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ISLAMABAD, MARCH 12, 2018: President Mamnoon Hussain has proposed a system for the rehabilitation and support of the people suffering due to the unrest and instability in different parts of the Islamic World and said that whole Muslim Ummah including Pakistan and Saudi Arabia should work actively in this regard. He also called for steps to counter Islamophobia.

The President said this while talking to Imam of Masjid Al-Haram H.E. Saleh Bin Muhammad Al Talib who along-with a delegation called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad on Monday. Federal Minister for Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony Sardar Muhammad Yousuf, Minister for Communication Dr. Hafiz Abdul Karim, Senator Sajid Mir and Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Nawaf Saeed Bin Almalky were also present on the occasion.

The President emphasized that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have convergence of views on international and regional issues and they also fully cooperate each other on international forums. He highlighted that every year Saudi Government makes excellent arrangements for Hajj & Umrah. He stated that Pakistan fully supports the Saudi Government's vision 2030 which will create stability in the region and strengthen the economy. He underscored that Islamophobia has emerged in the world during the last few years which needs to be countered. I am pleased that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are working together to eliminate these misperceptions against Islam. He underlined that an effective system through mutual consultation should be developed for the restoration of the people affected from unrest in Muslim World.

The President pointed out that unrest was promoted in different part of the Islamic World, Muslims should learn a lesson from it and should work in unison to eradicate this menace. He stressed that the curriculum of religious educational institutions should be improved in accordance with the requirement of modern era so that our coming generations could meet the challenges of modern world. In this respect, it is imperative to include the subjects of science and technology in the curriculum, he added.

The President stated that Pakistan wants Saudi Arabia to be so strong that no power could cast a bad eye on it. Pakistan will always support Saudi Arabia for this purpose, he added. On the occasion, the President also conveyed his best wishes for the Salman bin Abdulaziz, Crown Prince Muhammad Bin Salman and the people of Saudi Arabia.

Imam of Masjid Al-Haram said that relationship of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia is not merely a diplomatic one but it is relationship based on faith, Pakistan is the strength of Saudi Arabia and both countries have collective goals. He stated that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are the major powers of the Islamic World and we have full confidence on their leadership. He stated that he fully agreed with the suggestions for the unity and proposals to meet the challenges faced by Muslim Ummah.
