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KARACHI, DECEMBER 18, 2017: President Mamnoon Hussain has said that Quetta terrorist attack is a conspiracy to destroy the religious harmony in the country which will be thwarted by the unity of the nation. He added that the nation has shown great evidence of its unity by expressing huge support to the victims of terrorism.

The President said this while addressing the convocation of Baqai Medical University (BMU) in Karachi on Monday. Vice Chancellor BMU Dr. Zahida Baqai also spoke on the occasion.

The President stated that entire country especially Baluchistan and Karachi have been mired in different problems due to political instability and rise of terrorism in the region during the last several decades. He emphasized that National political leadership and other institutions should play their role to overcome these problems for development of the country and welfare of the masses.

The President said that the whole country is in a state of grief and sorrow due to the attack on the Church in Quetta. He pointed out that the enemy has very cleverly chosen the time of attack when the Christian community was preparing to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. He underlined that the objective behind attacking the religious places of Christian is to destabilise the country by disturbing its religious harmony. He underscored the need for fighting these few terrorists with unity.

The President stated that different parts of the country especially Balochistan and Karachi have faced in various challenges adding that such issues have affected other parts of the country as well. The major reasons behind it are the decades of political instability and situation arising from the rise of terrorism in the region, he said. He stressed that National political leadership and other institutions have worked diligently to overcome these problems and this process is still going on. As a result of these efforts situation has improved in Karachi and Balochistan, he added. He underlined that it is the duty of National leadership, Ulemas, intellectuals, academics and especially the youth to keep an eye on the national and international affairs and try to comprehend the changes taking place in the region so that the obstacles in the path of progress can be removed in addition to thwarting the rise of such situations in future.

The President said that medicine is not only a profession but also a mean to serve humanity and our traditions are remarkable in this regard. In Muslim societies, doctors not only used to treat patients but they were considered as a compassionate leader and respected elder who raised the standard of his

profession in comparison to the other professions by making it a divine vocation, he added. He emphasized that it is necessary to strengthen this beautiful custom to promote good traditions in the society. He highlighted that growing materialism has also affected the profession of medicine and its reasons are the rise in the needs and expenses of the people. He stated that this situation has also badly affected the relationship between the doctors and patients. He advised the children to follow the traditions of morality and service to humanity which are also the emblem of our civilization. He suggested that a nursing department should also be established in every medical university.

The President pointed out that one of the responsibilities of universities is to produce specialists in line with the local environment by promoting research in the fields of diagnostics and treatment. It is indeed a matter of pleasure that BMU is playing commendable role in this respect, he added. He stressed that our educational and research institutions of medicine should focus on encouraging the culture of simplicity and ease in the field of treatment so that the lower strata of the society could also easily avail the opportunity of treatment of complex diseases. He stated that this objective can be achieved by transforming the research being conducted in other parts of the world in accordance with the native environment. He said that Baqai Medical University and other medical institutions can play a leading role in these matters.

The President stated that apart from lack of medical facilities in far-flung and underdeveloped areas of the country, ignorance to the principles of hygiene is also a major problem. In the developed societies, responsible citizens, social and charitable organizations also perform this duty in addition to the Government, he added. He appreciated that Baqai Medical University (BMU) is promoting this great practice in Pakistan. He underscored that attracting the students of the university towards community service is commendable and has the status of everlasting endowment. He also called for other educational institutions to play a role in the service of humanity and society by encouraging this wonderful convention.

The President highlighted that completion of great projects like China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and One Belt One Road (OBOR) is placing a huge responsibility on the shoulders of Pakistani youth to serve the country by utilising these golden opportunities in a befitting manner. In this regard, health sector is also of great importance because after the full-fledged operationalization of Gwadar port and CPEC, responsibilities of the physicians will also increase manifold, he added. He said that you will have to provide international standard facilities not only to the foreigners but also to our own nationals. Therefore, he urged that the management of this institution should plan training of the coming generations keeping in view the future requirements.
