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Government should block all diplomatic relations with Denmark

Islamabad. Pakistan Muslim League Islamabad, severely criticized the morally decrepit act by the Danish newspaper for publication of humorous cartoons. The publication of these cartoons is blatant insult of Islam and Prophet, and amounts to ignite the religious feelings of the whole Muslim world. Criticizing over this heart-wretched act of the Danish newspaper, Senior Vice President PML Islamabad, Mr. Shafique Chaudhry said that the insulting act of Danish newspaper not only insults and ignites the religious feelings of the Muslims, but it is explicit violation of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). He said that Article 19 (a) of ICCPR exhorts upon the signatories to respect the beliefs of the other communities.

Mr. Shafique Chaudhry said that it is binding upon Government of Pakistan to boycott Danish Government in all respects, and terminate diplomatic relations with the Danish Government. He said that Danish Embassy should be closed and its diplomatic mission in Pakistan should be called persona non grata. He added that Islam is not only the biggest religion of the world but it is religion of peace, tranquility, brotherhood, equality and justice. Its teaching enjoins upon adopting liberal and tolerant attitude towards the people of other religious beliefs, and it can not be vilified under any pretext.

General Secretary PML Islamabad, Chaudhry Jahangir expressed its concern over OIC attitude of being silent spectator on this religious matter and appealed all the members countries of OIC to terminate of all sort of diplomatic relations with the Danish Government. He said that such boycott should last for the time unless the Danish Government properly excuse for the fault.

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