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AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS

Persecution of Ahmadis IN PAKISTAN

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Highlights

FIVE AHMADIS ARRESTED, PPC295-C ADDED TO CASES OF THREE

Five more Ahmadis have been arrested during the month, raising the total number of Ahmadi prisoners of conscience to 17. Moreover, the clause of PPC295-C has been added to the case of three Ahmadi prisoners. This clause carries the death penalty.

AHMADIS CELEBRATED THEIR PRIME RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL IN FEAR AND TREPIDATION

Opponents attempted in various ways to deny Ahmadis their right to offer cattle sacrifices (Qurbani) at the occasion of their Eid ul Adha festival. Secretary Lahore Bar Association wrote a letter to the Additional Chief Secretary Home of the Punjab Government, whereby he demanded of the latter to effectively enforce, through police, anti-Ahmadi laws Sections 298-B and 298-C against Ahmadis who undertake their religious rite of Qurbani (sacrificing cattle) at this occasion.

10TH AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DESECRATED IN 2021 KALIMA REMOVED FROM A HOUSE

Another Ahmadiyya mosque was partly demolished by the police in Chak. 84GB, Faisalabad. Details are on the page 12.

The police removed the Kalima from an Ahmadi house in Golarchi, Sindh. Mullah again approached them to remove the inscriptions covered with stickers. Two policemen came and told them that the inscriptions were not visible, but the mullah insisted on removal. See details on page 10.

AHMADI OWNED SCHOOL SEALED, HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR AHMADIS

Despite police clearance on a complaint against the school, the Assistant Education Officer in D.G. Khan sealed it. Details on page 10.

The appointment of a qualified government servant, Mr Shaukat Hayyat Majoka, as Chief Officer of the Municipal Committee, Mianwali was cancelled due to a malicious campaign by Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JUI), Mianwali. The campaign also had the support of the local chapter of the ruling party, PTI. Another Ahmadi was expelled from the Army for his religion. See details on pages 14, 15.

A PAKISTANI KASHMIRI ACTIVIST ENCOURAGES MASSACRE OF AHMADIS

Sundas Malik - the chairperson of the UJKC (United Jammu And Kashmir Coalition), is reported to have said, "Founder of Ahmadis Should Have Been Cut Into Pieces". She is well-known in Pakistan. Later she gave an interview, still did not apologize for her remarks. Details on page 18.

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 19 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

UNHR HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE RE-LEASED STATEMENT OF UN RAPPATEURS AT A UNHRC SIDE EVENT ON JULY 13, 2021

(EXTRACTS):

"...We note with concern the existence of laws and regulations that promote and institutionalize the predominance of majority ethno-religious communities over minorities, and the promotion of certain religions and beliefs over others. Such institutional and legal frameworks impose significant obstacles in the enjoyment of the rights of persons belonging to minorities, including the principle of non-discrimination, the rights to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, freedom of opinion and expression, as well as cultural and socio-economic rights guaranteed in international human rights instruments, including in the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the 1981 UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and the 1992 UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities.

Of particular concern are the constitutional provisions, special ordinances, ministerial decrees and religious fatwas that stigmatize and discriminate against the Ahmadiyya community in countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia and Pakistan, and which prohibit Ahmadis from identifying themselves as Muslims, freely expressing their beliefs, practicing their faith, and from effectively participating in public life. Ahmadis are often denied access to public-service employment on religious grounds and are particularly vulnerable to violations under laws on offences relating to religion (blasphemy laws). They are also targeted by laws regulating new technologies and social media platforms, with the aim to suppress their dissenting views and beliefs, enhance control of their minority communities and further increase their persecution through coordinated online hate campaigns and, in certain cases, online coordinated acts of collective punishment.

...

We strongly urge all States to:

- a) Repeal all laws that discriminate against Ahmadi Muslims, including laws that curtail their right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief, opinion and expression, offline and online, and amend them in accordance with international human rights standards;
- b) In particular, repeal all blasphemy laws or at least, amend them in compliance with the strict requirements of the ICCPR and its articles 2, 19 and 26;

...

- d) Ensure equal and effective participation of Ahmadis in public life and in decision making processes that affect them, including by guaranteeing their political representation and their free exercise of their right to vote; by guaranteeing their access to employment and public services of any kind, and by protecting their right to form and maintain their associations and organizations;

...

