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Highlights

ATTEMPT ON LIFE

272 Ahmadi Muslims have been killed in religiously motivated attacks since the promulgation of Ordinance XX. There were many more who were brutally attacked and survived somehow. They all suffered permanent disabilities and psychological trauma after the attack. This is the 7th attack of this kind this year, and the 88th since Pakistan's PTI government took office. See details on page 4 & 21.

AHMADIYYA GRAVES

Punjab police is yet again at the forefront of oppressing the community in the name of establishing the rule of law. Law prohibits Ahmadis from using Islamic epithets. The police therefore consider it their duty to remove all religious inscriptions from the gravestones of deceased Ahmadis. A total of 43 gravestones were desecrated by the police to the pain of 43 families and relatives. A pathetic set of laws governs society.

AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

Our team regularly provides updates on religiously motivated imprisonments and cases of Ahmadis. There are still six Ahmadis in prison because of fabricated charges against them. One of them is a 20 year old whose father passed away while awaiting his release. Added to the injury was the fact that he himself was not allowed to attend his father's funeral because of his imprisonment. All of them are exposed to death penalty.

A BRIEF ON THE TREATMENT OF AHMADI MUSLIMS DURING THE PTI RULE

The government of the ruling party PTI led by Mr. Imran Khan was ousted through a No Confidence vote in the National Assembly at night of 9/10 April 2022. It had come to power on 17 August 2018. We consider it appropriate and essential to place on record a brief on PTI's treatment of Ahmadis in the context of human rights and FoRB. During its 3 years 8 months' rule 11 Ahmadis lost their lives, 88 suffered murderous attacks, 26 Ahmadiyya mosques were desecrated, 48 cases were registered against 193 Ahmadis. First time an Ahmadi lady was arrested under the blasphemy laws. Two Ahmadis lost their lives during incarceration, 374 Ahmadi graves defiled by the authorities. This 4-page brief is placed at the Annex.

DID YOU KNOW?

AHMADIS FACE THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAWS FOR:

- Self-identifying as a Muslim
- Calling their place of worship a 'Masjid'
- Making the call to prayer (Azan)
- Preaching or propagating their faith

AHMADIS HAVE TO DECLARE THEMSELVES
NON-MUSLIM
TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND STAND FOR ELECTION

SEE PAGE 17 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

AHMADI SURVIVES ATTEMPT ON LIFE, WITH SEVERE INJURIES

Chak 261 Udhwali, District Faisalabad; April 27, 2022:

Mr. Naveed Ahmad, Ahmadi, was attacked while returning home, along with three non-Ahmadi friends. He got two bullet injuries, one in the neck and the other in his arm. His friends remained safe.

In July 2021, a hostile and unruly mob attacked Ahmadi's homes in this village. Ahmadi's defended themselves. The police booked five Ahmadi's thereafter and arrested Mr. Naveed Ahmad. In the follow-up investigation, four of the accused were

released, while Mr. Naveed Ahmad was kept detained. A court later removed the anti-terrorism clause 7-ATA against him. The other clauses were bailable.

On January 26, 2022, Magistrate Faisalabad Bushra Anwar ordered his release after the plaintiff's statement of the case withdrawal. Mr. Naveed was released from prison after spending six months behind bars.

Goons of TLP and other extremist organizations were not happy with his release. They threatened Mr. Naveed and the plaintiff after this settlement. The police claims to have identified the attackers.



Naveed Ahmad: Face

FORTY-THREE GRAVESTONES OF AHMADIS DESTROYED BY THE PUNJAB POLICE

Peeru Chak, District Sialkot; April 2022:

It was reported earlier that anti-Ahmadiyya wall chalking was done here at places and graffiti was done on the front of the Ahmadiyya mosque: "Tell me what you want? Head of a blasphemer!" Ahmadi's informed the police.

Bilal Butt, an anti-Ahmadi activist of Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat, filed a complaint with PS Motra against Ahmadi's for allegedly violating anti-Ahmadiyya Sections PPCs 298-B and 298-C. On March 24, the locals went to the neighboring village and announced there to come to Peeru Chak to help Islam by prosecuting Qadianis. These religious thugs then went to see DSP Daska and accused Ahmadi's of using Islamic rites.

On March 28, the SHO police came to the graveyard and started destroying Ahmadi's tombstones along with locals. Ahmadi's asked him to show the formal orders. At this, the police quit and left. They had desecrated two graves by then.

On April 6, Assistant Commissioner Daska along with the SHO police station Motra and a heavy contingent came to the graveyard and destroy 43 tombstones on Ahmadi's graves.



KALIMA REMOVED FROM AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

Talharh Bali, District Khushab; April 13, 2022:

Police came to the Ahmadiyya mosque here and detained four Ahmadis including a local missionary allegedly for inadequate security measures. Later, the police released them after the assurance given by the Ahmadiyya administration.

On April 14, 2022 the police checked some other mosques. The mullas demanded removal of the Kalima on the Ahmadiyya mosque, for being visible from outside.

Ahmadis told them that they would not remove the Kalima themselves, nor would allow any civilian do so, but if the officials in uniform remove it, Ahmadis will not resist.

Police insisted that Ahmadis remove the Kalima, and threatened them with a police case.



In the dark hours of 15-16 April 2022, the police sprayed out the Kalima from the Ahmadiyya mosque.

ANTI-AHMADIYYA WALL CHALKING IN KARACHI



Azizabad, Karachi; April 1, 2022:

Some hate monger wrote with black color on the main door of the Ahmadiyya mosque:

"False prophet Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani was a British slave (Repent)."

Ahmadis informed the police, and they erased the hateful graffiti.

Did you know!

92 graves of Ahmadis were desecrated & sacred inscription from at least 16 houses and shops were removed during 2021.

90 graves have been desecrated in the first quarter of 2022.

Some pictures of this month's desecration



SUPREME COURT SET ASIDE BAIL CANCELTION ORDER

Lahore, April 2022:

The Supreme Court of Pakistan set aside bail cancelation order dated 09.08.2021 of Additional Session Judgement and order of Hon'ble Court in revision and ordered for release of Mr. MM Iqbal Hashmi on original bail, He was under arrest for allegedly sharing Ahmadiyya content in a WhatsApp group 'Sindh Salamat'.

Mr. Hashmi, Mr. Shiraz Ahmad, and others were booked by Cyber Crimes Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019, under FIR 88 under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11 for allegedly creating the group 'Sindh Salamat' and sharing Ahmadiyya content in it.

Mr. Hashmi was arrested but was released on bail on August 24, 2019.

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad was arrested from his home on February 25, 2021.

One, Mr. Zahir Ahmad, Ahmadi from Lahore implicated in another religion-based case, was arrested from the jail on February 23, 2021,

although he was not even named in this case.

The plea for bail of the accused mentioned above was rejected on March 30, 2021.

Judge Syed Ali Abbas ASJ Lahore ordered that the deadly section PPC 295-C be added to his charge sheet.

As a result, all three are incarcerated in Camp Jail, Lahore.

LHC heard the plea for bail and rejected it on January 12, 2022.

Iqbal Hashmi etc. case was initiated under PPC 295-A; however, with time, it is blown big with PPCs 295-C, and 295-B added to it that provide for the death penalty and imprisonment for life, respectively. Their bail plea was then made to the Supreme Court.

A three-member bench of SC was appointed to hear the appeal against the decision of the high court. Finally, the Supreme Court released Mr. Hashmi on April 27, 2022. The SC rejected the plea for bail of the other two accused.

