

MAJLIS-E-SHOORA (PARLIAMENT) OF PAKISTAN
BULLETIN NO. 8 OF THE JOINT SITTING OF MAJLIS-E-SHOORA (PARLIAMENT) OF PAKISTAN

Date	Thursday, the 6 th July, 2023
Commenced at	4:41 P.M.
Adjourned at	7:21 P.M.
Total working hours	2 Hour 40 Minutes
Presided by	Raja Pervez Ashraf, Speaker, National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
Attendance	MNAs = 118 , Senators = 57

1. **TILAWAT, HADITH, NAAT AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

- *Tilawat and Hadith* by Qari Ikhlaq Madni
- *Naat* by Muhammad Nauman Ali Ghauri
- *National anthem*

FATEHA

The House offered “*Fateha*” for the departed souls of:-

- i) Maj. Mian Abdullah Shah martyred in exchange of fire with terrorists in Shakhas, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;
- ii) Naib Subaidar Sahib Khan, Naik Muhammad Ibrahim and Sipoy Jehangir Khan martyred in suicide blast in South Waziristan;
- iii) Borthor of Mehar Irshad Ahmed Sial, Member National Assembly;
- iv) People who died due to heavy rains, and in different incidents in the country.
- v) Alamgir Tareen, brother of Jehangir Tareen, former Member National Assembly.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

The leave applications of the Members (MNAs / Senators) who requested for grant of leave were read out by the honourable Speaker and leave was granted.

WELCOME

- Mr. Speaker welcomed the following visitors, who were witnessing the proceedings of the joint sitting from the visitors’ gallery.
 - i. Group of Members from Gujar Khan Bar Council;
 - ii. Group of Members of Lahore High Court Bar Council;
 - iii. Group of Members of Rawalpindi Bar Council; and
 - iv. Group of faculty members and students from Cadet College, Hasan Abdal.
- Mr. Speaker informed the Members that it is honor to announce the presence of a group of sixty young interns of Summer Internship Program, 12 years to 17 years of age, actively engaged in 6-week learning Program about parliamentary working and processes, in the visitors’ galleries. We welcome them.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Speaker directed Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Defence, to draft a resolution, in consultation with the leaders of all political parties regarding incident of desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden, before the adjournment of the proceedings of the House.

MOTION

2.	<p>MR. MURTAZA JAVED ABBASI, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to move the following motion: -</p> <p>“This House may discuss the situation arising out of desecration of Holy Quran in Sweden.”</p>	<p>Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Minister for Human Rights moved the motion;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, started the discussion on the motion. 4.57 p.m. to 5.14 p.m. (0:17) <p>The following MNAs / Senators participated in the discussion:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Raja Riaz Ahmad, Leader of the Opposition 5.15 p.m. to 5.22 p.m. (0:07)3. Senator Dr. Shehzad Waseem Leader of the Opposition in Senate 5.22 p.m. to 5.41 p.m. (0:19)4. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, 5.41 p.m. to 5.47 p.m. (0:06)5. Mr. Asad Mahmood, Minister for Communications 5.47 p.m. to 6.12 p.m. (0:25)6. Mr. Salahuddin 6.12 p.m. to 6.25 p.m. (0:13)7. Senator Raza Rabbani 6.25 p.m. to 6.33 p.m. (0:08)8. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad 6.33 p.m. to 6.42 p.m. (0:09)9. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani 6.42 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. (0:03)10. Agha Hassan Baloch Minister for Science and Technology 6.45 p.m. to 6.50 p.m. (0:05)11. Senator Haji Hidayat Ullah Khan 6.50 p.m. to 6.56 p.m. (0:06)12. Mrs. Farukh Khan 6.56 p.m. to 7.02 p.m. (0:06)13. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives 7.02 p.m. to 7.12 p.m. (0:10)14. Senator Kamran Murtaza 7.12 p.m. to 7.20 p.m. (0:08)
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RESOLUTION

Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs moved the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the House:-

This House strongly condemns the act of desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden.

This House believes in respecting all religions, beliefs, and their Holy Books.

This House urges that appropriate steps be taken by Swedish authorities against the perpetrator(s) including but not limited to legal action, and to ensure that no such act takes place in future.

This House urges that incidents of Islamophobia be dealt with the same seriousness as hate against other religions.

This House urges that relevant international organizations and states must legislate to criminalize desecration of Holy symbols of religions including Holy Books, personalities, places of worship and followers.

This House acknowledges and appreciates the convening of the OIC session for providing platform to compile recommendations and devise a collective future strategy to counter Islamophobia.

This House resolves that the international community take appropriate measures for promoting interfaith harmony to ensure that any act that hurts religious sentiments may never take place in future.

At 7.21 p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the Joint Sitting of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) to meet again on Tuesday, the 25th July, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to rule 4 of the Parliament (Joint Sittings) Rules, 1973, the Honourable Speaker pleased to call a Joint Sitting on Tuesday, the 25th July, 2023 at 2.00 p.m. instead of Tuesday, the 25th July, 2023 at 05.00 p.m.

**Islamabad, the
6th July, 2023**

**TAHIR HUSSAIN
Secretary**