- f) Rescind any bans on Ahmadiyya publications, and ensure that Ahmadis fully enjoy their right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas, including through any media of their choice;
- g) Protect and safeguard Ahmadi cultural places and places of worship against attacks and desecrations;

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Full report can be reached at:

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27305&LangID=E>

Also see Annex IV

FIVE AHMADIS DETAINED, WHILE ACTING IN SELF-DEFENCE

Chak 261 R.B. Udhwali, District Faisalabad; July 25, 2021:

Opposition to Ahmadis has worsened here over time. Last month, the police, accompanied by officials of the local council, desecrated the Ahmadiyya mosque and demolished its minarets. They erected a wall in front of the niche to conceal it. They destroyed sacred inscriptions from four Ahmadis' houses, as well.

On July 25, around 7 pm, dozens of opponents came outside the house of Mr Rafiq Ahmad, president of the local Ahmadiyya community, shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans, hit the gate with rods, fired shots, and challenged the residents to come out. Mr Rafiq Ahmad's son Naveed Ahmad came out and fired a few shots in the air to disperse the crowd.

Meanwhile, one of the opponents got hit; it is unclear who is responsible for injuring him. Luckily, the injury was not grave; he is reportedly recovering.

The police registered a case against six Ahmadis, namely Naveed Ahmad, Rafiq Ahmad, Nas-eer Ahmad, Sanaullah, Niaz Hussain and Ali Hussain under Sections 149, 148, 324 of PPC and 7-ATA on the complaint of Muhammad Waseem, brother

of the injured attacker. Muhammad Amin, a non-Ahmadi friend, although not named in the FIR, was also detained for his cooperation with Ahmadis. Naveed Ahmad was detained in Samanabad police station while the other four Ahmadis were detained in Factory Area Police Station, Faisalabad.

The whole incident was pre-planned so that Mr Naveed Ahmad could be arrested as he refused to be cowed down by religious bullies. Given the hostile situation there, Ahmadis had to move out to other places. Police carried out raids on Ahmadis' houses.

Ahmadis have complained to higher officials that a mid-level police officer is hostile to them and is carrying out operations against Ahmadis, in league with TLP activists.

Ahmadis have represented to the police that as the opponents attacked their houses, harassed them and initiated the violence, legal action should be taken against them.

It is to be seen if the Faisalabad Police can act fairly and provide security to the threatened minority.

BLASPHEMY CLAUSE PPC 295-C ADDED

Lahore; June 29, 2021:

Mr Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, and others 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, Lahore that works under Federal Investigation Agency, conducted a raid on the house of Mr Rohan Ahmad at Wapda Town, Lahore, arrested and tortured him. He is currently at Kot Lakhpat Jail, Lahore.

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

Lately, the detainees' plea for release on bail was rejected by the sessions court. They went in appeal to the high court against this decision. There, two judges, one after the other, refused to hear their plea. Their trial goes on in the court of Syed Ali Abbas, Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore. In accord with the opponents' plea, the court has added the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the list of charges. The penalty under this clause is death.

SEVERE OBSTACLES FOR AHMADIS TO PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION

Various locations in the Punjab; July 2021: Opponents attempted in various ways to deny Ahmadis their right to offer cattle sacrifices (Qurbani) at the occasion of their Eid ul Adha festival. This year this sectarian campaign went into a higher gear. Someone posted a standard draft for the objectors to address their SHOs to proceed against Ahmadis who intended to offer Qurbani or undertook the rite. Secretary Lahore Bar Association wrote a letter to the Addl. Chief Secretary Home to the same purpose.

Consequently, Ahmadis faced a lot more opposition this year as compared to earlier years in undertaking Qurbani. The only relief they received from the authorities at some locations was to undertake Qurbani discreetly, inside four walls. Ahmadiyya central office received reports from over 25 places where they had great difficulties performing this religious rite. We do not describe here all these reports, except what happened at Rabwah and a few highlights from some other locations.

At Rabwah, the opponent mullas, guided by Mulla Hassan Muawiyah and his lieutenant Usama Rahim etc., were very vigilant to stop Ahmadis exercise their right of Qurbani. They sent an application to the police along with a video of Ahmadis allegedly involved in Qurbani. They demanded that senior Ahmadi leadership be implicated in the proposed police case. As a result, the situation got tense, and the police presence was augmented in the town. Eventually, the police registered an FIR 21/335 against Mr Ilyas Ahmad, Ahmadi, under PPC 298-C at P.S. Chenab Nagar. Three or four unidentified persons were also mentioned among the accused for 'ridiculing Islamic Shaair', thus 'causing great disquiet (Tashwish) among the Muslims of this area'. This was another 'first ever' such case in Rabwah. PTI rules Punjab.