SUPREME COURT REJECTS PLEA FOR BAIL

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, etc. were booked on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11 allegedly for a quiz program concerning Ahmadiyya literature including the Holy Quran. The police arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi religious teacher under this FIR on May 26, 2020.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested on appearance in reporting to the FIA office; their plea for bail was rejected by lower court on September 30, 2020.

In response to a plea of the opponents, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet

on June 29, 2021. This exposes the accused to penalty of death.

On March 9, 2021, Additional Sessions Judge Lahore Hamid Hussain rejected their pleas for bail. They filed an appeal in the Lahore High Court against the decision, and Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafique rejected it on August 30. Thereafter they filed appeal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Meanwhile, the trial of the case goes on in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Lahore.

The Supreme Court heard the bail application on April 20, 2022. The three-member bench reserved the decision, and later rejected the plea.

They are behind bars for almost two years over an alleged petty faux pas concerning religion. They are exposed to penalty of death.

INNOCENT AHMADI ROTS IN JAIL FOR A YEAR AND HALF

Peshawar; April 2022:

A minor Imran Ali accused Mr. Abdul Majeed s/o Mr. Abdul Waheed, Ahmadi, resident of District Peshawar, aged 20, of blasphemy. The police succumbed to the pressure of mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under Section 295-C on September 10, 2020 with FIR Nr. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. The applied section carries sentence of death.

Later, swarms of opponents and mullas attacked and besieged Mr. Waheed's house; the

family had to flee. The police tracked them and arrested Mr. Majeed. He is currently in Peshawar Jail. Mr. Majeed's father waited for his young innocent son for about a year, but got tired and he passed away of heart attack on January 12, 2022. Mr. Majeed could not attend his father's funeral.

The trial of the case goes on in the Sessions Court Peshawar. We have no idea how long it will take this 20-year old innocent youth to get out of prison.

AZAD KASHMIR ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION!

Muzaffarabad; April 2022:

Azad Kashmir's (AJK) status awaits finality, to put it mildly. One expects this Assembly to function cautiously and with great wisdom, so as to convey to the world its vision of the shape and content of the futuristic Kashmir, envisaged by the majority of lawmakers of the AJK Assembly and their Pakistani fellow politicians to whom the entire Kashmir is a disputed territory awaiting a final arrangement.

Regrettably, AJK Assembly has repeatedly shown a lack of concern with their international reputation, and its members have blatantly shown a face in public on religious issues that will endear them to none in the wide world except perhaps to some of their voters.

This month AJK Assembly passed a lengthy Resolution on the issue of Khatme Nabuwat (KN) End of Prophethood, and openly gave all the wrong reasons to indulge in this exercise. Here we do not repeat all that, but translate below some of the demands made in their Resolution:

- The End of Prophethood (KN) syllabus that was introduced in KP schools should be incorporated in the AJK curriculum.
- Quranic verses with translations and the 'Seal of Prophecy', the Hadith and the Kalima should be displayed or hung in golden letters on AJK

Assembly building, and in government buildings, offices, and at the KN Chowk Chhat-tar 2 miles.

- All Muslim officials, government servants and citizens of this state should produce KN affidavits at the time of their induction, posting and marriage, and these should be placed in their (personal) records.
- All the KN resolutions passed in AJK Assembly since 1973 should be compiled and published. Moreover the Proceedings of the National Assembly of Pakistan, as also all the KN laws and judicial verdicts should be securely kept in the Legislative Assembly of Azad Kashmir.
- All the existing laws on the issues of Khatme Nabuwat, Namus Risalat (Honour of Prophethood), Namus Sahaba and Ahle Bait (Honour of the Companions and the Family) should be effectuated.
- The exalted name of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) should thus be written in all documents: Rahmat ul il Aalameen, Khatam al Nabiyyeen, Hazrat Muhammad Sallal Allahu Elaihe wa Sallam.



PAKISTAN TEHREEK-E-INSAF

THE RULING PARTY'S PRIORITIES

Islamabad: April 24, 2022:

PTI government led by Mr. Imran Khan was voted out in a No Confidence move in the National Assembly on April 9/10 night. This was a major jolt, indeed a shock for its leadership. Mr. AM Khan is one of them as he was a minister of state in that government.

Soon after this hurtful political crash, the PTI leadership has gone into action mode and is intensely busy in efforts to regain the power in Islamabad. Mr. Imran Khan has addressed huge



rallies in Peshawar, Karachi and Lahore. His top colleagues are playing their assigned roles or are acting on their own to retain or improve their vote bank for early elections demanded by the PTI. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, perhaps for lack of any other expertise or societal competence, has taken up the theme of the Khatme Nabuwat as his electoral

punch line. On April 24, 2022 he issued the under-displayed tweet, quoting a Hadith with his own vernacular translation: I am the last Prophet, there is no Prophet after me.

We do not indulge here in our understanding of this Hadith, but do express our surprise and wonder at the PTI's choice of this religious dogma for its election theme, while the country is faced with huge political, economic, societal and regional challenges.

Mr. AM Khan is the same man who while in the cabinet publicly termed Ahmadiyya a great mischief (fitna) and called for beheading of blasphemers. A number of leading intellectuals in the country have expressed serious concern over the potential of PTI (read Imran Khan) to harm the country and the nation. This is controversial; however, one Kashif N Chaudhry has come up with some data in his recent tweet as follows:



PTI DEPARTURE

ITS TENURE

Islamabad:

The government of the ruling party PTI led by Mr. Imran Khan was ousted through a No Confidence vote in the National Assembly at night of 9/10 April 2022. It had come to power on 17 August 2018, and formed coalition governments in Islamabad and the provinces of Punjab, KP and Baluchistan. Its performance was checkered,

while the opposition accused it of incompetence and poor performance. We leave that here for the political analysts, but consider it appropriate and essential to place on record a brief on PTI's treatment of Ahmadis in the context of human rights and FoRB, during its 3 years 8 months' rule. This 4-page brief is placed at the Annex.

A WORTHY STATEMENT OF UNIVERSAL MERIT

Makkah; April 2022:

Muslim World League (Rabita Al-ame Islami) recently issued a statement on Islamophobic unrest in Sweden:

One cannot disagree with high noble principles and values pointed out by the MWL's Secretary General. These are of universal merit and deserve to be upheld not only in Sweden but all over the world, particularly and primarily by the Muslim majority countries who are members of the Muslim World League. Pakistan is important among them.

With reference to the points made in the above Statement, particularly the highlighted parts, Pakistan would do well to withdraw the orders issued by its government, in its largest province Punjab that banned and forfeited all copies of the books authored by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani the founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement. These books are of scriptural status with Ahmadis, and their banning by the provincial government places it in the same category as the 'Hard Line' movement in Sweden.



Statement

Makkah:

The Muslim World League condemns the absurd and shameful act carried out by some extremists in Sweden - who abused a copy of the Noble Quran and inciting Muslims during the Holy Month of Ramadan. Spreading such religious hatred only encourages hostility and division in societies, harms common humanitarian values of decency and mutual respect, and ultimately only serves the agendas of extremism and counter-extremism.

The MWL's Secretary General, Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, on behalf of the MWL's bodies, councils, and assemblies around the world renewed his call to Muslims in Sweden and around the world to embrace the sublime Islamic approach in dealing with such provocations with temperance, wisdom and responsibility.

