

PERSECUTION OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

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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 27 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

Highlights

FROM 1984* TILL DEC 31, 2022

276
Murdered
for faith

4147
Ahmadis
Booked in
Religious
Cases

473
Murder
Attempts

202
Mosques
Desecrated

DURING 2022

3
Murdered
for faith

108
Ahmadis
Booked in
Religious
Cases

16
Mosques
Desecrated

197
Graves
Desecrated

DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2023

- Ahmadi brutally murdered on religious grounds.
- Ahmadi lawyer critically injured in a cleaver attack.
- Senior Ahmadi advocate beaten up and arrested under blasphemy clauses for having 'Syed' in his name.
- Ahmadi leader arrested from the headquarters of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan.
- Ahmadi arrested for listening to the Holy Quran, another Ahmadi leader booked under blasphemy clause.
- 15 Ahmadis booked under anti-Ahmadiyya laws during May 2023
- Nine Ahmadiyya Mosques attacked, minarets of another mosque concealed by a wall, another prayer centre besieged by a violent mob
- Burial of an Ahmadi woman denied in a common cemetery. Three graves damaged by opponents.
- Sacred inscriptions removed from three Ahmadi houses.
- Two Ahmadi students expelled from school.

In this month's report, we bring to light the alarming instances of persecution faced by the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. It is disheartening to note the continued disregard for the fundamental rights and freedoms of Ahmadis, despite their unwavering commitment to their faith and to the prosperity of Pakistan.

The report highlights several concerning incidents. Firstly, two Ahmadis are unjustly targeted in a police case, perpetuating discrimination and fear. Moreover, thirteen Ahmadis are unjustly charged under anti-Ahmadiyya laws, exacerbating the marginalization of the community. These individuals face baseless accusations simply because their mosque shares similarities with other mosques.

The situation worsens as three Ahmadis face additional blasphemy charges, increasing their vulnerability. Moreover, a brutal mob attack has targeted an Ahmadiyya mosque, resulting in significant damage. Other mosques also face ongoing threats.

Ahmadis, as loyal citizens of Pakistan, strive for peaceful coexistence and the nation's prosperity. We call upon authorities to ensure justice and human rights, allowing all citizens to practice their faith without fear. By embracing diversity and safeguarding the rights of all, Pakistan can cultivate a harmonious and prosperous society.

* SINCE THE PROMULGATION OF ORDINANCE XX

POLICE CASE AGAINST TWO AHMADIS IN RAJANPUR

Basti Allah Dad, District Rajanpur; May 12, 2023:

A false police case was registered against six Ahmadi seniors allegedly for preaching Ahmadiyyat in a local Ahmadiyya school under sections 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C and 506 on July 23, 2020 at Police Station Rajanpur City.



Three of the accused were arrested and later acquitted from court but could not return to their hometown due to hostile situation. Five Ahmadis out of six accused had to leave the country to live in some peace.

Thereafter, the police registered another police case and arrested two Ahmadis Mr. Muhammad

Anwar and Mr. Zafarullah with FIR No. 438 under section 216 of Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 for allegedly providing protection and helping their accused relatives to flee abroad, in the police station City Rajanpur on May 12, 2023. The police case is a fabrication.

The court accepted their plea of post-arrest bail on May 13, 2023.

THIRTEEN AHMADIS BOOKED UNDER ANTI-AHMADIYYA PPC 298-B

Chak 565, District Faisalabad; May 19, 2023:

The police booked 13 Ahmadis under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-B, with FIR no. 204 at Police Station Bachiana, objecting to the design, minaret and niche of the Ahmadiyya place of worship.

This case was registered against Messrs. Hanif Ahmed (Local Ahmadi President of Chak 565), Nasrullah, Amjad Farooq, Khalid Mahmood, Arif Rafiq, Humayun Rafiq, Rasheed Ahmad, Javed Ahmad, Tariq Ahmad, Mahmood Ahmad, Rafiq Ahmad, Aslam Ahmad, and Ashraf Ahmad.

There has been long-standing sectarian strife in the area and organized hostile activities have increased in recent times. On March 22, 2023, a police official visited the Ahmadiyya mosque, and later called the Ahmadiyya elders to the police station. The SHO referred the matter to the DCO Faisalabad and bound the parties in writing that until there is an order from the higher officials, neither party will take any action.

Meanwhile, the plaintiff, Faqir Hussain, again

urged the SHO to take action. Even on this, the police forbade the opponents from further action. After that, Faqir Hussain filed an application under sections 22-A and 22-B in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Jaranwala Rana Tanveer Ahmad who summoned the parties for hearing. He ordered registration of the case on May 15, 2023 and the police registered a case against as many as 13 Ahmadi on May 19, 2023.

About 40 Ahmadi families reside in Chak 565. This worship place was built more than 60 years ago. Reportedly there was a program of the opponents to destroy the niche and the minarets on May 19, 2023 after the Friday prayer. The police however forbade the opponents to act until the court gives a decision.

Additional Sessions Judge Jaranwala Saeed Akhtar accepted the temporary bail of the accused on May 29, 2023.

FOLLOW-UP: ELDERLY AHMADI LAWYER BEATEN UP IN KARACHI AND ARRESTED OVER 'SYED' PREFIX IN HIS NAME

Karachi; May 2023:

We reported earlier in our report for April 2023 the police case against Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, Ahmadi, a 77-year-old senior advocate of the Supreme Court and his arrest. A brief up-date is given below.

This is not the first time Mr. Tariq has been targeted for being an Ahmadi. Last year, on November 21, 2022, the police registered a similar case against him under the anti-Ahmadiyya sections 298 B & C of PPC and 34 for having "Syed" in his name. Both cases were registered against him for the same reason, in the same police station.

Mr. Tariq was sent to jail on judicial remand. He had difficulty in finding a lawyer to defend him. Eventually, Tariq found Advocate Salahuddin who submitted his post arrest bail application in the Sindh High Court (SHC). The case hearing was scheduled on May 15, 2023 in the court of Mr. Justice Omar Sial.

Before May 15, the opponent lawyers group launched a hostile campaign on social media against Ahmadi, Mr. Justice Omar Sial and Advocate Salahuddin. They agitated the issue both on social media and in their Bar Association, threatened consequences and urged fanatics to attend the court proceedings. As a result, they gathered around seventy lawyers in the courtroom. They shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans, indulged in violence

and severely beat up Advocate Suleman Mirza, an associate of Advocate Salahuddin, and wounded him severely in the face. The print media and the digital media including the daily Dawn, Friday Times, vernacular Naya Daur, as also the social media reported this atrocious incident that occurred in the court room.

The next day, Honorable Mr. Justice Sial passed the order, "I have had to adjourn all bail cases today because of grave apprehension of a law and order situation developing within the court premises in connection with a post arrest bail application, pending adjudication.

"2. In the previous hearing of this case, extremely unprofessional, in fact, despicably aggressive behaviour was resorted to by some advocates. The Sind Bar Council, Sindh High Court Bar Association, Karachi Bar Association and Malir Bar Association, in particular, should take immediate action to address the unacceptable behaviour of some of its members. Their behaviour was a slap on and a disgrace to the prestigious profession of law. It is shameful that such persons are permitted to even use the word "advocate" with their names. Their conduct was a black mark on the pride, dignity and reputation of the entire legal fraternity.

"3. Let a copy of this order be sent to the Sind Bar Council, SHCBA, KBA and MBA so these entities can play their respective parts in weeding out the black sheep amongst them.

"5. Let this file be placed before the Honourable Chief Justice with the request that the Registrar be directed to put appropriate security measures in place on each date of hearing in this case. Only the parties and their counsel should be allowed in Court so that this Court can ensure that a fair trial is given to the accused.

"Members of the press will also be allowed so that a transparent hearing takes place."

(Order Sheet, Cr. Bail Application No. 937 of 2023)

This Order Sheet is land mark and memorable, so we produce it in Annex I. It is judges like Honourable Omar Sial who bring embellishment and illustriousness to the noble institution of judiciary.

On May 22, the lawyers' gang attempted to enter the courtroom but they were not allowed, so they chanted anti-Ahmadi and other slogans outside the courtroom to pressurize the judge. The judge heard the case and granted post arrest bail to Syed Tariq, the next day.

The honourable judge recorded in his Order, "As for as merits of the case were considered, learned Additional Prosecutor General was of the view that the applicant deserved no mercy and was guilty of an offence under sections 298-B and 298-C PPC." The APG represented the provincial government that is led these days by PPP under the chairmanship of Mr Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

A police case was registered against Syed Tariq 30 years ago, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C for saying Islamic greetings, in police station Shahdadpur, District Sanghar. This case was still pending. The opponents approached the civil judge/ judicial magistrate Shahdadpur for this pending case who issued production orders against Syed Tariq.

Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq was expected to be released on May 27, 2023 in the latest case, but due to this new production order in the case of October 20, 1992, his release has stalled. The septuagenarian gentleman is still in prison, simply for being Syed and wishing Salaam. Zindah Baad, the Islamic Republic!

BLASPHEMY SECTION ADDED AGAINST THREE AHMADIS, ON DEMAND

Chak TDA/185, District Bhakkar; May 07, 2023:

Three Ahmadis, Mr. Zubair Ahmad, Mr. Tahir Ahmad and Mr. Mubasher Ahmad, were booked under PPCs 341, 34, 298, 337V, 506, at Police Station Sadar Bhakkar with FIR no. 479 and were arrested.

Mr. Zubair Ahmed has a mobile shop. The plaintiff had a financial dispute with him. He filed an application that he had a financial dispute with the said three persons; this led to a fistfight. He alleged that during the fight, the persons named in the case grabbed his beard and dragged him, thereby the Prophet's Sunnah was insulted, and since the accused are Qadianis, a blasphemy case

should be registered against them. The SHO registered a case under section 298, apart from other sections. He took the accused into custody, and remanded them. After the registration of the case, clerics, political leaders and some lawyers organized a press conference and campaigned on social media, demanding the administration to add a higher blasphemy clause. Otherwise, they threatened to protest. Given the hostile situation and hostile reaction from the lawyers, these accused were not presented in the court for bail on May 8, 2023. They will be presented in court after the situation improves somewhat, the police said.

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN SINDH TARGETED IN VICIOUS ATTACK

Dholan Abad, Mirpur Khas; May 4, 2023:

A group of assailants attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque in district Mirpur Khas, causing extensive damage to its structure. This desecration of the mosque marks the ninth such incident in the first five months of this year alone and the sixth in the province of Sindh. This is an alarmingly high number for a small community, with an average of almost two mosques being vandalized every month.

According to reports, a mob of approximately 150 people arrived at the mosque at around 9 a.m. and forcibly entered the premises by placing a ladder against the building. The assailants then proceeded to bring down the mosque's four minarets and attempted to damage the niche. The mosque is located in the center of Mirpur Khas City and has shops in its basement.

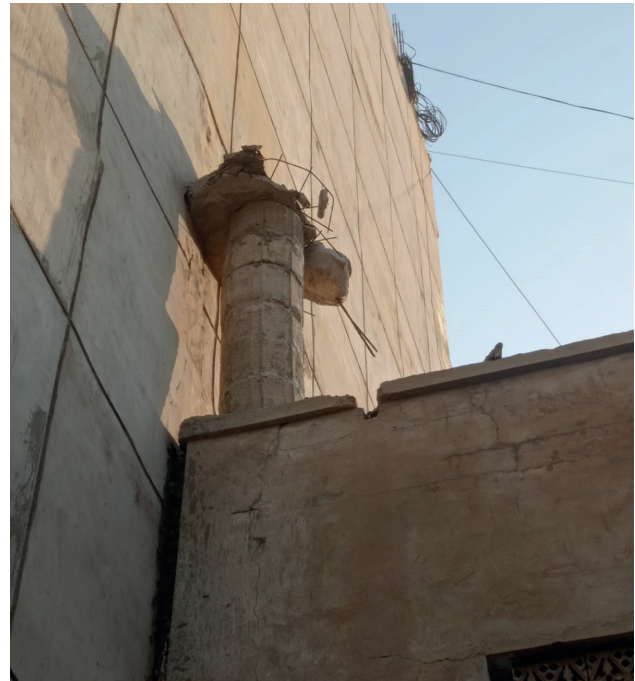
Despite their efforts, the assailants were unable to break down the mosque's main gate. However, they set fire to the belongings of the Ahmadis, including their clothes and other possessions.

