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Pakistan Parliament to decide on French envoy's expulsion

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A resolution was tabled in the lower house of Parliament on Tuesday for the expulsion of the French Ambassador from Pakistan over the issue of blasphemous cartoons being published in the European country.

Amjad Ali Khan of the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party presented the resolution in the National Assembly. Technically, it was not an official document as it was moved by a member in his private capacity but it

was accepted for discussion.

The resolution condemned the publication of blasphemous caricatures by French magazine *Charlie Hebdo* in September last year and expressed regret over the French President's "encouragement of the elements hurting the sentiments of the hundreds of millions of Muslims in the name of freedom of expression".

It stated that a debate should be held in the House on the expulsion of the French Ambassador from

Pakistan. The main Opposition Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) attended the session but the Pakistan People's Party boycotted it.

Ahsan Iqbal of PML-N demanded that the government should bring a new resolution after discussion with the Opposition. Speaker Asad Qaiser said that he would like to give time to the House for discussion to come up with the consensus document and adjourned the session until Friday.