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Question-1:-

Islamophobia - a Major Threat to Muslim World;

The event of Christchurch - New Zealand and the response of the world to it has shaken Muslims. This event was a validation about existence of Islamophobia not just at international level but also in public. This is a rising concern that threatens the lives of millions of Muslims living in first world countries. To counter this narrative, there is a need of holistic approach by Muslims to regain their positive image. For this

purpose muslims need to implement the real teachings of Islam, use social media to regain their image, strengthening of OIC and active participation of muslim countries at world.

What is Islamophobia

and why it is rising?-

A Bird's Eye View;

Islamophobia is a fear and hatred against the practioner of Islam or the Islamic religion as a whole. The term appeared in 'French literature' in 20th century.

9/11 incident used against muslim as a whole

Some militancy groups align themselves with Islam

Political goals of some leaders against muslims

Rise of Taliban in Afghanistan

Biased role of media - igniting anti-muslim feelings

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Some Recent Incidents of Islamophobia;

Christ Church
incident in Newzeland

Anti-muslims
protest in
Sweden

Posts of Elon Musk
a US businessman and
owner of social media
site 'X'

Anti-muslim
atrocities of Israel
and support of
west.

How it can be Countered? - Some Proposals

1- Using Media to Highlight and Regain Positive image of Muslims;

Media plays an important role in the current world. According to Henry Maine, an English Orientalist, Muslims should use media to regain their image of peace and to counter Islamophobia.

2- Muslim Should Represent Real Teachings of Islam;

Islam is a religion of peace and condemns the unlawful killing. In Quran Allah says;

ولا تقتلوا في النفس

And do not kill any
(human being) soul.

(القرآن)

3- Active Participation of Muslim Countries in International Organizations;

Muslims should actively participate in international organizations like UN to counter this issue. The declaration of celebrating 'Islamophobia Day' is not enough. There is a need of concrete steps to address this issue.

4- Unilateral Policies of Muslim Countries to End Islamophobia;

There is a high need to form a

unilateral policies by muslim countries against this issue. As Prophet (PBUH) said that

"You all comprise one Ummah" (Hadith)

5- Condemning Anti-Islamic and Anti-peace Forces at International Level;

In his book, 'Towards Understanding of Islam' Abu Ala Al Mawdudi said that there is a dire need that we must show the teachings of real Islam and openly condemn those false interpretation of Islam.

6- Initiating Programs and Conducting Seminars at International Level;

Another proposal is to conduct international

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seminars and cultural exchanges programs that positively highlight the peaceful teachings of Islam.

7- Using Pen in reaction to Guns

According to Sir William Muir, an orientalist, muslims should create their literature through which they highlight the biasness of world literature. As discourse is very important in today's world of information.

8- Strengthening of OIC and using its Forum to use Diplomatic Force;

OIC remained weak due to Iran-Saudia rivalry. As it is said by

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Dilip Hiro, in his book 'Cold war in Islamic world', Now there is a time to strengthen OIC so that ~~the~~ muslims can use this diplomatic leverage to address this issue.

Conclusion;

In a nutshell, Sir Michael Hart, an international scholar says that Islam is the best religion of the world while muslims are the worst followers. There is a dire need, when Islamophobia is at peak than ever, that muslims should unilaterally address this issue by showing the real picture of Islam to the world.

Question-2

Social System of Islam;

Islam is not only a religion but a complete code of life that covers each and every aspect of life. It ~~give~~ provides rules and regulations to manage social, political and economic spheres. The social system of Islam provides family values, equality of mankind, rights of neighbours and other members of society. These values and this social system ensures the smooth running of society even in contemporary world.

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Importance of Social System;

Ethical and moral building

Protect family values and social life.

Ensures peaceful co-existence of a society.

A - building block for responsible nation at international level.

Social System of Islam;

1- Ensures Equality of Mankind;

Holy Prophet (PBUH) in his last sermon said

'No ~~black~~ Arab is above non-Arab and no non-Arab is above any Arab' (Hadith)

This showed that human in Islamic society are equal regardless of their social standing.

2- Promotes Rights of Neighbours and Society as a Whole;

Islam has also underscored the importance of rights of neighbours and

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society as a whole. According to hadith quoted in 'Sahih Bukhari' Prophet (PBUH) takes care of his neighbours.

3- Responsibilities Entrusted by Divine - Itself

According to Maulana Mawdudi, an Islamic scholar, the social responsibilities of Islam are entrusted by Almighty. So no one would be exempted from these responsibilities in Islamic society.

4- Family System and Structure;

Islam has provided a proper family structure and family system. In western world, where marriages

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are considered as burden, Islam has emphasized on it to ensure good society. Prophet (PBUH) says; 'Marriage is my sunnah' (Hadith)

5- Role of Husband and Wife;

Islam also discussed the role of husband and wife and also provided certain responsibilities of husband and wife. Prophet (PBUH) says;

'Husband and wife are (like) dress of each other.'

6- Protection of Animals and Trees - a social responsibility;

The protection of animals and trees are also a social responsibility of muslims. Prophet (PBUH)

forbids cutting and burning of trees even in war.

A good muslim has to protect animal habitat and also protect trees.

Importance of Islamic Social in Contemporary

World;

1. End Class System by Ensuring Equality;

Islam says that
"You all are sons/daughter of Adam and Eve"

and in other place

Quran says that

"We created you from

one soul"

(Al-Quran).

2- End Crime in Society through Social Protection System;

The social protection system of Islam like Zakat and Bait-ul-Maal, can potentially erode poverty from a society and thus can control crime. According to John O'Neil, an orientalist, the social protection system of Islam can end crime in society.

3- Uphold Family Values while Family System is destroyed in First World Countries;

In the first world countries, especially in western world, the family system has totally destroyed

due to individualism. On the other hand, the family system in Islamic society is still ideal and running smoothly.

4- Ensures Peaceful Co-existence of Society through Cooperation;

Islam emphasize on cooperation and peace and forbid muslims to promote instability and 'fitnah' on earth.

"Do not spread (fitnah) instability on the earth"
(Al-Quran)

Conclusion;

In a nutshell, in his book, Islam ek Nazar se "Sadrud din Islahi says that

the social system of Islam is still considered as ideal as it is given by Almighty. It entrusts responsibilities to every social segment and to members of whole society that promotes smooth running of a whole society.