This mosque was constructed in the 1980s and is situated near Fazl e Umar Hospital, which was founded by Dr. Abdul Mannan Siddiqui, a renowned, people friendly Ahmadi doctor who was martyred in 2008 after a hateful TV program against Ahmadis.

Following his death, many Ahmadi families residing in the neighborhood of the mosque were forced to relocate to various other areas of the city.

Although Ahmadis were few in number in this area, the offering of prayers had recently resumed after being suspended for more than a year. After the mob had destroyed the minarets of the mosque, the police arrived and dispersed them.

The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Commu-



nity in Pakistan tweeted; "Continuous attacks on Ahmadiyya worship places are a gross violation of human rights. Today's attack on the Ahmadiyya place of worship in Dholan Abad, Mirpur Khas by a mob of 150 plus extremists is unacceptable."

He further stated, "The attack on the Ahmadiyya place of worship is an appalling act of religious intolerance. The illegal entry, destruction of property, and setting fire to belongings is unacceptable."

The spokesperson also expressed disappointment over the police's lack of action and said, "The police are not registering a case for the incident, and it is unfortunate that state institutions are targeting the oppressed class and delaying action, instead of taking immediate steps against extremist elements."

He also shared videos of the incidents on his Twitter account to provide evidence of the attack on the mosque. (<https://twitter.com/PressSection-SAA/status/1654104664131125249?s=20>)

Ahmadis met with police officials and authorities for a rightful legal action against the attackers. At first, they were reluctant, but later the police registered a case with FIR No. 50 under PPCs 295, 427, 436, 147, 148, 149, 6 ATA and 7 ATA on May 4, 2023 in the police station Ghareeb Abad, District Mirpur Khas.

An anti-Ahmadi Ahmad Jan Sarhandi group is very active against Ahmadis in Sindh.



SPECIAL STATEMENT OF THE NEW MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

May 27, 2023:

Senator M Talha Mahmood (JUI) who was recently appointed Federal Minister of Religious Affairs decided to send for a journalist, and had his statement recorded in a video. Thereafter he had it uploaded as a tweet from the address @senatorMtalha. We produce it below with our English translation.



Translation

The issue of publicity of Qadiani products on social media

A strong reaction from Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, the Federal Minister of Religious Affairs.

Orders elimination of brochures. Report demanded within two days.

On the picture

Special interview of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Federal Minister of Religious Affairs

Talk on the issue of publicity of Qadiani products on social media

The minister's talk in this 2:13 video is rather garbled. It can, however, be assessed that it is about the publicity of some commercial products produced by a company with majority shareholders of Ahmadis (perhaps Shezan) in a brochure that was provided to pilgrims headed for Hajj. The minister expressed his 'intense pain' (Bara dukh hua) over this, and demanded 'urgent action' and a report from concerned authorities "within two days". He stated that the issue touched on the sentiments of the people involved in a religious ritual.

The senator has, regrettably, found it politically advantageous to go public on this non-issue. How could publicity of a Qadiani product in a brochure be so objectionable to the pilgrims, while they were all traveling on a plane, designed, produced, and marketed by non-Muslims? None of them was prepared to jump out of it. Also, he knows that Ahmadis from Pakistan, till the 1970s/1980s, used to perform Hajj, and those from other countries still do.

The minister unnecessarily got carried away by the complaints of a few bigots. He is enlightened enough to realize the demerits of such sentiments. Surely, the minister of a country, faced with its economic and political crises of May 2023, should have little time to attend to such frivolous and petty complaints.

MOSQUE UNDER THREAT

Chak Chatha, Hafizabad; May, 2023: An organized campaign against the local Ahmadiyya mosque goes on here for a while now. On April 22, 2023, the District Ameer of Tehrik e Labbaik Pakistan sent an application to SHO Saddar police station that Ahmadis had constructed minarets on their worship place, which beguile innocent Muslims, and some of them even enter their worship place, considering it to be a mosque. He demand-

ed that authorities take action.

The SHO sent for the local Ahmadis. Mr. Basharat Ahmad, the president of the Jamaat, went to the police station where the SHO told him to demolish the minarets. He informed the authorities that these minarets were constructed long before the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya laws.

The case is pending with the police.

US STATE DEPARTMENT'S 2022 REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



May 22, 2023:

This daily made an editorial comment on the subject report with respect to Pakistan. It is a fair comment that deserves to be placed on record. We reproduce it below:

Editorial: Minority reports

TWO recent American reports paint an unflattering picture where the state of religious freedom in Pakistan is concerned. The US State Department's 2022 Report on International Religious Freedom's section on Pakistan presents an extensive list of incidents of religious persecution in the country. It observes that in 2022, at least 52 people "were accused of blasphemy or related religion-based criminal charges". Most of the accused were Ahmadi. It also highlights the issues of forced conversion and targeted killings on religious grounds. Meanwhile, the annual report of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom also has few good things to say about freedom of belief in Pakistan. Highlighting many of the same issues the State Department report mentioned, the USCIRF

document recommends re-designating Pakistan as a "country of particular concern", while advocating targeted sanctions against Pakistan. Reacting to the State Department report, the Foreign Office has termed it "ill-informed ... irresponsible and counterproductive", while claiming that Pakistan's Constitution offers a "robust framework" for religious freedom.

While the US does tend to use such reports as political tools, there can be little argument with the findings. Even if these reports had not been compiled, the grim fact is that the state of religious freedom in Pakistan is far from ideal. The public lynchings over accusations of blasphemy, misuse of the blasphemy law, and the marginalization of minority communities are all stark realities in today's Pakistan. This is so because, whereas the country's founders had envisaged a pluralistic state where all denominations would be free to profess their beliefs, over the decades, rabid extremists have hijacked the discourse — often encouraged by the establishment — bringing us to where we stand today. Instead of living in denial, the state must work to roll back the tide of extremism that threatens to take Pakistan under. This must be done not to please any external powers, but to make Pakistan a more liveable place for all its citizens.

Published in the daily Dawn on May 22, 2023

DISCRIMINATION IN THE APPLICATION OF THE RULES

Sialkot; April 29, 2023:

Ahmadis here needed an additional room and a bathroom to the resident Imam's quarter in



their mosque complex. They proceeded with construction sans permission, perhaps because of their previous experience of undue delays

and difficulties at the hand of officials on such requests. Often such an approach works in Pakistan in petty construction undertakings. However, they found their initiative presumptuous, as the authorities having come to know of the ongoing construction, arrived on the spot, and sealed the worship place. This was an overkill. A few days later, they dismantled the new construction.

Seventy years ago, the renowned Court of Enquiry in Punjab Disturbances of 1953 candidly observed: "Further we feel that (anti-Ahmadiyya) Ahrar were treated as members of the family, and the Ahmadis as strangers".

AN ABSURD TWEET BY A SACKED JUDGE

On Twitter, May 20, 2023:

Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui ASC, a former judge of IHC issued a tweet that is loaded with mischief and deserves notice, analysis, and comment. It is reproduced below from a subsequent tweet by one Samina Hashmi:



Translation:

Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui, ASC
@ShaukatAzizSid1

Qadianis staying in the U.S.; Canada, Britain, European countries and Pakistan are vigorously active against the army chief General Syed Asim Munir and are busy implementing the agenda of poisonous propaganda against his person. Also, the informer Zalmai Khalilzad is a 'paid agent' of the Zionist-Qadiani duo.

Samina Hashmi
@saminahashmi

I fail to understand how an educated person like you can make such an absurd statement. Mr. Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui! If the aim is to promote someone, prove him to be anti-Qadiani. These tricks are now worn-out. You just tell, why were you sacked.

You aim at reinstatement by singing praises of 'Asim Munir'!
ww@ShaukatAzizSid1

Translate Tweet

What Ms. Hashmi said above is only the tip of the iceberg; these are only hints of what happened five years ago. We take this occasion to very briefly mention that story, as it will explain fairly the man behind this highly misleading tweet that engirdles simultaneously Zionists, Qadianis, Khalilzad, the army chief, and the Ahmadiis living in Pakistan and the West.

Five years ago a rabidly anti-Ahmadiyya Mulla approached this Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court to attend to some Ahmadiyya issues bearing upon the elections, and the administration of Ahmadiis. Siddiqui heard this case for weeks, perhaps months, and sent for leading anti-Ahmadi mullas as Amicus Curiae and cherry-picked 'constitutional experts' to give verdict on Ahmadiis whom he did not ask, not even one of them, to say their bit even for a minute, and went ahead to issue a 172-page hostile, 'historic' verdict — unbelievable, but true.

In that verdict Justice Siddiqui, in a nutshell, implied:

- » For joining Civil Service, Army, or Judiciary, a faith affidavit is compulsory.
- » Parliament should take measures that "will completely terminate those who scar this belief" (in the End of Prophethood).
- » Citizens of Pakistan must get their religious identity with authentic particulars.
- » Called lack of religious identity data of civil servants 'alarming' and 'a major setback'.
- » He declared that the minority members who do not hold a distinct identity due to their names and general attire, 'leads to crises'.
- » In his opinion, "appointment of a non-Muslim on constitutional posts is against our organic law and rituals."
- » Every Muslim must guard and protect his nucleus (belief in the End of Prophethood).
- » To get CNIC, Passport, Birth Certificate, and entry in the Voters List, an affidavit must be sworn by the applicant based on the definition of Muslim and Non-Muslim.

- » NADRA must fix the time duration for any citizen who intends to make corrections/changes in the already given particulars, especially religion.
- » It is binding on the state to take care of the rights, feelings, and religious beliefs of the Muslim Ummah and to also ensure the protection of the rights of minorities in the light of teachings of 'Islam' being the religion declared by the Constitution of the country.

According to some political pundits, decisions with such far-reaching social implications could only be taken by the Supreme Court and not a single judge of a High Court. A member of HRCP called the ruling "very dangerous".



Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, the leading NGO in this field in the country, termed this ruling a 'cause for serious concern' and recommended: "It is essential that the government act in aid of its minority citizens by appealing this ruling speedily and robustly."

During the court proceedings, Siddiqui made remarks and observations that were noteworthy but highly unbecoming of a high court judge. For instance:

- If Ahmadis wish to stay in Pakistan, they should do so as non-Muslim citizens, and not commit thievery against Islam (naqb na lagian).
- The Ulama should demand (of the government) that Pakistan be run as per its Constitution.
- A committee of ulama should examine candidates' religious beliefs before their appointments.
- Siddiqui recorded in bold print that in early Islam (allegedly) non-Muslims were made to put on different attire for identification, etc; etc.
- When cautioned on his approach to the 'End of Prophethood' provisions in the law, he blurted out, "If heavens fall, I don't care."
- Siddiqui sent for NADRA officials to his court and made them draft and implement affidavits regarding faith. These were designed to

specifically target Ahmadis.

- He required that the travel records of 10,000 persons who converted to Ahmadiyyat be presented to him.
- He wanted the use of "Ghulam Mirzai/Mirzai" with names to identify a 'Qadiani'.
- Etc., etc.

Siddiqui knew it and had no qualms about pushing Pakistan back to be medieval age of Europe. Pakistani intellectuals, who knew history and cared for higher values of individual and community lives, came forth openly with their comments. We quote only a few of these:

- Ms. Zohra Yousaf, a board member at the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan called Siddiqui's ruling 'very dangerous'.
- Mr. Saroop Ijaz of Human Rights Watch said, "The judge is 'not only attacking everybody's religious freedom in Pakistan but he is also focusing on one particular sect, which is Ahmadi. A judgment like this would enable and incite violence."
- Rana Tanveer, a journalist, pointed out, "The court has also issued a translation of this Order in Urdu, which will make it easy for anti-Ahmadi zealots, many of whom cannot read English, to understand and implement it, in their way."
- The newspaper Nation commented, "... IHC should have the foresight to indicate the abuse and bloodshed such a law could open the doors to. Moreover, this order to make a sort of black list for Ahmadis, which is eerily reminiscent of concentration camps, is targeting of a religious group, and goes against the equality clause of the Constitution."
- Ms. Mehr Tarar wrote an article titled: Why Ahmadi Muslims are doomed in Pakistan (www.dailys.in/vioces...), warned of an organized genocide of Ahmadis in Pakistan, and wrote: Now it is an open season on Ahmadis in Pakistan. And now more than ever, Pakistan is no country for anyone who looks at himself and lives his life as an Ahmadi Muslim.

