



*John McCallum. Photo: CIJnews*

## CANADA TO ABOLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR IMMIGRATION

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John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, told **The Hill Times** that in the next few weeks the government will introduce “radical changes” to the Citizenship Act.

Liberal MPs said to **The Hill Times** that the language requirement for new immigrants to apply for Canadian citizenship will be probably eliminated as it “disenfranchises” new immigrants from their right to take part in the political process.



Up until now candidates for immigration under Federal Skilled Worker Program **are required** to prove in a language test approved by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) the ability in English or French in the following four areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

They have also to meet the minimum level of Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 7 in English or Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) 7 in French for their first official language in all four language abilities.

Candidates for immigration under the Federal Skilled Trades Program must meet the minimum level of CLB 5 (English) or NCLC 5 (French) for speaking and listening, and CLB 4 (English) or NCLC 4 (French) for reading and writing.

According to **Andrew Griffith's** research quoted by **The Hill Times**, there are 33 federal ridings in Canada with a visible minority population of 50 per cent and more, 23 are in Ontario, eight in British Columbia, one in Quebec, and one in Alberta.

### **Multiculturalism from a Canadian Islamic perspective**

Shaykh Said Rageah, a leading spiritual leader of the Canadian Muslim community, dealt with the issue of multiculturalism in Canada in a sermon he delivered at Abu Hurairah Mosque in Toronto.

Imam Rageah called on Canadian Muslims to unite and translate their demography into a political and economic power that is necessary to make the government allow Muslims to implement the Islamic Law (Sharia) in their communities and to change the foreign policy.

Rageah spoke in favour of following the example of the Sikh neighbourhood in Edmonton, Alberta, by bringing

the Muslim community to live together in one area in which the authorities will not be able to make any decision without the approval of the Muslims.

He urges Muslims to hire only Muslim workers, to buy products or services only from Muslim-owned businesses and to avoid advertising with media outlets owned by kafir, meaning unbeliever or infidel. In this way, he maintained, Canadian Muslims can strengthen themselves and live according to Islam.

The following is a transcript of segments from Rageah's sermon:

“With four, five [hundred] thousand Muslims you can create the most powerful lobby in Canada... with that number of Muslims you can create one of the strongest Muslim business in Toronto...

“If you just put our resources, if we put our resources together, if we can work together as an Ummah [Muslim nation] we can change a lot...

**“As Muslims, we are scattered all over the city. You have people living in Brampton, you have people living in Mississauga, you have people living in Whitby, you have people living in Richmond Hill. Imagine if we all get together in one area.**

**“In the City of Edmonton, the Sikh, Sikh, they live in one neighbourhood and nothing can be changed or done without their approval. We here we may as well benefit from the system that they have here.**

“What can you do with unity? A lot. You can change a lot. You can **change the foreign policy** of this country. You can change how the Muslims think. You can even when need help, when you need help you call Muslim for your need you will help the Muslim community...

“Brothers in the masjid [Mosque] right now, they are coming up with the magazine or newspaper called Ummah Times. What Ummah Times is that? Ummah Times is advertising all your businesses all the Muslim businesses [are] Ummah.

“All you need to do – **I will never advertise with a kafir** [unbeliever, infidel], there you go.

“I hear some advertisements giving to 680 News \$5,000. Before your Muslim brothers \$50 and \$80 or \$100 we think twice before we do it.

“Unless we work together, the day we need a truck driver we know where to find truck drivers.

**“The day that I need a cab I should have a number of a Muslim cab it's ok, pick me up.**

**“When I wan to see a doctor, only Muslim doctor.**

**“When I want to hire someone only Muslim worker.**

**“Then we can strengthen ourselves. This is the way and this is the only way we can exist in the society, living according to Islam.**

“When the Sharia [Islamic Law], when the government of Toronto, Ontario gave us a break and said: deal your internal affairs based on your Sharia [Islamic Law] we did not go and say: Those few people are Ismailis and Ahmadis, they are not even Muslims. Why would they speak on behalf of Muslims. But, we say no, we keep quiet and see and watch what happens, and then the result was that they said... we will never allow you to rule yourselves, your internal affairs based on the Shariah...

“My brothers in faith , anything that happens in your Muslim community, in the City of Toronto, anything that can be done, five hundred thousand Muslims that is a great number, large number, you can do a lot, work together. Let's be an Ummah [nation]...

**“Take your children to Islamic schools.**

“Take your vehicle to Muslim owned business.

“If you buy a vehicle make sure there is a Muslim business or car dealer that sells cars.

“If you want to do anything just ask if that individual is a Muslim or not. If he is not, then look for a Muslim, because I’m sure you’ll find a Muslim. I’m sure you’ll find a Muslim in that field...

“O Allah, Raise the standing of Islam and the Muslims , and **humiliate the infidels and the polytheists.**”

