Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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The state of the State

From human rights perspective, following synopsis emerges of the 2019-20 Pakistan:

Challenges

- EU bans PIA operations in EU for six months.
- NAB freezes 23 properties of Shahbaz relatives.
- Imran wants CJP to 'restore' public trust in Judiciary.
- Locust attack ravages continue. Rs 50 billion subsidy approved for farmers.
- Alarming situation in Lahore (due Covid-19)
- 140,000 government servants were receiving funds (from Benazir Income Support, meant for the destitute): Sania Nishtar
- Attock AC lands in trouble for calling equal rights for minorities.
- 22 Sikh pilgrims die in van-train collision near Sheikhupura.

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- Lahore again rated second most polluted city of the world.
- Pakistan to get \$6 bn IMF lifeline to ease economic crises.

In the face of such challenges official Pakistan was busy in:

- Dozens of Ahmadis' tombstones destroyed or damaged with official nod in District Sheikhupura.
- Venerable Ahmadi woman arrested on fabricated blasphemy charge in District Nankana.
- Fed minister AM Khan calls for beheading of 'blasphemers'.
- Ahmadiyya mosque partially destroyed in District Bahawalpur under official supervision
- PEMRA orders all cable operators to block Ahmadiyya TV channels
- Senate approves resolution to add *Khatam-an- Nabiyyeen* to the blessed name of the Holy Prophet
- Mullah Tahir Ashrafi of the official Ulama Board asserted, "I am not willing to accept these (Ahmadis) in this country. ...To speak against Qadianis is 'religious harmony'."
- Construction of a Hindu temple in Islamabad violates spirit of Islam: Pervaiz Elahi (Speaker Punjab Assembly)
 Political masters are Mr. Imran

Khan in Islamabad and Mr. Usman Buzdar in Lahore.

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Chak 79 Nawan Kot, District Sheikhupura; June 30, 2020: Religious extremists in league with police officials desecrated, destroyed and damaged dozens of Ahmadiyya gravestones in the dark hours of June 30, 2020. As the incident is a grave violation of Ahmadis' religious rights and sensitivities, we mention essential details here.

In this village Ahmadiyya graveyard is located next to the Non-Ahmadis' graveyard with only a paved drain separating them. A fortnight ago, Ahmadis decided to prepare a small piece of state land as *Janazagha* (an open area where brief funeral prayer is held prior to burial; it lasts approximately 2-3 minutes.) Some bricks etc were provided at the site for this purpose. A few extremist elements made it a big issue and incited the public over it in their mosque. They wrote an application to police authorities, the SHO and the DPO. They took the plea that by providing themselves a *Janazagah* on state land Ahmadis had hurt their feelings, as such the village peace was at risk; action be taken against Ahmadis.

In fact, provision of a spot for *Janazagah* on state land near a graveyard is a matter of course at most locations in the Punjab, and nobody minds it, neither the public nor the state.

The SHO sent for the parties on June 27, 2020. Approximately 60 mullas thronged the meeting. A small Ahmadi delegation also came

and on joining greeted those present with a *'Salaam'*. The mullas chose to take offense to this greeting of 'Peace', shouted objection and displayed anger and hostility. They demanded that the police book Ahmadis under the blasphemy law PPC 295-C (for which the penalty is death). The SHO told everyone to get on with the agenda.

The opposing mullas stated that the preparing of a *Janazagah* site and the Islamic inscriptions on Ahmadiyya tombstones hurt their feelings. These should be removed, or there will be consequences. At this the SHO got an undertaking in writing from the Ahmadis on a stamp-paper that they will not make a *Janazagah*. Ahmadis however stated that they will not remove the inscriptions; the police itself may have these effaced, if they will.

In the meantime, some miscreant mullas went around the village seeking an undertaking from the villagers that they will not let Ahmadis bury their dead in the graveyard. Some people signed the undertaking, while others did not. The opposition has five mosques in the village which indulged in hate speech and incited the people to undertake boycott of Ahmadis.

Later, on June 30, mullas again went to the police station where they shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans. Eventually, the miscreants, the mullas and the police jointly proceeded to desecrate and damage Ahamdis' tombstones with hammers and chisels and obliterated sacred inscriptions from dozens of Ahmadis' gravestones. This went on in darkness till 11 p.m.

