



Members of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum Pleasingly Celebrate 13 Rajab Together.

SUCCESS STORY

PROJECT: KCD146- Engaging Schools for Peace in Karachi (Phase II)

His Encounter in the Project:

Preamble:

This activity was done in Imam Bargah Hussainia Pehalwan Goth, Gulistan Johar Karachi which is a rural population divided into three parts. It constitutes of Christians people living at one side and people of Ahle Sunnat (Sunni Sect live on the other side while central area constitutes of communities of Ahle Tashaiyu (Shia). This area was predominately categorized as the area having populations of different sects with least flexibility towards the other sect e.g. the Shia was not given a rent house at Areas of Sunni Majority and same was the case with areas of Shia Majority where Sunni usually have to avoid to visit.

Encounter:

Muhammad Mushtaq (Al-Ilm Model Academy) a member of the Karachi Peace Intersect Forum in the said project also works as a trustee in Imam Bargah Hussainia Pehalwan Goth, Gulistan Johar Karachi. He decided a month ago to invite the main members of Karachi Intersect Forum on 13 Rajab which is the day of celebrations of the Shia Community. He invited, Mr. Mufti Nisar Ahmad and Qari Mushtaq who are from Sunni and Deoband Sects and working as the Supreme Councilors in the Karachi Peace Intersect Forum. Both the members of different sects pleasingly accepted his invitation and he started on guiding the people of his sect in the Imam Bargah Hussainia to make this event memorable as an event of peace and love between people of different sects.

Transformation:

Two day before the decided date of Jashan (Celebrations), Muhammad Mushtaq reminded both guests once again and ensured their participation. The celebrations begin at the Imam Bargah Hussainia Pehalwan Goth according to the schedule. At 8.45 p.m. on 14 February, (12 Rajab), ten people of different Sunni and Deoband Sect in leadership of Mufti Nisar departure to attend the celebrations with Shia Community according to their promise. The participants were sprinkled perfume and warmly welcomed. Then the people of the Sunni Sects cut the cake to celebrate the birthday of the Hazrat Ali (AS). The hosts also organized a splendid dinner for the guests. The slaughtered 04-buccs and prepared meat dishes and also served the guests with sweet dishes.

This was a memorable event as it brings the people of two different sects at the same page, not only the people of Sunni & Deoband Sect were treated well by Shia Community as hosts, but they were also provided by the liberty to use the Imam Bargah Stage and address with the audience about their feelings on the birthday of Hazrat Ali (AS). The guests from other sectors shared their feelings on the importance of this day to them also. Mufti Nisar said in his speech that; it is generally assumed that we do not have any affiliation with Hazrat Ali (AS) while this is a misperception and due to Sanjh Pakistan, today we have a chance to end this misperception because we equally respect Hazrat Ali (AS) and his birthday Jashan (Celebration) is also important for us. His speech got much appreciation and applaud by the members of the Shia Sect in Imam Bargah.

Muhammad Mushtaq Says: “Thanks to Sanjh Pakistan which enabled the people of different sects to come together in their joys and sorrows and he recalled that during a training session of the project; Engaging Schools for Peace in Karachi (Phase II) , conducted in Mehran Hotel in which participants were given with newspapers and scotch tape and were assigned to make 2 feet long erected and strong tower which should have flexibility, strengthen and height at the same time. We have to make this tower utilizing the limited resources provided to us i.e. Newspaper and tape. Now, I understand that we have today done that job by joining the people of the different sects through showing flexibility towards other views and spiritual believes.”

During his speech at Imam Bargah; Mufti Nisar Says” Karachi Intersect Peace forum and Engaging Schools for Peace in Karachi (Phase II) gave us a valuable platform to come closer to each other. I cannot express my feelings that by accepting the invitation from our Shia Community members, I feel so blessed and fortunate by the respect they showered to us. He said; this event of birthday is not only important for the Shia Muslims but it is of equal importance for other Muslims, as all of us respect Imam Ali (AS) into our own perspectives. He further paid his gratitude to Sanjh Pakistan for the wonderful execution of Engaging Schools for Peace in Karachi (Phase II) .

The speech of Mufti Nisar in the Imam Bargah of opposite sect was very inspiring and

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