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The Case Against the Paigham-i-Sulh

On 6th October Saturday Maulvi Mustafa Khan B. A., Editor Master Faqirullah publisher, Maulvi Abdul Haq Vidiarthi, and Lala Ram Rup printer of the *Paigham-i-Sulh* were arrested under section 153 A; the reason being that M. Abdul Haq wrote an article in reply to an objection of Shuddhi Sabha Agra to the effect that Musalmans take their sisters *i. e.* the daughters of uncles and aunts as wives. This article which is deemed objectionable was published in the *Paigham-i-Sulh* of the 25th of September.

The accused were produced before the court, of Lala Shanker Das city magistrate. Maulvi Ghulam Muhyied-Din, B. A. LL. B. Vakil High Court, and Shaikh Azimullah applied for their release on bail. But the court postponed the question till the Public Prosecutor came; When he came it was 3-35 P.M., and the court said that the question of the bail could not be decided now, it would be decided on Monday after the perusal of the file. The accused therefore were taken to the lock up of the Central Jail. They were allowed to use their own beds and eat their own food. On 8th the four accused were released on bail. The next date of hearing the case is 1st November.

The accused have applied for the transfer of the case to a European magistrate because it involves a religious question.

All the Muslim Brethren are requested to pray for these brothers in faith who are in trouble for the cause of Islam.

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The case against Paigham-i-Sulah came up for hearing on 1st November before the city Magistrate, and the evidence of 3 witnesses for prosecution was recorded. They were cross-examined by Ch. Zafarullah-Khan, Bar-at-Law and Mian Abdul Aziz, Bar-at-Law, Advocates of the High Court, Lahore, who appeared for defence. Mr. Bannerji, the translator of news-papers said that there did not exist a correct translation of the Vedas at present though it was possible to translate them.

The counsel for defence asked if the Vedas contain what is written in the article in questions, will it be still offensive to Hindus? The witness said: "The Vedas do not contain such things." The Counsel again asked if there they do contain, then? The court overruled the question, but recorded it on the request of the Counsel. The next date of hearing the case is 13th instant.—(Reporter).