These acts are designed to divide. However, we have complete confidence in the strength of Sweden's values of unity and moderation to overcome such divisiveness and hate.

This act does not represent the values of the noble Swedish people who are known for their respect and love for everyone, especially their public declaration rejecting hatred and racism. These acts represent only the hatred of the extreme groups.

Dr. Al-Issa stressed that this barbarism will only make Muslims more faithful, will increase Muslims belief in the values of coexistence, love, peace and harmony with all, and will only encourage them to boost the values of brotherhood and harmony in their national states.

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HATEFUL ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE IN GUJRANWALA

Gujranwala; March 31, 2022:

Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith Aalmi Punjab held a Khatme Nabuwwat conference here. Mullas made blatant anti-Ahmadiyya hateful speeches there.

Mullas said, inter alia, "Khatme Nabuwwat is a sensitive and fundamental belief in Islam. After the advent of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the seal of the prophets, every claimant of prophethood is a deceiver and liar. Qadianis and their facilitators, listen we would expel robbers of the Khatme Nabuwwat and Mirzai thieves from the country."

The mullas demanded implementation of the decision of Islamic Ideology Council. Qadianis who are a rebel and apostate group of Islam should be banned fully, they said. Separate identity of the residents of Chenab Nagar should be struck, and they should be expelled from the country immediately. A separate column should be added in the National Identity Cards for Qadianis. In a resolution, they paid tribute to the Speaker of Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi and Punjab government for inclusion of the Khatme Nabuwwat affidavit in the Nikah form.

A CONDEMNABLE TENDENCY

USING RELIGION FOR POLITICAL GAIN



TV HUM News: HUM TV is a private national popular outlet. It invited leaders of three main political parties for a talkshow on April 29, 2022. One of these was Mr. Nehal Hashmi, of PML-N and a former senator (more on him later). The anchor raised the issue of the condemnable incident in Masjid-i-Nabwi (at Madinah) a few days earlier that had shaken the nation, as it amounted to defiling a site of great religious significance.

Mr. Hashmi took the mic and blurted out that the culprits, PTI lot who violated the sanctity of the holy site, were of the Ahmadi brand. This was a flabbergasting accusation. The anchorperson immediately sensed the danger of derailing from the subject, intervened, tried to stop Hashmi and told him to not raise the issue of faith. Hashmi had come prepared; he resisted the anchor's advice. The anchor, however, insisted and Hashmi raised his voice in anger and defiance, and demanded, 'Let me speak, otherwise I'll not let the program proceed further (Naheen chalnay doonga). This issue concerns the sanctity (hurmat) of the Prophet. This is a conspiracy (sazish) of Ahmadis. Ahmadis are in league with them.... These are a fitna (great mischief) and the Pakistani people will not spare them.'" They anchor person continued to tell him to not deviate from the real issue, and talk only facts. Hashmi paid him little attention and declared in angry tone that Pakistani people will offer their necks over the issue.

This was a very serious allegation against Ahmadis by a senior member of the now ruling party, PML-N. He had accused Ahmadis of promoting and impelling an incident that had shaken, if not shocked, the Muslim majority in the country, and most people were baying for the blood of the perpetrators. Hashmi accused Ahmadis of the conspiracy but offered no proof, no evidence whatsoever. He knew that no Ahmadi was present at the scene of the incident; no Ahmadi is even permitted

by the Saudis to enter the holy site, as their passports carry mention of their Ahmadiyya identity. A few days later, when an FIR was registered against the perpetrators and the planners of the incident, no Ahmadi was mentioned therein, or even hinted at — rightly so. Mr. Hashmi was guilty of forging a plain lie — and dangerous one at that, with malicious design. He used religion to promote his political interest.

Who is Nehal Hashmi? He was born in Bihar of India in January 1960. He practiced law as a criminal lawyer in Karachi. Making petitions was his avocation and he came to be known as Mr. Petitioner. He joined PML-N and rose rapidly to become its General Secretary, Sindh. He was advisor to the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Law, Justice and, surprisingly, Human Rights —from 1997 to 1999. PML-N rewarded him by arranging his election to the Senate in 2015. However in May 2017, his membership in PML-N was suspended and he was told by the PM to resign his senate seat.

On 1 February 2018, Hashmi was convicted by the Supreme Court in a contempt of court case. He was sentenced to one month imprisonment, and was banned from holding public office for the next five years. The day he ceased to be a member of the Senate, he was arrested, and was released from jail after a month on 28 February (Wikipedia).



Nehal Hashmi (Muslim League N)

With such criminal and checkered past, the ruling PML-N would do well to reign in this wild horse. Facts, truth, decency often do not occur to him. It is surprising that he was Mr. Nawaz Sharif's Advisor on Human Rights.

The PML-N and the country can now ill-afford the toxic mix of religion and politics, and short-sighted activists who insist on repeating this dangerous game should be set aside.

SHEIKH RASHEED

A COMPULSIVE POLITICIAN

Lahore; 2015-2021:

PTI held a big rally in Lahore. Its top leadership and a few allies addressed the crowd. One of these was Sheikh Rashid of Lal Haveli, Rawalpindi — the former Interior Minister in the Imran Government. The Sheikh is surely an interesting personality, in many ways.

Rashid was the only MNA from his party, whatever its name. However, first he managed to get the railway ministry in the federation. Unfortunately, numerous railway accidents marred his tenure, so he had to switch over elsewhere. Imran elevated him to the portfolio of Interior Minister.

The proposed aim of the PTI rally of Lahore was to declare the launching of a great Freedom campaign from the city where the historic Lahore Resolution was passed that laid the foundation of the freedom struggle of Indian Muslims for a separate country.

Sheikh Rashid addressed the crowd briefly, and but chose to say things of his own choice. What he said and what it implied was mentioned in an op-ed by Alam Nigar in the prestigious periodical Humsab.

We take extracts from the humsab.com.pk/455560/alam-nigar-18.

The Sheikh saluted Lahore as it is the birth place of a great Mujahid Imran Khan. He declared this city to be his favourite because it is the city of his spiritual teacher (murshid) Shorish and also of Ata ullah Shah Bokhari.

The Sheikh deviated grossly from the declared *raison d'être* of the rally, and chose to declare his followership of Ata ullah Shah Bokhari.

Bokhari was the top leader of Majlis Ahrar, a party of Congressite mullas in pre-Partition days. He led this party later in Pakistan as well. He was openly opposed to the creation of Pakistan. He was of the view, "Moreover, even if you acquire a piece of land its system would be man-made, its entire structure would be based on the philosophy of Infidelity (Kufr ka Aine)". On March 27, 1946, he tabled a resolution in the Working Committee of Majlis Ahrar, asserting, "As for Muslim League's demand for Pakistan, this Working Committee cannot endorse it at all." Bokhari was a great orator; he accused the Muslim League leadership of being entirely un-Islamic:

"Its active policy, all along has negated the interests of Muslims (Millat Islamia). It has persistently opposed in the Central and Provincial Assemblies, the implementation of Islamic laws. Therefore Muslims cannot expect any political, religious or social guidance from the non-Islamic leadership of the Muslim League."

Sh. Rashid's other icon Shorish Kashmiri was a journalist, and of the same elements as the Ahrar. His adopted name Shorish meant: Commotions, Tumult, insurrection. He edited the Ahrar compendium of speeches (vol.1) *Khutbat Ahrar*. In these speeches, the Ahrar had indulged in insults and buffoonery against Mr. Jinnah and other leaders of the Muslim League that was dubbed as an agent of the British, and the Pakistan Movement was called a great mischief (*shar angaiz*).



