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WEA Secretary General meets British Minister Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon

(Bonn, 05.10.2023) The Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA), Bishop Thomas Paul Schirmmacher, met the Minister for South Asia, North Africa, the United Nations and the Commonwealth at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, in London.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon was first appointed as the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict and as Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the United Nations on 13 June 2017. From 2018 to 2019 he was Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, from 2016 to 2017 Minister for Aviation and Trade and Minister for Countering Extremism from 2015 to 2016. Before he was Transport Minister, Communities & Local Government Minister, Government Whip and Lord in Waiting, Vice-Chairman (national) of the Conservative Party, Councillor (Wimbledon Park) and Cabinet Member in the London Borough of Merton.

Lord Ahmad is a part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and was a national vice-president of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association's youth organisation from 2003. The Minister has met Schirmmacher several times, as the World Evangelical Alliance has been speaking up in favour of the Ahmadiyyas as they are persecuted severely in Pakistan and other Muslim countries. Schirmmacher has spoken at large events and met the head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community several times.

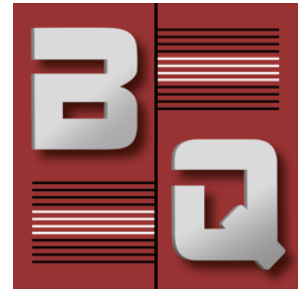


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Schirmmacher was accompanied by Prof. Dr. Janet Epp-Buckingham, Director of Global Advocacy of WEA, and Roy Gaetan, WEA's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva.

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- Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon on gov.uk: <https://www.gov.uk/government/people/lord-ahmad-of-wimbledon>
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