Ahmadiyya central office minced no words in its candid comment on these one-sided proceedings of Siddiqui court and assessed in its public report: "His own comments and observations

were largely lies, distorted facts, half-truths, slander, vilification, conjecture, and gossip.” It is judges like Shaukat Siddiqui who bring disrepute and untrustworthiness to the honorable judiciary, that is eventually haunting Pakistan these days, having done permanent damage. Regrettably, five years later, Siddiqui has returned with the same sort of rubbish in his ‘tweet’ quoted in the beginning. This time it is not ‘half-true’, it is a pack of pure lies — entirely and meticulously fabricated. He refused to learn a lesson from what happened to him subsequently in post-verdict months. It is interesting to recall it from our Annual Report of 2018:

Striking doom of the ‘untruthful’ and ‘unabashed’ judge

On October 11, 2018, Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui senior puisne judge of the Islamabad High Court was recommended to be removed by the Supreme Council. The President was pleased to remove him with immediate effect the same day. Ministry of Law and Justice denotified this IHC judge immediately and TV stations broadcast the news the same evening.

Justice ® Siddiqui will be remembered for several cases, proceedings of trials, verdicts, and inter alia his 172-page Judgment sheet on the Ahmadiyya issue.

Ahmadis had turned to Allah in their prayers against his very scandalous, malicious, and hurtful judgment. Only three months and 7 days later, Siddiqui was sent home, never to return to preside over a court hearing, as the Supreme Judicial Council headed by the Chief Justice of Pakistan summed up their judgment on Siddiqui, in these words, in another case: Article-II of the Code of Conduct demands that the judge should be abstemious, truthful of tongue, wise in opinion, cautious and forbearing and always preserving calmness, balance and complete detachment. The daily Dawn, October 13, 2018

SIDDIQUI WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR GROSSLY VIOLATING ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE IN HIS ANTI-AHMADIYYA JUDGMENT THAT REMAINS EFFECTIVE AND IN FORCE, NEVERTHELESS.

Notes:

1. Proofs of almost all incidents and statements quoted in this story are available in the form of press cuttings, videos, reports, etc. with the Ahmadiyya central office.
2. A 10-page report on Justice Siddiqui’s handling of the 2018 Ahmadiyya case is available in Chapter 1A of our Annual Persecution Report for the Year 2018. Ahmadiyya’s rebuttal of Siddiqui’s 172-page judgment is available in our 36-page Supplementary (Monthly) Report for July 2018.

YET ANOTHER LYNCHING

PTI rally speaker lynched by mob over blasphemy

Top Story | Bureau report | May 07, 2023

The caretaker chief minister condemned the incident and directed the police to maintain law and order



Mardan KP May 6, 2023:

The man lynched here by a mob was not an Ahmadi. He was a Deobandi mulla, a supporter of PTI, killed by a crowd comprising mostly PTI supporters. The incident manifests the social environment prevailing now in Pakistan, which has been deliberately and viciously created and imposed in the country over the past decades. Ahmadis are falsely and repeatedly accused and targeted. If this can happen to a mulla, imagine the plight of Ahmadis who are not allowed even to say something in their defense (preaching!). The following extracts are quoted from reports published in tribune.com.pk/story/2415515/pti-supporter and [D dawn.com/news/1751515/cleric-lynched](https://dawn.com/news/1751515/cleric-lynched) and [D dawn.com/news/1751396](https://dawn.com/news/1751396).

“A local cleric who happened to be an ardent sup-

porter of Pakistan Tehrik Insaf (PTI) was lynched by an angry mob on the charges of blasphemy in the Mardan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on Saturday. Police said that the cleric identified as Nigar was killed by PTI supporters when he delivered a speech at a PTI rally in Sawadhir village of the district.

“A video of the lynching was widely circulated on social media platforms in which the cleric could be seen lying on the ground and the angry mob stoned him. He appeared to be already dead in the footage.

“When we saw that the people (in the area) had gotten riled up and were planning to attack Nigar, we escorted him to a shop in the market (where the rally was being held). But people broke into the shop and started attacking him with punches, kicks, and clubs,” Khan said.

“This is not the first time a man has been lynched over blasphemy accusations in Mardan. Five years ago in Mardan, 23-year-old Mashal Khan a Mass Communication student at the Abdul Wali Khan University – was also lynched by a mob and shot at over allegations of blasphemy on April 23, 2017.”

“(In the video) The furious mob is seen jumping over the body.”

Sources reported that the poor victim in his election speech merely praised the pious council candidate to the effect: “I respect him the same way as I respect the prophets.”

The daily Dawn of May 9, 2023, made editorial comment on this incident, and concluded thus: “Tackling this issue (of blasphemy) requires moral courage, fortitude and political consensus—a reality that continues to elude Pakistan.”

Chaudhry brothers, rather than embracing courage and fortitude, politicians of PML-Q, fake mulla Aamir Liaquat of ‘Alim on Line’, Advocate Ismail Qureshi, Ms. Samia Raheel Qazi (JI), Maulvi Tahir ul Qadri (of Minhaj ul Quran), etc. openly took credit of propounding and powerfully defending the blasphemy laws. PTI stalwart Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a minister of state called Ahmadiyya a great mischief (fitna) and called for the beheading of blasphemers. At the end of the year 2019, the Punjab Assembly headed by Mr. Parvez Elahi (of PML-Q, now President of Imran’s PTI) passed unanimously a resolution asking the federal government to make anti-blasphemy laws more stringent. Last, but not least, the mulla has worked hard in the past decades to promote the myth and falsehood that Ahmadiyya belief itself is blasphemous, and an Ahmadi by definition is a blasphemer. The law does not permit Ahmadi to defend themselves and explain that the accusations against them are false and baseless.

The mere fact that this lynching in Mardan on May 6 happened in a PTI Jalsa, shows the role of PTI and its chief in educating the common man in its extremist understanding of Islam.

The wrong elements of the society got their brainwashing and training in anti-Ahmadiyya school. Several incidents earlier occurred in this Mardan district where Ahmadi were targeted, and the administration unabashedly submitted to the word and will of the mulla and the bigot—for details see our monthly reports of March and April 2015, October/November 2018, November 2019, and October 2000. The annual reports also mention these.

CH. PARVEZ ELAHI PERSISTS IN HIS RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

Social media, (02) May 2023:



Ch. Parvez Elahi, (formerly of PML-Q) now President of PTI, bends backward to express his opposition, even hate against the Ahmadiyya

community. He makes no secret of his tendency to use religion to promote his policies; in fact, he manifests this approach thinking that this would improve his vote bank. His anti-Ahmadiyya statements are on record in social media, as also in our periodic reports — selectively.

Elahi’s political antics have apparently served him well, but for the last three months he has ended up in a comparative wilderness of the political jungle after losing his CM chair of the Punjab. Devoid of state power, he is fully exposed to

the reactive punches of his political opponents. His close associates in the office are facing inquiries on charges of graft, corruption, hush money, etc. Early in May, the police raided his residence, reportedly entered inside, and searched various rooms. This was a great comedown from the past when he did the same to his political rivals. This upset him a great deal, and he looked ruffled and vexed in a video released by Haqiqat TV. Surprisingly, he blamed the 'Ahmadi lobby' for his recent problems and misfortune. His statement in this regard deserves to be quoted:

"(Ahmadi lobby)... We are determined (concerning them). I, as the Speaker (of Punjab Assembly) and (then) as the Chief Minister (pushed them) to their real abode (asal jagah), and go where they have to go." (Ref: social media Haqiqat TV, Break-

ing News, Video 03:15, at minute 02:10)

Note: Mr. Elahi unsurprisingly lacked coherence and flow in his statement, because he knew that what he wanted to say was malapropos, unethical, even absurd.

This statement calls for our two observations: 1) Pakistani Ahmadis' real abode is Pakistan; Elahi should be honest and forthright and tell us where exactly he wants to push us. 2) He could be partly right in attributing his political misery to the 'Ahmadi lobby', as it is reasonable to assume that a fair number of Pakistani Ahmadis do turn to their God in their midnight (Tahajjud) prayer and seek His refuge against the aggression and tyranny of Parvez Elahi and politicians of his ilk. Ahmadis are confident that their prayers are generally granted.

KP BAR COUNCIL JOINS THE LINE OF SUPER BIGOTS

Peshawar; May 3, 2023:

We regret to report that KP Bar Council, under the chairmanship of Syed Mubashir Shah Advocate decided in their Executive Committee that in future all new-entrants will submit an anti-Ahmadiyya affidavit on the issue of End of Prophethood, along with their Intimation Form. In the past, same other bar associations in the country had also undertaken such regressive steps. These included associations from Multan, Islamabad, Gujranwala etc.

The affidavit to be filled in by the applicants includes the following (as translated below from Urdu):

"I swear that I am Muslim and believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of Khatam an Nabiyyen Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the last of the prophets. I do not recognize any person who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or any description whatsoever after Muhammad (peace be upon him) or recognize such a claimant as prophet or a religious reformer or a Muslim. I consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be an imposter and also consider his followers whether belonging to the Lahori or Qa-

diani group to be non-Muslim."

Such measures adopted by the bar council are all the more undesirable and even condemnable as bar councils represent a section of the civil soci-



ety but is far more educated than the average and are expected to be sensitive to the issues of freedom of belief and human rights. To deny membership to an applicant who is otherwise fully qualified but has a slightly different understanding of End of Prophethood is obviously unsupportable, senseless, even ridiculous. Also relevant is the consideration that these bodies, unlike political parties, are

not constrained by considerations of voting and religious sentiments of common man.

KP is the proud land, which produced great men like Qari Abdur Rashid, Zaheeruddin Babar, Khushal Khan Khattak, Rahman Baba, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Mashal Khan, etc. The advocates from this historic land should not permit themselves to be misled by mullas of 14th/15th century Hijrah.

IMRAN KHAN, PTI, AND JAMAAT AHMADIYYA PAKISTAN



May 2023:

Mr. Imran Khan will surely be mentioned in the history of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan. When he came to power in 2018,

Ahmadis, like most other Pakistanis, expected a genuine 'change' in the national scene that he had promised. A change was needed, all agreed; and Imran, a first-time occupant of the PM House in Islamabad, with his apparently liberal and progressive outlook, could be expected arguably to deliver. He, failed, surely. A very brief mention of his performance, from Ahmadiyya view, and the subsequent consequence that struck the national scene in May 2023 deserve a place on record.

Five years ago, Imran started off on the wrong foot. Only a few weeks after assuming power in 2018, his government organized a major sectarian moot in Islamabad with theme 'Khatme Nabuwat and Muslims' Responsibilities'. While he was chairing it, mullas made rabid anti-Ahmadiyya speeches therein. To promote PTI politics, Mr. Azam Swati, his minister for parliamentary affairs stated in public, "I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat". This open hostility at the top encouraged religious goons and morally bank-

rupt administration to commit horrific excesses against Ahmadiyya places of worship. During his tenure, 25 mosques were demolished, damaged or set on fire, four were sealed by authorities and construction of another four was barred by order. The police and the mulla jointly vandalized a whopping 374 Ahmadiyya graves — unbelievable, but true. The persecution was heightened by registration of fabricated police cases and arrests on religious grounds. Numerous top officials of the community were charged under laws prescribing long imprisonment terms. Ahmadis' freedom to practice their faith was denied by booking many Ahmadis who undertook animal sacrifice at their Eid festival.