The BBC News (Urdu) took note of this grave incident and reported it on bbc.com/urdu/Pakistan-53275196. It is a three page report with three photos of the damaged graves. The report mentions that BBC contacted the SHO, Mr. Sadaqat Randhawa to seek his comment. He denied any incident of desecration of graves. When told that the photos of damaged tombstones are available on Twitter, he said that he was not aware of the source of those photos; however he had visited the site and found no trace of such an incident.

Such is the level of integrity and uprightness of our officials! Mr. Ghazi Salahuddin is the DPO while Mr. Shoaib Dastgir is the Provincial Police Officer.

Only a few days later, there was a traffic accident in this district of Sheikhupura in which 22 Sikh pilgrims died when their van collided with a train at a level crossing. Had the authorities spent more time on public security and safety issues and not on desecrating graves, the terrible accident might have been avoided.

Ahmadiyya spokesperson is a mildtempered elder. It seems that he was at a loss for words to report this woeful incident; he tweeted the following with photos:



How long the state apparatus will act as enabler in the hands of extremists?

How long our dead will be persecuted in their graves? How long the state & others will turn a blind eye to this?



Ahmadis face difficulties at their place of worship



Tench Bhata, Rawalpindi; June 11, 2020: Miscreants pelted stones on the main-gate of Baitul Khursheed, Ahmadiyya worship place here at 11:30 p.m. causing damage to the gate. Ahmadis reported the incident to the police and informed the office of CCPO. Police inspected the site several times. This caused concern to the culprits. They, in league with the administration of Bilal Mosque, lodged an application against the Ahmadiyya place of worship, in the police station of R.A. Bazar. They put the same application on the Facebook and started hateful propaganda against local Ahmadis. They took the stance that this building was previously used for residential purposes, but now Ahmadis have converted it into a worship place and have not got it registered in any government office. Moreover, according to the Khatme Nabuwwat Act (sic) Qadianis are not allowed to build a place of worship. The locals are harassed through CCTV cameras and barbed wires; children are lured and preached Ahmadiyyat; Muslims' religious sentiments are thus hurt, they claimed in their fabrication.

Meanwhile Ahmadis received a message from the administration that their application has been filed, and called the Ahmadiyya delegation in the presence of the Khatme Nabuwwat activists. Ahmadis declined to meet in the presence of the opponent party. So, Ahmadis met the SSP at the police station where the DSP was also present.

SSP told Ahmadis not to annoy non-Ahmadis while their own situation is not good. Ahamdis asked him to elaborate. He said, "You have constructed a place of worship." Ahmadis replied that they had not constructed but had done some repair work, the DSP had seen this renovation himself. The DSP confirmed it. The observed, "You carry out preaching SSP activities, groups come to the place and you distribute money among them." Ahmadis explained that it was not true. No money had been given to anyone there. This can be verified through the CCTV camera's records. The SSP then wanted to visit the place. Ahmadis welcomed him to undertake the visit. The SSP asked if a man of the opponent party could accompany him. Ahmadis showed reluctance. So, he refused the other party to accompany him. The SHO said that he had obtained a statement from the other party. So, Ahmadis also have to sign the statement. Ahmadis replied that they have to consult their seniors before signing any undertaking. Ahmadis later signed the following statement:

"It is stated that according to the instructions of the Police no religious congregations of Eid and Friday have been held here for the last year and half, and no such congregations will be held in future without permission. No preaching activity has been held here in past nor will it be held in future. Moreover Ahmadiyya community has always abided by the law and never acted any wrong. We do not intend to extend this building nor shall do so in future."

It is obvious that the above undertaking curtails Ahmadis' freedom of worship; it is imposed by the police on demand of religious extremists. Of course, no action was taken to locate and interrogate those who had pelted stones at the Ahmadiyya mosque.

A hateful, even idiotic leaflet

June 2020: A leaflet has been circulated in social media by Khatme Nabuwwat Youth Force Pakistan (copy at Annex). They have given their phone numbers but we are not aware of any action taken by the authorities against the producers of this pamphlet which is a mixture of hate, bigotry, ignorance and pure lies — quite an achievement in the limited space.

