

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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Candid op-ed by a 'Non-Qadiani'

Mr. Yasser Latif Hamdani wrote the following in the *Daily Times*:

"... Below all of these groups (5 levels of religious minorities in Pakistan) is the Ahmadi community. First stripped of their Muslim identity and forcibly declared a minority, they are now virtually non-citizens. It is argued that this denial of citizenship is because they do not accept themselves as Non-Muslims and therefore by extension do not accept the Constitution of Pakistan. Ahmadis have never broken the law and have accepted even the most unjust of laws against them. As far as their right not to think that they are non-Muslims, that is a right granted by Article 20 of the Constitution. Disagreeing with any part of the constitution is not disobedience to the constitution. That is what the amendment process is for.

"... I can only ask those who are leading us to the precipice of a great disaster to cry halt before it is too late and Pakistan stands forever sullied in human history like Nazi Germany. Let us build Pakistan on the basis of what Jinnah said on 11 August, a country which does not discriminate nor allows discord on the basis of faith. Let us tear down these distinctions and make Pakistan a state that the posterity will bless not curse."

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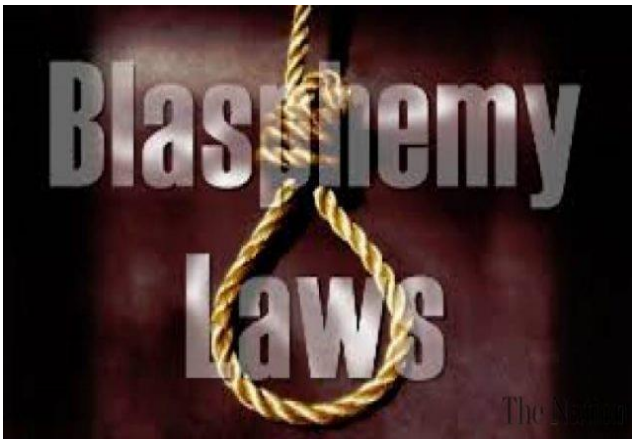
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Venerable Ahmadi woman arrested on fabricated blasphemy charge in District Nankana, Punjab

120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana; April 30, 2020: A fabricated police case was registered here against Ms. Ramzan Bibi under blasphemy clause PPC 295-C. She was arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhpura. She is fifty-five years old.



According to the details, mother of Rana Munir Ahmad, an Ahmadi elder, sent some money for the village mosque (of non-Ahmadis), which they did not accept and returned. At this, Ms. Ramzan Bibi (Mrs. Munir Ahmad) asked her non-Ahmadi relative Amjad Abbas, who later became plaintiff of the case, about sending the donation back. In reply, he badmouthed and abused. Some relatives of Ramzan Bibi were also there, they tried to stop him. The situation worsened and a fight ensued. Ramzan Bibi also got injured.

When mullas came to know of the incident they telephoned the District Police Officer (DPO), gave it a religious colour, and alleged that Ramzan Bibi committed blasphemy. The DPO formed a committee comprising the villagers. Some of the villagers arranged false statement on oath from a person against Ramzan Bibi.

Rana Munir Ahmad got his wife's medical examination done and went to the police

station for registration of a police case, but the police detained them.

Amjad took the following stand against Ms. Ramzan in his application filed with the SHO, "Today on 30.04.2020, this complainant along with his wife Bushra went out for wheat harvesting. Near the pond next to the house, the accused Ramzan Bibi called this complainant and said that she had sent Rs. 250 for the mosque through her mother-in-law at the occasion of *Shabe Baraat*, which the complainant returned. At this, the complainant told the accused that he did not return the money but other people did who have built the mosque. The accused sarcastically said that you are a great Muslim! Your elders are buried in our graveyard. This Coronavirus has come because of the fateful prayer of our Imam Mahdi. One who does not believe in Imam Mahdi is greatly cursed. Our Prophet is superior to your Prophet. Your Prophet is cursed (God forbid), and our Prophet is a thousand times better. During this conversation, while the accused blasphemed the Holy Prophet, my wife Bushra and Dildar son of Ata Muhammad, the villagers were also present. Some people assembled there. Then I narrated this whole incident to a villager Ashiq Hussain s/o Muhammad Siddique of my village. The accused Ramzan Bibi blasphemed the Holy Prophet, and not only committed a crime but also hurt sentiments of the entire Muslim Ummah. Action should be taken against her by registering a police case."

The police registered a case against Ramzan Bibi with FIR Nr 275/20 in Police Station Sadr Sangla Hill on April 30, 2020 under the dreaded blasphemy clause PPC 295-C and arrested her. She is now in Central Jail, Sheikhpura.

It can be stated with confidence that the blasphemous sentences contained in Amjad Abbas's statement above are pure lies and fabrication because these go against the fundamental belief of Ahmadis, and no Ahmadi would even think of uttering them.

It is common practice in rural Punjab that witnesses make false statements on oath before the police and in courts to worsen the other party with whom they got involved in an altercation or

fight. The police and judiciary are well aware of this contemptible practice.

Arrest of an Ahmadi lady under PPC 295-C is the first ever such act of tyranny since the promulgation of Ordinance XX. The authorities played no role in assessing and rejecting false allegations; in fact they seem to have welcomed them to register the FIR to calm down the likely mild unrest.

Note: We should have posted this story in last month's report but we withheld it hoping that senior administration and police would take firm measures to step back from this highly self-damaging and fabricated case against a woman, but with little progress over weeks we regret to have to make the facts known to all concerned.

Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department raids the house of an Ahmadi missionary in Lahore

Hasan Muawiyah, younger brother of Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman Mutahidda Ulama



Hasan Muawiyah

Board of the Punjab, is working behind the scenes to incite hatred and contempt against Ahmadis and implicate them in police cases.

On May 26, 2020, Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department that works under the Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of an Ahmadi missionary, Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore. He was with his parents to celebrate *Eid ul Fitr*, the Islamic festival

marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Rohan Ahmad, 30, was arrested and is currently held at Camp Jail, Lahore. An FIR Nr. 29/2020 was registered against him at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing under PPC 295-B, 298-C, 120B, 109, 34 R/W 2016-PECA-11. If declared guilty, he could be imprisoned for life.

The raid was conducted after Muhammad Shakil Advocate S/o Muhammad Amin of Prem Gali, Gawal Mandi Lahore submitted a complaint to the Deputy Director Cyber Crimes Lahore, alleging that on September 30, 2019 he had received a WhatsApp message asking him to take part in a Quiz program and a General Knowledge competition launched by the Majlis Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya Pakistan, a youth organization of the Ahmadiyya Community, and that the phone number from which this message was sent was traced to be of Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi missionary working at Rabwah.

The complainant, Muhammad Shakil, further alleged that he received 4-5 SMS messages as well from the same number the very next day, i.e. October 1, 2019. The complainant also said that he also received a link to a website which contained copies of *Ruhani Khazain* the books of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and *Tafseer-i-Saghir* a translation and short commentary of the Holy Quran by the second successor of the founder of Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Muhammad Shakil stated in his application that when he opened the link, he found the aforesaid books to be containing materials that were blasphemous to Islam and the Prophet of Islam. In addition, he said that he also found the books to comprise interpolations in the verses of the Holy Quran.