Imran's aid, Minister Ali Mohammad Khan went public to claim, "Imran Khan govt broke the back of Qadianiat." It was not true, but the intentions and efforts were surely not lacking. Punjab and KP's provincial governments were run by PTI and its coalition partners. These made up what was short at the federal level. In 2019, the Punjab Assembly demanded blasphemy laws to be made most stringent. The same assembly outrageously indulged in diatribes against the holy founder of Ahmadiyyat.

Punjab legislature passed a resolution that in future a Muslim marriage (Nikah) would not be valid unless the bride, the groom and others involved in the formalities attest in writing their faith in Khatme Nabuwat and call the Ahmadiyya founder an 'imposter'. Under these circumstances concerning faith matters, Imran proceeded to appoint Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi as his Special Represen-



tative on Religious Harmony. The Hafiz, earlier as the Chairman of the Ulama Board was on record to have said, "I am not willing to accept these (Ahmadis) in the country...To speak against Qadianis is Religious harmony." Under such official motivation from top, it is not surprising that Punjab and KP governments found it convenient to withdraw positive changes in school textbooks concerning the tenet of Khatme Nabuwwat. Even the schools run by Ahmadis were not safe, although the majority of children enrolled therein were not Ahmadis. One such primary school in District Rajanpur was sealed by the police in July 2022, and a criminal case was registered against six Ahmadi elders who allegedly managed the school. The applied penal clause provided for life imprisonment. Another sample in the field of education. A group of bigoted students noticed the portrait of Professor Salaam, an Ahmadi Nobel laureate, outside the National Science College in Gujranwala. They sprayed black paint on it. At Amnesty International LUMS, the state authorities told the administration to drop an Ahmadi speaker from a seminar on theme 'Tolerance in Pakistan'; they had to comply.

Imran government left hardly a stone unturned to worsen Ahmadis. A PTI Special Committee issued instruction to impose ban on the community's daily Al-Fazl. The authorities also issued orders that TV distribution service licensees shall not carry any Ahmadiyya TV channel. Imran's government promulgated the Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Act 2018, and made it applicable to anti-Ahmadiyya laws. There is not enough space here to outline all that Imran and his government did to make life unbearable for Ahmadis — no wonder, Mr. Knox Thames, a visiting expert at the U.S. Institute of Peace and an HR activist decided to write an article, titled: Perils of being Ahmadi in Pakistan.

Imran Khan could not digest his removal from PM office, although done lawfully, so he kept the political pot boiling with demand for early elections. He went to the extent of dissolving the provincial assemblies of the Punjab and KP, so as to hold fresh elections in these provinces a few months earlier than the normal date of general elections. The ruling coalition did not oblige, so IK was furious and blamed all those responsible for the frustration of his plans. In the months since his exit from power, the new government and NAB etc. framed him in alleged cases of corruption, his wife and his party men's financial wrong-doings, administration faux pas, etc.

Eventually the law caught up with him, and he was arrested on May 9. Imran Khan and his party were apparently ready for this eventuality. It is only natural and normal to plan in advance; however the plan and its consequences are noteworthy.

On May 9, IK's supporters came out in a big way to protest and show their anger. We mention here briefly eventual facts and figures of this major event, as available from the media and stated by official sources.

The protesters indulged in extensive rioting. They targeted state and private property. They also attacked chosen military locations and assets. A brief list is provided below:

- Radio Pakistan station in Peshawar was set ablaze.
- An Edhi ambulance was torched in KP.
- A metro station in Rawalpindi was set on fire.
- The motorway toll plaza in Swat was destroyed.
- Personal properties were burnt or destroyed.
- The revered Jinnah House in Lahore was gutted.
- Police vehicles were attacked and destroyed.
- The crowd attacked Mianwali police station.
- A police prison van was set on fire.
- Attack on Civil Lines police station in Faisalabad
- Miscreants raided army GHQ's gate.
- F.C. School, Timergara in KP was set on fire.
- The crowd attacked and looted Corps Commander's residence in Lahore. A hooligan grabbed his uniform and put it on. The Commander and the security guards were not

present during the attack.

- At Mianwali, a PAF memorial plane was destroyed. The miscreants reportedly posed a threat to the airbase itself.
- The martyrs' memorial in Sargodha was destroyed.
- An intelligence agency's office in Faisalabad was attacked.
- Chaghi model in Peshawar, commemorating Pakistan's first atomic explosions was destroyed.
- Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed's sculpture was destroyed.
- 23 buildings in Lahore were torched. Motorway and GT Rd entering the city were blocked.
- 108 vehicles in the Punjab were damaged/destroyed. These included fire brigade and rescue vehicles. Etc., etc.

The authorities quoted a loss of Rs 6 billion to properties. The Punjab and KP had to call for the army assistance. It seems that the police and military personnel had orders not to shoot. As a result, not many people were killed. It was arguably a good decision, as otherwise, the riots could have resulted in great loss of life and unrest would have flared up even more. By the second day, the authorities decided to react. The internet and social media were off for four days. The consequent losses were estimated at 40 billion. All over the country, thousands were then arrested.

The government called a meeting of the National Security Committee, the highest body in the country on internal and external security issues. It required the authorities to move fast and firmly to arrest and bring to justice the leaders of the riots. As a result, top leadership of the PTI was arrested. These included the following: "Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Shireen Mazari, Ali Mohammad Khan, Fayyazul Hassan Chohan, Imran Ismail, Fawad Chaudhry, Dr. Yasmin Rashid, Senator Falak Naz, Asad Umar, Khadija Shah, Ejaz Chaudhry, Shehryar Afridi, Jamshed Iqbal Cheema, Mussarat Cheema, Dr Jamal Akbar Ansari, Mukhtar Gondal, Sami Ibrahim, Abdul Jahandad, Saifulla Sarwar, Saifur Rehman, Bao Ramazan, etc., even some Afghans. Some of these were put in solitary confinement.

This powerful reaction of the state scared a num-

ber of the PTI leadership and they decided to quit the party, and some even politics. These included: Shireen Mazari, Wajahat Hussain, Usman Buzdar, Ali Zaidi, Fayyaz Chohan, Ajmal Wazir, Mubeen Khilji, Khurram Nawaz, Zulfiquar Ali, Khan Hashmi, Inamullah, Khusro Bakhtiar, Aftab Siddiqui, Usman Turkai, Hussain Elahi, Jalil Sharqपुरi, Faizulla Kamoka, Makhdoom Iftikhar Gilani, Nadia Sher, Fawad Chaudhry, Malik Saleem, Saima Nadeem, Qayyum Husain, Malik Qasim Khan, Bilal Ghaffar, Umar Umari, Abdur Razzaq Niazi, Abrar ul Haq, Firdous Ashiq Awan, Saifulla Niazi, Mussarat Rais, Saleem Bayaar, Khalid Noor, etc, etc.

Imran Khan accused the powers-that-be of attempt to destroy PTI. This mega event had its repercussions in the Supreme Court as well as the defense services — even abroad where 66 U.S. Congressmen wrote a letter to Secretary Blinkan, essentially in support of IK and his PTI. This political earthquake severally jolted Pakistan, and is producing after-shocks. The future of Imran Khan and his PTI is up in the air, and is anybody's guess. Maryam Nawaz (PML-N) made the latest assessment of Imran: "Imran's party has shattered to dust (kirchi kirchi ho gai)... One who made others cry, is now himself crying." TV Samaa at 07:01, June 6, 2023

IK's policies, while in power and out of power, have been of questionable worth. What has happened, as end result, is surely Mukafat Amal (Whatever a man sows that shall he also reap. Galatian). Some Ahmadis think that Imran Khan had little credit balance with Allah on issues of HR and FORB, as such good governance, so he himself is responsible for what happens to him and his party. The English translation of the Holy Quran, published by Saudi government, quotes Allah in Chapter 2, as:

38. We said, "Go down from it, all of you, yet whenever guidance comes to you from Me, then whoever follows My guidance — they have nothing to fear, nor shall they grieve.

39. But as for those who disbelieve and reject Our signs — these are the inmates of the Fire — wherein they will remain forever.

A WORTHY STATEMENT OF SECRETARY GENERAL MWL

The Muslim World League, April 25, 2023: A statement by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa, the Secretary General of Rabita Aalam Islam (Muslim World League MWL) and the Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars has recently come to our notice. In this, the Sheikh has responded to a statement made by the Chairman of the Justice Committee in the Swedish Parliament (Mr. Richard Jomshof). The Sheikh has condemned the Chairman's statement for being Islamophobic, divisive and hate-promotive. The Secretary General claims Islam to be a religion of tolerance, inclusivity, civilized interaction, and loyalty to the national state. He condemns extremism. The text of the Sheikh's statement is reproduced in Annex II to this report.

We find Sheikh Al-Issa's response very apt, balanced, and appropriate. It is based on the essential teaching of the Quran. He rightly refuses to counter abuse with abuse and recommends the Quranic approach of handling provocation and hatred with wisdom and understanding. We Ahmadis support this response fully and wholeheartedly. We also endorse that this response is in accord with true Islamic teaching. However, there is a need for some candid soul-searching and fair assessment of the accusations leveled by the Chairman. As for soul-searching and self-assessment, it is not wrong to say that not all Muslims interpret Islamic teaching the same way as the Sheikh. A large number of prominent ulama and religious scholars, all over the Islamic world, these days do not echo the Sheikh's view. They, within their national borders, blatantly and persistently preach an alleged message of Islam that is contrary to his version. So there is a need to preach and propagate the Sheikh's view of Islam to Muslim scholars all over the Muslim-majority nations. More on this a little later.

The Chairman has lashed out at Islam and its alleged teachings. A brief mention of these allegations is in order before they are rebutted or acknowledged, that while these are wrongly traced to the Quran, they are surely the valid currency inside most Islamic countries these days. It is only after honest acknowledgment that the prevailing wrong

can be put right.

The Chairman, in his article in Swedish, translated into English in <https://Sweden.postsen.com/local/89323/There-is-much-that-follows-from-Islam> accuses Islam/Muslims of a long list of wrongs. Some of these are just allegations or misreading of history that have already been rebutted amply and effectively by enlightened Muslim scholars. These may be mentioned here but not rebutted, for lack of space. These are: 1. The Holy Prophet undertook offensive warfare, 2. He plundered to finance his continued warfare, 3. He engaged in the slave trade, 4. He undertook murder and torture of his political opponents, etc. All these, when examined in depth are simply rubbish and rant. No scholar, in occident or orient, who cares for his academic reputation, would indulge in these. However, there are other accusations by the Chairman that deserve mention and analysis. These are more relevant to present-day Muslims than to the religion of Islam.

Before proceeding further with suspect accusations, we first introduce our way to handle these in this article. We shall mention what is alleged and then mention its reality as extant in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan about the Ahmadis there. Ahmadis are a denomination, found in 214 countries of the world, with their center in Rabwah previously, in Pakistan. Their creed is the Kalima meaning: There is none worthy of worship other than Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. Their book is the Holy Quran, and their Qiblah is the Kaabah. They claim to be Muslim; they believe in all the essential articles of faith, and practice the Salaat, the Ramadan, the Hajj, and pay Zakat, just like other majority Muslims. However, they believe on the authority of the Holy Quran that Prophet Issa of 2000 years ago did not ascend physically to the heavens; he died a normal death; and the Messiah and Mahdi promised to Muslims in Latter Days have already appeared in the person of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani. They believe him to be a subservient (Zilli and Baruzi) prophet to his mentor and master Muhammad, the Holy Prophet of Islam. The Pakistani state imposed non-Muslim status on Ahmadis in 1974, and they have

been subjected to all kinds of severe persecution at the hands of the Pakistani state and society ever since. Now a few words about Pakistan as a reference state in this context.

Pakistan, officially, is an Islamic Republic. Its population is 96% Muslim of which approximately 15% could be Shia. Its total population is 250 million, making it the second-largest Muslim-populated state. Its government as per its Constitution is parliamentary democracy. People are very religion-conscious. The Ulama wield enormous religious and political power. Only a few of its ulama are known the world over e.g. Maududi and Ghamdi. Bareilvi, Deobandi, and Ahle Hadis denominations prevail. There is no shortage of clerics who boldly and blatantly support and propagate very severe versions of Islam. They are mostly united against the Ahmadiyya denomination. Very rarely, these days an Aalim dares say a good word about Ahmadis. They have all taken up the theme of Khatme Nabuwat (End of Prophethood) to lash out at Ahmadis, although the latter firmly believe the Holy Prophet p.b.u.h. to be the Khatam-an-Nabiyyeen. Ahmadis are not allowed, by law, to defend or explain their religious beliefs and position – more on this below.

