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Fallout of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019 & National Population Register (NPR): Implications for India & Pakistan

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Symposium warns of full-blown pogrom unfolding in India

Speakers say India flagrant violator of international law and human rights; creation of hierarchical Hindu state is tantamount to a second Partition

Our correspondent

ISLAMABAD: India is a fascist regime and flagrant violator of international law and human rights. Under the guise of CAA and NPR, the history of Holocaust could repeat itself to justify religious discrimination against Muslims in India. By not extending equal protection to all persons, including Muslim migrants from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, India is in violation of its international law and human rights obligations.

This was the crux of discussion in a symposium on the Fallout of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019 & National Population Register (NPR), organised by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute, here in the federal capital on Monday. The speakers stated Modi wanted to rule with an iron fist by establishing a totalitarian regime. The NPR has raised serious concerns of not only civil rights activists but also ordinary Indians who see this as a grave infringement of their constitution. This is a historic opportunity for Pakistan to reset the dynamic in its relationship with India. Pakistan should effectively use international law as foreign policy tool, and understand its central role in national security, strategy and internal policy for shaping narratives.

For the RIP, this serves as an opportunity to institutionalise the gains of soft Hindutva towards creating a hierarchical Hindu state tantamount to a second Partition – social partition perpetuating greater conflict in the region. The speakers discussed how the CAA is the latest move in a series of steps taken by Indian Prime Minister Modi as part of his agenda to promote Hindu nationalism in a constitutionally secular India. Speakers pointed out that the CAA and NPR not only threaten India's secular foundations, it will also marginalise its 200 million Muslim minority population.

The symposium was moderated by President PEI Ambassador Vice Admiral (ret'd) Khan Hasham bin Saddique, who stressed that the international community cannot turn a blind eye until another full-blown pogrom unfolds, with millions forced out of their homes, raped and butchered. India must be held accountable for its deplorable acts against humanity.

Institutionalized anti-Muslim atrocities have now systematically made their way from Indian-occupied Kashmir to mainland India, he warned.

Dr Mujeeb Afzal from Qauid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, pointed out that ever since the Hindu-injured Narendra Modi took office, the grandeur of the Muslim minority in India has only compounded. He stressed that the sham secular mask of the so-called largest democracy in the world has slipped as the deep-seated prejudice and antipathy against Muslims and other minority groups have now been given a legal umbrella. The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019 has introduced a two-tiered system, which pigeonholes already persecuted Muslims.

Dr Afzal discussed how the protests that have erupted in various states, especially Uttar Pradesh where the state apparatus has been fanning flames of communal tension, are a serious threat to Prime Minister Modi who wants to create an ethno-state inspired by Israel. He warned that such a fascist model could very well be implemented in the entire country, especially states where there is opposition or insurgency against the Indian government. In addition, as a bid to establish an absolute Hindu fanatic state, the Indian government has initiated the National Population Register (NPR), which not only happens to coincide with the CAA but also the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

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Jamal Aziz, Executive Director, Research Society of International Law (RSIL), giving the legal perspective about the CAA and NPR highlighted that Pakistan should build on the responses to CAA by various international entities. The Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights has termed the Act "fundamentally discriminatory" in nature and stated that the amendment will have a discriminatory effect on people's access to nationality.

Aziz said that the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom has called on the US government to "consider sanctions against the home minister and other principal leadership." He pointed out that the Hindutva ideology of the BJP government and brazen policy moves have put India in the global spotlight and damaged its reputation as the world's biggest democracy.

According to Aziz, international law can play an important role in guiding Pakistan's foreign policy and domestic policy responses to exert increasing pressure on India.

Among several practical policy recommendations, Aziz strongly urged that an interstate communication should be filed by Pakistan under Article 11 of Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination due to the CAA's impact on Bengali Muslims, a special sessions of the Human Rights Council should be called, and to invest in scholarship and research in international law.



2. THE NATION

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Holocaust can repeat itself in India, concludes a symposium

ISLAMABAD - Holocaust could repeat itself in India under the notorious Citi-zenship Amendment Act 2019 and National Population Reg-ister, concluded a symposium about discriminatory laws here on Monday.

The speakers said that the In-dian Holocaust will be designed to justify religious discrimina-tion against Muslims in India.

India, they said, was a fas-cist regime and flagrant vio-lator of international law and human rights.

The symposium on the fall-out of CAA 2019 and NPR was organized by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (PRI) here to discuss how the CAA was the latest move in a series of steps taken by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as part of his agenda to promote Hindu nationalism in a consti-tutionally secular India.

The speakers pointed out that the CAA and NPR not only threaten India's secular foun-dations, it will also marginalize her 200 million Muslim minor-ity population.

The symposium was moder-ated by president of the PRI Am-bassador Vice Admiral Khan Ha-sham bin Saddique (Retd) who stressed that the international community cannot turn a blind eye until another full-blown pogrom unfolds, with millions forced out of their homes, rav-ished and butchered. He said India must be held accountable for its deplorable acts against humanity. "Institutionalized anti-Muslim atrocities have now systematically made their way from Indian Occupied Kashmir to mainland India," he warned.