It is important to note that the mobile phone number 0336-0639147, mentioned in the FIR to be in use of the complainant Muhammad Shakil Advocate, has been previously used by Hasan Muawiyah, the well-known opponent of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan. He is younger brother of Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi. The above-mentioned number has already been traced to have been in the possession of and to have been used by Hasan Muawiyah for a number of years. It would thus be fair to conclude that the number is used by various people and mentioned as the phone of the complainants in the FIRs against Ahmadis.

It is also important to mention here that an anti-terror court judge of Lahore, Mr. Haroon Latif Khan, observed in a case filed by another complainant, but it was being attended and followed up by Hasan Muawiyah, that **‘Hasan Muawiyah has made it point to register false cases against members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and thus harass them and subject them to undue punishments and imprisonments’**.

This time again, having received utterly false and baseless information against Rohan Ahmad and a few other members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, the FIA obtained permission from a magistrate to raid the house of Mr. Rohan Ahmad. The officials who conducted the raid were not clad in uniform. Only one policeman was clad in his official uniform while the others wore plain clothes. They knocked at the door of the house of Rohan Ahmad, and when his brother came out, the FIA officials, with faces covered by masks, forcibly entered the house. The family thought some robbers had entered their house, so the women and children shut themselves up in a room while the FIA officials searched the house and took into custody a number of books written by the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and other scholars of the community. The FIA officials also subjected Mr. Rohan Ahmad to torture and confiscated not only his laptop, mobile phone, and a tablet but also the mobile phones of other family members. Additionally,

the FIA officials harassed the members of his family and issued unwarranted threats to them. Later, they took Mr. Rohan Ahmad to the FIA Head Office in Shadman, Lahore, whereafter he was taken to the Camp Jail, Lahore.

According to the FIA, Mr. Rohan Ahmad allegedly admitted that he had shared some of the above mentioned materials on Google drive. The information, he said, was meant for Ahmadi youth only. It is both interesting and weird that the said material had been shared on the App last year in September-October but a case has been registered now — after about eight months.

The FIR registered against Mr. Rohan Ahmad makes a number of false and unfounded allegations. For instance, it says that as per the statement of Mr. Rohan Ahmad, the material that he shared through Google drive was organized and prepared by Syed Khalid Ahmad, Mirza Fazal Ahmad and Malik Khalid Masood who are senior office-bearers of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Pakistan. This is pure fabrication. Also the statement that Ahmadiyya books are blasphemous to Islam and the Holy Prophet is pure nonsense. The complainant did not quote any text.

Other members of the Community leadership who have been nominated in the FIR as accused along with Mr. Rohan Ahmad are Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, Additional Secretary for Education in Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya Pakistan, a youth organization of the Community, Malik Usman Ahmad and Salik Ahmad who is the national President of the said youth organization. All this naming is *malafide*, of course.

It is known that Hasan Muawiyah has been, for many years, at the forefront of anti-Ahmadiyya activism in Pakistan. He has incited several people to lodge false complaints against innocent Ahmadis under sections 295-C and 295-B and other such clauses that entail lengthy and painful punishments for Ahmadis living in Pakistan. Numerous false and baseless criminal cases have been registered against Ahmadis on behest of Hasan Muawiyah. He has also founded a Lawyers Forum that incites hatred against

Ahmadi lawyers in particular and Ahmadis in general. The complainant, Muhammad Shakil Advocate who has filed this case is also a member of the said Lawyers Forum of Hasan Muawiyah.

It is now well-known that Hasan Muawiyah has connections in many state institutions, through his brother mulla Tahir Ashrafi. He uses these connections to persecute Ahmadis in Pakistan. Currently, he is systematically using the Cyber Crimes Wing of the FIA to prosecute Ahmadis across the country under false charges and allegations.

Under these circumstances, it is fair to say that Hasan Muawiyah has been and continues to be instrumental in registration of baseless cases against innocent and peace-loving Ahmadis. His brother Ashrafi, paid over-flowingly from state funds, is involved, indirectly. It is high time that Muawiyah is stopped from following this heinous sectarian practice, and is reprovved and taken to task for the hatred and animosity that he generates in general public against a peaceful and law-abiding religious community of Pakistan. He is an extremist and sectarian who practices terror and malice against the innocent. The authorities should not support goons like Muawiyah who are committed activists against human rights, freedom of religion, tolerance and the framework of democracy.

Authorities order shut-down of cable distribution of Ahmadiyya TV channels

Islamabad; May 28, 2020: Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has ordered that Ahmadi channels including MTA, MTA-1, MTA-1-Al-Awla, Ahmedia-1 (Urdu) etc. should not be carried by any distribution service licensee. “In case of violation, stern legal action must be initiated against the violator including but not limited to seizure of complete equipment besides initiating process for cancellation of its license in accordance with

law,” the order added. Copy of the PEMRA order is placed at Annex I.

This time, someone, Mirza Farooq Haider, based reportedly in New Jersey USA, is responsible for initiating this iniquitous action by PEMRA Pakistan.



As per our information, Mirza Farooq Haider lodged an application with chairman of PEMRA, Islamabad for ban on the MTA and legal action against

Managing Director Ahmadiyya channels, local cable operator, and distributors/installers. This bigot took stand in his application that, he is the chairman of Fourth Pillar Vigilant Media Watchdog; Pakistan is an Islamic country and every Muslim has belief and faith that Hadhrat Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is the last messenger and prophet. One who disbelieves in the end of Prophethood (*Khatme Nabuwwat*) is an infidel (*kafir*) and an apostate (*murtad*). “As according to the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Penal Code no Qadiani can declare himself a Muslim nor can he preach his faith; if he violates the said section, he is found guilty,” he wrote.

He further stated that Qadianis are broadcasting their channels on prime location on Asia Satellite. On this prime location different Pakistan Muslim channels (sic) like ARY Digital, Zindagi etc. and entertainment and informative channels for children are also being broadcast. Children tune Qadiani channel while watching these channels, which shows programs against the end of prophethood and attempts to mislead innocent children and the younger generation. Asia Sat is a Singapore company. Qadianis feed their different channels through this. Qadianis’ company *Alshirkatul Islamia* has its ownership. MTA head office is based in UK; in Pakistan its office is in Rabwah, he added.

Mr. Haider demanded immediate closure of Ahmadiyya channels’ broadcast. He also asked

PEMRA that houses where satellite boxes of Qadiani channels were installed should be seized. PEMRA found it convenient to comply with Haider's demand, and issued orders to cable operators to not carry those channels.

