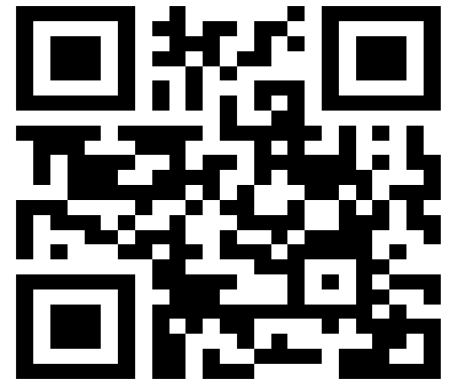


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# **Islamophobia: Annihilator of Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948: A Critique of Western States' Policies**

## **Abstract**

Islamophobia in western states is increasing and their governments openly or otherwise responsible for it. Policies of the western states that forbid the Muslims from carrying out their religious practices provoke the non-Muslims to adopt anti-Islam and anti-Muslimism attitude, which moves them towards hate, bias and prejudice against Muslims. The growth of prejudice becomes a reason for violation of human rights such as right of life, right of dignity and respect, right of equality, right of protection and security and freedom to practice self-religion. All these are in fact damaging United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948. This article detects such Islamophobia and points out to direct and indirect endorsement of the western states governments for the growth of Islamophobia; the hate against Islam and Muslims. Further, the article establishes the linkage between Islamophobia and practical violations of human rights of Muslims. The article at the last, will critically analyze the western states' policies with a slight touch of Islamic human rights teachings. It is hoped that the article will benefit the lawmakers and enforcement agencies to save their own societies.

**Keywords:** Islamophobia, Hate, Bias, Prejudice, Human rights, Western States

## **INTRODUCTION**

Islamophobia is a detestation and horror against the people who believe on Islam as their religion. According to Cambridge Dictionary, it is "unreasonable dislike or fear of, and prejudice against Muslims or Islam."<sup>1</sup> Organization of Islamic Cooperation describes it as a combination of hate, fear, and prejudice against Islam, against Muslims, as well as against anything associated with the religion, such as Mosques, Islamic Centers, Holy Qur'an, Hijab, etc.<sup>2</sup>

Islamophobia has been started by the western states due to their political wills and goals<sup>3</sup> but slowly it converted to trample the human rights, created biasness and hatred in the societies and at the end, badly touching the Muslims. So, the research is conversing about the role of western states policies in this regard.

It is a normal phenomenon that whenever a group engages itself in crimes against others, the victimized group feels worries and fears. As a result, the victimized people sometimes have to leave their jobs, business, change their exterior...etc. In reality, all this disturbs the whole community which leads them to social divisions and alarming situations to the public order. The threat increases when the policy makers withdraw from inquiry to these crimes. Doing this, the terrorists group of their society are encouraged to do detrimental activities and crimes and the aggrieved group; the Muslims, feel themselves as vulnerable and undefended by the law.<sup>4</sup>

Most of the non-Muslims think that Islam and Muslims are a big danger to their traditions, customs and values and religions. The reasons behind this

prejudice grown in their minds are biasness, policies, laws and practices of the states while targeting the Muslims.<sup>5</sup> For example, according to a study in 2016, 40% of the Germans agree to ban on Muslims when coming to Germany<sup>6</sup> and 60% of German People consider that Islam has no space in Germany.<sup>7</sup>

Likewise, the ruthless schemes, laws and policies by the states are the responsible for the biasness, injustice and ban on the religious activities and dresses. This kind of destructive beliefs leads to ongoing problems faced by the western countries nowadays e.g. in their economic field, in their politics and no doubt in their domestic levels as well.

