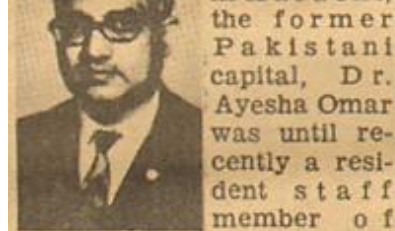


Pakistani Woman Physician Has High Praise for Messenger and Followers

By Abdul Basit Naeem

"I wish we had a leader like the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in our country. It would do us so much good!" These are words of an eminent woman doctor from Pakistan, Dr. Ayesha Omar.

A SPECIALIST in anesthesiology attached to the Jinnah Hospital and Medical Center in Karachi, the former Pakistani capital, Dr. Ayesha Omar was until recently a resident staff member of the institute of Cardiology, Montreal (Canada). She volunteered the above remark in an interview during a recent brief visit to New York City. This was just before commencing her return journey to Pakistan.



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"Learning a bit more of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's wonderful mission and great work is the only objective of my second visit to the United States," Dr. Ayesha told this column-

ist. Her first trip across the border from Canada, in the last week of February, was no less significant: She had then journeyed to Chicago to attend the 1967 "Nation of Islam" convention.

"It was such a beautiful scene, with so many Muslim brothers and sisters all around you," she fondly recalled. Presently she added, "I have never been to Arabia, but I had the same feeling which I think I would have had if I were really in Mecca."

OUR GOOD Pakistani sister then stated that while it was the "Honorable Elijah Muhammad's stirring speech that most impressed me—I felt much wiser after hearing him," she was "no less affected" by the fine organizational discipline and excellent mannerism displayed by the Messenger's followers attending the convention.

Another "really unforgettable" aspect of the confab, in her estimation, was the "lovely, typically Islamic garb worn by the Muslim women and girls" and the huge overhead banners, one of which boldly pronounced: "We Must Protect Our Women."

In Chicago, Dr. Ayesha

Omar also had the "honor and great pleasure of dining and conversing" with the noble First Family of Islam in America. Her foremost recollection of that occasion was that she had found the Honorable Elijah Muhammad "extremely knowledgeable and quite well-informed—not only on matters of race and religion but also on every subject he touched, such as the war in Viet Nam."

UPON returning to Karachi (in mid-September), Dr. Ayesha expects to rejoin the Jinnah Hospital and Medical Center. However, the Pakistani government is in the process of setting up a National Heart Institute and when completed and fully operative, she would be transferred there and head its open heart surgery division. At the same time Dr. Ayesha and her brother Kemal Omar, who is also a medical practitioner, plan to found a small non-profit hospital in Karachi.

It goes without saying that Dr. Ayesha would engage in yet another commendable endeavor in Pakistan—telling "all who would listen"

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the truth about the U.S. Muslims.

"In my opinion, they are the best Muslims around, because they have the best understanding of real Islamic socialism and brotherhood. But many of our people possess all kinds of doubts about them—created, no doubt, by the powerful white world information media.

"SOME GOOD day," the remarkable Pakistani lady physician and surgeon further told me, "I do hope I can be of some service to my Muslim brothers and sisters in America, especially in the medical field. Perhaps I could assist in establishing the first Nation of Islam hospital here . . ."

She concluded by saying, "My brother (Dr. Kemal), too, is an ardent admirer of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. In fact, he has already published several articles about him in Pakistani newspapers and magazines. I am sure both of us would be happy to serve the cause of Islam in America in any way we can . . . and I mean just that!"