Translation of the leaflet:

- When Qadianis went to the Supreme Court for the protection of their rights, the Court gave verdict in historic words; "No rights for a deceiver." (SCMR 1993)
- The portrait of a traitor to the country and Islam, the accursed Abdul Salam Qadiani, should be removed from the reception hall of the Ministry of Science and Technology and severe action should be taken against those involved in this conspiracy (of putting up the portrait).
- The fresh quota for jobs in Pakistan Ordinance Factory Wah Cantt should be abolished for Qadianis and their induction be stopped.
- It should be remembered that Qadiani organisations Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Furqan Force are spreading terrorism in Pakistan on payment of large amounts of money from foreign countries. (The idiots do not know that Furqan Force was disbanded 70 years ago.)

The mulla and Hindu temple in Islamabad

June 2020: Mulla Hisham Elahi Zaheer, a known leader of Ahle Hadith denomination in Pakistan has aired his views in a Facebook video and has got it circulated on social media. (https://www.facebook.com/100012652336353 /posts/99784279 0647456/?d=w)



Although construction of a temple in Islamabad should have been a non-issue but some extremist Islamist elements have taken their opposition to a court, while a few bigots in politics and religion have agitated the issue on media, so they deserve to be placed on record and replied. Zaheer has taken the lead among mullas who would like to deny this fundamental right to the Hindu community in Pakistan.

Zaheer has wrongfully constructed his views on his own version of Shariah. He mentions that subsequent to the conquest of Makka, the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) cleared the Kaaba of all the idols. He also mentions the story that Prophet Ibrahim (p.b.u.h.) damaged the idols in a temple. While the two incidents mentioned by him are true, he fails to mention that the circumstances of the two events are vastly different than those in the Islamabad case. Hence his arguments do not apply, being incongruent.

Ibrahim broke up the idols in his family temple to show that they were merely helpless stones and were in no way gods fit for worship. As for the Holy Prophet's action to clear the Kaaba of idols, it was the culminating phase of a great religious revolution in which the opposing party, the Qureish had adopted utmost violence and extreme persecution of Muslims to exterminate nascent Islam. They had initiated and perpetuated a state of war against Muslims, and had been finally vanquished. That was a befitting occasion when the Holy Kaaba could be restored to its original purpose i.e. worship of One true God; so The Holy Prophet was fully justified to clear the sacred site of its idols. The construction of a Hindu temple in Islamabad, the capital of the nation-state of Pakistan, where Hindus are equal citizens of the state, has no parallel with the Holy Prophet's action on final victory in war over the Quresh who were committed to deny religious freedom to people who had adopted the new religion or were considering switching over.

The Holy Quran, in fact directs Muslims to not only respect but even fight for the protection of worship places of other religions. In Sura 22, verses 40 and 41 of the Holy Quran, Muslims are told by Allah:

> "Permission to take up arms is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged and Allah, indeed has power to help them— Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly, only because they said, "Our Lord is Allah," And if Allah had not repelled some people by means of others, cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, where-in the name of Allah is remembered, would surely have been destroyed. And Allah will, surely, help him who helps Him. Allah is, indeed Powerful, Mighty."

Hindus have, of course, their own Sanskirt word for Allah, they call Him Parmeshar etc., whom they worship in their temples in their own way.

Mulla Zaheer further added:

- He repeated his stand concerning the government's permission to build the temple as: "We place this permission under the sole of our shoes."
- He ridiculed (with some justification) the PTI slogan to turn Pakistan into a Riasat Madinah. He objected strongly to spend public money to build the temple. (This deserves further consideration.)

- He falsely asserted that in the past 70 years not a single Hindu had been killed nor a Hindu temple has ever been attacked in Sindh.
- He supported the Lal (Red) Masjid terrorist family group of Islamabad in their claim to a Madrassah and the Masjid.

It is relevant to mention that when this mulla asserts that no Non-Muslim has a right to build a place of worship in this Islamic Republic, he has in mind the right of Ahmadis to build a mosque. In fact, the authorities have already implemented the mulla's *Sharia*, in that they have not allowed Ahmadis to build a proper place of worship in Pakistan for decades. The chicken have come home to roost.

Mulla Hisham Zaheer is a son of mulla Ehsan Elahi Zaheer who was on the pay-roll of Saudis. He preached violence in the name of religion, and was eventually injured in a bomb blast triggered by someone who was equally an extremist. He was flown over by Saudis to their land, but he succumbed to the wounds. He died, but left behind his progeny to preach hate and violence in the name of Wahhabi understanding of Islam.