The rigid and chaos thoughts may be associated by the individual conduct, states' policies and likewise, institutions of the state. These include the oral or written threats for racism and violence. It also includes attacks on Islam as religion, its worship places, religious scholars, Muslims properties and their religious uniqueness e.g. Qur'an, *hijab* and *niqab*.<sup>8</sup> It comprises racism, prejudice and discrimination against Muslims in education, employment and business which leads to inequality. The most important factor is enactment of laws and policies by the states concerning restriction on freedom of religion e.g. building mosques, prayers in public places. Likewise, the legislation for counter terrorism and police cruelty against Muslims in this regards. Furthermore, Islamophobia touch its highest when pronouncement issued by the politician, journalists and orientalist humiliating Muslims or statements that saluting the attacks on religious symbols as freedom of expression!<sup>9</sup>

In a recent Islamophobia in western societies, Muslims are visualized as demanding to detach themselves from their societies. Most probably, this happens because of non-Muslims society victimizes the Muslims and enforce them to face illiteracy, joblessness which at the end results in poverty. So, the governments of western states seem to have failed to assure equal rights for all without any discrimination.<sup>10</sup>

#### **ISLAMOPHOBIA OVER TIME**

Dislike and hate toward religion Islam and Muslims has a big history since the arrival of Islam. The non-Muslims at that time hated the Muslims at the first. Then, they started to threat and to be aggressive towards the Muslims. Likewise, they have been cruel and giving extreme torture to Muslims. However, since a long time from the start of Islam, dislike, hate, manner of hostility remained different.

The recent shape of Islamophobia has been created a few years ago, especially, after the occurrence of September 11, 2001 by declaring a "war on terror".<sup>11</sup> After this incidence, islamophobia had arrived all over the western countries; the communities to the governments. Since then, Islam and Muslims are considered as a threat as a cause of insecurity for the west. In reality, this was an incorrect view. Due to this reflection of Islam and Muslims, western states legislatures established new laws and new counterterrorism policies which were extremely directed Muslims.<sup>12</sup> Increasingly, amalgamation of Muslim minority into western countries had become a worry among the non-Muslim Majority.<sup>13</sup>

#### **ISLAM TEACHING ABOUT TERRERISM**

Islamic teachings cover all the creatures. So, it is certain that it covers the matters concerned with human being starting from their faith, rights of Allah and rights of the people including transactions, punishments and ethics.

Concerning human rights, it contains right of life, religion, equality, expression, security, protection of exploitation and discrimination at all the levels. All these are core objectives of Islamic Law and a person who does not believe in such rights could not be considered as truthful Muslim. All these rights are also available in Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948 but they are ambiguous in nature because they are interpreted by the stake holders according to their own wishes. The reality is that no law has construed these rights more than Islamic Law.<sup>14</sup>

Islamic statements in Qur'an and Sunnah are main worthy to clear the matter. Exemplifying all the matters are not possible here in a short article but only some examples are quoted here to understand the matter:

In relation to right of life, Allah Almighty says:

"أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ  
النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا".<sup>15</sup>

(he who slays a soul unless it be (in punishment) for murder or for spreading mischief on earth shall be as if he had slain all mankind; and he who saves a life shall be as if he had given life to all mankind...).

In relation to right of immunity in war, Allah Almighty says:

"لَا يَنْهَكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ أَنْ تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ ... \* إِنَّمَا يَنْهَكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ قَاتَلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَأَخْرَجُوكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ وَظَهَرُوا عَلَىٰ إِخْرَاجِكُمْ أَنْ تَوَلَّوْهُمْ ...".<sup>16</sup>

"Allah does not forbid that you be kind and just to those who did not fight against you on account of religion, nor drove you out of your homes... \* Allah only forbids you to be friends with those who have fought against you on account of religion and who have driven you out of your homes and have abetted in your expulsion...."

