

Religious leaders call for promoting interfaith harmony

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ISLAMABAD: Representative of Pope Francis over Interfaith World Dialogue and Harmony in South Asia Prof Szabolcs Anzelem Szuromi met Allama Dr Shabbir Hasan Maisami, central secretary general, Shia Ulema Council of Pakistan, and discussed measures to curb hate-based extremism in Pakistan.

The two sides discussed the global religious and political situation and called for promotion of inter-religious harmony as this was the need of the hour. Both leaders condemned hate-based extremism as it was the basis of violent actions by fanatics.

Prof Szuromi emphasised on the importance of promoting interfaith understanding through dialogue, as an essential effort for world peace and humanity's survival.

He also stressed on the importance of socialising between members of various faiths as a way to develop interactions and reduce misconceptions against each other.

Dr Maisami lauded Pope Francis' efforts for world peace and expressed that promoting mutual respect among the followers of different religions was an essential part of all faiths.

"We need to eradicate the trend of disrespecting each other's holy places as it was not allowed by any religion," he added.

Both sides called for an inter-religious dialogue as it would provide opportunities for followers to understand each others' religions closely to promote world peace.

Dr Maisami thanked Prof Szuromi for his visit and assured full cooperation for interfaith harmony.

The meeting was attended by Zahid Ali Akhonzada, SUC's information secretary Mohammad Ali Kazmi and Sheikh Sajid Raza.

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