THE BLIGHT, RIGHTS AND LIGHT:
FAITH BASED DISCRIMINATION

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Preface

This comic book entitled ‘The Blight, Rights and Light: Faith Based Discrimination’. Comes at a critical time amidst hue and cry from the Muslim community alleging discrimination and marginalization in the excess to public services in the Country. To address the Blight of discrimination, respect and promote the Rights of persons to manifest or practice their faith, those who espouse bigotry ideas ought to see the Light. Hopefully this comic book will provoke constructive discourse and contribute to building a just Uganda.
The comic book is a product to further the Advocacy work of Justice Access Point to counter violent extremism and hate speech. The book is expected to contribute, through graphic art, to the elimination of discrimination against Muslim in access to public services in Uganda.
SUPERVISING EXAMS IS NOT A SMALL FEAT. SOME YOUNGSTARS CAN SMUGGLE IN ANSWERS ESPECIALLY THE ONES PUTTING ON HIJABS. ONLY GOD KNOWS WHAT ELSE THEY MAY SMUGGLE IN.

OH NO TEACHER BOB, THAT'S RUDE
GOOD MORNING!
I HOPE YOU ARE READY FOR EXAMS

GOOD MORNING SIR
YES, I AM READY FOR THE EXAMS

THAT’S NOT SO COOL!

NOT SO FAST! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU’RE GOING? THE EXAMINATION HALL IS NOT A MOSQUE
SIR, I HAVE NOT PUT ON THIS DRESS TO UPSET YOU OR ANNOY ANYONE. MY RELIGION TEACHES ME TO BE MODEST, AND MORAL. IT IS A CHOICE I HAVE MADE ACCORDING TO FAITH.

SIR IT'S MY RIGHT TO PRACTICE MY FAITH.

BAA! I WILL HEAR NONE OF THAT. GO BACK HOME AND CHANGE THAT DRESS BEFORE I ALLOW YOU ENTRY INTO THE EXAMINATION HALL.

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP INCLUDES THE RIGHT TO MANIFEST ONE'S RELIGION OR BELIEF.

THIS IS VIOLATION OF SALIMA'S RIGHTS AND FREEDOM.
SIR, THE STUDENTS ARE UPSET THAT THE TEACHER HAS DENIED SALIMA ENTRY INTO EXAMS BECAUSE OF HER DRESSING. ACCORDING TO HER FAITH AND RELIGION THIS IS DISCRIMINATION AND UNACCEPTABLE SIR!

THIS IS AN ISSUE WE HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED DENIAL OF A RIGHT TO MANIFEST ONE’S RELIGION IS DISCRIMINATION.
I MIGHT HAVE CROSSED THE LINE ON THIS MATTER

I HAVE UNDERSTOOD YOUR CONCERN, TEACHER BOB WILL LET SALIMA IN AND THE SCHOOL WILL CLARIFY ON IT’S POSITION ON THIS MATTER SOON ENOUGH

THANK YOU HEAD TEACHER!

GO IN FOR YOUR EXAMS

THANK YOU SIR FOR LETTING ME IN!
THE INCIDENT TODAY HAS UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR US TO ACT PROFESSIONALLY, RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF EACH OTHER AND THOSE OF THE STUDENTS WE TEACH... THERE’S NO ROOM FOR DISCRIMINATION IN THIS SCHOOL.
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Our Programmes

1. Atrocity prevention Programme:
This entails upstream, midstream and downstream interventions aimed at preventing break-out, escalation, continuation and recurrence of violent conflicts and the perpetration of atrocity crimes. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building.

2. Preventing and countering violent Extremism Programme:
This includes a series of interventions aimed at supporting the state to actualize the UN Plan of Action against Violent Extremism. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building. JAP offers livelihood support as a strategy for countering the radicalization of vulnerable groups into violent extremism.

3. Prevention of Statelessness Programme:
This includes interventions aimed at prevention of statelessness in Uganda in concert with the Global action Plan to End statelessness: 2014-2024. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building. JAP offers livelihood support vulnerable groups of statelessness.

4. Countering Hate/Dangerous Speech Programme:
This entails a series of interventions geared to monitoring, preventing and countering hate/dangerous speech in the difference media. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building.

5. Human Rights and Rule of Law Programme:
This is a cross-cutting programme aimed at supporting the rights-holders their human rights and duty bearers to respect, protect and ensure the realization of human rights as enshrined in the domestic, regional and international human rights treaties and rule of law. This programme is aimed at addressing the human rights concerns that give rise to the perpetration of mass atrocity crimes through the use of domestic, regional and international human rights mechanisms.