Now, a Resolution in the Sindh Assembly

Geo News, June 15, 2020: Translation of a news aired by a leading national news TV channel Geo News is given below:

Resolution moved in Sindh (provincial) Assembly to add *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* with the name of Muhammad (peace be upon him)

Mr. Muhammad Husain, an MQM member of Sindh Assembly moved this resolution.

According to the resolution, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) is the last prophet; wherever his name is mentioned, the title *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* (Seal of Prophets) must be added to it in writing and recitation.

Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, the provincial Minister of Information seconded the resolution, while

Firdaus Shameem Naqvi; the Opposition Leader in the Assembly extended his greetings at the occasion while offering support.

It should be remembered that a few days ago, a similar resolution was passed in the Punjab Assembly whereby such publications are to be totally banned that defile the (name of the) Holy Prophet and his companions.



Note: We add two brief comments to the news of the above event.

- 1. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat said, "Please bear in mind that when I and my followers are accused of not believing in the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) to be the *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*, that is a colossal false allegation (*Iftra-i-Azeem*)." *Malfuzat*, Volume 1
- 2. These and such other resolutions are being moved in the provincial assemblies while:
 - a. The provinces are suffering greatly the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic and the number of people discovered positive in tests and fatalities are ever on the increase.
 - b. The country is faced with a huge deficit budget to the extent that it is no longer possible to even maintain the pays and allowances of public servants at the buying power of the previous years.
 - c. Sindh and Punjab have been attacked by locust storms and great damage has been done to crops owned by millions of farmers. The provincial

governments are fighting a losing battle against this great foe.

Post script: A few days later, the National Assembly passed a Resolution unanimously to the same effect. On June 25 Express R.S.S. newssite reported: "Senate approves resolution to add '*Khatam an Nabiyyeen*' to the blessed name of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.)"

Mullas who know better the primary and numerous meanings of the Arabic term "*Khataman-Nabiyyeen*' were not impressed by the lay attitude of the Assemblies. One of them expressed his views in a special video circulated on social media. A few extracts: "... This term is Arabic, not vernacular (Urdu or Punjabi). ...Do not add "*Khatam an Nabiyyeen*" but *Aakhar an Nabiyyeen* (The last of prophets)....It is no achievement to get '*Khatam an Nabiyyeen*' added – it is already there in the Holy Quran, Qadianis cannot disown that... so go for Muhammad *Aakhar an Nabiyyeen*. Addition of *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* will make no difference."

Ref: https://www.youtube.com/rahamtv

In short, Maulvi Sallar Sikandar is of the view that the National Assembly, Punjab Assembly, Sindh Assembly and Pakistan Senate all have wasted their time in pursuing a fruitless resolution — but were these politicos not given the same advice by Pakistan's founding father on August 11, 1947?

Ahmadis face discrimination in using common cemetery

Kana Konta, 426 JB, District Toba Tek Singh; June 2020: Opponents filed a complaint in DSP office against Ahmadis, in which they took plea that writing of Quranic verses and Islamic creed on Ahmadiyya grave stones is in violation of the constitution. Ahmadis have no right to write these sacred writings, so these should be removed immediately, they said. Moreover, they demanded a boundary wall around Ahmadiyya graves to distinguish these from others.

Local Ahmadiyya administration has been given 10 days by the DSP to meet the demands of opponents.

Malicious application against Ahmadiyya leadership



Islamabad; June 5, 2020: Hafiz Ehtesham Ahmad, the spokesperson of Shuhada (Martyrs) Foundation of Pakistan filed a petition in Islamabad High Court requesting the Court to include Ahmadis in the minority commission against the government decision to not include them. He had his own venomous reasons to make this petition. The IHC dismissed his petition. It is worth mentioning that he belongs to the Red (Lal) Mosque of Islamabad where the government had to conduct a major operation in 2007 to have it cleared of terrorists.

Now this Hafiz has submitted another application in the Police Station Margalla against Mr. Saleemudin, the spokesperson of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. He wrote in his application, "The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan stated in an interview with BBC on May 11, 2020 that Ahmadis welcome the religious freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution of Pakistan but do not accept their non-Muslim status. Inclusion in the minority commission was not their request nor do they regret being excluded. No parliament has a right to decide the faith of an individual because it is a matter between man and his God. The Constitutional provision that declares them non-Muslim, does not requires them to (accept and) declare their Minority status." Hafiz asserted, "The Constitution of Pakistan Art 260 (b)(3) declared Qadianis a non-Muslim minority. The above statement of the accused Saleemuddin is a crime under PPC 298-C. He thus has committed a crime under PPC 298-C by uttering the abovementioned words. Moreover he has also injured the religious feelings of Muslims and the applicant as well by not accepting Non-Muslim status of Qadianis."