Sheikh Rasheed (Chairman Awami Muslim League)

Sh. Rashid is on record to have declared in a presser on October 27, 2021:

- We are also the warriors (*sipahy*) of *Namous Risalat* and *Khatme Nabuwwat*.
- I am the warrior of *Qala*, *Qala Rasulallah* (So said the Messenger of Allah). I sacrifice ten such lives (as the present one) on *Namous Risalat*. If anyone can prove in entire Pakistan that anyone has spent more time in prison than I over *Khatme Nabuwwat*, I am prepared to undergo whatever punishment (is awarded to me).

For this story, we set aside Sh. Rashid's anti-Ahmadiyya bursts, but do highlight his ideological devotion to anti-Pakistan elements like Ataullah Shah Bokhari and men committed to the *din* and commotion (Shorish). His use of PTI platform for this raises the question: Are the PTI and Mr. Imran Khan of the same view on Pakistan's origin as the guru of Sheikh Rashid?

AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

1

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, etc. were booked on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department, Lahore that works under Federal Investigation Agency arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested on reporting to the FIA office; they are in Camp Jail Lahore.

Syed Ali Abbas, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet on June 29, 2021. Thus, they are now exposed to penalty of death. The SC rejected their post arrest bail petition.

3

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad etc. were booked by Cyber Crime Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019 under FIR Nr. 88, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11, for allegedly creating a group "Sindh Salamat" and allegedly sharing Ahmadiyya content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021.

2

Mr. Abdul Majeed s/o Mr. Abdul Waheed resident of Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, District Peshawar, aged 20, was accused of blasphemy by a minor named Mr. Imran Ali. The police succumbed to the pressure of the mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 which carries a sentence of death, on September 10, 2020 with FIR Nr. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. He was arrested on 13.09.2020. He is currently in Peshawar Jail. His trail goes on in the session court.

4

Malik Zahir Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020 in a fabricated case under Sections 298-C, 295-B, PECA-11 and 109. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021 and was expected to be released in four to five days after paper formalities. On February 27, when Malik Zahir Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore team arrested him under FIR Nr. 88 as outlined in the above case, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.

As of April 30, 2022:

- 6 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- A local Ahmadi leader arrested in March 2022.
- A 65 year old Ahmadi lady and another Ahmadi were arrested under blasphemy clauses during February for allegedly tearing off an anti-Ahmadiyya poster. They both were released on bail. Their trial continues.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student is in jail under PPC 295-C (blasphemy clause).
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)

RIGHT TO VOTE FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

TO PARTAKE IN ELECTIONS AHMADI MUSLIMS ARE PLACED ON A SEPARATE ELECTORAL LISTS, THEY ARE GIVEN THE CHOICE;

1. **REMAIN ON THE LIST AND VOTE AS A NON-MUSLIM** (REQUIRES TO ACCEPT NON-MUSLIM STATUS)
2. **COME OFF THAT LIST AND VOTE AS A MUSLIM** (REQUIRES TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION)

BOTH CHOICES ARE INCONCEIVABLE TO AHMADI MUSLIMS

DECLARATIONS BY THE CANDIDATE ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

(iii) I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophet-hood of Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

[Note: This paragraph is for Muslim candidates only and is not applicable to non-Muslim candidates.]

DECLARATION AND OATH TO REGISTER AS A MUSLIM VOTER ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

I, _____ (name of the voter), do solemnly swear that I believe, in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

(Name & Signature of Voter)

NATIONALIZATION OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

- BETWEEN 1947 AND 1972, AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY OWNED AND OPERATED A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN PUNJAB, PAKISTAN. IN 1972, THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN INTRODUCED A POLICY OF NATIONALIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN. HENCE, 8 SCHOOLS AND 2 COLLEGES WERE NATIONALIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT.
- IN 1996, THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB ISSUED A NOTICE GIVING THE OWNERS OF NATIONALIZED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THE OPTION TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS UPON FULFILLMENT OF CERTAIN CRITERIA AND IN FACT RETURNED NUMEROUS OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO THEIR ORIGINAL OWNERS.
- *DESPITE FULFILLING ALL TERMS & CONDITIONS & REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY, THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN NO ACTION.*
- *THE SUPREME COURT IN ITS RULING OF FEB 22, 2000 CLEARLY STATED THAT THE OWNERSHIP OF NATIONALIZED INSTITUTIONS RESTS WITH THE ORIGINAL OWNERS. HOWEVER, THIS RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP HAS BEEN DENIED TO THE COMMUNITY DESPITE THE CLEAR VERDICT OF SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN.*
- *THE COMMUNITY THUS MOVED WRIT PETITIONS IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT. HOWEVER, THE HEARING ON THESE WRIT PETITIONS IS ALSO PENDING FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS AND THIS MATTER IS STILL LINGERING.*

SOME RELEVANT PAKISTAN PENAL CODES

Injuring or defiling places of worship, with the intent to insult the religion of any class

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Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs

295 A

Up to ten years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

295 B

Life imprisonment

Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet

295 C

Death and fine

Uttering words, etc., with the deliberate intent to injure religious feelings

298

Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

Use of derogatory remarks etc., in respect of holy personages

298 A

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles etc., reserved for certain holy personages or places, by Ahmadis

298 B

Three years' imprisonment and fine

An Ahmadi, calling himself a Muslim, or preaching or propagating his faith, or outraging the religious feelings of Muslims, or posing himself as a Muslim

298 C

Three years' imprisonment and fine

Know the Facts

SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 2 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 272 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 14 murder attempts, 2 attempts were made during March 2022
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 16 Ahmadiyya mosques have been desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities.
- 182 graves have been desecrated, 47 of these were during 2022
- 25 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws
- Sacred inscription from 16 houses and shops have been removed

AHMADI CENSORSHIP

- The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has blocked 20 non-Pakistan based foreign websites affiliated with the worldwide community and properly registered in their respective countries. PTA has also issued notices to their operators with criminal prosecution for violating Pakistan's blasphemy and anti-Ahmadiyya laws. According to PTA any website that portrays Ahmadis as Muslims will be blocked in Pakistan.
- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has ordered that Ahmadi channels (MTA) should not be carried by any distribution service licensee.
- In 1996, the government of Punjab issued a notification to return all nationalized educational institutions, that affected the community's 8 Schools and 2 colleges which were nationalized in 1972. Despite fulfilling all terms and conditions, and regardless of repeated requests and numerous reminders, the community's institutions are not denationalized.
- The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan, was charged under section PPC 298-C on Dec. 15, 1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Rabwah population is approximately 60,000.)
- The government has banned all outdoor rallies & conferences of Ahmadis in Rabwah.
- The government of Punjab has banned the publishing of the Quran and its translation
- The government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the Founder of Ahmadiyyat.
- Ahmadiyya daily newspaper and periodicals for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification.
- Authorities have prohibited sports events organized at a community level.