In certain circumstances, killing of non-Muslim is allowed. For this, the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said following Hadith:

عَنْ إِيَّاسِ بْنِ سَلَمَةَ بْنِ الْأَكْوَعِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، قَالَ: أَتَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَيْنٌ مِنَ الْمَشْرِكِينَ وَهُوَ فِي سَفَرٍ، فَجَلَسَ عِنْدَ أَصْحَابِهِ يَتَحَدَّثُ، ثُمَّ انْقَتَلَ، فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «اطْلُبُوهُ، وَاقْتُلُوهُ». فَقَتَلَهُ، فَتَقَلَّه سَلْبُهُ".<sup>17</sup>

(An infidel spy came to the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was on a journey. The spy sat with the companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) and started talking and then went away. The Prophet (ﷺ) said (to his companions), 'Chase and kill him.' So, I killed him." The Prophet (ﷺ) then gave

him the belongings of the killed spy (in addition to his share of the war booty).

In relation to freedom of religion, Allah Almighty says:

قال الله تعالى: "لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ".<sup>18</sup>

(There is no compulsion and coercion in regard to religion).

Also, Allah Al-Mighty does not allow cursing gods of non-Muslims. He says:

"وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ"

19" ...

(Do not revile those whom they invoke other than Allah, because they will revile Allah in ignorance out of spite...).

As for equality and protection from discrimination and prejudice, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said while giving a sermon:

"يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَلَا إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ وَاحِدٌ، وَإِنَّ أَبَاكُمْ وَاحِدٌ، أَلَا لَا فَضْلَ لِعَرَبِيٍّ عَلَى عَجَمِيٍّ، وَلَا لِعَجَمِيٍّ عَلَى عَرَبِيٍّ، وَلَا أَحْمَرَ عَلَى أَسْوَدَ، وَلَا أَسْوَدَ عَلَى أَحْمَرَ، إِلَّا بِالتَّقْوَى"<sup>20</sup>

"O people, surely your Lord is one, and your father is one. Indeed, there is no superiority for an Arab over a non-Arab, nor for a non-Arab over an Arab and there is no red over black, nor black over red, except with piety".

As a matter for practicing rules of Islamic Law as contented in the Holy Qur'an, Allah Almighty says on the topic of *hijāb*:

"يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِّأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلَابِيشِهِنَّ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَى أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا يُؤْذَيْنَ".<sup>21</sup>

(O Prophet, enjoin your wives and your daughters and the believing women, to draw a part of their outer coverings around them. It is likelier that they will be recognised and not molested. Allah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful).

These are only some examples of Islamic law referred to by its basic resources; Qur'an and Sunnah. From these verses of Qur'an and Aḥādīth, it is clear that Islam does not allow killing any person without any ground which is known as right to life. Even, those non-Muslims who did not act as enemy, Islam does not allow killing them, however, Islam allow killing those who become enemy against Muslims like active participant in wars or acts as spy. Moreover, Islam does not force any one to accept Islam as his religion which is known as freedom of religion. So, how can it be possible to guess that Islam says to do terrorist activities whereas the fact is that it does not allow to kill any person or to destroy any properties without any reason? <sup>22</sup> Likewise, reviling any gods of non-Muslims is not permitted by Islam. Further, above mentioned ḥadīth suggests that no difference among the people unless on the ground of piety; which is known as right to equality or protection from discrimination. As for the last ḥadīth about *hijāb*; which is a religious symbol in Islam, it is necessary rule for all the Muslim females. Factually, the religion

Islam emphasizes on complete protection of Muslim women which is not feasible without applying this rule. Reality says that western societies have seen the fate of their females without *hijāb* when they are humiliated and exploited<sup>23</sup> everywhere in the bars, streets, homes, work places...etc.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION**

Muslim's human rights are affecting very badly due to Islamophobia. The reason is that the governments, political parties and the media motivated the situation of prejudice, discrimination and terrorist activities, so, hate and criminal activities has started against Islam basic rituals and the Muslims.<sup>24</sup> Several threats and terrorists acts against Muslims, states' laws and policies, harsh actions of agencies and counterterrorist aiming only the Muslims, talks by the political figures and their like-minded journalists operating the people against Islam and Muslims, likewise, challenges faced by Muslims in all their field of life e.g. education, employment, business, all of these constrained the Muslims from freedom of human rights as elaborated in the UDHR 1948.