Discrimination and social restrictions against Ahmadis in District Okara

32/2R, District Okara; June 2020: Hate campaign against Ahmadis has picked up tempo here with return from Karachi of a Madrassah graduate Aman Ullah. He has mobilized the villagers against Ahmadis. The farm house of *pirs* (religious leaders) is now being used for meetings and gatherings against Ahmadis. The main mosque of the village has been made the source to spread anti-Ahmadi propaganda. A few incidents that happened in the recent past are mentioned below:

- Rao Muhammad Ashraf died during Ramadan. His funeral prayer was denied by the local mulla because he had once attended funeral of an Ahmadi.
- Rana Nasar Mehmood has • been distributing relief packages and cash among needy persons of the village during Ramadan for years. This time the mulla announced from the mosque that people should not accept relief packages from Mr. Mehmood. Those in need paid no attention to him. Then the mulla started to threaten the villagers that their nikah would be annulled if they received any kind of help from Ahmadis.
- Rana Nasar Mehmood had hired a worker to look after his lands and livestock. Opponents coerced the worker to leave the job. His entire family was made to

convert to Islam through reciting the *Kalima*, once again.

• An Ahmadi farmer provides milk to the locals on payment. The opposition has devised a plan to forbid the buyers from buying milk from the Ahmadi.

Ahmadiyya cases under prosecution on basis of religion

June 30, 2020: Essential update of police cases in courts against Ahmadis is given below. Delay tactics are applied resulting in Ahmadis remaining in prison for months, even years, before they are declared Not Guilty.

A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhupura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Two days later Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for over two and half years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for 6 years.

Now two-member bench comprising Justice Shahbaz Ali Razvi and Justice Asjad Javed Ghural are attending to the appeal. Due to the corona crisis no fresh date has been given after June 10, 2020. As for the murderer of Mr. Khalil Ahmad, he has not been sentenced yet.

Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla lecturer in Jamia Ahmadiyya were booked for sharing Quranic material on social media, under cyber crime law on 12th November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C. blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Mr. Wagar Ahmad was arrested. If declared guilty they could be sentenced to prison for life. Zulfigar Bari Magistrate Act 30 rejected his bail application on April 8, 2020. Now appeal has been made in the Sessions Court Lahore against this rejection of bail by the magistrate. The next date of hearing has not been given.

Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki,

District Nankana was implicated in a fabricated police case under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C for which the penalty is death. She was booked on April 30, 2020 in police station Sadr Sangla Hill with FIR Nr. 275/20, arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhupura.

This first ever arrest of an Ahmadi woman on blasphemy charge goes to the (dis)credit of the PTI government.

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Syed Khalid Ahmad Shah (Director General of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan), Malik Khalid Masood (Director Publications), Mirza Fazl Ahmad (Director of Education), Mr. Salik Ahmad (President of Ahmadiyya Youth Organization in Pakistan), Malik Usman Ahmad and Mr. Tariq Ahmad Usman 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. If declared guilty they could be imprisoned for life. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department that works under Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of Mr. Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore, tortured and arrested him. He is currently at Camp Jail, Lahore.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Mr. Tariq Ahmad Usman secured interim bail. The last date of hearing regarding this bail was on June 23, 2020.

Mr. Mahmood Hashmi of Allama Iqbal Town Lahore was booked and arrested on 20th June 2019 under section 295-A, 298-C in Police Station Allama Iqbal for sharing community's material on social media. The case is under trial and next hearing is set on September 4, 2020. Opponents' application against his bail was rejected by the High Court.

Mr. Saeed A Warraich: Mr. Saeed Ahmad Warraich was arrested on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. His trial is held in prison. Last date of hearing was June 20, but there were no proceedings. Next date of hearing is August 18, 2020.

Mr. Amjad Iqbal Saloni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi of Lahore were booked two years ago on fake charge of proselytizing. They remained in prison for over a year before their release on bail. They are undergoing trial. Last date of hearing was June 24, 2020.

