

## Dharma Raksha Manch meets at Mumbai Muslim organisations urged to issue fatwa against terrorism

**Janata Party president Subramanian Swamy interacts with Kanchi Acharya Sri Jayendra Saraswati and others at a meeting of Dharma Raksha Manch in Mumbai on Wednesday.**



MUMBAI: The Dharma Raksha Manch, a coalition of Hindu religious institutions and leaders, has urged 13 major Muslim organisations to issue a fatwa against terrorism and jihad.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Swami Dayanand Maharaj and others said that before a terror attack, e-mails were sent quoting the Koran.

The Manch, concerned by religious motivation for terror, planned to send an appeal, signed by several acharyas, to the 13 Islamic institutions individually.

When it was pointed out that many of them had condemned terror, representatives of the Manch said mere condemnation was not enough.

The Muslim groups should issue a fatwa that India was not Dar-ul Harab (India is not a land against which Islamists have to wage a war); and it was Dar-ul Aman (land of peace), where Muslims can practise Islam without any impediment, said a resolution

passed at a meeting of the Manch on Wednesday.

The two-day meeting, which will culminate in a public meeting on Thursday, will discuss 11 points of concern.

Madandas Devi of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) said his organisation was fully behind this effort.

The phrase "Hindu terror" was false, insulting and inappropriate.

Ashok Singhal of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) said India had a sacred religious tradition and a spiritual identity.

However, by making it a secular country, that identity was being wiped out.

While seeking a change in leadership at the Centre, the Manch said it was not supporting any political party.

Swamy presents paper

Janata Party president Subramanian Swamy presented a paper on his idea of a Hindu agenda.

He sought unity among Hindus; a unity based on a mindset that was nurtured and fostered on the fundamentals of a renaissance.

He sought the re-writing of history textbooks of educational institutions, besides a commitment of zero tolerance of terrorists, to never negotiate with them, and to retaliate against their political objectives.

Dr. Swamy also advocated a commitment to "re-throne" Sanskrit as Hindustan's link language.

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