Among the human rights that were included in UDHR 1948 are: right of life, right of equality, protection from discrimination on the base of sex, race and religion. They also include freedom of religion, freedom of expression and freedom of speech. With sorrow, the matter becomes harsher when the state enacts laws and invents policies against the Muslims. Furthermore, the issue becomes more dangerous when a state explains these rights and freedoms by itself to enact laws and policies as it likes against the Islam and Muslims. Example of these laws and policies is restriction on the prayer at public places. The question arises here, whether is it not against the freedom of religion? Bizarre, violator of human rights; islamophobia, generally happens in the states which were in leading process of Universal Declaration on Human Rights 1948.<sup>25</sup>

This was practice of individual states; nevertheless, European Commission had a conference on December 3, 2018 on anti-Muslim hatred. In this conference, it was acknowledged that Islamophobia destroys fundamental rights and equality. At the level of European Union it was decided to battle the discrimination and prejudice against Muslims in Europe urgently because governments representatives related to Islamophobia are enacting fresh laws, policies and practices. According to statement of European Union it was set a responsibility of the states to adopt worthy national policies against Islamophobia and racism components. Further demand was made to the states by the European Union to work with the society organizations for working against Islamophobia. By this, the states can forbid destructive thoughts against Muslims in their societies.<sup>26</sup>

Later on, the UN General Assembly, on March 15, 2022 adopted the draft of combating Islamophobia. The same day was proclaimed as International Day to combat Islamophobia.<sup>27</sup> The representatives of several countries said that Islamophobia is new racialism type. It comprises bias and discrimination in education, employment and banned travels, restriction in goods and services which at the end push to crimes against Holy Qur'an, cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW), damaging mosques, Muslim's markets and shops, targeting those women who wear hijab and overall bad activities against Muslims. It means that Islamophobia destroy human rights.<sup>28</sup>

As far as Universal Declaration of Human rights 1948 is concerned, it awards human right to every person. First right given to all persons is right for

equality in dignity and rights without any difference of any kind like colour, sex, religion, language, political and territory.<sup>29</sup> Moreover, UDHR has provided right of life, religion, worship, expression and security to all the human being.<sup>30</sup> Further, all should be equal before the law without any discrimination.<sup>31</sup> It is not permitted to attack any honour and reputation of any person.<sup>32</sup> It is included in the human right to have adequate living standard, so, every person should be treated equal in provision of food, clothing and shelter.<sup>33</sup> At the same time, all should enjoy their cultural, social and economic life. Therefore, no person can deprive someone's from his property unjustly and same is the case of employment; all should be given equal pay in their work without any discrimination.<sup>34</sup> Furthermore, freedoms of movements and immigration<sup>35</sup> and peaceful association<sup>36</sup> are also assured by the UDHR.

UDHR place two conditions for use of these rights and freedoms, so, they have limitations. First condition is that while using these rights and freedoms, a person should recognize other's rights and freedoms and should keep in mind the morality and welfare of the society. The second condition is that these rights and freedoms should not conflict with the purposes of United Nations establishment of UDHR.<sup>37</sup>

The United Nations; the adopter of UDHR, itself recognized Islamophobia. So, it is disaster of the individual states while applying these human rights because the individual states explain these rights and freedoms for themselves through enacting laws and policies. This practice of individual states affects in energizing Islamophobia by giving statements supporting threats and crimes against Islam and Muslims. Secondly, individual states' laws and policies; after ratifying UDHR, conflicting United Nations purposes while adopting it.<sup>38</sup>

### **STATES' POLICIES**

The laws and rules on human rights, specifically, freedom of religion and expression are in existence generally in all of non-Muslim countries.<sup>39</sup> This may be in form of local legislations or ratified international declarations. However, different non-Muslims countries consciously or otherwise failed to recognize Muslims minority's freedom. This is the reason that Islam and Muslims face prejudice, biasness, discrimination, threats, attacks and risk of violence.<sup>40</sup> Examples of some countries are mentioned below to clarify the laws and policies that are endorsing the Islamophobia:

#### **United States of America**

In August 2014, a Manassas mosque was damaged in Prince William County. The Muslim leaders call it as case of hate crime. Abu Nahidian; the imam of the mosque, has said that he found an expletive written twice in spray paint on windows of the mosque, eight windows and a glass door were vandalized. Moreover, the same mosque was ruined before three year ago. According to the Nahidian, the repair would be cost \$1,000. Later on, when asked the police for investigation, Jonathan Perok; spokesman for the police at that area said that the matter still not clear whether this incident is considered to be hate crime and it should be investigated to decide the criminal intent.<sup>41</sup>

Another case regarding the Muslims' employment, the Pax Assist Company denied the Muslim employees who requested a time for prayer and breakfast during Ramadan. Its supervisors replied: "We don't care about Ramadan. We'll give you a break on our time, not your time", as said by the City's Commission on the Human Rights. This kind of discrimination infringes city human rights

law that assure all the employees whatsoever they belief, any reasonable facilities for their religious compliances.<sup>42</sup>

### **France**

Samuel Paty, who made cartoons of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and was produced by Habdo Magazine. On his coming back to his home from his job, he was killed on October 16, 2020. Here, the Emmanuel Macron; the President of France, announced his support for publication of the cartoons and said that the France is fighting Islamic fundamentalism.<sup>43</sup> So, the government of France, specifically, the president Macron's policies against Muslims caused reaction throughout the world. As a result, developing Islamophobia in France showed bad image worldwide.<sup>44</sup>

Islam prohibits the use of pork, so, the Muslim students were provided non-pork meals since 1984. However, Gilles Platret; a French mayor, declared that non-pork lunches would not be offered in the schools of his district Paris. This announcement was when already packed lunches prohibited coming with in the schools. Likewise, the Muslims were living there in plenty. After this announcement, a case was filed in the court by the Muslims to stop implementation of this decision. The court judged that the relief is unjustified.<sup>45</sup> Also, the education minister of France condemned non-pork meal options.<sup>46</sup> The decisions of mayor and the court regarding non-pork lunch certainly promoted Islamophobia and damaged freedom of religion as part of human rights.

Mr. Macron proposes to have more surveillance of schools and monitoring foreign funding of mosques.<sup>47</sup> Further he said that "Islamic Separatism" was threat to France because they had laws above the others and generally it ends with the creation of a counter-society.<sup>48</sup>

Unjust laws have many other examples which show biases and discrimination, for example, exploitation of the Muslim employees, street problems and banning burkinis<sup>49</sup> in shores against Muslim community.<sup>50</sup>

### **Germany**

PEGIDA<sup>51</sup> was responsible to light a fire and arranged lots a people from eastern Dresden City for rallies which would be done weekly against the Muslims. Later on, the senior members of German parliamentary have pronounced sympathy for objectives of PEGIDA and this was just for the purpose of their politics and this sympathy caused backing by more than 10% of pools.<sup>52</sup>

### **United Kingdom**

There were number of protest against new mosques and to reject already existing mosques in 2015.<sup>53</sup> The Prime Minister Cameron did not accuse them criminally rather he announced a new plan to close already existing mosques.<sup>54</sup>

### **Netherlands**

Twenty eight incidents happened against the mosques in 2015 in the Netherlands. In Dutch, the Muslims conveyed through letter to the concerned authorities for impendence against the mosques.<sup>55</sup> In many parts of the Netherlands, bombs, head of pigs and stones were thrown to the mosques; as a victim of the Islamophobia.<sup>56</sup> Likewise, right extremist group has occupied two mosques and one mosque was attacked by shooting.<sup>57</sup> Here is the problem when the cases are not registered by the enforcement agencies as



discriminative crimes against the Muslims but registered those incidents as insult or destruction of property cases only.<sup>58</sup>