Mr. Jomshof: He is proud of freedom of religion and expression in Sweden and implies that it is not available in Islam. Simultaneously and surprisingly he proposes that Azan should not be allowed in Sweden. The contradiction is obvious. He, however, is partly right about the freedom of religion and expression in some Muslim countries and societies. For instance, in Pakistan, the state, through its Amendment II to the Constitution in 1974, imposed Non-Muslim status on Ahmadis. It was followed by anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX in 1984. It forbade Ahmadis to 'pose' as Muslim, preach their belief, call their mosques Masjid, make Azan, etc. This law provides long-term imprisonment and a fine for any violation. These measures opened the floodgates of persecution of Ahmadis, and Ahmadis have greatly suffered for decades hardships and deprivations under these laws. The Mulla and the courts mostly interpret these laws harsher than their words and add higher blasphemy sections to the charge sheet of victims. Ahmadis are not allowed to recite in public their primary scripture, the Holy Quran, or even to possess it. They have been awarded imprisonment for calling Assalamo Alaikum to Muslims and offering Salaat in public.

Government rules deny them perform Hajj. The Mulla runs to the police if he finds an Ahmadi preparing to undertake Qurbani on the festival of Eid ul Adha, the police confiscate the animal and register a criminal case against the Ahmadi. As for Azan, what Jomshof proposes in Sweden, is already meticulously implemented in Pakistan for Ahmadis. More in the context of freedom of religion—later.

Jomshof accuses the Quran and the Holy Prophet wrongfully of incitement to hatred and violence. However, he is not far wrong regarding most contemporary Muslim societies. In Pakistan, spewing of hate and incitement against Ahmadis in public is extensive and an everyday occurrence. It is undertaken not only by mullas but also by the elite in politics and those in political power. President Zia is on record to have said, "We will InshaAllah persevere in our efforts to ensure that the cancer of Qadianiat is exterminated". Most recently, in 2022, Khawaja Saad Rafiq, a federal minister tweeted, "Qadianiat and Zionism is a conspiracy to thrust a dagger in the heart of Islam". Imagine the impact of such inciting proclamations on the common man. On May 28, 2010, motivated Islamist terrorists attacked two Ahmadiyya mosques in Lahore and killed 86 Ahmadi worshipers assembled there for Friday prayer. Since the promulgation of the Ordinance, hundreds of Ahmadis have been murdered in Pakistan; not even 5% of the perpetrators were made to face law and justice. Ahmadis do not feel safe and tend not to disclose their religious identity to strangers. Last year in August, a man talked to an Ahmadi for one minute, assessed him to be Ahmadi, took out his knife, and stabbed him to death. The assassin did not know the victim earlier. Reportedly he is a Hafiz and a madrassah graduate.

Jomshof proposes that if Christians are expected to fight against discrimination, inequality, and other forms of oppression, they should fight Islamism. He perhaps is right to attribute such turpitude to Islamism, and not to Islam. These so-called 'Islamists' are active all over the Islamic world. In Pakistan they have nearly taken over — at least so far as Ahmadis are concerned. To illustrate, Ahmadis face discrimination, inequality, and oppression all the time, particularly in government service — elsewhere too. Ahmadi government servants experience a glass ceiling in their careers. Sometimes back when an Ahmadi applied to join the army as a soldier, he, though qualified in all

tests, was told that he could join only if he changed his denominational identity to Sunni. As per the Constitution, all citizens are equal, but religious minorities are less equal than the majority Muslims. Ahmadis' oppression is common practice in Pakistan, as it is considered a pious and meritorious act. Even a (former) high court chief justice formally observed, "Qadianis or people who have been declared non-Muslim should be identified and (criminal) cases shall be registered against those who distort Islamic teachings, which is a crime in Pakistan. The government should file a case against them — saying that private individuals should file a case, which is against the law". Imagine the kind of justice Ahmadis received in his high court while he was the chief justice. In the same jurisdiction a few months ago, a miscreant mulla led a police contingent to raid an Ahmadiyya Noor Academy and arrested its principal for allegedly distributing copies of the Quran as an award to some top students, accusing him of violating the Anti-Ahmadiyya and blasphemy laws. A judge refused to release him on bail. He remains in prison; if declared guilty, he could be imprisoned for life. In 2018, Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court wrote a 172-page verdict against Ahmadis without hearing a single Ahmadi for a single minute. Apart from other unworthy directives he even recommended special attire for Ahmadis and the surname of Ghulam Mirzai for all Ahmadis to facilitate the discovery of their religious identity — unbelievable, even unspeakable. For decades, there has not been a day when an Ahmadi was not in prison for his faith. Jomshof seems to be generally aware of such situations in present-day countries upholding Islamism.

Jomshof also talks of 'us and them' and recommends it in the domain of Islamophobia, although he does not admit it. We cannot blame him severely for such thinking, because in many Muslim societies these days, this thinking is pervasive on religious grounds. The Sheikh perhaps would be aware of the severe anti-Ahmadiyya riots in Punjab in 1953, which resulted in the imposition of martial law in Lahore. A subsequent high-level Court of Enquiry mentioned in its Report that the police, in those turbulent days, treated Ahmadis as 'them' and their opponents as 'us', "Further we feel that (anti-Ahmadiyya) Ahrar were treated as members of the family, and the Ahmadis as

strangers..."(p. 384 of the Report on Punjab Disturbances of 1953) More recently, when an Ahmadi delegation approached the Deputy Commissioner of their district to complain against their (the opponents') excesses, the DC blatantly retorted, "You may consider me as 'them'".

Also, Jomshof is proud of democracy in Sweden and accuses the Muslim world of a total lack of democracy and equality, 'totalitarian' rules, and the widespread persecution of dissenters. He is right as for Sweden is concerned, but not entirely right about the Muslim world. In Turkiye, there is a flourishing and functional democracy, but unfortunately not so in most other countries. Totalitarian rule is the general rule; we need not name and shame them. In Pakistan, while the political system is democratic, implementation unabashedly violates the fundamentals and higher values of democracy. The country has been ruled by the military for decades. Anti-Ahmadiyya laws were promulgated by a martial law administrator. The Constitution lays down that only a (legal) Muslim can be the president and prime minister of the country. In the early days of Imran Khan's prime ministership, he appointed the renowned Professor Atif Mian (an Ahmadi) to his 18-member economic advisory council. In the subsequent protest of religious bigots, only two days later, he asked Atif Mian to resign from the council. Is it not very undemocratic that rules and laws are deliberately worded to ensure that Ahmadis are deprived of their right to vote; as a result Ahmadis have not voted in general elections for decades. Ahmadis cannot even vote for local councilors in their town, Rabwah where they are over 90% of the population. So not even one member of the local council is an Ahmadi. Jomshof is not all wrong.

Jomshof demands less immigration, Islamization, etc., not more. He is not alone in such a demand. In Pakistan, the mulla and some political elite are not shy to make similar demands about Ahmadi citizens — even for those who were born there and are natural citizens like any other. Al-lama Rizvi of Tehrik Lubbaik, claiming intent to implement Islam in Pakistan, said in public, "The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding Mirzais (Ahmadis): Either recite the Kalima (become Muslim) or accept death. There won't be anything other than this." See,

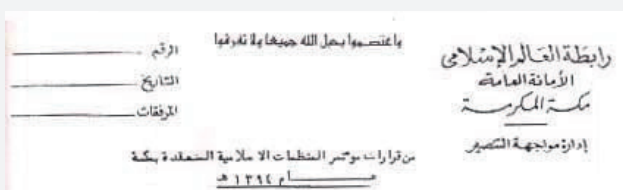
this formidable mulla beats Jomshof by miles. In his bigotry (a mild word) he is supported by no less a person than Parvez Elahi, a former chief minister of the Punjab, now second only to Imran Khan in PTI. “We have no friendship nor any dealing with one who does not believe in the End of Prophet-hood. If they (Ahmadis) want to stay, they may, as a minority. (But) if they opt to leave, they should do so,” he said. Contrary to Jomshof’s comment on immigration, Elahi is shamelessly proposing ‘emigration’ — a worse option.

As for the widespread persecution of dissenters, we have mentioned above certain aspects of the life of Ahmadis in this Islamic Republic, who are a sort of dissenters — even though marginally. Persecution prevails in almost all aspects of life, for Ahmadis. For instance, last year, 22 Ahmadi children were thrown out of schools, for their faith. An Ahmadi contractor was forbidden to respond to a tender notice to provide food items to a government body. Nationalized schools and colleges have not been returned to former Ahmadi owners, despite the government’s policy of denationalization. For years, a train that earned plenty of revenue from Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya town, was not allowed to stop there, lest the residents avail of the facility to travel by train. Last year, 107 Ahmadis were booked by the police in religion-based criminal cases; this is a large number for a small community — proportionately it amounts to the same atrocity as if 17,000 Sunnies were made to face charges based on their belief. Ahmadis have not been allowed to hold their ritual annual conference in Rabwah for the past 40 years, while their opponents are allowed and facilitated many times every year to transport here the participants, for their hateful and provocative conferences. The language, the speakers use against the locals and their respected religious leaders, is too foul to be reproduced here. Even in the most non-religious field of trade and commerce, discrimination is evident. For example, in Lahore, a major trade center, the electronics market called Hafeez Centre, most shops carry the notice on the front doors: ‘No en-

try for Ahmadis’. Persecution is worse in the field of religion. During the 45 months of Imran Khan’s rule, 25 Ahmadiyya mosques were demolished, damaged, or set on fire, four were sealed by authorities, and the construction of another four was barred by order. The police and the Mulla jointly vandalized a whopping 374 Ahmadiyya graves — unbelievable. These enormities continue under the present regime as well. The story of the persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan is longer than that of the Thousand Nights, so it should be cut sooner than later. Nevertheless, Ahmadiyyat continues to flourish and progress the world over.

Last but not least, is Jomshof’s very unjustified and unscholarly attack on the Holy Quran that it calls Muslims to fight and kill non-Muslims, although he unabashedly refers to Christian teachings to fight discrimination, etc, and thus justifies Swedish Christians to fight ‘Islamism’. This is malevolent. Both Christianity and Islam promote peace and tolerance, even love — in principle. Both, however, allow fighting for self-defense, if unavoidable. Swedish armed forces surely exist for this, and follow the same dictum, in principle. But let’s admit that these high principles are rarely upheld in the West as well the East. Here we are mostly and frankly referring to the practices in Pakistan and happenings to Ahmadis. Just one example. In a one-page pamphlet, issued and distributed by the Alami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat, Multan, the Central Shura provides the final verdict: “Ahmadi apostates should be given an ultimatum of three days to revert to Islam like other 1100 million Muslims worldwide. Ahmadis who do not become Muslim within three days should then be made to stand in lines and their killing should start and continued till all Ahmadis are killed and not stopped till those apostates have been killed.” It is relevant that none of the above is confidential information. The state owns up proudly to its anti-Ahmadiyya activism and most of what is mentioned above. (Note: Pamphlets, press cuttings, pictures, videos, etc. of most of the incidents mentioned above are held in the Ahmadiyya head office).

Before proceeding further, we must regrettably recall the historic fact that Dr. Al-Sissa’s predecessors in the World Muslim League played a leading and effective role in the 1970s to bring about



anti-Ahmadiyya legislation and policy in Pakistan. We refer to the Rabita-sponsored Declaration of the Conference of Islamic Organisation in Makkah — the year 1974. The wrongs committed by the Pakistani state, as mentioned above, were the application of the guidelines and instructions given in courses of action 1—6 given in the Declaration. We Ahmadis, are prepared to forget about this policy laid down by WML 50 years ago, if the new leadership of WML makes amends and makes radical course correction in the interest of the Muslim Ummah.

