصور احد، ظليل يدس، چودهرى اعجاز، محد كالتيم عسليد مي تغريق كاطرز عمل ندصرف نظريد ومفان مصطفا في اورد يكرمقررين في خطاب كيا-





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یا وعالمی اس اور انسانی ترتی کی تیجنی بنایا حاسکتا ہے كصرف سلمانوں كے لي تيس بلد تمام انسانوں كے أتبول فيفديدكها كما انتتاه يبتدى ادرد بشت كردى كا لے رحمت بنا كرمعوث كے كے إلى إن خالات كا اظهار کن پنجاب اسمیلی اور قائت تعیش برائے صحت پنجا اسلام ہے کوئی داسط تیں اسلام اسن داشتی اورانسانی ب کے چیز شن طاہر محود بتد کی ایکدوکٹ نے عالمی اجرام کا دائی ندہ ے لید اس تنی تار کے خاتمے کے لیے اسلامی حکومتوں اور این جی اور کو تھتی اسلامی يوم امن كے موقعہ ير باكتان كوسل فارسوش وبلغير ايند بوكن رائش ف زيرابتمام منعقده خصوصي الن تشخص أجاكركرني كے ليے تحد ہوكركام كرنا ہوگا سمینارے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اُنہوں نے مذید جاکہ دنیا میں قیام اس اورانسانی ترتی کے خواب کو ، شرمندہ تعبیر کیا جائے سمینارے پاکستان کوسل کے كما كداكش يت ادر الكيت باغاب كى بنياد يرساى معاشرتی شہری اولتوں کی تقسیم کے سلسلہ میں تغریق کا واکس چیئر میں ارشد علی بھٹی، محافوا يحل ب كل، طرز عمل ند صرف نظريد باكتان بكد اسلامي تعليمات دائر يكثر زمشاق احمد قادرى، منصور اجد، تكليل يوس، 2 بحی منافی ب یا کستان عوام مل جل کر محبت اور اس چوبدری اعجاز، محد رمضان مصطفاتی اور دیگر مقرر بن كرد شول كے فریش تل كرد م كرد ان كرد ان كے فطا كا۔



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