

degree from Punjab University, known as a competent and fearless politician. He was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Punjab and the West Pakistan Assembly.

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## ISLAMABAD BAR ASKS MEMBERS TO DECLARE FAITH IN FINALITY OF PROPHETHOOD

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Bar Association has directed its members to submit affidavits declaring their faith on the finality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by the end of the ongoing month, failing which would lead to suspension of their membership from the lawyers' group.

A notification issued by association president Malik Zafar Khokhar and secretary Mirza Nabeel said that in view of the decision taken by the General Body on December 6, 2019, all members of the association have been asked to submit affidavits declaring their faith in the Finality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to fulfil the requirement under the bar's Amended Rules 2019.

Those who fail to do so, it added, would have their membership suspended and names posted on noticeboard.

Talking to *The Express Tribune*, Khokhar said the purpose of seeking affidavits was not the suspension of non-Muslim lawyers from the association but to identify the members of the Ahmadi community.

He also ruled out the perception that through this notification they were targeting any lawyer from the side of their opponents.

### Reaction



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Senior lawyers, however, have strongly reacted to the notification.

“Clearly Jinnah’s Pakistan remains a distant dream! His 11th August speech buried in heaps of paranoia, intolerance and bigotry,” Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, who is a member of the association, tweeted.

Karachi-based lawyer Salahuddin Ahmed said the bar associations had no business or authority to inquire about religion or religious beliefs of their members, or seek declarations from them. “Such steps are not only contrary to the mandate and role of bar associations but also divide the association’s unity,” he said, terming the notification “unfortunate”.

Lawyer Umer Gilani said that through such actions, certain politically-active individuals were trying to prove to be more faithful than others. Such actions, he said, amounted to “riya-kara” (dishonest display of piety) which was against the true teachings of Islam.

Such petty politics, he added, should be discouraged by senior leaders of the bar, which has 5,500 members.

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## **KP ASSEMBLY AMENDS LAW AGAINST WOMEN’S HARASSMENT AT WORK**

Zulfiqar Ali Updated January 15, 2020

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly on Tuesday passed an amendment to an anti-women harassment law and introduced separate oaths for Muslim and non-Muslim ombudsperson.

The government bill earlier had a single oath for the ombudsperson.

Two separate oaths for the Muslim and non-Muslim ombudsperson were included in the bill after Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl MPA Naeema Kishwar tabled an amendment to Schedule-II of the law.

“The main purpose of the amendment was that no person of a particular non-Muslim community could assume the post in the garb of a Muslim,” clarified mover of the