Greet Wilders, a Politician of Netherlands, is known as anti-Muslims. He repeatedly says somethings conflicting Muslims e.g. he said “Islam does not belong to Netherlands”, likewise, he shared a post against Muslims on “stop Islam, stop Ramadan” in April 2021. Moreover, he struggled to introduce a bill to forbid headscarf and sacrifice at Eid-ul-Adha.<sup>59</sup>

### **Sweden**

Anna Ekstrom;<sup>60</sup> the Education Minister, announced her support to a movement against religious schools. After that, Swedish government banned creation of Islamic schools in the country.<sup>61</sup>

In Stockholm, a Christian from Iraq burned the Holy Qur'an outside the mosque on Eid-ul-Adha. After this incidence, leaders of Muslim countries and the people came to strong reaction on such Islamophobic act. The Organization for Islamic Cooperation condemned. Iran stops the moving of its ambassador to Sweden. Pakistan demanded a special session from UN Human Rights Council. The Swedish government itself rejected such act and said that such act does not reflect Swedish Government. However, Nils Funcke;<sup>62</sup> Swedish freedom of speech advocate, said that it is inappropriate for the government to criticize any person who demonstrates within the boundary of law and whose action is freedom of his expression.<sup>63</sup>

### **Switzerland**

Switzerland has banned covering full face in public places,<sup>64</sup> for example, the streets and shops. However, it is permitted at prayer places. This decision was by a little majority in a referendum on March 7, 2021.<sup>65</sup>

In the response, the United Nation Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights said that the ban on *burka* upsets the fundamental freedom and rights, and more specifically, the freedom of religion.<sup>66</sup>

### **Belgium**

In 2020, a ban was imposed on all religious symbols by Francisco Ferrer Brussels University College. After that, Muslim students filed a case against the University in Brussels court. The court referred the case to the Constitutional Court. The constitutional Court decreed that prohibition on the headscarf in higher studies is permissible because this ban is neither against the ECHR<sup>67</sup> nor constitution of Belgium. This decree caused a big reaction by the students, people and media affirming it as damage to basic human rights. They demanded that while adopting the Belgium's laws, the Muslim women fundamental rights must be considered.<sup>68</sup> After all this panic, twelve colleges and universities assured the students not to enforce any ban on the religious freedom.<sup>69</sup>

These are only some examples of Islamophobia in the western countries. Most of the times, legislating the laws, policies and decisions made by the governments, courts, politicians and the media are responsible to fuel the Islamophobia. As a result, human rights of Muslims are violated time and again in the western countries. The reality here is that they disturb their own societies when they act on Islamophobia.

### **HOW TO OVERCOME ISLAMOPHOBIA**

Human rights are disturbed by Islamophobia. Specifically, right of religion and its performance, rights of dignity, right of life, right of security, right of self-property, right of equality and protection from discrimination. So,

Islamophobia should be overcome because it is against UDHR which has been accepted all over the world. Obligation to control it goes to the states, media, community and international organization; they should act without being biased and there should be no significance to individual person's ideas whatsoever. However, according to the researcher, there are some techniques to tackle the Islamophobia as under:

Sometimes, the biases have no reason other than internal factors i.e. hate and despise and at times it has no reason at all. Therefore, the societies of western countries should know have correct understanding of Islam and its teachings. The religion of Islam does not allow making a person change its religion to Islam forcibly or interfere with one's belief. Likewise, it does not permit killing an innocent person or damage to his property. The true understanding of Islam may affect in decreasing Islamophobia. Moreover, a wrong perception about Muslims as terrorists should come to an end because most of the times, the non-Muslims become terrorists when they attack Islamic rituals.

After a good knowledge of Islam, it is a requirement to support Muslims because they are the most affected by the threats and attacks, for example, when Holy Qur'an is inflamed, mosques are damaged, *hijab* was not allowed etc.

The responsibility of media comes here; they must act in favour of their societies and not to make it self-serving favoring Islamophobic organizations.<sup>70</sup> The reason is that western countries content with multidimensional societies consisting Jews, Christians, Muslims etc. where all are equal having human rights as mentioned in UDHR. Media should present the Muslims for their positive acts like community civic activities in their societies.

