



Members of Karachi  
Intersect Peace Forum  
Resolved “Violent Tribal  
Conflict”



# Success Story

Karachi Inter-Sect Peace Forum



**Preamble:**

About a week ago, in Hyderabad, there arose a small contradiction between two persons a Sindhi and a Pathan. Then this small contradiction turned into a conflict. Due to inconsistent focus on the meditation and resolution of this conflict, it turned into a violent tribal conflict of bigger nature.

The conflict started from small area of Hyderabad and ultimately spread its arms to Karachi. In result of that small contradiction in Hyderabad, Bilal Kaka Khan was fatally attacked and he was declared dead on arrival at Liaquat University Hospital. As he was a son of Sardar of Pathan Tribe, this incident worked as a fuel to the fire and the flames of this fire reached Karachi especially in *Sohrab Goth*. Population of *Sohrab Goth* predominantly consists of Sindhi and Pathan. Most of the commercial markets are owned by Pathans and they are very influential in this area. This incident triggered a strong reaction by Pathan community in *Sohrab Goth* and they started protesting, burning tires, tearing windows of buses at biggest Karachi bus terminal which affected a surrounding population and the passengers. They forcefully locked down the whole commercial area of *Sohrab Goth* and blocked the flow of traffic across the overall Sindh Province. The situation became out of control for Karachi Police, so Rangers and Army troops were deployed at the area. This sad incident resulted into eight injured persons including children and twenty-eight people were taken into custody. Although, Rangers temporarily handled the situation in *Sohrab Goth* but the matter is still unresolved and tensions still persists among the tribes.

**Encounter:**

*Moulana Mufti Dawood* is a religious scholar who is serving as a Finance Secretary at Karachi Intersect Peace Forum came to know about the above stated tragic incident from one of his resources. Being a member of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum, he brought the issue at the platform of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum. After mutual discussion of the leading members of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum, it was decided to resolve this violent conflict through providing alternative solutions. Even though, Rangers temporarily handled the situation but there were still tensions between those two tribes and a need was realized for a platform where members of violent tribes can sit together for conflict resolution. Karachi Intersect Peace Forum served as a platform to bring the members of both violent groups together. Members of both violent groups were engaged into a positive discourse in which they discussed the points of commonalities and mutual harmonious relationships between two tribes. Members of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum and leaders of two violent groups discussed their narratives about countering hate speech and violent extremism in the conflict affected area. Through this negotiation, they resolved their conflict. Members of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum served as mediators to resolve the said conflict. After discussion, Members of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum and Leaders of both groups expressed their thoughts on how to bring peace and harmony among people of different religions, faiths, cultures and languages in *Sohrab Goth* in front of massive audience.

**Transformation:**

Leaders of the both tribes were grateful to *Moulana Mufti Dawood* for providing them such a platform where they peacefully resolved the conflict. *Mufti Dawood* also expressed his gratitude and thanks to SANJH PAKISTAN and said; “We are fortunate that we have such a good platform with the name of Karachi Intersect Peace Forum, where we can bring our Muslim Brothers together irrespective of their religious, ethnic and cultural differences and contradictions.”



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