Dulmial case: A mob attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque three years ago in Dulmial, District Chakwal. Two persons, one from each side, died in the riot. An ATC court pended the trial of the accused of both the communities after a truce.

The Ahmadiyya mosque that suffered attack and was then locked up by authorities remains locked and is not open to Ahmadis for worship. Ahmadis have no alternate facility for congregational worship. Non-Ahmadis have numerous mosques, all functional. A court case is going on under Article 145 to unseal the mosque. Also a case is going on for the ownership of the mosque at civil court Choa Saidan Shah. The next scheduled date of hearing is July 7, 2020. **Mr. Tahir A Khalid** an Ahmadi religious teacher was booked and arrested on a false charge of blasphemy under PPC 295-B on March 31, 2014. He was released on bail five and half months later. His trial has been going on for the last six years. Last date of hearing was June 13, 2020. The next date of hearing is on July 3, 2020.

Sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha: Mulla Hasan Muawiyah group filed a writ petition in Lahore High Court to ban Ahmadis' sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha. The case was left over by the court on November 9, 2019 and a fresh date of hearing has not been given.

Ahmadiyya literature: The entire written works of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat were banned by a notification of the Punjab government. The notification was challenged at the High Court. The case is under consideration with the Multan Bench. The case was left over on April 9, 2019. A fresh date of hearing has not been given yet.

Ahmadiyya daily and monthlies for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification. The notification was challenged in Lahore High Court. The court pended the case and has not given a fresh date of hearing.

Ahmadi shopkeeper harassed

Basti Qandhara Singh, District Rahim Yar Khan; June 2020: Mr. Tousif Ahmad, an Ahmadi retailer here, has a shop in the market.

The *Numberdar* (head of the village) has his own shops in front of the shop of Mr. Ahmad. He bedevils Mr. Ahmad as also his customers. Many a times he has called the police against Mr. Ahmed on frivolous excuses. One day he sent hooligans from the village to Mr. Ahmad's shop for mischief but he handled the situation with care, to avoid any harm. Mr. Ahmad feels persecuted under these circumstances.

Ahmadis harassed by police in KPK

Haripur, District Hazara; June 12, 2020: Two policemen arrived at 'Noor Manzil' the Ahmadiyya prayer center and started interrogating Mr. Yousaf Saleem, the Ahmadiyya missionary there. They asked several irrelevant questions to harass him and also asked for the registration of the rent deed, which was shown to them. The police party, to pressurize him further, asked him about the visitors and of 'unlawful gatherings' on Friday at the center.

While returning, the policemen took away the ID cards of Mr. Saleem and the gate-keeper of Noor Manzil, and told them to report to the police station at 5 p.m.

When an Ahmadi representative showed up at the police station, he came to know that an FIR had already been registered against Mr. Saleem. Next day he was presented in a court, and later released with a fine of Rs 1000/- and warning.

The incident left Mr. Saleem with the feelings of being persecuted and victimized.

Ahmadis behind bars

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- Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR Nr. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial for two years.
- 3. Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla lecturer in Jamia Ahmadiyya were booked for sharing Quranic material on social media, under cyber crime law on 12th November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested.
- 4. A fabricated police case was registered against Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana under blasphemy clause PPC 295-C. She was booked on April 30, 2020 in police station Sadr Sangla Hill with FIR Nr. 275/20, arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhupura. She is fifty-five years old.
- 5. Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad and unknown persons composer, proof reader, writer, computer operator and owners of phone no. 0333-6708729, 0322-4374750, 0333-6678820 were booked for sharing a WhatsApp message regarding essay writing and general knowledge quiz competition on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department that works under Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore, tortured and arrested him. He is currently at Camp

Jail, Lahore. If declared guilty, he could be imprisoned for life.

From the media

- PEMRA orders all cable operators to block Qadiani channels
 - The daily Ausaf, Lahore; June 2, 2020
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The daily Ausaf, Lahore; June 11, 2020

 Punjab Assembly passed a bill to stop blasphemy against religious personages.
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Express RSS; June 25, 2020

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U.S. demands abrogation of the blasphemy law, and removal of religion column from the ID card form. New contract offered.