Other way to decrease the Islamophobia is that Muslim and non-Muslims should live with correlation under their constitutions like they lived in the time of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) under *Mithaq al-Madinah*<sup>71</sup> where even categorically decided they all; Muslims, Jews, non-believers and many other tribes, will be composed as one army against any war with others.

It is very important that non-Muslims have to recognize that Islamophobia direct them to infringement of laws and crimes. At the same time, through Islamophobia they themselves become terrorists against the religion of Islam and its followers.

The international organizations like United Nations should adopt necessary conventions and declarations to hamper the Islamophobia, specially, against those countries whose laws, policies and members are endorsing the hate, threatening and attack against Muslims.

Like the international organizations, the states should take the responsibility and liability if they steal freedom of Muslims to practice their religion in their daily routines. In this relation, Ahmad Shaheed; UN independent rights expert and Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, impugned the states who work to spread Islamophobia and at the same time encouraged them to overlook all forms of direct or indirect inequality and discrimination against Muslims and to abolish any announcement smells Islamic religion hatred and resentment.<sup>72</sup>

## **CONCLUSION**

Hating and disliking Islam and Muslims have been going on since the start of Islam. Nevertheless, the "Islamophobia" as a hate against Muslims is a word

presently known. It came into a dangerous form after the incidence of September 11, 2001; the attacks in United States of America. The terrorists do the activities and say that they were Muslims. In fact, their saying is wrong because most of the times they attack against Islamic rituals like mosque. Islamophobia is a word invented for specific religious and political objectives. The terrorists are hypocrites; their purpose is to slander Islam and Muslims. Looking towards Islamophobia as practiced, it looks like a new form of racism.

Overall talking, the western governments, political figures and media are busy to relate the concepts of terror, hate, conflict and crime with the Islam and Muslims. They emphasis is that religion of Islam, Muslims, mosques, madrassa, beard and hijab etc. are indicating towards terror; although all these are rituals of Islam who provides ultimate freedoms, rights and obligations unless restriction is necessary. Crystal eye sees that biasness, fear, prejudices, skepticism and negative thinking fictitiously build all over the world against Islam and Muslims. Very often, this fabricated situation helps the politicians for getting their political objectives.

The Islamophobic personalities in the western countries think that they are uppers and others belong to are lower class; the main effect of Islamophobia. Islamophobic persons misunderstands that all or most of the Muslims have negative aptitude to the non-Muslims due to religious extremism. They also consider that Islam totally discards equality, tolerance and western countries ideology of democracy. In the aftermath, the Holy Qura'n is being putting on fire on the base of freedom of expression! Muslims are attacked in mosques along with restriction of building it with minaret, the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) being slandered and banning hijab. The western media who negatively advertising Islam, its anti-Islam conduct is a definite exploitation of human rights provided in UDHR 1948. Alongside the states' laws and policies, all forms of media if fully responsible for the hate and attack against the Muslims and their properties. The reason is that hate expression and falsehood are nursing Islamophobia and has become tradition in the national and international print, electronic and social media.

It is truthful that the Muslims counter against tease of Islam and Muslims and at times it may be injurious but the non-Muslims blame the Muslims for threatening and attacking their societies and civilization, although, this attack most probably result of non-Muslims attacks on Muslims. Situation of Islamophobia become more danger when a state elaborates human rights in a wrong way, for example, Macron; the president of France, when republication of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) cartoons explained that this is right of speech. Bizarre, he recognize right of speech but do not identify right of religion!

At the end, media platform is needed to delete ill image of Islam and Muslims in the minds of non-Muslims and to encourage acting upon Islamic law, teaching, civilization and ethics like peace, tolerance and love among the people. Moreover, the duty of United Nations and other international bodies' role cannot be forgiven. So, there is need to disseminate agreed human rights explanation for the states and to provide them strict policies to stop Islamophobia that damage Muslims' human rights.

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