

**Report on "World Interfaith Harmony & Global Peace Day"  
at Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India  
on February 7, 2013**

On the occasion of the official UN week, "World Interfaith Harmony Week" an event named "World Interfaith Harmony & Global Peace Day" was organized at Shahjahanpur, Uttar-Pradesh, India on 7th February, 2013. The organizer and human rights activist Saeed Khan Falahi had invited several speakers from different religious backgrounds.

Peace and human rights activist Ms. [Cordula Giewald](#) from Ilmenau, Germany was present to hold the program as a chief guest.

Other speakers were:

Obed Singh and Mr. John D'Souza from St. Paul's Inter College in Shahjahanpur as representatives of the Christian religion,  
Atiq Ahmed Khan, Zarrar Ali Khan, Khaleeq Ahmed Khan, Haji Anwar and Saeed Khan Falahi as representatives of the Muslim Faith,  
Devesh Tripathi and Pandit Ghanshyam representing the Hindu community.

In this event about 200 common people of all religions and faiths have participated, amongst them Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists and Sikhs. The main attractions of this event were slogans and speeches, banners, all religions prayers, music contributions - all containing the message of interfaith harmony and global peace - as well as a free harmony lunch to all the participants etc.

In the speeches and personal discussions people were taught about the need of mutual cooperation, respect and brotherhood beyond all religious and social borders, regardless the skin color, the gender or physical conditions. Unfortunately, many people are misguided by some selfish, fanatic clerics and political leaders; religious minorities are mistreated, and so people in India are divided in casts (unofficially) and different religious communities. This creates a climate of mistrust and even exploitation.

Additionally, the occasion were used to make people aware about the conflicts & human rights situations in the world such as we see nowadays in Syria, Palestine, Burma, Mali, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan etc. which have their roots often in religious conflicts.

As an outcome and success of the event we want to mention that we (Saeed Khan Falahi and Cordula Giewald) were afterwards invited to a further speech to approximately 2300 pupils of the St. Paul's Inter College Shahjahanpur and

informal meetings with poor people of the city. Also we gave interviews to 3 TV channels of India and to a local newspaper.

This event was organized on side as well as online on facebook for publicity purpose and for spreading the message of interfaith harmony and peace globally. Please see this site for further information  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/178765345599230/>

We do thank to the United Nations and the King Abdullah II of Jordan for the great idea and initiative in this very important cause.

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