Here we show the other side of the picture. At present there are eight MTA channels that cover almost the whole world. Other than Pakistan, it is a rare country that finds MTA transmissions objectionable. MTA's programs promote moral and spiritual values and are designed to educate Ahmadis and those who opt to view these programs. Its programs are broadcast in most of the major language of the world and also in important regional dialects. In some countries, including the West, some MTA programs are broadcast through local TV channels. Ahmadiyya teachings are known to promote tolerance, peace and religious harmony; opposition to all forms of terrorism is at the top of this list. MTA channels thus play an important role in promoting peace worldwide. Of course, these also provide an important link between top leadership and members of the community, which is their basic human right. Closing down their distribution in Pakistan is a violation of principles laid down in Universal Declaration of Human Rights and also of basic and essential Freedoms of Thought, Conscience, Religion and Expression upheld in the Constitution of Pakistan.

It is indeed sad and highly improper of the DG (Operation — Distribution) PEMRA to readily yield to demands of a few bigots and deprive Ahmadi citizens of their basic right to watch their community TV channels. In fact, PEMRA would do well to reconsider its policy regarding MTA and include it in the list of legal channels. Pakistan is a signatory to international instruments like UDHR, ICCPR and ICESR etc., and the world community holds it accountable for its commitments. Promotion of freedom of faith and expression is in the long-term interest of Pakistan, regardless of what the right wing extremists demand.

Punjab Assembly adopts End of Prophethood (*Khatme Nabuwwat* - KN) resolution

Lahore; May 12, 2020: Punjab Assembly unanimously adopted two resolutions including one related to *Khatme Nabuwwat* (End of Prophethood).

This news report is compiled from media reports in the following:

1. The daily Dawn of May 13, 2020
2. The News International of May 13, 2020
3. The Nation of May 13, 2020
4. <http://dour21global.ssl.fastly.net/a/resolution-against-qadiani-community>

The Assembly session was presided by Speaker Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, while Minister for Mines and Minerals Hafiz Ammar Yasir, also of PML-Q, presented the resolution.



The resolution included the following (extracts):

“This House appreciates the federal cabinet which has not included the Qadianis in the Minority Commission because neither the Qadianis recognize the Constitution of Pakistan nor accept themselves as non-Muslim minority.

“This House reiterates that every other day one or other issue is raised about *Namoos-e-Risalat* (PBUH); one time Hajj Form is changed and another time word *Khatman Nabiyeen* (PBUH) is omitted from the books but until today no action has been taken against these conspirators. Pakistan is an Islamic country but we have to beg for *Tahaffuz-e-Khatam-e-Nabuwwat* (PBUH), this is shameful for all of us. The House

demands the federal government that this process should be ended. Those people who are involved in these conspiracies they should be exposed and given stringent punishment.

“This House demands that if the head of the Qadianis sends in writing that they recognize the Constitution of Pakistan and accept themselves as non-Muslim then we will have no objection to their sitting in the Minority Commission; matter of *Khatam-e-Nabuwat* is a red line for us, there is nothing else more for us than *Tahaffuz-e-Khatam-e-Nabuwat*, *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Risalat* (PBUH), *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Ashaab-e-Rasool*, *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Ahle Bait Athar* and *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Ummahatul Momineen*; everything of ours is sacrificed on them, there should be no ambiguity on this.”

Speaker Ch. Pervaiz Elahi said that *Khatam-e-Nabuwat* (PBUH) is part of our faith, our life is sacrificed on the Holy Prophet (PBUH); until the Qadianis do not accept themselves as non-Muslims they cannot be accepted as a minority. Afterwards, the resolution was unanimously passed.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/657993-pa-passes-namoos-risalat-resolution>

And consider, the Founding Father said that Pakistan would not be a theocratic state.

Mr. Salimuddin, spokesperson for Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan stated that the Resolution was regrettable and it was inappropriate to move such a resolution in these time. While talking to VOA, the spokesperson said that if these issues are raised by the government in such high forums, one can assess the aftereffects in general public. He mentioned that the government first took a stand on MCP, then made a U-turn, while his community had nothing to do with it, nor had made any proposal to the government in this regard. He made it clear that Ahmadi community will not join any minorities' commission. A provincial minister had unnecessarily agitated this issue and given it a twist; this is regrettable, he said.

Dr Mehdi Hasan, Chair of the non-government Human Rights Commission of

Pakistan HRCP opined that the head of the present government is not much experienced in political matters. He stated that Imran Khan frequently refers to religion in political and national matters; this affects his party and the government. In fact, (consequently) there is no space for Qadianis in Pakistan. He said that numerous excesses have been committed against Qadianis; they have suffered terrorist attacks; a large number of them have emigrated, while the life of the rest left behind is highly problematic.

Administration and Mullas desecrate gravestone of an Ahmadi

Shaukatabad Colony, District Nankana; May 26, 2020: Aproximately fifty persons including police and district administration accompanied by mullas visited Shaukatabad Colony, District Nankana. They proceeded to the grave of an Ahmadi Mr. Nafir Ahmad s/o Muhammad Sharif. The grave is located at the land of his brother Dr. Shamoan Ahmad. The police and the mullas cut off and took away with them the tombstone on which the creed (*Kalima Tayyaba*) and Divine attributes O the Ever-Living (*Ya Hayyu*) and O the Sustainer (*Ya Qayyum*) were written.

Two hateful videos on social media

May 2020: Two specially prepared videos are in circulation these days; one is Ahmadi-specific, while the other refers to Ahmadis only to promote greater hate against the intended targets — the political elite families in Pakistan. The common feature in the twin is promotion of hate against Ahmadis, regardless of facts and national and communal interest. The moral fiber of both the producers is evil and dishonorable. Below we report the essentials of the contents of these videos.

I. Ahmadis and Israel

The producer knows that Pakistani Muslims feel very hostile towards Israel to the extent of hating the Israelis. He has used this depot of hate to target Pakistani Ahmadis by fabricating similarities between Ahmadis and Israeli Jews. He makes the following points:

- Ahmadis have established the town of Rabwah, from where they, with the co-operation of enemies of Pakistan, can destroy Pakistan.
- While establishing this town, Muslims were denied to buy a residential plot here. (*Wrong; Non-Ahmadi tradesmen were invited to have homes in Rabwah on the condition that they would abide by the building rules.*)
- Rabwah has become a state within a state. (*A lie*)
- The lease for Rabwah will expire in 2047, and as the people of Pakistan will not allow renewal of this lease, Ahmadis are purchasing land in the area at high prices to have another estate (*In fact there is no lease that will expire in 2047; it is fabrication.*)
- Farm lands are being bought extensively (*dhara dhar*). Ahmadis have reached up to Sargodha. The new city will be named Ahmad Nagar. (*White lie; Ahmadis have not purchased even 1% of land from Rabwah to Sargodha in the past 72 years.*)
- Jews purchased land in Palestine; now they own most of the land in that country. They indulge in genocide of Muslim Palestinians. They bombard them so as to kill all Muslims, so as to occupy all the land in Palestine. We shall have to stop (here) creation of another Israel. (*The producer has added pictures of Israel, Jews, the Wailing Wall to convince buffoons.*)
- Anti-Pakistan nations are paying Qadianis huge amount of money to buy this land. (*Rubbish, of course.*)

- Islamic history is loaded with evidence that Muslim states could not be broken up by external attack; they were destroyed only through internal subversion. This formula is being applied to Pakistan. (*Half-truth!*)
- I have never asked the viewers in the past to 'forward' my videos, but this time I urge you to forward this one, so that it reaches the top rulers for them to assess the internal threat to Pakistan.

