

Language, education and the empowerment of minority women and girls

Thank you Madam Chairperson,

I am My name is Nina Mariani Noor, and I am an ahmadi muslim woman from Indonesia, ~~also a minority fellow at the OHCHR.~~

I am proud of the fact that the constitution of Indonesia guarantees to all its citizens to have their basic human rights, including the right to education for women and girls. With 20 percent of the annual budget being given to education, both formal and informal education are covered, the teaching of local languages and inclusive education are encouraged.

We, the Ahmadiyya community, give informal education to our adolescent girls and women in mosques. We teach them about religious, social, humanitarian issues, and language. A mosque, for us, is not only a place of worship but also plays the role of a center of our activities, specially providing space for women and girls. However, following Joint Ministerial decree 2008 ~~about Ahmadiyya~~, there are attacks on them and our mosques being closed down by local authorities, consequently, this informal education for the women of my community has been largely affected. Do you think it is fair for women of my community to loose out on opportunities because their security can not be guaranted?? Can you imagine a single mosque in West Java was shut by authorities, seven times ~~and is presently shut as well?~~

As a concerned citizen and an ahmadi muslim woman I would like to recommend my government to:

One Firstly, continue its efforts in providing education for all citizens and give more attention to education and language for minority women.

Two Secondly, ammend discriminative laws that lead to atrocity towards minorities including Ahmadiyya so that they can continue to send their girls to get higher education without fearing for their security and safety. This is incontinuation of the recommendations that Indonesia received at its UPR in 2017

Lastly, ~~one of five pillars of~~ the Pancasila guarantees social justice for all Indonesian people, therefore I urge the government to ensure that the above reccommendations are fulfilled towards this end!

I thank to OHCHR for giving me opportunity in this forum.
Special Rapporteur