Opening part of the WML Declaration circulated in 1974, mentioned above

To conclude and propose a definite policy and plan to fight the ongoing Islamophobia, we suggest that we Muslims have to do more than simply rebut the charges in op-eds and statements. Things are not well in the Muslim World at all, and the real Islamic teachings as propounded by Dr. Al-Issa are not followed — these are even trampled underfoot by the ulama, the political elite, and the powerful establishments that run the governments of the Muslim majority nations. Just as the Ottoman Empire was the sick man of Europe in the 19th century, these days the Muslim world is the sick man of the World community. Dr. Al-Issa and his WML are in a position to exert fairly effective pressure and influence on the powerful elite to implement a course correction. Petro-dollars are being spent in abundance to support madrassahs, politico-religious parties, and governments that promote a severe and extremist, thus perverted, version of Is-

lam. In Pakistan alone, there are tens of thousands of such madrassahs. The WML and its sponsors in the Gulf should warn the management of such madrassahs and mosques in Asia and Africa to radically and effectively bring about a visible change in their syllabi and practice of religion. They should be required to join in the Jihad against extremist and terrorist organizations like TTP, TLP, Al-Qaida, ISIS, Taliban, etc. An effective method would be to release funds to them conditional to change in their policy and output. The political elite should be told to legislate measures to remove all provisions in their Constitutions and laws that impose and support bigotry, discrimination, and so-called 'Islamization'.

Dr. Al-Issa and WML may like to firmly and effectively resolve and act to bring about tectonic change in Muslim societies all over the Islamic world. In such a worthy campaign, the worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamaat will support WML and His Excellency Dr. Al-Issa with its efficacious prayers (not to be taken lightly) and all means and manners at its disposal in 214 countries where Ahmadis reside. The best place to start with is Pakistan, as shown amply in the examples mentioned above, also for the reason that Pakistan, one of the most important nation-states in the Muslim world, is on the edge of a precipice, primarily for reasons of its hypocrisy, deviation from true Islam and its pursuit of General Zia's 'Islamization'. If successful, WML will be mentioned in history books for its positive and substantial contribution to the cause of true Islam and the Muslim world.

RETRIBUTION OF PARVEZ ELAHI—ARRESTED

Lahore; June 1, 2023:

The daily Dawn on June 2, 2023 reported the following: "Elahi taken into custody after week-long siege. PTI leader arrested by anti-corruption, police team as he tried to leave Gulberg residence..... Caretaker Information Minister Amir Mir claimed that the PTI leader resisted the arrest, but police managed to arrest him after breaking the front window of his vehicle.... Mr. Elahi is wanted in a

case related taking kickbacks in different development projects in Gujrat. A few days ago, his pre-arrest bail was cancelled by the court,....." (Anti-Corruption Establishment)

Mr. Parvez Elahi, formerly of PML-Q, now president of PTI, is important to Ahmadis in Pakistan. In 2018, he became the speaker of the Punjab Assembly, and in July 2022 he took over as the Chief Minister with the approval of Imran Khan (PTI).



Ever since, he has been mentioned in Ahmadiyya dispatches for his highly loathesome anti-Ahmadi activism. This will be briefly recalled in this story.

The authorities, however, arguably attribute his arrest to other wrong-doings. The federal Interior Minister tweeted: “His case is not that related to (the probability of) quitting the PTI. Parvez Elahi, in his recent tenure as chief minister indulged in immense corruption and blatantly undertook Farah Gogi’s episode. He made billions in 10% ‘commission’ in contracts and turned green land to brown land. Moonis Elahi (his son) transferred dollars abroad in an aircraft.” (@RanaSanaullahPK on 02 Jun 23).

Ahmadis give due importance to things temporal, but also firmly believe in those of the heavenly and spiritual world. What Elahi was doing in the past five years (earlier too), made Ahmadis believe that he would not escape his retribution—eventually. He openly and rather blatantly used religion to promote his politics—particularly his anti-Ahmadiyya stance, in the name of Khatme Nabuwat (End of Prophethood). He, appeared greatly successful for a while, but then he had to reap what he sowed. We mention below from the media reports only essentials in support of the quoted references without indulging in providing detailed references, as Mr. Parvez Elahi would fondly and proudly own up all that he said and did “to promote the cause of Islam”.

Before we mention his most wrongful anti-Ahmadiyya activism, we mention how he requisitioned Islam to his politics.

- Under his speakership, Punjab Assembly, on the eve of the New Year 2019 passed a unanimous resolution asking the federal government to make new or improved laws to strongly punish blasphemers and set up

a Saudi Arabia like central screening or filtration system to interrupt blasphemous material on social media..... (Note: On this, the steely human rights activist YL Hamdani wrote: “Instead of religion being the personal faith of an individual, it is currently the business of the state in Pakistan, indeed its only business.” @theRealYLH-Dailytimes.com.pk/529370

- On July 2, 2020, ExpressRSS quoted him: Construction of a new (Hindu) temple in Islamabad violates the spirit of Islam: Parvez Elahi
- In year 2020, he proudly led the unanimous passage of Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad e Islam Bill in the Punjab Assembly. He called it a ‘historic achievement’. He said “it will prove to be milestone on the record to protection (hifazat) and supremacy (sarbulandi) of Islam.”
- While the Governor’s signature were awaited, a keen and discerning look at the Bill found it highly divisive, thus unacceptable. If signed into law, it would have opened flood-gates of strife as well as tyranny in the country. The federal government had to take notice—and no one has heard of this Bill, ever since.
- In December 2021, the press published his statement:
- Teachers should arrange prayers in school assemblies against smog and respiratory diseases: Parvez Elahi
- In November 2021, he showered undue praise on Ulama, “We recognize the role of Ulama in religious tolerance.” This was the year when in April and October, mullas of the Tehrik e Labbaik precipitated violent and blood soaked anti-government campaigns.
- Mullas paid back the complaint. In their conference in Rabwah on September 7, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi said. “Chief Minister Parvez Elahi is trying hard and has supported us a lot. Qadianis, you are nothing; we dealt with your elders as if dirt (jootiyon ki nok per rakha.)”

That should suffice. Now we move on to his special and favorite domain—anti-Ahmadiyyat.

- In May 2020, the Punjab Assembly, with Elahi in chair passed the resolution, “This

House appreciates the federal cabinet which has not included the Qadianis in the Minority Commission..... Those people (Ahmadis) who are involved in these conspiracies should be exposed and given stringent punishment..... Matter of Khatme Nabuwwat is a red line for us.”

- In 2020 again the PML-Q led primarily by Mr. Parvez Elahi, won the leadership contest in exploiting religion for political gain. He released a special video message on September 7, to commemorate the anti-Ahmadiyya 2nd Amendment to the Constitution, and called it the Day of Khatme Nabuwwat.
- In October 2021, The Punjab Assembly adopted a resolution to include End of Prophethood declaration in Nikah Nama (Marriage contract). Elahi said, “The declaration is essential to ensure that the groom is not a Qadiani.”
- Elahi arranged in June 2021 that newly constructed hall of the Punjab Assembly carried Quranic verses and Holy Prophet’s sayings regarding Khatme Nabuwwat. He, however, made sure that the Verses and Sayings which favor and support the Ahmadiyya understanding of the Finality of Prophethood (there are many) are not displayed at all.
- Sure enough, soon after being elevated to Chief Minister by Imran, he immediately promulgated the Notification concerning the Nikah Nama whereby the bride, the groom and others involved in marriage ceremony were to render an affidavit concerning End of Prophethood and also add that the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat was a false (Jhoota) prophet.
- Malik Ilyas Awan, a Vice President of PML-Q Punjab wrote to the Deputy Commissioner in July 2022 asking him to expel all Ahmadis from District Khushab (Punjab).
- In a video statement, in September 2022, Mr. Elahi can be seen and heard expressing his intentions to build another grand Blue Mosque, like the one in Turkiye. He added, “It will be boldly written on the exterior that no Qadiani is allowed inside. We have no

friendship nor any dealing with one who does not believe in the End of Prophethood. If they want to stay, they may, as a minority. We’ll give them rights as we give rights to Christians and Hindus, (but) if they opt to leave, they should do so.”

- During his tenure as the Speaker and the Chief Minister, 28 Ahmadiyya mosques were destroyed, damaged, sealed, etc. and 374 Ahmadis’ graves were vandalized, mostly by authorities. Unbeatable statistics
- Most recently, in a video, he says, “(Ahmadi Lobby)..... We are determined (concerning them). I, as the Speaker (of Punjab Assembly) and (then) as the Chief Minister (pushed them) to their real abode (asal jagah), and go where they have to go.” Haqiqat TV

People were watching and taking note of Parvez Elahi’s religious antics. The Friday Times could not resist producing an op-ed titled: A religio-political dilemma—How far Can Parvez Elahi Afford to Take Anti-Ahmadi Bigotry in Punjab? HRCP warned Punjab Assembly of fueling bigotry, on July 24, 2020. An Ahmadi-origin comment pleaded: Mr. Parvez Elahi and other of his ilk, the drumbeaters of Islam, should have some pity on the Land of the Pure, Islam and themselves, by distancing from bigotry, hate promotion, intolerance and division in the fair name of Islam.

Mr. Parvez Elahi is now in the lime light. Even in 2018, the Supreme Court summoned him in Bahria Town case. More recently, FIA was told in February 2023 to act against him after audio leaks. In April 2023, the Dawn reported, “ACE (Anti-Corruption Establishment) registers another FIR against Bhatti (former Principal Secretary to Mr. Parvez Elahi).” In the same month, Anti-Corruption Establishment probed into illegal PA postings by Elahi himself. He is facing charges, arrest, and trial in courts these days. The same Imran Khan who has now given him the presidency of PTI, earlier called him Punjab’s biggest robber (Punjab ka sab se bara dakoo). The Friday Times; Lahore, June 26, 2022.

It seems Parvez Elahi’s days of political pranks are over. Retribution has caught up with him—at last.

FOLLOW-UP: WHOSE WRIT—THE STATE’S OR THE MULLA’S?

Rawalpindi; May, 2023:

In our report of April 2023, we referred to a video in which a mulla Qari Idrees challenged the Education Department on posting of an Ahmadi, Masood Bhatti as the headmaster of a government school in Rehmatatabad, Rawalpindi. He even threatened the authorities and warned them about the bloodshed and harm that the decision would cause as he and his accomplices would guard the premises of the school and would not let the appointed principal enter the school.

Mr. Bhatti has served well the Department of Education for past 33 years. His appointment as principal of the Rehmatatabad school was withdrawn and he was appointed as principal of the school at Saagri, Rawalpindi. Qari Idrees followed up the new appointment and having tasted blood, opposed this one as well, on social media. An application was also sent to the Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi for cancellation of these fresh orders. In these hostile circumstances in which his department and other governmental institutions have almost surrendered, Mr. Bhatti took leave, and now plans to retire.

APPLICATION FILED AGAINST TREATING AHMADIS AS MUSLIM

Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh; May 2023:

An application was sent by the opponents to the DSP Gojra in which the plaintiff Usman Munawar advocate took the position that the Special Branch issued a list of mosques for security measures on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr; the Ahmadiyya place of worship “Bait-ul-Hamad” was also included in the list.

In his application, apart from the In-charge Police Station City Gojra, the plaintiff included Mr. Khalil Ahmed and Mr. Ali Raza, Ahmadi residents of Gojra. He stated that on his visit to the said police station, he saw the list on the notice board, and found the Ahmadiyya place of worship mentioned there-

in; and the word “Ahmadiyya” was also written in the box of religion, meant for Muslims. According to the Constitution of Pakistan, they are non-Muslim and not related to Islam, he said. Security has been provided to the Ahmadiyya place of worship by the In-charge police station, the bigot added.

The applicant further wrote that according to the Constitution of Pakistan, Qadianis are not Muslim, nor can they practice any Islamic rituals, pretending to be Muslim. Therefore, action should be taken against the mentioned individuals, he demanded. It is noteworthy that Ahmadis had no role in preparing the said lists, nor with organizing police protection.