It should be mentioned that the producer has not hesitated to include some fake photos in his video.

One had read about the Nazi propaganda machine of 1930's; it seems that the evil of this devil could match theirs, if circumstances allow. The duration of this video is 3:54; its displayed trade mark is (dp) and the speaker is a male.

II. The ruling elite of Pakistan

The producer of this video starts off with the family of Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi the current Foreign Minister of Pakistan, and the family of Hardhat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani the holy founder of Ahmadiyya denomination. We'll come to that at the end.

The producer moves on to mention numerous leading political families of Pakistan. He mentions their services to the British Raj and the consequential awards, perks, grants and benefactions of the Raj to them in return.

The producer mentions numerous facts at his disposal — of course not the whole truth. The mentioned families include Gilanis of Multan, elders of Chaudhary Nisar Ali, Hamid Nasir Chattha, Khurshid Qasuri, Syed Fakhar Imam, Nawabzada Nasrullah, the tribal elders of Murrees, Bugtis and Mazaris; he talks of Diwan Aashiq Ali, Nawab Kala Bagh, Sh Imam Din of Lahore; he takes on Gardezis, Mazaris and Bajaranis of Rajanpur, Pir of Makkan (!) Sharif, Qazalbashes of Lahore, Tiwanas of Sargodha, Sardars of Jhang, Khokhars of Pind Dadan Khan, Pirs of Makkhad Sharif, Niazis, and in general all the Nawabs and Waderas.

The producer accuses them (of course, not all committing all these wrongs) of supporting the British with manpower and horses, killing Mujahideen, fighting against Muslim and Hindu freedom fighters, etc.

In return, these families were granted Jagirs, Titles, high ranks, tax collection authority (*Taalluqah Dari*) of numerous villages, annual grants, Robes (*Khilaat*), Pensions etc. The British imposed them on people to keep them under control. They opened special schools and colleges to educate their children so that they could be entrusted with government jobs to administer the country in British interest; some of these youth were facilitated to receive higher education in England.

At the start of the video, he condemns Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi's family and puts them in the same league as that of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani. While Qureshi's family remains imposed on people, a false prophet (*kazzab*) was provided to the people in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani whose progeny remains imposed on us in the form of *Mirzais* (Ahmadis), the narrator twists.

The producer does not mention any perk, title, grant or pension awarded to Mirza *Sahib* (because none was asked, nor awarded), but by mention of the two families in the same breath, he achieved his object of promoting hate against Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi that was his prime object. While describing Mr. Qureshi, he talks of British and American interests, refers to his drinking habit and socializing with Western women.

We, being non-political, reserve our comment on the absurdity or validity of this video, but we do point to its unethical and deceitful linkage with the person of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani who was a religious divine, a great teacher of moral and spiritual excellence and very distant from worldly worths.

The producer has chosen not to identify himself, but he seems to own abundance of historic archives, and finds it advantageous to discredit leading political families on grounds,

fair or foul. The video's length is 8:19 minutes, and the narrator is a woman.

Our only comment is to humbly point out that production and circulation of such videos is not in the long-term national interest of Pakistan, especially these days when the nation needs unity and fraternity to fight the Covid-19 and cope with the highly vulnerable state of the state.

It would be appropriate to rise above the ground level happening of this case and look at the whole scene. It is well-known that after decades of unpleasant and hurtful experience, the Pakistan state and the international community have finally and visibly come to the conclusion that it is in everybody's interest that Pakistan suppresses violent radicalism, fights against terrorism and its breeding capacity, and promotes pluralism. If that be so, why the senior authorities in Cyber Crimes Wing (CCW) and the FBI allow their lower officials and wretches like Muawiyah use law to violate the higher state policy and persecute a peaceful marginalized religious group like Ahmadis who have a 120-year history of opposing violence in the name of religion. Muawiyah is a sectarian thug, assessed as such in writing by a judge and by agencies in their archives. He is financially supported by undesirable petro-dollars from sources better known to authorities. He has apparently cultivated lower officials of the Cyber Crime Wing and periodically gets police cases jointly registered against Ahmadis under laws that prescribe death or life imprisonment to its victims, through fabrication, fraud and bigotry. Surely, Cyber Crimes laws were not promulgated to suppress religious and sectarian diversity in Pakistan; there were other reasons well-known to CCW. Through cases like the present one, Mulla Muawiyah and his lower level co-operatives in the CCW will only bring bad name not only to their Wing, but to the Pakistani state. Would it not therefore be appropriate for the CCW seniors to go deeper into Muawiyah/Deputy Director dealings and dump the mulla who can only bring bad name to Pakistan and its institutions through

acts which do not befit a progressive, tolerant, democratic state that Pakistan would like to be?

ARY TV channel's Sabir Shakir fabricates lies in attempt to harm the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan

April, May 2020: Mr. Sabir Shakir and Ch. Ghulam Hussain have jointly aired anti-Ahmadiyya programs on ARY TV channel recently. The distinguishing features of these programs are the lies fabricated maliciously by Sabir Shakir and the bazaar language used by Ghulam Hussain. TV channels rarely reached this level of evil planning and expression in the anti-Ahmadi context in the past. The programs were telecasted on April 30, May 14 and May 18, 2020.

English translation of the transcription of the relevant part of the programme is reproduced below:

On May 14, 2020

Sabir Shakir: The resolution (*on Namooos-e-Risalat unanimously passed in Punjab Assembly; it required*



Ahmadis to accept themselves as non-Muslims) was passed; after that, I followed up. I have my own acquaintances and informers in Chenab Nagar, their city, Rabwah, and contacted one or two *Murabbis* (Ahmadi clerics) to know the reality. It turns out that the **Pakistan chapter of Qadianis are now ready to accept their status as a minority**, and are ready to become part of the system because they face no

problem. **They say that they have all the rights in Pakistan. They are (happy) living their lives, their children are studying in schools, and they have religious freedom and jobs.** However, the London headquarters is not yet ready to accept this; they are not allowing them (to accede). The argument goes on among them. However, Pakistan chapter is saying that, the top sitting in London and Europe and having fun, they do not have to come here and they have no idea about our problems, we have no voice on any forum, they should come back and talk here, otherwise we are ready to own it up here and are going to accept membership of the minority commission and we will do so in public. This controversy now goes on. Mr. Chaudhry?

