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**Lahore (PR): “It is very unfortunate that there is no punishment for contempt of religion in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan!”**

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, during the Khitab-e-Jumu'ah at Quran Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer noted that Senator Nehal Hashmi of PML-N had been awarded punishment for contempt of court, and it is true that every person found guilty of breaking the law ought to be punished irrespective of high or low social status, however, it was very unfortunate that while the same constitution of Pakistan clearly stated that no legislation would be done repugnant to the Quran and Sunnah, yet that particular article of the constitution was trampled at will and legislation contrary to Islamic Shariah was done at a regular basis but neither the government nor the courts took any notice to stop it. Moreover, there was a barrage of vulgar and lewd content being shown on media but neither the government nor the courts took any notice to stop it. The Ameer remarked that our religion, Islam, had made “*Riba*” (usury and commercial interest) “*Haram-e-Mutaliq*” (strictly forbidden), yet our entire government apparatus was running on a riba-based economy. He added that, ironically, the Shariah Court and its Judges were afforded a lesser status than ‘regular superior courts’.

The Ameer stated that it was a severe crime not to implement *Shariat-e-Muhammadi*(SAAW) in our country, one that was created on the basis of Islam. He concluded by remarking that past governments and courts had been complicit in that crime and it appeared that the present institutions, too, were not willing to make any effort towards achieving that goal which was an attitude that amounted to a blatant contempt of religion.

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