India termed fascist state

Dr Mujeeb Afzal from the Quaid-e-Azam University, Is-lamabad, pointed out that ever since the Hindutva-in-spired Narendra Modi took office, the quandary of the

Muslim minority in India has only compounded. He stressed that the sham secular mask of the so-called biggest democracy in the world has slipped obtrusively as the deep-seated prejudice and antipathy against Muslims and other minority groups have now been given legal umbrella. The CAA 2019 has introduced a two-tiered system which pigeonholes already persecuted Muslims, he added.

Dr Afzal discussed how the protests that had erupted in various states, especially Uttar Pradesh (UP) where the state apparatus have been fanning flames of communal tension, are a serious threat to Prime Minister Modi who wants to create an ethno state inspired by Israel.

The celebrated teacher on the international relations warned that such a fascist model could very well be implemented in the entire country, especially states where there is opposition or insurgency against the Indian government.

Dr Afzal said that in a bid to establish an absolute Hindu fanatic state, the Indian government has initiated the NPR which not only happens to coincide with the CAA but also the NRC.

“Purportedly, it attempts to separate what it defines as ‘usual residents’ from ‘un-usual ones’ while the minority groups fear that this could be used to challenge their citizenship in court and confiscate property under the pretext of alleged sedition,” the university professor concluded.

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He pointed out that Hindutva ideology of the Indian government and brazen policy moves has put India in the global spotlight and damaged its reputation as the world’s biggest democracy. According to Aziz, international law can play an important role in guiding Pakistan’s foreign policy and domestic policy responses to exert increasing pressure on India. Amongst several practical policy recommendations, Aziz strongly urged that an Inter-State Communication should be filed by Pakistan under Article 11 of Convention on the Elimination of Racial

Discrimination due to the CAA's impact on Bengali Muslims; a Special Sessions of the Human Rights Council should be called; the Human Rights Council be engaged to constitute an Independent Commission of Inquiry to investigate India's systematic violations against minorities; and the UN Special Rapporteurs and Working Groups be requested to report on the law and observe the situation in detention camps.

In the second session, it was also pointed out that the NPR is part of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led Indian government's obsession with identity of its citizens, in order to invigorate the Aadhaar databases to carry out mass surveillance of its population.

The participants unanimously agreed that Pakistan should develop strategic narratives based on strong legal foundations to show the world that India is a fascist regime and flagrant violator of human rights. The cause of Kashmir should be advocated under International Humanitarian Law.

The speakers at the symposium called for building specialist capacity in state institutions like the ministry of foreign affairs and others to invest in scholarship and research in international law.

<https://nation.com.pk/28-Jan-2020/holocaust-can-repeat-itself-in-india-concludes-a-symposium>

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IPRI organises a symposium on Fallout of Modi's Citizenship Amendment Act & National Population Register

- India is a fascist regime, flagrant violator of International law and human rights: Speakers
- The move will not only threaten India's secular foundations but also marginalize its 200 million Muslim minority population.
- Int'l Law can play an important role in guiding Pakistan's foreign policy and domestic responses to exert pressure on India.

NHT Report

ISLAMABAD January 27: In a Symposium on Fallout of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019 & National Population Register (NPR), organized by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute, here on Monday speakers discussed how the latest move in a series of steps taken by Indian Prime Minister Modi as part of his agenda to promote Hindu nationalism in a constitutionally secular India will stir up the situation. Speakers pointed out that the CAA and NPR not only threaten India's secular foundations, it will also marginalize its 200 million Muslim minority population.

The Symposium was moderated by President PRI Ambassador Vice Admiral (R) Khan Hasham bin Sadiq who stressed that the international community cannot turn a blind eye until another full-blown pogrom unfolds, with millions forced out of their homes, ravished



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democracy in the world has slipped obtrusively as the deep-seated prejudice and antipathy against Muslims and other minority groups have now been given legal umbrella.

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In the interactive question/answer session attended by media personnel, students and senior academics, it was also pointed out that the NPR is part of the BJP-led Indian government's obsession with identity of its citizens, in order to invigorate the Aadhaar databases to carry out mass surveillance of its population. PR

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<http://dailynt.com/epaper/main.php?action=epaper&id=main&page=7&dt=28-01-2020>



4. SABAH صباح

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India must be held accountable for its deplorable acts against humanity: Hasham bin Saddique

ISLAMABAD, Jan 27 (SABAH): President Islamabad Policy Research Institute (PRI) Ambassador Vice Admiral (retd) Khan Hasham bin Saddique stressed that the international community cannot turn a blind eye until another full-blown pogrom unfolds, with millions forced out of their homes, ravished and butchered, saying that India must be held accountable for its deplorable acts against humanity. ‘Institutionalized anti-Muslim atrocities have now systematically made their way from Indian Occupied Kashmir to mainland India,’ he warned.

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central role in national security strategy and internal policy for shaping narratives, demanded at the symposium.

For BJP this serves as an opportunity to institutionalize the gains of soft Hindutva towards creating a hierarchical Hindu state tantamount to a second partition –social partition perpetuating greater conflict in the region, the speakers said.

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