FROM THE MEDIA

- Hafiz Saeed sentenced to 32-years imprisonment in two cases. Fined Rs 340,000. All properties seized, as also a madrassah and a mosque.
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- FIA's cyber crime wing director (Lahore) removed. Babar Bakhat Qureshi has been directed to report to Establishment Division
The Express Tribune April 14, 2022
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The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 19, 2022
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The daily the News; Lahore, May 1, 2022
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 28, 2022
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- Russian aggression cannot be condoned: COAS ...; says Pakistan enjoys excellent strategic relationship with DC
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- Ukraine claims sinking 'pride of Russian navy'
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- Two Muslims arrested in Uttar Pradesh (India) for listening Pakistani songs
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- Madhya Pradesh: Why an Indian state is demolishing Muslim homes? The state government says these demolitions are a form of punishment
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- US report identifies wide spread rights violations in India
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- Three soldiers martyred by firing from 'across Afghan border'
The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 24, 2022
- Imran wants two million supporters to reach Islamabad
The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 28, 2022
- After Sh Rashid, Faisal Vawda and Fawad Chaudhry also threaten bloodshed and disorder if elections not held (early)
Hum News at 20:25 on April 27, 2022
- 24 law enforcement officials martyred in TTP attacks since late last month
The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 27, 2022
- Karachi: Suicidal blast. 4 killed including 3 Chinese.
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 27, 2022
- Be ready, soon I'll give you call for Islamabad: Imran Khan
- Those who wielded power, did not consider corruption bad
- Observe 27 Ramazan as the Prayer Day
TV GNN at 08:15 on Aril 22, 2022
- Imran spills the beans on 'open secret' letter
- Accuses Sharifs, Zardari et al of links with foreign forces
The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 1, 2022
- We can't allow foreign interference: Ulama Karam, Ashrafi
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 2, 2022
- PM sees 'global conspiracy' behind his ouster- Claims threats to his life, Lists three options given by establishment
The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 2, 2022
- Governor Punjab Ch. Sarwar fired; Omer Sarfraz takes over
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 4, 2022
- Daily protest will send a message to America that we are an active (Zindah) nation: Imran

Khan. If required, India can also effect regime change by spending 10-15 billion rupees

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 6, 2022

- Russia condemns US 'attempt to punish Imran'

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 6, 2022

- PM faces ignoble exit after historic ruling

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 8, 2022

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The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 30, 2022

- 'Absolutely no truth' in claims of involvement (in Pakistan regime change): US

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 10, 2022

- Shehbaz made premier as 'opposition' forms govt

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- KU attack 'final wake-up call' on crisis in Balochistan

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- Military refutes Imran's foreign plot narrative
- Suri accepts resignations of 123 PTI MNAs
- Eight soldiers martyred in North Waziristan attacks

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 15, 2022

- HRCP asks new govt to take human rights issue seriously

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- Pope makes historic apology to Canada's Indigenous for abuse

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 2, 2022

- Arooj Aftab becomes 'first ever female Pakistani' to win Grammy

<https://www.tribunindia.com>

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- Woman along with 3 children jumps into sea due poverty

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 30, 2022

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- Modi offers condolences

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, April 17, 2022

Op-ed: Imran has damaged the idea of Pakistan

... It is still early, but, at some point, Pakistanis will have to come to terms with the damage that Khan's four years of misrule did to the country. As someone who has been keenly interested in the debate around Pakistan and its genesis as a modern nation-state, I fear that the damage that Imran Khan has done to the country's national narrative will take decades to fix.... Do not expect Pakistan to turn into a normal country anytime soon. This heady mix of faux patriotism and religious populism will plague the country for decades. YLH in theprint.in/opinion/imran-has-damaged-

US scholar Knox Thames' blog

Editorial:

Anti-extremism policy

HAD there been more far-sighted policy making on the part of the state and an understanding of how religious extremism can insidiously seep into society and that the forces of radicalism can never be 'managed', we may not have come to such a pass.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 24, 2022

Op-ed: What lies ahead?

TWO hundred and thirteen. That's the number of times that Imran Khan referred to himself in his address to the nation last Thursday. His opponents shared this tally as evidence of his narcissism. The self-promotion laid bare that his key motivation has been to preserve his power, rather than serve his country.

He is not alone. As politicians across the spectrum have bribed, cajoled and negotiated a stake in whatever dispensation unfolds, they have made clear that they are driven by self-interest rather than ideology, national interest or public service. What, then, is to become of the people? ...

Our opposition parties are still dismissed by the public as chors. The prospect of their return to power is being greeted with wariness. Democracy has been reduced to a choice between thieves and madmen.

- The attitude of the Pakistani people is best summed up in the tragic decision by Nazim Jokhio's widow to pardon PPP lawmakers accused of her husband's murder. Her pardon is an acknowledgement that there is no recourse for ordinary citizens, no hope for justice. And that lack of access to justice can be extended

FROM THE MEDIA

across all arenas: no service delivery, no safety, no defence

“The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022, and promulgation thereof is declared as unconstitutional, invalid beyond reasonable doubt and it is, therefore, struck down.” ... CJ Athar Minallah also directed the Interior Ministry to probe the conduct of the officials of the Cyber Crime Wing of the Federal Investigation Agency, which had led to widespread abuse of powers and the consequent grave violations of the fundamental rights of the citizens.

The daily the News; Lahore, April 8, 2022

... So what lies ahead? Not in the narrow political sense that currently consumes us, but in the long term. What happens when 220 million people are presented with the shamefaced reality that their institutions are shambolic, their representatives purely self-serving?

... The dharnas and polls to come cannot mend this rift. A new grand bargain is urgently needed between Pakistan's ruling elites and its people, with a genuine vision for grassroots service delivery at its centre. Sadly, the lack of confidence is more widespread than the realm of parliamentary politicking.

Huma Yusuf in the daily Dawn; Lahore, April 4, 2022

Op-ed: The ‘honest’ captain myth

Imran Khan may not be a money-chaser but his lust for power makes him dangerous for Pakistan.

Imran Khan wins out on this. Chasing money is not his first priority. Of course, opponents do point to his magnificent Banigala palace, high-style living, minimal payment of personal taxes, and the doubts raised by the ECP regarding PTI's foreign funding. These are minor sins. But it is Khan's insatiable lust for power that makes him truly dangerous for this country. While money fattens individuals, absolute power brings catastrophe. Donald Trump wanted both money and power but Hitler, Stalin, Mao, and Pol Pot craved only the latter.

If parliament dismisses Khan, how will he rally his followers again? He has already revealed his strategy for the forthcoming elections: whip up xenophobic nationalism; mobilise the religious sentiment that he helped generate through encouraging TLP's anti-France anti-blasphemy agitations; and turn Pakistani against Pakistani. Pro-Khan people are patriots, those against him are traitors,

and fence sitters are, in his words, mere animals.

Pervez Hoodbhoy in the daily Dawn; April 9, 2022

Op-ed: Expecting different results...

We should all hope for a better tomorrow when we actually awaken from our slumber.

And there is reason to suspect that things are not actually turning a corner, but rather, coming full circle. Nothing has really changed since the last intervention. Our economy is still in the dumps, our currency is still losing value, no large-scale reforms have taken place, our politicians are still considered corrupt and incompetent, justice is still a pipe dream, our masses are still deprived of basic education and sustenance, and the power structures are still skewed in favour of the unelected and against the elected. ... Sadly, it's more of the same. We just fail to see it, again and again and again.

Basil Nabi Malik in the daily Dawn; April 2, 2022

Op-ed: Avec moi, le déluge

PAKISTAN is a country led by political lemmings. Driven by some primeval instinct to commit suicide, periodically they rush towards the precipice where common sense ends, and then hurl themselves into the abyss. There is no scientific explanation for their behaviour. It appears to be a neo-genetic disorder, peculiar to Islamabad.