Chaudhry Ghulam Hussain: Notwithstanding their controversy, we know that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the *Khatam an Nabiyeen*, the last prophet; no prophet is to come after him and the Qur'an is the last book. One who does not believe that is a *kafir* and is out of the realm of Islam. Whether they become a member of the commission or not, it is their legal tactic; we have nothing to do with it

Sabir Shakir: There is no doubt about it, Mr. Chaudhry, there is no doubt about it, but this is how it is being controlled from London. This is exactly what Altaf Hussain used to do.

Chaudhry Ghulam Hussain: Their position is, that only they are Muslims and the remaining one billion are not Muslims. This is their position.

Sabir Shakir did another live programme on May 18, 2020 in which he said, "Since I did my last programme and stated that Ahmadiyya chapter in Pakistan is willing to accept the minority status, I have been receiving threatening phone calls and been abused on social media, but I am not afraid of that."

In the program aired on May 18, Ghulam Hussain used foul language violating norms of TV conduct. He said, "On the issue of our faith in the return of Prophet Isa: None of your sordid business (*Tum Mamay lagtey ho?*). Whatever our belief! You people (Ahmadis) are agents, your people; we'll not go into that (sic)."

Comment: It is obvious that Sabir Shakir and his team deliberately planned and fabricated the story of a rift between the 'Pakistan

chapter’ and ‘the London leadership’. It is of little consequence to Ahmadis whose faith in their leadership is unshakeable, but it is indeed surprising and disappointing to see that the media leadership of Pakistani majority can go so low in professional integrity and fabrication. Mr. Ghulam Hussain’s (who is he?) appearance on ARY with his foul talk, brings no credit to ARY, one of the leading TV channels in Pakistan.

Ahmadiyya office has reported the incident to PEMRA for action as per law, even though our experience with PEMRA in upholding Ahmadiyya rights gives us little hope. Ten days after the ARY program on May 18, PEMRA forbade Ahmadiyya TV MTA’s distribution through cable companies.

Intense hate-promoting propaganda in media against Jamaat Ahmadiyya

May 2020: On the issue of allowing Ahmadis to sit on National Commission for Minorities a few federal ministers took the initiative to propagate hateful opinions against Ahmadis, while the ARY TV channel fabricated hostile information, for reasons best known to them. The Ahmadiyya central office took note of this damaging campaign and issued a press-release. It is reproduced below:

Press Release

Hatred against the Ahmadis is being incited by false propaganda being aired on the media.

No one from the government approached Jamaat about the national commission for minorities.

We were never asked to be part of this commission, nor do we aspire to sit on such commissions.

Jamaat Ahmadiyya has one supreme leader and behind him, we are one Jamaat: Spokesperson Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan

Chenab Nagar (PR) The news about allowing Ahmadis to sit on national commission for minorities and then reversal of that decision by the government of Pakistan

has reignited the hate campaign against the Ahmadiyya community.

Federal ministers Noor ul Haq Qadri and Ali Muhammad Khan also spoke against the Ahmadiyya community on Samaa News TV program with Nadeem Malik (live) and spewed venom and hatred against the Ahmadiyya community. Ali Muhammad Khan even posted a violent tweet maliciously aiming it at Ahmadiyya community that called for “chop off the head of people disrespecting the prophet”.

And when it comes to Ahmadis, everyone considers it their national duty to spew venom and hate against the community. So politicians from other political parties including PML-N MNA Javed Lateef, MPA Ilyas Chinioti and senator Mushahidullah Khan also joined this debate. PML-Q’s MPA presented a resolution in Punjab provincial assembly which was unanimously passed.

This whole campaign also spilled over to social media and conventional media where it was nasty and one-sided. It is also important to note that none of the news anchors or reporters took the version of Jamaat Ahmadiyya on this matter. Social media trends openly calling for beheadings of Ahmadis or killing them or chopping their heads off. And all of this makes the already persecuted Ahmadiyya Community very insecure.

The programs on electronic media openly called into question the faith of Ahmadis and their love for Pakistan. There was no regard for basic journalistic ethics or decency in this whole debate. And none of these thought it appropriate to talk to the Ahmadiyya community and ask them for their version.

Amid this whole barrage of lies and hatred, ARY’s program The Reporters leveled unprecedented and totally fictitious information. On 14 May the host of program “The Reporters” Sabir Shakir shared information in his program based on so-called sources. The information is so ridiculous and absurd to be mentioned. But we must say that unfortunately, this information could be the wish of the so-called anchor but it has definitely got nothing to do with facts. The anchor tried to portray that there are some differences of opinion (within the community), but the way it was shared tells how credible it is.

Anyone who deals with Jamaat Ahmadiyya or knows the Jamaat also knows the fact that we are one Jamaat under the leadership of one spiritual head. There is no concept of chapters or divisions and we are all united under the leadership of His Holiness. After Allah, he is the only one who always guides us and steers the community with his wisdom and knowledge. And this is the binding force of our community.

The other person on the program Chaudhry Ghulam Hussain also falsely alleged that Ahmadis consider other Muslim sects as Non-Muslims, which is a white lie and shows the intellectual dishonesty and lack of basic understanding of Jamaat's core principles. Jamaat Ahmadiyya believes that anyone who recites the *Kalima* is a Muslim and no one in the world has a right to decide about their faith.

The spokesperson of Ahmadiyya community Salimuddin said that:

"I as the spokesperson of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan strongly condemn this whole campaign and allegations. I would also like to make it clear that Jamaat Ahmadiyya has never requested to be made part of any minority commission nor the government has approached us for this. Ahmadis have never wanted to be part of such commissions nor do we aspire to be part of them in future. We can never compromise on our faith and basic principles to be part of such toothless commissions. We are always ready to follow the voice of our Imam and leader and we consider his wishes and commands as part of our faith and life.

I also want to make it clear that anyone who calls himself a Muslim and recites the *Kalima* we consider that person a Muslim. And we have a very clear stand on this that no one should be given the right to decide about the faith of an individual. We demand that the government take action against such hate campaigns and act according to the law. And Pemra should fulfil its duties to keep a check on such programs that are an open violation of its code of conduct and rules.

Note: While this baseless high-level propaganda went on in electronic media, the fearless op-ed writer Yasser Latif Hamdani wrote an op-ed in the *Daily Times*, titled: Citizenship, Religion and

Genocide. It is reproduced as Annex II to this report.

Deputy Superintendent of Police active against Ahmadiyya mosques

Bahawalnagar, Punjab; May 2020: A new Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) was recently appointed in Tehsil Chishtian, District Bahawalnagar. Khatme Nabuwwat activists contacted and asked him to demolish the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosques. At this, he sent for the Ahmadi presidents of Chak 168 Murad, Chak 166 Murad and Chak 169 Murad communities, and told them to demolish their mosques' minarets. He asked them the time limit to carry out his orders. When the DSP pressurized Ahmadi elders, they asked for some time to consult their seniors. Thereupon Ahmadis contacted the District Police Officer and Counter Terrorism Department, who then stopped the DSP from further action. However, the DSP again sent for the Ahmadi presidents. They told the DSP that they would not demolish their mosques' minarets by themselves.