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 dated 30.09.2020 on reporting to the FIA office; they are in Camp Jail Lahore.

Syed Ali Abbas, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the 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 application. Now Rohan's bail is pending before High Court on the statutory ground i.e. trial is not concluded within 2 years of the arrest of the accused.

2

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. Subsequently the trial court added section 295-C of PPC to the said case.

His plea for bail was rejected by SC.

3

Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sanji was arrested on January 7, 2023 from his home in Rabwah. He was booked with FIR Nr. 661/22 under sections 295-B, 298-C and the Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011. He was sent to Jhang Jail after judicial remand and later transferred to District Jail Faisalabad. His bail application is pending in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Lalian, District Chiniot.

4

The police booked Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq under PPC 298-B with FIR No. 54 on April 27, 2023 in the police station City Court Karachi. He was arrested and sent to jail.

He was expected to be released on bail on May 27, 2023, but due to a production order in a case with FIR No. 121/1992 in police station Shahdadpur district Sanghar on October 20, 1992, his release has stalled.

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)

AS OF MAY 30, 2023:

- Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani - principal Hifz School Rabwah was arrested in Jan.
- Mr. Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq - advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan arrested in Apr.
- 8 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- Fabricated cases against 8 Ahmadis were registered during Nov and an FIR is registered against some members of Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan in Dec.
- Two further cases registered and one Ahmadi arrested in Feb 23
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student has been awarded 5 years imprisonment in Nov 2022, for hurting the religious feelings.
- 13 Ahmadis were arrested during August 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid.
- 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.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)

SOME RELEVANT PAKISTAN PENAL CODES

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

295

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

Alarming Facts

SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 6 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 276 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 19 murder attempts, 10 attacks during 2022, 2 attacks this month.
- Fabricated cases against 8 Ahmadis were registered during Nov 2022 and an FIR is registered against some members of Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan in Dec. Two new cases registered, one Ahmadi arrested in Feb 2023
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 29 Ahmadiyya mosques desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities. 9 attacked in during 2023
- 246 graves have been desecrated, 180 of these were during 2022. Burial of an Ahmadi lady denied and the graveyard sealed in Nov. Burial of another Ahmadi lady denied in Jan 2023.
- 47 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws, 10 of these were registered during August. A criminal case was registered against 16 Ahmadis during Sep and Nov 2022. Another case was registered against the top leadership of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan in Dec 2022.
- Sacred inscription from 22 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

- Vandalism of Ahmadi worship place in Mirpurkhas
Thefridaytimes.com/2023/05/04/Ahmadi
- Pakistan: Imam threatens to break Ahmadi headmaster's legs
ANI on May 5, 2023
- (Ex) CM summoned in unauthentic Quran publication case
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 6, 2023
- Seven teachers gunned down in Kurram
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 5, 2023
- Cleric lynched near Mardan over alleged blasphemy
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 8, 2023
- Six troops, civilian martyred as clearance operation ends.
- Hostage families rescued; all attackers belonging to 'Tehreek Jihad Pakistan' killed.
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 14, 2023
- Six soldiers martyred in N Waziristan gun battle
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 5, 2023
- Six soldiers martyred in Muslim Bagh
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 14, 2023
- 4 martyred in suicide attack; six militants killed in South Waziristan.
The daily Dawn, Lahore; May 25, 2023
- Six martyred in attack on Hangu energy plant
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 24, 2023
- Two girls' schools blown up in North Waziristan
- 500 girls were enrolled in the two schools
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 23, 2023
- Sahibzada Hamid (Raza) arrested in ISI office attack (in Faisalabad)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 20, 2023
- The police took into custody 20 students – 15 from Islami Jamiat Talaba (IJT) and five from the Punjabi Council – on Monday following a clash on the New Campus of the Punjab University
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 9, 2023
- Saqib Nisar (ex-CJP) has committed 'unforgivable crimes': Nawaz
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 3, 2023
- System of governance has become so corrupted that we can deliver nothing: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi (of ruling PML-N)
Dawn News at 22:48 on May 1, 2023
- PM calls out 'double standards' of judiciary
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 5, 2023
- [MQM(P)] Vows to move all relevant local and foreign forums for fair enumeration in Sindh
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 8, 2023
- Anything can happen in the country: Speaker
TV Dawn News 07:04 on May 4, 2023
- Unelected person can become mayor after LG law amendment. Amendment enables PPP to field unelected Wahab for Karachi mayor.
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 12, 2023
- Pakistan has world's most ineffective governance: Miftah
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 13, 2023
- Maryam slams CJP, threatens 'political reaction'
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 13, 2023
- For whatever has happened to the country, the nation is in need (intizar) of a Messiah: (Hafiz) Saad Rizvi (Chair TLP)
TV Samaa at 16:10 on May 19, 2023
- Bilawal asks judges not to become 'Tiger Force'
- Says, if justice is not served, then PPP will 'snatch it'
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 14, 2023
- Imran exploited religion to promote his politics: Maryam Nawaz
HUM TV at 21:30 on May 20, 2023
- The mulla is out with his private 'Rent a Contingent' with guns in hand: The Constitution mentions these contingents. The Constitution is being insulted in the land: Babar Awan (Former PTI minister)
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 2, 2023
- The whole world is witness to Imran facing the consequences of his actions (mukafat e amal) Maryam Nawaz
TV 92HD Plus at 17:44 on May 20, 2023
- The most corrupt government in Punjab was that of Usman Buzdar (of PTI): Shahid Khaqan
TV Aaj News at 17:17 on May 2, 2023
- Sindhi intelligentsia demand halt to enumeration process
- Says census deadline extended to 'appease two parties in Karachi'
- Claims Centre wants to fudge census figures in favour of Punjab
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 2, 2023
- One-third disappears in wheat purchase, transportation, grinding, transfer and distri-

- bution. 25 percent corruption is the norm: Khaqan Abbasi (PML-N)
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 2, 2023
- Military rules out martial law
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 13, 2023
 - CJP tells govt, PTI to resume dialogue
 - Ruling coalition wants CJP to step down over 'Imran bias'
 - PDM says it won't accept engineered verdicts
 - PTI chief calls for peaceful protests to 'save' SC
 - PDM supporters enter Red Zone without any hindrance
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 16, 2023
 - We do not recognize the (Karachi) LG polls: Mustafa Kamal (MQM-Pakistan)
 - Imran Khan made a suicide attack on (national) politics: Ahsan Iqbal
TV Samaa at 06:41 on May 22, 2023
 - CJP explains he greets all by saying 'good to see you'
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 17, 2023
 - It is not possible to handle the Mischief (fitna) and the problems without help of Ulama: Maryam Nawaz
TV 92 HD Plus at 17:44 on May 20, 2023
 - Maryam Nawaz addressed N-League's Ulama Mashaikh Wing and stated that their active role was very important in facing the division in society. She condemned Imran's condemnable use of religion in political game.
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 21, 2023
 - A Juma (Friday) bazaar of 89 ministers: Sh. Rashid
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 2, 2023
 - Freedom of expression (Azadi Raey) has become a dream in Pakistan (translation)
TV Dawn News, 06:46 on May 4, 2023
 - Karachi Electric has complained about electricity theft and payment of bills (translation)
TV Dawn News 07:01 on May 4, 2023
 - Our tradition is to serve the people sans discrimination: Bilawal Zardari (PPP)
TV Dawn News at 07:00 on May 8, 2023
 - Banning PTI only solution; insists interior minister
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 14, 2023
 - PTI is subjected to the severest crackdown in history: Imran Khan
TV ARY at 21:23 on May 20, 2023
 - Pakistan rejects US report on religious freedom
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 19, 2023
 - 66 lawmakers urge Blinken to push for 'democracy' in Pakistan
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 19, 2023
 - G20 meet begins in held Kashmir amid boycott China, Turkiye, Saudi Arabia stay away from event
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 23, 2023
 - India has turned the held Kashmir into a Guantanamo Bay: Mehboba Mufti
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 22, 2023
 - Deaths raise fresh fears over cow vigilantism in India.
 - Police arrested Nafiz and Shaukeen (Muslims) on cow smuggling charges because they "found a cow in the car", Mr Singla says.
 - Waris is now dead. Nafiz is in jail. And Shaukeen is yet to come to terms with the horrors of the night. (All three Muslims attacked by a group of Hindu men.)
BBC Top Stories on May 9, 2023
 - Tunisian policeman kills five outside synagogue
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 11, 2023
 - Violence escalates as Palestinian death toll rises to 28 (in Israel)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 12, 2023
 - India drops below Pakistan in press freedom ranking
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 4, 2023
 - Shehbaz, Raisi electrify ties with power, trade plans
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 19, 2023
 - ICC (at the Hague) undeterred after Russia put prosecutor Khan on wanted list
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 21, 2023
 - Finland the top 'happiest' country, Pakistan 108th, Israel 4th — Afghanistan near the bottom
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 22, 2023
 - Makkah hotel fire kills eight Pakistanis
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 21, 2023
 - Arab League readmits Syria after 11 years
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 8, 2023
 - Iran hangs seven more in execution 'spree'
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 11, 2023
 - Boy kills 9 in Serbian school attack
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 4, 2023
 - Teenaged gunman kills three, wounds six in US
The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 17, 2023

Tweets:

Lord (Tariq)Ahmad of Wimbledon @tariqahmadbt
 The continued appalling attacks on Ahmadiyya Mosques in Pakistan and the persecution of the Community is a sad and tragic reality of today's Pakistan—a far cry of the inclusive, tolerant & progressive Pakistan as envisaged by its founders #MohammedAliJinnah @BBhuttoZardari

Dr. Tariq Anwar Bajwa @DrTariqBajwa · May 4
 Another attack on Ahmadiyya Mosque in Mirpurkhas Sindh today 4.5.2023...



11:22 AM · May 5, 2023 · 33.2K Views

Ziauddin Yousafzai @ZiauddinY
 Day: 594: Schools 🇵🇰
 Day: 134: Universities

This picture hurts.
 How dare you sit with the representative of an oppressive regime who have banned 5 Million Afghan girls from going to schools and universities. Are you adding salt to the injury of 20 Million Afghan women who have zero rights under the Taliban regime?!
 #LetAfghanGirlsLearn



4:34 AM · May 7, 2023 · 152.3K Views

Amjad Mahmood Khan @AmjadMKhanEsq
 What a huge milestone for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in America: the first Ahmadi Muslim judge confirmed. I've known Tariq Chaudhri for many years, and he's an exceptionally talented lawyer and compassionate human being who will be terrific on the bench. Insha'allah.

AMLA USA @AMLAUSA · May 23
 AMLA USA is incredibly blessed to announce that one of our own, Tariq Chaudhri, was today confirmed as the first American Ahmadi Muslim judge. AMLA's full statement on Tariq's elevation to the New Jersey Superior Court is below. Masha'Allah and Alhamdulillah! #ahmadilawyers



Ahmadia Muslim Lawyers Association
 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 AMLA USA CONGRATULATES FIRST AMERICAN AHMADI MUSLIM CONFIRMED AS JUDGE



About AMLA:

Kashif N Chaudhry @KashifMD
 Congrats @LubzStaProperty. Great accomplishment! 🎉👏

Clir Lubna Arshad @LubzStaProperty · May 18
 Today witnessed a momentous occasion as I was granted the esteemed position of Lord Mayor of Oxford City. It is worth highlighting that I am the trailblazing first Muslim woman of color, and the youngest person to ever hold the esteemed title of Lord Mayor in @OxfordCity
 Show this thread



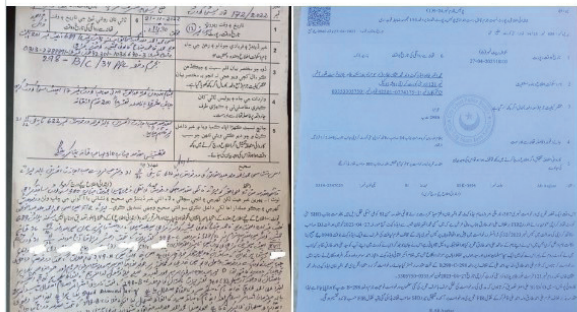
5:47 AM · May 19, 2023 · 1,473 Views

Usman @UsmanAhmad_jam
 While everyone is focussed on wrongful arrests probably a good time to remember that Aasia Bibi spent 9 years in jail for a crime she didn't commit, Junaid Hafeez still languishes in prison and has been in solitary since 2014 and all the other prisoners of conscience in Pakistan.