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Express RSS; June 2, 2020

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Express RSS; June 3, 2020

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Six Muslim youth killed in Kashmir by

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 Pakistan condemns martyrdom of 10 Kashmiris in one day

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OP-ED: The Red Storm

... The Ahmadi issue has become the great corrupting evil at the heart of Pakistani society. As the years pass hostility towards the community proliferates and seeps further into the DNA of the country, infecting its institutions, courts, media and law enforcement agencies. Since 1974, the government itself has chosen to grade citizenship on the basis of religion, and made the case for some groups to be considered less Pakistani than others, setting the stage for ineradicable prejudices and resentments.

Statistically, there has not been an act of violence against Ahmadis equal to the grim

standard of the assault on Baitul Nur and Darul Zikr in the years since. But the community has seen their publications banned. In Punjab, Ahmadis are no longer allowed to print or own copies of the Quran. Members of the community have been arrested for being in possession of them, or for sharing Quranic references on social media. Markets have banned their entry.

The Covid-19 pandemic has only increased this hostility in recent days. Clerics have called the "Qadiani pandemic" ("Qadiani" being a derogatory term used for Ahmadis in Pakistan) a greater threat to Pakistan than the coronavirus. Across the country, people have refused rations from charities suspected of being run by Ahmadis. And when the government made efforts to include Ahmadis in a commission for minorities, hundreds of people on social media claimed that the community should instead be killed for their treachery to Pakistan. One government minister even tweeted in support of the beheading of Ahmadi people.

> (https://popula.com/2020/06/08/the-redstorm/)

Op-ed: Khan is afraid of nobody

... For God's sake, stop these (Pakistani) people. They could initiate a nuclear war only to frivolously prove their guts or to entitle themselves to: "Khan is afraid of nobody." They are those who chafe their own face. They could one day inform the world, "Beware! Pakistan and Pakistani people are Corona bombs; protect yourself." Believe me, they could do anything. If we do not believe that, providence (*Qudrat*) would be angry with us, and when providence is angry, it stuns people's senses. It deprives them of the ability to distinguish between right and wrong. We may not accept, providence has already deprived us of this sense. We have become heroes who chafe their own faces.

Javed Chaudhry in the daily Express of June 28, 2020

OP-ED: The Temple Debate continued

... However Aurangzeb, Tipu Sultan and Mahmud of Ghazni were all considered pious Muslim rulers who ruled under the sanction of Islamic law. Their actions therefore are persuasive precedents. Therefore to argue that Islamic law does not permit building of Non-Muslim places of worship especially where idolatry is practised flies in the face of historical example. This is unless we are to argue that Aurangzeb, Mahmud of Ghazni and Tipu Sultan were also bad Muslims.

... Thus gimmickry such as building a temple in Islamabad means nothing at all. If you really want to one-up Modi, implement Jinnah's 11 August speech in letter and spirit. Pakistan must cease to be a theocracy. Only then can Muslim majority Pakistan claim moral superiority over Hindu majority India.

(https://dailytimes.com.pk/636538/the-temple-debatecontinued/)

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A country that gives zero civil rights to Ahmadi Muslims, denies them right to vote, to assemble, to self identity, to religious freedom, free worship etc (I can be jailed in I for reading Quran) is trending #BlackLivesMatter . Let's stand up for others on principle at least.

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Annex

م نبوت يوتھ فورس پاكستان KNYF PAKISTAN 03368600100, 03007145857 جب قادیائی سپریم کورٹ میں اپنے حقوق کیلئے گئے Knyfpakistan KNYF PAKISTAN توسيريم كورث نے تاريخي الفاظ ميں فيصلہ ديا 1.07 99 1 وزارت سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی کے استقبالیہ میں لگائی گئی للام ملعون عبدالسلام قاد کی تصویر کوہٹا پاجائے اور اس سازش میں ملوث عناصر کیخلاف سخت کاروائی کی جائے پاکستان آرڈیننس فیکٹر یواہ کینٹ میں نئی آنےوالی ملاز متوں میں Select Religion-قادیانیوں کا کوٹہ ختم کرکے ان کی بھر تیوں پر یابند کی عائد کی جائے 0 alom 0 یادر ہے کہ قادیانی تنظیمیں خدام احمد بیہ اور فر قان فورس غیر ملکی حکو متوں 0 0 سے بھاری معاوضہ کیکر پاکستان میں تخریب کاری و د ھاکے کر دار ہی ہیں Sikhium Õ بت يوتحد فورس پاكستان (ڈھلم بلگن) 03421459266، 03232311088، 03026131743

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