Ahmadis hurt badly in media cross-fire

3rd and 4th week of May 2020: These days Mr. Shakil ur Rahman, owner of the Jang Publications and Geo TV etc., is behind bars awaiting further investigation and trial by NAB on various charges. He is trying his best to avail release and quashing of charges. His competitors in media are very happy with his ordeal and would like him to suffer great set-back. In May, they found an opportunity to tighten the knot around his neck.

The media reported that the Geo TV, in some report, referred to Ahmadis as Ahmadi Muslims. This lapse was welcomed by the opponents for being fraught with dire consequences. Geo management evaluated the gravity of the slip and hurried with a profuse media apology and regret. But the competitors and mullas were in mood to let Shakil ur Rahman

off the hook with merely an apology. And here was an opportunity to worsen both the Geo and Ahmadiis, with a double edged sword.

On TV Channel Bol the viewers were bombarded with repeated displays in Breaking News strips and a lengthy report. The news strips shown carried the following ‘news’ and messages (*translation*):

- Condemnable audacity of Geo
- Media Pharaoh’s (Mr. Shakil ur Rahman) hit on the End of Prophethood (KN) law
- GEO’s unholy attempt to pass Ahmadiis as Muslims
- People express extreme anger and grief
- Another criminal act of the media Pharaoh
- Sunni Ittihad Council decides to dedicate the (next) Friday to the KN issue
- Sunni Ittihad Council plans sit-in (*Dharna*) against Geo and PEMRA
- Who will reign in (*lagam dega*) this *Neelay Peelay* channel?
- An application (is planned) to PEMRA to close down Mir Shakil’s channel

All this was displayed at about 13:40 PST on Thursday, May 21, 2020. It was the 27th Ramadan and the government had announced earlier in the day maximum fatalities with Covid-19 to date. The next day was Friday, *the Juma tul Wida*, considered the holiest Friday by most Sunni Muslims. The mullas of the Sunni Ittihad Council planned to dedicate the whole day to this KN non-issue and agitation.

As if the above exposure to the issue was not enough, the Breaking News were immediately followed by a video report presided by a Bol anchor. The report displayed a few chosen statements by commoners expressing indignation and displeasure against Geo’s indiscretion. One of the interviewees asked Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmad to take suo motu notice of the case and proceed.

Mr. Shakil ur Rahman should partly blame himself for this treatment, as in the past he adopted the policy of one-way media persecution of Ahmadiis in Pakistan on behest of mullas.

A politician’s initiative against Ahmadiyya place of worship

Baldia Town, Karachi; May 18, 2020: Some officials from the police station Baldia Town came to the local Ahmadiyya mosque on May 18, 2020 and asked for the local president of the Ahmadiyya community to report to the police station next day. The president and another elder went to the police station the next day. An officer on duty told them that an inquiry has been received against them from the Deputy Commissioner West and asked them to make their statement. MPA Mufti Qasim Fakhri had lodged a complaint with the Government of Sindh and Deputy Commissioner West on his letter-head pad against Jamaat Ahmadiyya Baldia Town. The complaint stated that Ahmadiis were trying to take over the plot no. 58 (Ahmadiyya mosque) illegally; their activities should be stopped and their mosque should be sealed.



Mufti Qasim Fakhri, MPA

Actually, this plot originally belonged to Mr. Mubashir Ahmad and his three sisters (All Ahmadiis). They sold the plot to the community for 2.8 million rupees. Rupees 1.8 million were paid at that time for possession while remaining amount was to be paid after the formal lease of the plot. Recently they came to Pakistan to complete the formalities but had to go back soon; they however gave the authority letter to Mr.

Iqbal Mahmood to undertake formalities. The police were shown all the documents.

Ahmadiyya delegation met the DC West and told him the details. He was told that in 2011-2012 people were incited in the Baldia Town against Ahmadis and some Ahmadis were killed while some had to migrate from there. Ahmadiyya place of worship is there for the last 40 years, and the MPA, Mufti Qasim Fakhri has nothing to do with this plot. The Deputy Commissioner promised to look into the matter.

Ahmadis' right of worship at risk

Green Town, Lahore; May 6, 2020: It was reported earlier that unidentified men pelted stones on the Ahmadiyya mosque in Green Town, Lahore on April 28, 2020. The incident was reported to the police as well.

The police came to the area on May 6, 2020 and started asking about the tenant forms from the residents. They asked the same from the Ahmadiyya missionary who was living in the mosque complex. He had no such form so the police took him and another Ahmadi Mr. Ataul Qadir to the police station. Ahmadi elders contacted the police and assured them rendition of the form, so they released the missionary and Mr. Ataul Qadir.

Ahmadis learned later that opponents of the Ahmadiyya community were preparing a complaint against Ahmadis. An official from the Special Branch came to the mosque on May 11, 2020. He asked many questions and having compiled his report went away.

When this plot was purchased by the Ahmadiyya community the paper work was completed and deposited with LDA. Unfortunately, it could not be registered at that time in the name of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, main body of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. When the construction work was started a few locals objected to it. An unfair agreement was imposed on Ahmadis at the time in 2004 regarding the use of the building.

Now the procedure is in hand to complete the formalities. As Mr. Nasir the formal owner has died, the plot will be first transferred to his children and then transferred to Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya. Ahmadis are uneasy about the smooth paper transaction of the plot and its utility for community purposes.

Follow-up report from Rahim Nagar, District Nankana

Rahim Nagar, District Nankana; May 23, 2020:

Mr. Ataul Aziz is president of the local Ahmadiyya community. It was reported in last month's report that he is facing severe persecution for his faith. His opponents tried to implicate him in a fabricated police case accusing him oddly of robbery, but failed. Then they lodged another application against him. This application stated that Mr. Aziz threatened and abused the opponent party on March 12. It was a total fabrication, but the police sided with the opponent party. Thereafter on behest of the same opponents, the police registered an FIR against Mr. Ataul Aziz and two unknown persons for throwing acid on one of them. The inclusion of the 'two unknown persons' by the complainant and the police in FIR is clear proof of the fake nature of the charge.

On May 23, 2020, Mr. Ataul Hai, a brother of Mr. Aziz was returning home along with his family, in Mr. Aziz's car. The opponents attacked them. They abused Mr. Hai and threatened him savagely. His mother was also in the car, she made noisy protest at which the attackers retreated, and the family's lives were spared. They called the police, but the police only asked them to lodge a complaint, and did nothing.