10:23 AM · May 16, 2023 · 12.6K Views

Tahir Imran Mian @TahirImran
 An Ahmadi is arrested.
 Reason?
 He has "Syed" surname.
 There are many Ahmadies with similar surname. Many were born before these discriminatory laws were passed by ZA Bhutto.
 It's now a crime to have an Islamic name in Pakistan.

AmirMahmood @IamAmirMahmood · Apr 27
 An Ahmadi lawyer in Karachi is under arrest because of ridiculous charge of having Syed as surname.
 A 2nd FIR was registered against Syed Ali Ahmed Tariq Senior Advocate Supreme Court today & police has arrested him.
 Last year on Nov 21, a similar case was filed against him.



Obaid @Obaidullahkhan

سب سیاسی بخار میں مبتلا لوگوں کو یاد کروانا تھا کہ اس وقت پاکستان میں سب سے زیادہ بنیادی انسانی حقوق احمدیوں کے پامال کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ پامال تو اب چھوٹا لفظ ہے انکو انسانیت کے درجے سے بھی نیچے درجے کی مخلوق سمجھا جا رہا ہے۔

Translate Tweet

10:49 AM · May 26, 2023 · 7,566 Views

Translation: All the people suffering from political fever had to be reminded that the most basic human rights of Ahmadis are being violated in Pakistan at this time. "violated" is a small word now, they are being considered as creatures of a lower level than the level of humanity.

Ayesha Siddiqi @iamthedrifter

Khan cannot be categorized as a politician; he is an agitator-entertainer rather than an effective policymaker. From economy and foreign policy to controlling the state – he failed at all counts in his almost 4 years in govt



thediplomat.com
Pakistan in Crisis: Imran Khan vs. the Army Chief
Even if the establishment manages to put Khan behind bars, his political ghost will not be that easy to get rid of.

1:54 PM · Jun 1, 2023 · 247.9K Views

Kashif N Chaudhry @KashifMD

When 86 Ahmadi Muslims were martyred by Taliban in 2010, #SalmanTaseer was the ONLY Pakistani leader to visit the Ahmadiyya Mosque in Lahore to express condolences. In nearby Mughalpura, Mullahs were busy distributing sweets.

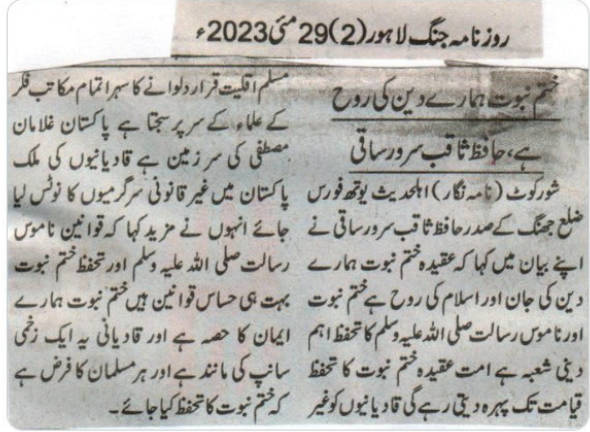
Taseer, a man of great integrity and principle! ❤️



9:12 AM · May 29, 2023 · 140.5K Views

AmirMahmood @IamAmirMahmood

The use of derogatory language in @jang_akhbar against the Ahmadiyya community. Such language is highly condemnable and goes against the principles of respect and tolerance. Discrimination and hate speech have no place in our society.



7:24 PM · May 29, 2023 · 3,253 Views

Translation: ... Laws regarding honor of the Holy Prophet p.b.u.h and protection of end of prophethood are a part of our faith and Qadianis are like an injured snake. It is the duty of every Muslim to protect 'End of Prophethood'. (Hafiz Saqib Sarwar Saqi in the daily Jang, Lahore of May 29, 2023)

Raza Butt @SocialDigitally

چیف جسٹس صاحب مہری زندگی کو خطرہ ہے میں موت و حیات کی کشمکش میں آپکو بتانا چاہتا ہوں کہ القادر ٹرسٹ کے ایجنڈے کے وقت میں تو موجود ہی نہیں تھا، شیخ رشید

Translate Tweet



2:18 PM · May 31, 2023 · 145.7K Views

Translation: Mr. Chief Justice, my life is in danger, I want to tell you that I am in the struggle of life and death. I further want to tell you that I was not present at the time of the agenda of Al-Qadir Trust: Sheikh Rasheed

ANNEX I

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

Cr. Bail Application No.937 of 2023

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES
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1. For orders on MA No. 5389/2023
2. For hearing of bail application

16.05.2023:

M/s. Manzoor Ahmed Rajput and Ghulam Akbar Jatoi,
Advocates for the Complainant

Associate of Mr. Salahuddin Ahmed Advocate for the
Applicant

Mr. Abrar Ali Khichi, APG

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Omar Sial, J.: I have had to adjourn all bail cases today because of grave apprehension of a law and order situation developing within the court premises in connection with a post arrest bail application, pending adjudication.

2. In the previous hearing of this case, extremely unprofessional, in fact, despicably aggressive behaviour was resorted to by some advocates. The Sind Bar Council, Sindh High Court Bar Association, Karachi Bar Association and Malir Bar Association, in particular, should take immediate action to address the unacceptable behaviour of some of its members. Their behaviour was a slap on and a disgrace to the prestigious profession of law. It is shameful that such persons are permitted to even use the word "advocate" with their names. Their conduct was a black mark on the pride, dignity and reputation of the entire legal fraternity. This Court showed immense judicial restraint in face of clear contemptuous and threatening words and acts. Restraint was also shown in the face of the hostility this Court was

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subjected to by some advocates. Restraint was shown so that the professional lawyers, court staff and court property could remain protected. The belligerence shown by some advocates, however, will not prevent this court from deciding the cause before it on its merits, as indeed it does each case before it. I am well aware of, and intend to faithfully follow my oath of deciding without fear or favour.

3. Let a copy of this order be sent to the Sind Bar Council, SHCBA, KBA and MBA so these entities can play their respective parts in weeding out the black sheep amongst them. The belligerence and unprofessional behaviour was on part of the advocates registered with these bars, and not the litigant who was in court. Not only an attempt was made to intimidate the court and interfere in the smooth administration of justice, but a lawyer, identified as Akbar Jatoi was physically abusive towards Mr. Salman Mirza, one of the learned counsels for the applicant. Mr. Salahuddin Ahmed, another learned counsel for the applicant, was intimidated, abused and threatened. This was simply unacceptable behaviour and conduct and must necessarily be condemned by the Bar Associations and Councils. The regulatory body of advocates should very seriously look into it this and take action to maintain the glory of the profession. Whether or not the learned counsel who was assaulted in court files a criminal action or not is a decision that is best left to learned counsel to make. CCTV footage of the court premises will no doubt show the outrageous and unacceptable behavior of the offending advocates. The offending advocates appeared ignorant that Rule 134 of the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Rules, 1976 stipulates that, "It is the duty of every advocate to uphold at all times the dignity and high standing of his profession, as well as his own dignity and high standing as a member thereof".

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4. Courts of law are places where once one enters one should feel free to express his grievance and to demand that he or she be dealt with in accordance with law. Article 25 of the Constitution, that everyone is entitled to equal treatment of law, must not be lost sight of. Neither should the rights of a fair trial contained in Article 10-A be ignored. Quite ironically, some of the very advocates who created trouble in court, quite hypocritically, pose as champions of the right of fair trial and human rights when it comes to their own cases. Advocates should be the last people on earth to prevent a litigant from achieving this right.

5. Let this file be placed before the Honourable Chief Justice with the request that the Registrar be directed to put appropriate security measures in place on each date of hearing in this case. Only the parties and their counsel should be allowed in Court so that this Court can ensure that a fair trial is given to the accused. The security requested is not for the judge but to ensure that the respect and dignity of the courts of law is not attacked by some unscrupulous hooligans in the garb of advocates.

6. Re-list this case on Monday 22.05.2023 at 9:00 a.m. Only parties, counsels restricted to 2 a side will be allowed in the Court room. Members of the press will also be allowed so that a transparent hearing takes place. Office to send a copy of this order to counsels for both parties and the learned Prosecutor General. The learned Prosecutor General should either appear himself in this case or assign it to a seasoned and experienced prosecutor.


JUDGE

Statement

Makkah

The Muslim World League condemned the statements made by the Chairman of the Justice Committee in the Swedish Parliament against Islam, the Holy Qur'an, and our Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, the messenger of mercy and kindness.

His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, the Secretary-General of the Muslim World League and the Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars, said in a statement that this attack on our religion [Islam] from someone who does not only represent himself but is also a person of prominence, given his position as the chairman of the Justice Committee in the Parliament, is a clear indication of the rise of Islamophobia in the official entity this person heads. Sweden has a distinguished relationship with the Islamic world, the Swedish people are appreciated and respected by Muslims, they are described as civilized and friendly people, and they still are. These negative and immoral words only represent the person who expressed them and the entity he heads.

The MWL statement pointed out that the insults reflect an ignorance of the true Islam, they are based on concepts promoted by extremists, which are not related, in any shape or form, to the true and tolerant message of Islam, these concepts crumble in the face of the facts that have convinced over two billion Muslims across the world. He forgot that his insults apply to all extremist groups that exist among a section of the followers of all faiths, and not only among those who are outwardly claimed to be affiliated with Islam. This abusive person must get the truth from the original sources and carefully read history.

Dr. Al-Issa called upon the many sources of good in the Swedish society to stand in the face of this growing tide that seeks to create a rift between Muslims and other members of the Swedish society, as well as between Sweden and the Islamic world, based on extremist concepts that fuel the call for clash and conflict between civilizations. We firmly believe that the Swedish consciousness represented by all of its national components, will not allow bets that would compromise national and human values that believe in fraternity, love and mutual respect in Sweden, as well as in friendship between nations and peoples, and attempts that undermine the importance of promoting the alliance between civilizations based on shared human values.

Sheikh Dr. Al-Issa considered the insistence on practices that incite hatred and provoke religious sentiments cannot be justified under any pretext, whether against Islam or any other faith, culture or race. If such behavior is practiced as a form of freedom, then it is an abuse of this humane concept; because the values of freedom, based on the natural law, do not allow for the insulting of others, let alone allow for creating animosity with hundreds of millions of Muslims who love the world they live in and engage with it in a civilized manner according to their religious and patriotic principles. Especially, the Muslims of Sweden who love their country, they are proud of it and are ready to sacrifice for its sake.

Sheikh Dr. Al-Issa affirmed that the aforementioned statements will only serve extremist agendas, will silence the voices of reason and will undermine the efforts of bridging the gap and building bridges between nations and peoples.

His Excellency, the Secretary-General, warned Muslims in Sweden and the rest of Europe, not to be drawn into the space that extremists are luring them into by creating an atmosphere of mutual hatred among the various components of the society. Dr. Al-Issa stressed that such statements should increase Muslims' adherence to their values that emphasize the necessity of building and not destroying; getting closer rather than growing apart; the keenness to make societies stable and not to disturb harmony; they also stress the importance of bonding around the national state based on the constitution and laws of each country, whatever the identity may be.

His Excellency affirmed Islam is against countering abuse with abuse, and against any negative behavior; whether in word or action, including actions that violate the laws, especially those that provoke hatred and escalate matters. To deal with such matters we need wisdom, we need to turn away from them, this is the approach of the Holy Quran, as mentioned in several verses, and so was the approach of our Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, as was the case in several such incidents.

In conclusion, Dr. Al-Issa said that Islam is a true religion that cannot be harmed by provocative words or actions. Throughout its history and its exponential growth, with more than two billion followers across the world, Islam was never affected by those who attempted to target it, the adherent of Islam believe in it as a religion of mercy and peace for humanity at large.

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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