

Statement from CASA, Chairperson

Response To A Fake News

A posting appeared in 'Newsminute.com' and 'Opindia.com' titled "Ahead of Christmas, Christians in Kerala decide to boycott Halal meat. Hindu groups extent support" and "IUML claims Muslims being targeted ". The posting says that Christians in Kerala have decided and have given a call to boycott Halal meat. The name of CASA (Church's Auxiliary for Social Action) has been unnecessarily drawn into it saying that CASA has given such a call to Christians in Kerala. CASA has no office or official in Kerala, for that matter, no "General Secretary". CASA is a Delhi based organization consisting of Orthodox and Protestant Churches, engages in charitable activities, disaster mitigation. and poverty alleviation projects. It has been active in India for at last seventy-three years, and never engages in commercial activities or religious conversion.

No Christian church in Kerala has given such a call for "boycott". The posting by the above-mentioned portals is totally fake news, cooked up, without verifying facts. It is a blatant lie. Whoever is behind this mischievous misadventure must apologize for the damage they are inflicting to the peaceful religious activity in Kerala. As the current Chairperson of CASA, I would request the ill-advised persons behind this dangerous move to desist from such ADHARMA, for the sake of our, glorious tradition of religious harmony in India, and Kerala in particular.

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Editor's note: The original story stated that the organisation that called for the ban, is CASA, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA). It should have read the Christian Association and Alliance for Social Action. We regret the error and apologise for the same.

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The report stated yesterday by the News Minute that Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) had supported the boycott of Halal meat in Kerala has been stated false by the media company. They regret their misinterpretation of the activity as the organisation involved was Christian Association and Alliance for Social Action not Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA). The News Minute have extended apology in their news portal.

<https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/no-kerala-christians-arent-boycotting-halal-meat-church-differs-casas-call-139949>