Ahmadi Khalifa's response

In view of the unusual hype in anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda from both governmental and private sources in Pakistan and callous and professionally corrupt attitude of authorities, the Ahmadiyya Khalifa-tul-Masih V decided to say the following few words in public on this subject in his Friday

Sermon on June 5, 2020 which was televised live worldwide (extract):

... Similarly, Pakistan government should consider not multiplying excesses and tyranny against Ahmadis for fear of the mulla, and should govern justly. Learn lesson from the history. No government flourished in the past over the Ahmadiyya issue and by being unjust to Ahmadis, nor will any flourish in future. Stop thinking that the rule can be prolonged by (exploiting) this issue. On the other hand, this tyranny has resulted in greater expansion of Ahmadiyyat worldwide and that will be so in future as well, *InshAllah*. This is the Divine scheme; none can obstruct it. Anyway, we pray to Allah that He puts a stop to tyranny, injustice and disorder everywhere, and that man learns from (all forms of) pandemic and changes his (evil) ways; also may Allah enable us Ahmadis to better deliver on the right of His worship and the rights of His creation so that we become greater recipients of His love, and thus witness our greater progress with our own eyes.

Ahmadis behind bars

1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Two days later Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for over two and half years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for 6 years.
2. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR Nr. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial for two years.
3. Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla lecturer in Jamia Ahmadiyya were booked for sharing Quranic material on social media, under cyber crime law on 12th November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested.
4. A fabricated police case was registered against Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana under blasphemy clause PPC 295-C. She was booked on April 30, 2020 in police station Sadr Sangla Hill with FIR Nr. 275/20, arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhpura. She is fifty-five years old.
5. Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad and unknown persons composer, proof reader, writer, computer operator and owners of phone no. 0333-6708729, 0322-4374750, 0333-6678820 were booked for sharing a WhatsApp message regarding essay writing and general knowledge quiz competition 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 that works under Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore, tortured and arrested him. He is currently at Camp Jail, Lahore. If declared guilty, he could be imprisoned for life.

From the media

- **Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat resolution unanimously passed in (Punjab) PA, Qadianis should accept themselves as non-Muslims: Pervez Ilahi**

The daily Express; Faisalabad, May 13, 2020

- **Qadianiat is more dangerous to the country than snake: Ittehad ul Ullama**

The daily Express; Faisalabad, May 13, 2020

- **The dogma of Khatme Nabuwat is a matter of life and death for us: Abdul Ghafoor Rahmani**

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, May 18, 2020

- **HRW slams exclusion of Ahmadis from Pakistan Minority Commission**

Aljazeera.com/news/2020/02/hrw

- **We shall soon celebrate Eid in Srinagar, Jammu and Ladakh: PM AJK**

Express RSS; May 24, 2020

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Express RSS; May 28, 2020

- **US coronavirus deaths top 100,000**

BBC Top stories; May 28, 2020

- **Khashoggi fiancée rejects family forgiveness offer (to his killers)**

BBC; May 25, 2020

- **Israeli PM Netanyahu goes on trial for corruption**

BBC; May 25, 2020

- **Trump terminates US relationship with WHO**

BBC Top stories; May 30, 2020

- **George Floyd death: Why has a US city gone up in flames?**

BBC Top stories; May 30, 2020

- **Trump targets China over Hong Kong security law**

BBC Top stories; May 30, 2020

- **China and India face off on the roof of the world**

BBC Top stories; May 30, 2020

- **Top exiled Saudi officer targeted through family**

BBC; May 25, 2020

- **American family deposits with police \$ 1 million cash found on road**

Express RSS; May 25, 2020

- **NAB started investigations against Noorul Haq Qadri, Fed. Minister for Religious Affairs**

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 21, 2020

- **People's faith in correct system of justice is shaken: (Imran Khan)**

It is top priority with the government to voice the complaint and to ensure provision of justice to the weak, suppressed and helpless sections of society.

Express RSS; May 30, 2020

- **Maulana Tariq Jamil accused Pak media of telling lies**

Express RSS; May 28, 2020

- **Eid will be celebrated in the country on 24 May: (Minister) Fawad Chaudhry**

Express RSS; May 21, 2020

- **Locust attack ravages continue. Rs. 50 billion subsidy approved for farmers.**

Express RSS; May 28, 2020

- **Train service restored in country after two months**

Express RSS; May 20, 2020

Op-ed: Citizenship, Religion and Genocide

... The other night a TV anchor was grilling government ministers to find out who put Ahmadis on the minorities' commission. This is incredible. First, you make them a minority and then you also deny them their fundamental rights under the constitution. We all know what happened with Atif Mian when he was put on the Economic Advisory Council. As things stand Ahmadis are not allowed to hold any office whatsoever in the state, even those that are reserved for minorities. In the last few weeks, the hatred against Ahmadis has spiked to levels,

which are unacceptable. One fears now that an unthinking majority will subject this community to a holocaust and the state will be entirely complicit in it. We stand at the threshold of a great tragedy. If Pakistanis do not care about the culling of about a million people for their faith, they should know that this will make Pakistan a pariah state cut off from the outside world for decades to come. The price for such genocide will be paid by your future generations. Meanwhile history will definitively answer Jinnah's question (*mentioned earlier*) in the negative.

I can only ask those who are leading us to the precipice of a great disaster to cry halt before it is too late and Pakistan stands forever sullied in human history like Nazi Germany. Let us build Pakistan on the basis of what Jinnah said on 11 August, a country which does not discriminate nor allow discord on the basis of faith. Let us tear down these distinctions and make Pakistan a state that the posterity will bless not curse.

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<https://dailymtimes.com.pk/609941/citizenship-religion-and-genocide/>

Op-ed: HRW's comment on Ahmadiyya situation in Pakistan in the context of inclusion in NCM

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The persecution of the Ahmadiyya community is embedded in Pakistani law and encouraged by the Pakistan government. In September 1974, the Pakistani parliament declared the Ahmadis to be non-Muslims. In 1984, Pakistan amended its penal code, giving legal status to five ordinances that explicitly targeted religious minorities and two laws specifically restricting the activities of Ahmadis, including prohibiting them from "indirectly or directly posing as a Muslim." Ahmadis are prohibited from declaring or propagating their faith publicly, building

mosques (or even referring to them as such), or making the call for Muslim prayer.

Pakistan's electoral law effectively excludes Ahmadis. To register to vote, Ahmadis must either renounce their faith or agree to be on a separate electoral list and accept their status as non-Muslim.

The authorities routinely arrest, jail, and charge Ahmadis for blasphemy and other offenses because of their religious beliefs. In several instances, the police have been complicit in harassment and filing of false charges against Ahmadis, or stood by in the face of anti-Ahmadi violence.

Pakistani laws against the Ahmadiyya community violate Pakistan's international legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), including the rights to freedom of conscience, religion, expression, and association, to profess and practice their own religion, and to vote and be elected at genuine periodic elections. Pakistan ratified the ICCPR in 2010.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has previously excluded Ahmadis from government positions because of outside pressure. Hardliners objected when he appointed a Princeton University economist, Atif Mian, an Ahmadi, to his advisory council in September 2018. Khan initially said he would "not bow to extremists," but later he removed Mian from his post. Two members of the advisory council resigned in protest.

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"Pakistan needs an independent and inclusive national human rights institution, and not an exclusionary government-controlled one," Adams said. "Excluding Ahmadis from the NCM is just the latest sign of its deeply discriminatory policies towards this persecuted group."

