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Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum



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“Participation of members of Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum in procession (Jaloos) with people of Ehl-e-Tashee Sect at 10th of Muharram-ul-Haram”

Plot of the Story:

Diverse sects’ people have been living in district East Karachi. The main issues of the area are typecasts, intolerance and rigidity among their sect. People of all the sects consider themselves as superior than others. Most of them were so rigid to their sects; as they never sat with the people from other sects or having diverse background. In short, instead to live in the one area it seemed as these people lived far away from each and the basic reason of this gap was only sectarianism.

Transformation of Conflict (Resolution):

Members of Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum said that, for the first time when we started working with SANJH Pakistan, we were having too many queries in our minds regarding other sects like how diverse sects’ people can sit and eat together at the same place. But, after attending the training and so many meetings and seminars conducted by SANJH Pakistan based on the theme of peace and interfaith harmony, as well as being part of “Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum”, we came to know that as human being it is our responsibility to respect others and give space to others to develop the peaceful communities and also got the knowledge about the concept of diversity acceptance. They said that we got to know the actual meaning of humanity and Peace. Moreover, members of forum told that, in total there are 23 people having diverse backgrounds working for promotion of peace under the umbrella of Karachi Inter-sect Peace Forum as well as with the guidance of SANJH Pakistan.

After that, members of Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum shared that, we along with our companions participated in the procession (jaloos) of 10th Muharram,-ul-Haram with people of Ehl-e-Tashee sect. As, the month of Muharram-ul-Haram is full of sacrifices therefore, we all must remember those sacrifices to save our Religion Islam. The representatives and heads of the Ehl-e-Tashee sect warmly welcomed all of us.



Moreover, members of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum told that, we made security arrangements for them with the combined cooperation of other sects that Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum decided in the meeting before Muharram-ul-Haram. We have also installed water stalls for people of Ehl-e-Tashee sect during the procession (jaloos) for the whole day. We opened all the mosques for Ehl-e-Tashee people that were on the way of procession so that they could offer prayers on time as well. We all the people having diverse backgrounds offer prayer of Zuhr together at the same place without any discrimination of sect and all of us offer prayer according to our own ways of sects.



“Members of Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum & Participants of procession (belonging from diverse sects) offering prayer together”

افضل ہے کل جہاں سے گھرانہ حسین کا

نبیوں کا تاجدار ہے نانا حسین کا

صدیاں حسین کی ہیں، زمانہ حسین کا

اک پل کی تھی بس حکومت یزید کی

Furthermore, members of forum shared their positively changed views and told that; when we were not the member of Karachi Inter-sect Peace Forum, we had very composed opinion about other sects and never tried to discuss our reservations with the people of other sects. But now we have learned from peace based activities that we can also promote peace through our madrasas among different sects and when we give space to other sects to live accordingly, this will make us closer to each other. Most of the important when we participate in each other events, sorrows and joys then we would be able to make our lives peaceful and our young generation will stay away from sectarian issues.

Furthermore, we are thankful to SANJH Pakistan for giving us a platform where we all from diverse backgrounds can share our thoughts without any discrimination. As well as, we are pleased to SANJH Pakistan for making us able to work for humanity and we learn to live together with peace and harmony. We are also thankful to “Karachi Inter-sect Peace Forum” for leading us towards reducing the communication barriers among communities of diverse sects and cultures.

Way Forwarded:

To conclude it can be said that while struggling in the promotion of peace, tolerance and interfaith harmony among the people of diverse sects in our society, we can achieve our goals and spread the message of humanity in entire society by participating in each other events, joys and sorrows as well as by discussing our reservations regarding each other sects.