The latest collective surge, led by the PTI alliance in government and a motley gang in opposition, has resulted in an absurd situation. As one wag put it, to avoid being thrown out of power through a no-confidence motion, PM Imran Khan had his dentist assistant dissolve the National Assembly. The opposition has approached the Supreme Court to have the Assembly restored so that they could finish the job constitutionally.

... This year is the 75th anniversary of our independence. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of our 1973 Constitution. It has been perforated by so many violations since then, that it has become a mere filigree of intent, a mere ‘scrap of paper’.

Former COAS Gen Raheel Sharif ignored it when accepting a sinecure from the Saudis. The National Assembly Speaker and his deputy have desecrated it. The former chief justice of Pakistan, approached to be the caretaker prime minister, demeans it by accepting the nomination despite the rules. PM

Imran Khan flouts it by ignoring parliament and instead gauging his majority in the streets. The Quaid bequeathed us a nation. It is bereft of leaders. Instead, we have suicidal lemmings with feet of clay and minds of mud.

F.S. Aijazuddin in the daily Dawn; Lahore, April 7, 2022

Op-ed: Courage to do justice

... However, Justice Baqar has been the torchbearer of the 'intellectual renaissance' that has characterised the court's recent jurisprudence alongside his commitment to the protection of fundamental rights.

... Departing from jurisprudence that vests the state with unbridled powers to arrest individuals on spurious charges, he argued that the deprivation of liberty before conviction is only tenable under exceptional circumstances. Justice Baqar, thus, remained an indefatigable defender of the rule of law even as some colleagues remained more invested in urban planning and water preservation albeit with little success.

Mirza Moiz Baig in the Dawn of April 3, 2022

Op-ed: The foreign intrigue card

The PM is trying to galvanise his supporters by resorting to religious and nationalist slogans.

The farce seems to have gone too far. It is neither a battle between 'good and evil', as Prime Minister Imran Khan would like us to believe, nor is it a struggle for democracy, as the combined opposition claims. We are witnessing a free play of political opportunists, fortune seekers and self-important hangers-on. It is a vicious power struggle, and for lack of alternatives we are all victims of it.

Zahid Hussain in the daily Dawn; Lahore, April 30, 2022

Editorial: Back to the pavilion

AT one point late last night, it seemed as if all the pillars of the state were on course for a catastrophic collision. Calamity seemed ready to strike at the highest levels of the state. Even with his ouster a near certainty, Mr Imran Khan seemed more than willing to turn a simple parliamentary procedure into a farce by forcing the heads of the judiciary and military, along with the entire legislature, to play along to the 'last ball' of his tiresome ruse. He was forced to finally let go just as the clock was about to run out on the day, allowing the opposi-

tion to finally have its say. And thus, in the early hours of Constitution Day, the PTI government fell not with a bang, but a whimper in the dead of the night.

When it emerged as the single largest party in the 2018 elections, the PTI had promised to be a breath of fresh air.

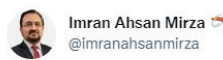
The Daily Dawn; April 10, 2022

Tweets:



(Tr.) Blasphemer Dutch MP Geeret Wilders celebrated Imran's ouster. This proves that Imran truly loves the Prophet. We all stand in solidarity with Imran Khan on the issues of Honour of Prophethood and End of Prophethood, Inshallah

Tweet by Pervez Ilahi (Speaker Punjab Assembly)



Let us see what you can do during your tenure. Let us talk about AIFazl. الفضل

Your brother's government banned this 109-year old Ahmadi newspaper published from Rabwah. !'ll measure your promise of freedom by its restoration and authorisation to operate.



MR IMRAN KHAN, HIS RULE AND THE AHMADIYYA JAMAAT IN PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN TEHRIK INSAF (PTI) led by the assumed liberal Mr. Imran Khan came to power on 17 August 2018 and formed coalition governments in the federation and provinces of Punjab, KP and Baluchistan. During the election campaign, Khan attended an End of Prophethood conference at Golra Sharif and there declared that he believed in unconditional Khatme Nabuwat (KN) and considered anyone claiming prophethood after the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to be a liar. Here was another politician ready and willing to use religious crutches for political support.

On assuming power, Khan seems to have made a policy decision that the plight of the Ahmadiyya community in the country was not an issue with him. His party thus adopted a laissez faire attitude; some of its leaders, in fact, made anti-Ahmadi statements. Mr. Azam Swati, a federal minister said in public,

"I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat."

(Azam Swati - Federal Minister PTI)



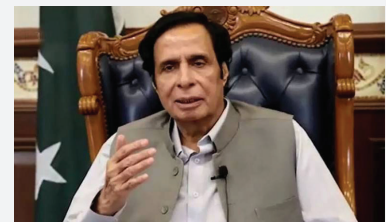
Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a minister of state termed Ahmadiyya a great mischief (fitna) and called for beheading of blasphemers.

Early in its tenure, they appointed Dr Atif Mian, a brilliant Ahmadi economist, on its 18-member Economic Advisory Council. A few weeks later, the government asked him to resign, as some clerics opposed his appointment.

In November 2018, the federal government held a major conference in Islamabad on theme: "Khatme Nabuwat and Muslims' Responsibilities". There, a Saudi-based mulla, Ahmad Ali Siraj told the prime minister from the rostrum that 1200 Companions of the Prophet were martyred in Riasat Madinah, in the name of Khatme Nabuwat (sic). He assured the PM of support if he accorded high priority to the KN issue. Khan did not refute the mulla's brazen misreading of history.

Thus, the stage was set for worsening Ahmadis' situation.

Official circles found it convenient to follow the sectarian line given by the ruing clique. In May 2020, the Punjab Assembly adopted a hostile KN resolution. The federal government declared that Ahmadis would not be nominated to the National Commission for Minorities. A Notification directed that the name of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) must be preceded by the epithet Khatam an Nabiyyeen. A major object of such measures was to make the public highly sensitive to the KN issue, while Ahmadis were not allowed to even say that they also believe in Khatme Nabuwat; their slightly different understanding of this dogma is only semantics. Mr. Pervaiz Elahi of PML-Q chaired the Punjab Assembly in this era, as PTI coalition partner. He had no qualms about exploiting religion for political gain. This Assembly, led by Elahi, went into high gear in production of religious resolutions, laws and pronouncements, never running short of capitalizing on the issue of End of Prophethood. Eventually, the PML-Q and the PTI came up with the ruling that in future, a Nikah (marriage) would be valid only if the groom,



Pervaiz Elahi (Speaker Punjab Assembly)

the bride, the witnesses, the Nikah solemnizer, as also the Registrar, all sign a Khatme Nabuwwat affidavit. The stated aim was to ensure that the groom was not a 'Qadiani'.

Mr. Pervaiz Elahi released a special video message on September 2021 to commemorate the passage of the 2nd Amendment that declared Ahmadis to be Not Muslim, and called it the Day of Tahafuz Khatme Nabuwwat. On his instance, and follow-up by the compliant PTI chief minister Mr. Usman Buzdar, the DEA Sialkot issued instructions to all the District Education Officers in August 2021 to

1. appoint only Muslim teachers to teach Arabic
2. Students be given lectures from time to time on Khatme Nabuwwat, and
3. A given cherry-picked Hadith on Khatme Nabuwwat should be displayed on prominent and safe places of schools.

