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**The Plight of the Diasporic Muslim Community in
the West**

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Diaspora

- **Origin of the word diaspora goes back to the Greek language**
- **It explains the condition of people who have been displaced, dispersed and scattered from their homeland**
- **Western literature and media coverage on the word Diaspora**

Internal Factor

- **Sectarian violence**
- **Oppressive Regime**
- **Racism**
- **Genocide**
- **Absence of good governance, etc.**

External Factors

- Intrusion of a foreign army
- Intimidation of war by a neighbouring country
- Annexation of a country by its neighbouring country, etc.

Diasporic Muslims in the West

- **Don't bite the hands that feed you**
- **Follow the law of the land of the host country**
- **Don't try to change people in the West overnight**
- **Support people in the host country on all that are good for humanity, so long they are not detrimental to their Islamic faith and ethics**
- **Active participation in interfaith dialogues**
- **Do not isolate themselves from the larger population, etc.**

How to Stop the Diaspora (Muslim World)

- Stop war, sectarian violence, extremism
- Bring back good governance
- Create a balance between science and spirituality
- Leaders must put public interest above personal interest
- Less politicking and more thinking is needed
- Wealth of the nation should be equally distributed, etc.

What the West Must do to Avoid Influx of Muslim Refugees:

- Don't create war in the Muslim World
- Stop interfering in the politics of the Islamic world
- Stop imposing Western values in Muslim countries
- Stop 'Confrontational Politics' and start an 'Engaging Politics' with the Muslim World
- 'Terror breeds terror'
- 'What goes around, comes around'

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Thank You

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