[https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/08/pakistan-ahmadis-kept-minorities-commission#:~:text=\(New%20York\)%20%E2%80%93%20Pakistan',Human%20Rights%20Watch%20said%20today](https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/08/pakistan-ahmadis-kept-minorities-commission#:~:text=(New%20York)%20%E2%80%93%20Pakistan',Human%20Rights%20Watch%20said%20today)

Pakistan minister calls for beheading of blasphemers

ucanews.com/news/pakistan-minister-calls-for-beheading-of-blasphemers/87880



Ali Muhammad Khan denied media reports that Ahmadis would be part of a new minorities council. (Photo supplied)



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Translation: Not only Kashmir, but we'll conquer the whole of India, God willing.



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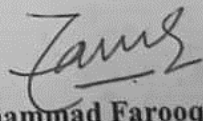
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Subject: DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL CHANNELS.

Reference may please be made to the subject matter.

2. This Office has, from time to time, been receiving numerous complaints against distribution of illegal channels especially Ahmedia channels including "MTA, MTA-1, MTA-1-Al-Awla, Ahmedia-1 (Urdu)" etc., however, despite inquiry, specifics of such distribution network(s) remained unavailable.

3. All Regional Offices are however directed to remain vigilant and to ensure that no such illegal channel is carried by any distribution service licensee. In case of violation, stern legal action must be initiated against the violator including but not limited to seizure of complete equipment besides initiating process for cancellation of its license, in accordance with law.


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Citizenship, Religion and Genocide

The creation of Pakistan was always going to be controversial, open to misinterpretation and misuse by many sections both amongst the Muslims and amongst the Hindu majority in India. Jinnah and the Muslim League had posited the idea that Muslims were a nation instead of a minority in 1940 to bypass the inconvenience of being outvoted 3 to 1 in constitution making. The ultimate objective was to keep the union center as limited as possible and even better have a separate center for Muslim majority areas which could then enter into a confederation or treaty union with the rest of India. This was the concept of Pakistan in a nutshell. Instead the British government and Indian National Congress imposed a moth eaten Pakistan on Muslim League, based on partition of Punjab and Bengal.

After partition Jinnah told his friend Hashoo Kewal Ramani: “Look here, I never wanted this damn Partition! It was forced upon me by Sardar Patel. And now they want me to eat humble pie and raise my hands in defeat.” Having been handed this Pakistan Jinnah realised the idea of Muslim identity as the basis of the state was not a useful undertaking. He realised that the only way Pakistan would be justified is if it builds up a secular idea of citizenship. Other than 11 August speech where he clearly and unambiguously buried two nation theory when he said that “in course of time Hindus will cease to be Hindus and Muslims will cease to be Muslims, not in a religious sense, but as citizens of one state.” He also poignantly declared that had it not been for such divisions India would have been a free country long time ago. After saying that in his estimate the idea of a United India would have never worked, he went on to say that only time will tell if this view is correct or not. The burden that Pakistan bears is the weight of history. Only if Pakistan could eradicate the religious difference between its citizens, could it have been justified in the eyes of history. As things stand the answer to Jinnah’s question is no. Pakistan has failed to live to any expectations he might have had. This bears repeating.

Pakistan today has several classes of citizenship, both de jure and de facto. It is an inverted pyramid really. On top of it is the general class of Muslims who are the only ones allowed to become the president and the prime minister of the republic. They are also the only ones allowed on two other constitutional institutions, the Council of Islamic Ideology and the Federal Shariat Court. In practical reality even the office of the Chief of Army Staff and the positions of top generals in the army are reserved for Muslims even if it does not say so anywhere. Within this general superior class are still two classes – Sunnis and Shias – Sunnis enjoying the upper hand. Think about it – how many Chiefs of Army Staff have been Shias since General Zia ul Haq took over? There have only been four heads of state and one prime minister who have been Shias. First one being Jinnah himself (though constitutionally he was the representative of King George VI), Iskandar Mirza who was both the last Governor General and the first President, Yahya Khan who was our second military dictator and Asif Ali Zardari. Benazir Bhutto was the only Shia prime minister – woefully less than their numbers would indicate. Therefore Sunnis are the first-class citizens and Shias are second-class citizens of Pakistan.

Below the Muslims there are the religious minorities hovering around 4%. For our purposes we will not count Parsis in this list as their numbers have dwindled worldwide (and in Pakistan to less than 3000) and who were always class apart. NADRA data shows 1500 Buddhists but I am yet to meet a single one. Similarly the 800 Pakistanis who claim to be Jews can be set aside because their claims are tenuous at best. Within the minorities group, at least since the 1980s, Sikhs have a privileged status as evidenced by Kartarpur recently. Even though every unbiased account of partition violence lays the blame of violence on Sikh Jathas, they are still taken to be the best of minorities in Pakistan and well respected, which one does not grudge. They are the third class of citizens. Christians in Punjab and Caste Hindus in Sindh are ranked almost equally with them having some social mobility in terms of professions etc. However Christians are generally preferred in the military over the Hindus so we can safely say that Christians are fourth-class citizens and Hindus are fifth-class citizens in Pakistan. The residual scheduled castes – those who did not convert to Islam or Christianity- are doubly discriminated first by the state and secondly within the Caste Hindu community which maintains its caste consciousness. They form the sixth class of citizens in Pakistan.

Below all of these groups is the Ahmadi community. First stripped of their Muslim identity and forcibly declared a minority, they are now virtually non-citizens. It is argued that this denial of citizenship is because they do not accept themselves as Non-Muslims and therefore by extension do not accept the Constitution of Pakistan. Ahmadis have never broken the law and have accepted even the most unjust of laws against them. As far as their right not to think that they are Non-Muslims; that is a right granted by Article 20 of the Constitution. Disagreeing with any part of the constitution is not disobedience to the constitution. That is what the amendment process is for.

The other night a TV anchor was grilling government ministers to find out who put Ahmadis on the minorities' commission. This is incredible. First you make them a minority and then you also deny them their fundamental rights under the constitution. We all know what happened with Atif Mian when he was put on the Economic Advisory Council. As things stand Ahmadis are not allowed to hold any office whatsoever in the state, even those that are reserved for minorities. In the last few weeks, the hatred against Ahmadis has spiked to levels, which are unacceptable. One fears now that an unthinking majority will subject this community to a holocaust and the state will be entirely complicit in it. We stand at the threshold of a great tragedy. If Pakistanis do not care about the culling of about a million people for their faith, they should know that this will make Pakistan a pariah state cut off from the outside world for decades to come. The price for such genocide will be paid by your future generations. Meanwhile history will definitively answer Jinnah's question in the negative.

I can only ask those who are leading us to the precipice of a great disaster to cry halt before it is too late and Pakistan stands forever sullied in human history like Nazi Germany. Let us build Pakistan on the basis of what Jinnah said on 11 August, a country which does not discriminate nor allow discord on the basis of faith. Let us tear down these distinctions and make Pakistan a state that the posterity will bless not curse.

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