Such official actions sent a clear message to all the state institutions, the mulla and the society that human and citizen rights of Ahmadis could be handily violated. This resulted in persistent and hurtful attacks on Ahmadis' freedom of worship, jobs, education, political rights, social status et al, including their personal safety.

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, head of the Pakistan Ulama Council, poses to be a tolerant mulla, but he cannot help holding back his intolerance against Ahmadis. In 2019, he made a statement in an open multi-religious meeting,

"... I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country ... I am speaking of Qadianis here. They are full of mischief. They are misleading humanity by using the name of Muslims. ...To speak against the Qadianis is religious harmony."



Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi

With such credentials, Mr. Imran Khan still appointed him The Prime Minister's Special Representative on Religious Harmony, in September 2020. Ahmadis had rarely experienced this kind of Religious Harmony at state level in the past.

During this period, **eleven Ahmadis were target-killed for their faith**, and eighty-eight suffered murderous attacks. Attacks in Peshawar, where PTI ruled, were brazen as never before. For instance, Mr. Tahir Naseem, a former Ahmadi, a US citizen was murdered on July 29, 2020 in a courtroom in the presence of the judge. The killer killed him assuming that he was an Ahmadi.

In the same city, someone shot dead Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, an Ahmadi, aged 61. Five weeks later, gangsters, perhaps of the same group, shot his brother Mr. Gulzar Ahmad. Ahmad was hit five times. Professor Dr. Naeem Khattak was shot dead while driving. Elderly Mehboob Khan was shot dead at a bus stop. Early in 2021, Homeopath Abdul Qadir was killed in his Peshawar clinic. It is noteworthy that in most cases, Ahmadis had been threatened on social media prior to the attacks, and the killers had brazenly posted their own phone numbers. Authorities took no effective measures to pursue and deter the grisly gang. In addition to target killing, the opponents mounted numerous assaults on Ahmadis for their faith; these fortunately did not result in homicide. Unidentified men fired at Ahmadis' homes in Bazid Khel, Peshawar at about 1 a.m. night on March 12, 2021. Families of Messrs. Arshad Iqbal, Ruhul Amin and Sahibzada Muhammad Rafiq reside there. Nine shots hit Mr. Arshad's home while the other two were shot at four/five times. The aim was to make Ahmadis flee from their ancestral homes. The authorities did little to support or protect the targeted families.

Next, the PTI regime in the Punjab not only did not ensure the sanctity of **Ahmadiyya mosques**, its administration and police supported religious thugs in their persistent attacks on Ahmadiyya worship and freedom of religion. During this period, 26 Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship were partly destroyed, defaced, defiled, sealed, handed over to others, were ordered to be closed, attacked or kept under surveillance by the opponents, were threatened through police interference, subjected to litigation, or their repairs/construction had to be stopped on orders. In most cases, all that a mulla had to do was to spend one rupee for a sheet of paper to forward an application to the local SHO/DSP who would do the rest. Surely, nowhere else in the world, a state or society has recently undertaken such aggression against places of worship.

Just a glimpse of what went on to violate Ahmadis' worship places. In 2019, Mr. Ashiq, a KN mulla approached Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur with complaint that Ahmadis had provided a niche in their place of worship in Chak 161 Murad; it should be removed. The careerist DC, feeling nery, told the

Assistant Commissioner to undertake the sacrilege 'earliest'. The AC arrived at the scene along with labor and machinery, but no official warrant. At about 3:30 p.m. on October 25, the Ahmadiyya mosque was partially destroyed under the supervision of the official and the police.

The campaign to forbid Ahmadis to undertake **animal sacrifice (Qurbani) at their Eid festival** gained momentum. At various locations in the Punjab, the police wrongfully restricted Ahmadis from this ritual, even arrested them. In 2021, the police registered three criminal cases in Rabwah in this context. This had never happened before.

Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act had been passed in 2016. The first drop of this poisonous rain fell on Ahmadis in PTI regime when on June 20, 2019 an Ahmadi was charged and arrested for sharing on-line translation of the Holy Quran with someone. **Since then twenty-three Ahmadis were booked and seven arrested under this law.**

In an FIR, FIA's Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore booked an Ahmadi teacher and added to the charge sheet PPC 295-B for which the penalty is life imprisonment. The PTI government's message of discrimination against Ahmadis was clearly understood by the administration and the police. One outcome of this was registration of fabricated police cases against them. **During this regime, 48 police cases were registered based on religion against 193 Ahmadis under clauses which include penalties of long imprisonment, life imprisonment — even death.**

Ahmadis were booked and prosecuted maliciously and persistently. **Mr. Ali Kalaar, a 70-year old Ahmadi** was booked for alleged blasphemy in 2021. He applied for bail. While incarcerated, his health worsened and he vomited blood. He died in hospital on January 10, 2022, fifteen weeks after arrest. **Mr. Akbar Ali**, another Ahmadi, died of heart attack while in custody, on February 16, 2021 in District Nankana, the Punjab. He was one of the three accused against whom Adil Riaz, the magistrate had wrongfully applied blasphemy Sections 295-C and 295-B PPC.

In most of the cases, the police acted as a tool of the mulla. FIA (Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore) kept a mulla happy, brother of the influential Hafiz Ashrafi. Quite unjustifiably, the police booked Ahmadis under numerous clauses, including the most severe blasphemy clauses, as also under PPC 295-A which enables the police to push the accused to a special Anti-terrorism Court. The police felt free to include the names of senior Ahmadi leadership in the FIRs. Tyranny — pure and simple.

For instance, Ahmadis run a **primary school** in Allahabad Draishak, District Rajanpur, Punjab. Children are admitted there regardless of caste or creed. A mulla contacted the DC accusing the management falsely of preaching Ahmadiyyat there. On orders from seniors, the police sealed the school and booked six Ahmadis, including the District Amir and the Director of Ahmadiyya Education in Pakistan. The clauses applied included those that prescribe life imprisonment as penalty and the facility of trial in an anti-Terrorism Court.



Usman Buzdar (Chief Minister Punjab)

The Punjab Government led by PTI's Buzdar dithered wherever and whenever the mulla intervened in official business concerning Ahmadis. For example, in the face of nominal protests of petty clerics and bigots, the provincial head-office posted a local government official, an Ahmadi, **Mr. Shaukat Majoka**, from Bhakar to Khanewal, then to Raheem Yar Khan, then to Chakwal, thereafter to Fateh Jang, then to Noorpur Thal, thereafter to Mianwali, then to Rawalpindi, then to Lahore head-office, thereafter to Khushab, and eventually again to Lahore within a few months. Unbelievable, but true. No wonder, hardly a tear was shed when

Mr. Buzdar the chief minister was sent packing at short notice in April 2022.

Another sample case. **Ms. Ramzan Bibi** of District Nankana, an Ahmadi woman donated Rs 250 to the local non-Ahmadiyya mosque. They refused it. This resulted in dispute, even quarrel in which Ms. Bibi was injured. The opposition fabricated a blasphemy accusation against her which the police accepted without due and fair inquiry. Ms. Bibi was arrested under the deadly Blasphemy charge and sent to a lock-up. This was first ever such case, as no Ahmadi woman was arrested even during the oppressive Zia regime. A few months later, she was released on bail — thanks to the caring judge.

Even dead Ahmadis were not spared. **Desecration of Ahmadis' graves** by the authorities at various locations became routine during this regime. For instance, in Trigari, District Gujranwala, on 13/14 July 2020, in compliance with mullas' demand the police destroyed 67 Ahmadiyya tombstones. In all, the authorities defiled and desecrated **374 graves** during this regime — a grand total that could surely find

a place in the Guinness World Records. Only four days before this ignoble regime ended, it managed to vandalize 43 gravestones of Ahmadis in Pero, District Sialkot. The Assistant Commissioner (Daska) and the SHO Motra were present at the site to supervise the depravity.

Judiciary's conduct worsened in this period. Firstly, it became more difficult for Ahmadis to avail bail even at the high court level, as the state prosecutors would oppose the grant of bail. Those who murdered Ahmadis for faith, in broad daylight, were acquitted by trial courts — thanks to poor prosecution. Responding to the political climate, two judges of AJK High Court, in January 2020 ordered that separate voter-lists, political rights and records be kept of 'Qadianis'. Justice Farooq Haider of LHC found it convenient to endorse that PPC 295-C (penalty of death) and PPC 295-B (penalty of life imprisonment) be added to the charge sheet of Ahmadis who had a copy of the Holy Quran in their mosque on whose wall the Kalima was written. The PTI-appointed Advocate General of the Punjab found this entirely acceptable, and Ahmadis had to themselves knock at the door of the Supreme Court to have this unjust ruling quashed.

As for the anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign, it has always been vast, but this regime encouraged it by example, to reach a new height. Ahmadi-bashers put up a huge banner in Lahore with threat in bold letters that for any changes to the 1973 Constitution,

“Chenab Nagar will be colored red with the blood of Qadianis and the world will forget even Tamerlane”. (see picture)



To make it brief, we mention here in single sentences some of the excesses meted out to Ahmadis in the PTI rule. A PTI Special Committee issued instructions to re-impose ban on Ahmadiyya Community's daily Al-Fazl. A school administration in District Khushab told nine Ahmadi children to leave. PEMRA ordered distribution service licensees in May 2020 that they shall not carry any Ahmadiyya TV channel. Three top international NGOs took notice of attacks on Ahmadis and conveyed their special concern to the government of Pakistan who paid little attention to it. The official PTA sent a notice to the Wikipedia, concerning an Ahmadiyya mention. It also sent a prosecution notice to two US Ahmadis of Pakistan origin, on their role in a US-based site that allegedly violated Pakistan's blasphemy laws. A Punjab provincial authority issued orders for an official's removal for being an Ahmadi. The Punjab Police raided numerous Ahmadis' homes in many districts and effaced or destroyed pious writings written there. A mulla-led group attacked an Ahmadi woman's funeral procession, and the police accepted all their demands except her disinterment. In the Punjab Assembly, members repeatedly sent curses on the Founder of the Ahmadi Community — unbelievable.

This Ahmadi-specific report is indicative of the state of the state and society during this regime. An explosion was expected. On December 3, 2021, a mob lynched Sri Lankan Mr. Kumara in Sialkot, and set alight his body for alleged blasphemy. This shocked and shamed the nation.

The Punjab became the epicenter of malgovernance. Damaging and defacing Ahmadiyya mosques and demolition of Ahmadiyya gravestones encouraged the PTI to be autocratic sans limite. They changed 5 Inspector Generals (Police) and six Chief Secretaries to pressurize these senior civil servants to tow the political line. Even one day prior to their collapse they changed the IGP and the CS.

However, the malady is now deeply ingrained, and there is no commitment nor political will to bring about a real Change. The captain who had come to power on promise of Change (Tabdeeli) failed to deliver. In fact, he, from his first day in PM office, decided that, as for Ahmadis were concerned, there would be no Change. If at all, any change for worse would be quite acceptable. After 44 months, enough was enough; nature and destiny took over, and pushed out the incumbent from the PM office on April 10, 2022, caring little for the hue and cry of the self-seeking delinquent, full of air.

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT IS A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATION, INTERNATIONAL IN CHARACTER, WITH ESTABLISHED BRANCHES IN OVER 210 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IN ASIA, AFRICA, THE AMERICAS, EUROPE AND AUSTRALIA. IT HAS TENS OF MILLIONS OF MEMBERS WORLDWIDE AND IS GROWING. THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY WAS FOUNDED IN 1889 BY HADRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD OF QADIAN, ON TEACHINGS THAT HE SAW AS AN EMBODIMENT OF THE BENEVOLENT MESSAGE OF ISLAM: PEACE, UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, AND SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD. HE CLAIMED TO BE THE LATTER-DAY MESSIAH AND REFORMER AWAITED IN LEADING WORLD RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD. HE OPPOSED VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF ADVANCING RELIGION AND REJECTED TERRORISM IN ANY FORM OR FOR ANY REASON.

DECLARING AHMADIS AS NON-MUSLIMS

THE PAKISTANI RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT BRANDS THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY HERETICAL IN NATURE AND DOES NOT APPROVE OF ITS REFORMATORY NATURE. POLITICIANS HAVE ALSO FOUND IT EXPEDIENT TO SUPPORT THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT IN THEIR ANTI-AHMADIYYA STANCE. THE FIRST COUNTRYWIDE WAVE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE COMMUNITY ERUPTED IN 1953. FOLLOWING THE EXTENSIVE RIOTS, AN IN-DEPTH JUDICIAL INQUIRY BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND A JUDGE OF LAHORE HIGH COURT FOUND POLITICS TO BE THE MAIN CAUSE OF DISTURBANCES. MANY YEARS LATER, IN 1974, MR ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, THE THEN PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN, FOUND IT POLITICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE AHMADIS DECLARED A NON-MUSLIM MINORITY, WHICH IN PAKISTAN IS A FORM OF SECOND RATE CITIZENSHIP. IT WAS A UNIQUE INNOVATION; WHILE OTHER NON-MUSLIM RELIGIOUS GROUPS, LIKE CHRISTIANS AND HINDUS, WERE NON-MUSLIM MINORITY BY THEIR PROFESSION, AHMADIS WERE FORCIBLY DECLARED A NON-MUSLIM MINORITY THROUGH LEGISLATION.


ORDINANCE XX

FOLLOWING BHUTTO'S LEAD, GENERAL ZIA UL HAQ, THE MILITARY DICTATOR OF PAKISTAN FROM 1977 TO 1988, TRIED TO COURT EXTREMISTS BY PROMULGATING THE NOTORIOUS ANTI-AHMADIYYA ORDINANCE XX IN 1984. THE ORDINANCE ADDED SECTIONS 298-B AND 298-C TO THE PAKISTAN PENAL CODE. THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE, THE RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AHMADIS WERE DIRECTLY VIOLATED. UNDER ITS PROVISIONS, AHMADIS COULD BE IMPRISONED FOR THREE YEARS AND FINED AN ARBITRARY AMOUNT FOR ORDINARY EXPRESSION OF THEIR FAITH. ADDITIONALLY, TO PROHIBIT AHMADIS FROM PROSELYTIZING, IT EXPRESSLY FORBADE THEM FROM CERTAIN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND THE USAGE OF ISLAMIC TERMINOLOGY. THIS ORDINANCE EFFECTIVELY MAKES A CRIMINAL OUT OF EVERY AHMADI BY INCLUDING THE BROAD PROVISION OF "POSING AS A MUSLIM" A COGNIZABLE OFFENCE, GIVING THE EXTREMISTS À CARTE BLANCHETO TERRORIZE AHMADIS WITH THE BACKING OF THE STATE.


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