A police case was also registered against Mr Sarwar Ahmad, Ahmadi, for collecting the Qurbani hides without permission. This case under PPC 188 was registered in P.S. Chenab Nagar on July 26, 2021. It is relevant to mention that authorities in the province issue license only to (official) Muslims to collect Qurbani hides.

As for some other locations in the province, Ahmadis experienced the following, briefly:

1. The police held up Ahmadis in police stations and required them to undertake that they would not indulge in Qurbani.
2. The police threatened Ahmadis with FIR if they failed to comply with restrictions on Qurbani.
3. Forty persons, led by a few mullas approached the DSP in Rahwali and demanded that Ahmadis be restrained from Qurbani.
4. The police demanded in Pir Mahal that Ahmadis undertake a Stamp Paper undertaking that they will not undertake Qurbani.
5. Advocate Tayyab Qureshi of Lahore sent an application to Chief Secretary, the Home Secretary and the Inspector General Police, Punjab to prevent Ahmadis undertake Qurbani.
6. The police took note of some cattle at the residence of an Ahmadi in Lahore, and told him to desist from Qurbani. He had to shift the cattle elsewhere.
7. A neighbour in Gulshan Park noticed a sheep at an Ahmadi's house. He warned him of PPC 298-C, and told him that he would not let him practice Qurbani.
8. At Feroza Chak, opponents hung flax with a message: *If you find a Qadiani undertaking Qurbani, let us know forthwith; also boycott his business.*
9. The police at Dulmial made the Ahmadis give in writing that they will undertake Qurbani only within four walls, and will give no meat to any Muslim even if he asks for it.
10. At Dherokay, District TT Singh, the DSP ruled that if Ahmadis undertake Qurbani within four walls, no one should object to that.

A LETTER FROM SECRETARY LAHORE BAR ASSOCIATION

Lahore; July 19, 2021:

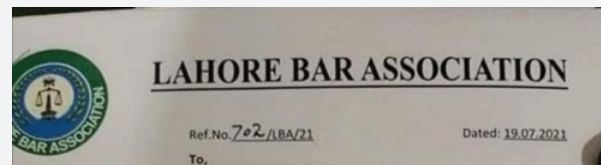
Secretary Lahore Bar Association wrote a letter this month to the Additional Chief Secretary Home of the Government of Punjab, whereby he demanded of the latter to effectively enforce, through police, anti-Ahmadi laws Sections 298-B and 298-C against Ahmadis who undertake their religious rite of Qurbani (sacrificing cattle) at the occasion of their forthcoming festival of Eid ul Adha scheduled on 21, 22 and 23 July 2021. The penalty under these laws is three years' imprisonment. However, these laws do not mention the prohibitions of Qurbani to Ahmadis, among the prohibitions mentioned therein specifically.

A copy of the Secretary's letter is placed at Annex II for record and reference. This letter, briefly, reminds the Addl. Chief Secretary of his oath to 'leave no stone unturned' to implement the law that allegedly and presumably denies Ahmadis the freedom to practice their faith, and to employ police "SHOs" to do that. He even recommended departmental action against senior officers in whose jurisdiction non-compliance is reported. The interpretation of the Constitution and the law is obviously his own. In fact, it violates the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

The religion of Islam is arguably claimed to be tolerant, universal, opposed to compulsion in religion, and charitable. The secretary obviously thinks otherwise and insists on using the police and enforcing imprisonments and fines on 'others' found indulging in practices considered meritorious by Islam.

As this bar association comprises advocates, an educated community, from Lahore, the capital of the well-known province of Punjab, it is appropriate to examine and highlight the absurdity of this application forwarded by this individual, the secretary, most wrongfully in the name of the respected body of lawyers. We offer brief but clinching comments from different angles:

1. Freedom of religion is a basic human right. Every human is born with it. The Secretary is wrong to demand its denial to Ahmadis.
2. Although the national Constitution terms Ahmadis non-Muslim for the purpose of the Constitution and law, it does so in violation of the definition of a Muslim as given by the Holy Prophet (PBUH). For this, please refer to the two relevant well-known Hadiths in Sahih Bokhari. The Holy Quran asserts 'No compulsion in faith matters (Deen)'. A worthy column-writer Abu Nail wrote an excellent op-ed on this issue, in the monthly Humsab; it is available at humsab.com.pk/40708/abu-mail-140. It is a highly recommended reading. It pulls to pieces Mr Butt's stance.
3. As for the legal aspect, the constitution and the law of the land do not mention the denial of Qurbani to Ahmadis. The contrary interpretation is remote and wishful — only with mullas and advocates like Mr Butt. The latter built his case on 'violation of Shaair-e-Islami'; while
4. this term finds no mention whatsoever in the Quran nor the Hadith. He refers to a 30-year old verdict of the Supreme Court, but conveniently sets aside the latest historic judgment of the worthy Court delivered on June 19, 2014. The honourable court re-asserted and re-confirmed that "The right to profess and practice is conferred not only on religious communities but also on every citizen."
5. Le Contrat Social: Mr Butt, in his high position, is expected to have some regard for the founding father of Pakistan, Mr Jinnah who is on record to have said in his renowned speech on August 11, 1947: ". . . *You may belong to any religion or caste or creed, that has nothing to do with the business of the state*".
6. The cultural aspect. Traditionally, non-Ahmadis, (almost 99%) in the past, never had any objection to Ahmadis undertaking Qurbani. The two communities always exchanged the Qurbani meat as a welcome gift. The recent drive to raise an objection to Ahmadis' Qurbani is a



result of a crafted and engineered hate campaign, which is initiated and kept alive with concerted efforts of the bigot brigade and the lawyers like Mr Butt. One is reminded of the great Qalandar-e-Lahori, Allama Iqbal, for his famous verse “Deen-e-Mulla fi sabeel-Allah fasaad,” (the mulla’s faith is (nothing but) mischief in the name of Allah).

To conclude, it can be said with confidence that Mr Butt, the secretary, can find little support to his plea from universal principles, the religion of Islam, the constitution and law of Pakistan, the founding principles of this nation, or from the local culture. The only support, he can confidently claim is from people like Tehrik Labbaik and Mr Hassan Muawiyah of Khatme Nabuwwat Lawyers’ Forum, who was forbidden to enter District Chiniot by the Deputy Commissioner for his propensity to breed sectarian mischief.

CONCERTED EFFORT TO STOP AHMADIS’ FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THEIR FAITH

Punjab; July 2021: Opposition, committed to denying Ahmadis their freedom of religion in Pakistan, went into high gear in view of the forthcoming festival of Eidul-Adha on July 21, 2021. They planned to deny Ahmadis their traditional right to practice Qurbani (Sacrificing cattle) at the occasion. They felt encouraged by the cooperative response of the Punjab Police at some of the locations in the province.

This year, they made use of social media extensively to mount this prohibitive campaign. There is internal evidence that a group of anti-Ahmadi lawyers prepared an application for their activists to put up to SHOs of local police stations, asking them to stop Ahmadis undertaking Qurbani, or otherwise book the Ahmadis and their lead-

ers under anti-Ahmadi law.

The draft ‘Application’ was made viral through WhatsApp etc. We produce its translation in Annex III of this report.

Here we do not comment on its legal or religious demerits. The sole aim of their exercise was to stop Ahmadis practice their religion — that is a violation of the country’s Constitution and its commitment to international covenants. In these very days, the Honorable SC Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail sought “lawyers’ role for establishing just society,” through the news report in the daily Dawn, of July 19, 2021!

The state apparently took no action against the perpetrators of this massive absurdity.

THE MULLA AND THE COURTS — IN PAKISTAN IN 2021

Lahore: The state and the society have jointly produced, over the decades, an environment in the country in which the mulla has influenced the judicial process in an unprecedented way, thereby superimposing his will over justice. Of course, there are judges and courts, who refuse to be pushed around by mullas, however, their numbers are dwindling by the year.

We have eyewitness evidence of the above phenomenon, as also supporting documents. As for documentary evidence, the Order Sheet dated March 9, 2018, of Justice Shaukat Siddiqui of IHC, the Order Sheet dated March 5, 2019, of Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of LHC and verdict in Tahir Naqqash and another VS The State etc. Crime Misc. No. 31929-M of 2021 of Justice Farooq Haid-

er of LHC should suffice. However, we here report on what goes on during trials and in lower courts. This narrative is that of an eyewitness, but we are constrained to hold back his name for security reasons.

Mulla Hassan Muawiyah is a known anti-Ahmadi activist in Lahore. He operates with easy mobility among sections of the police, the FIA and unfortunately, even the judiciary.

He has often been named in reports of criminal conduct, but he manages to squeeze out from such situations with relative ease through his powerful contacts in halls of power. In the recent past, he succeeded in getting a number of police cases registered against Ahmadis, on the basis of religion, under anti-Ahmadi laws and the so-called blasphemy laws. In one such case, he was seen operating in a trial court, making no secret of his influence and clout in the premises.

He has a team of lawyers; he brings them along in numbers when he comes to attend a court hearing when an Ahmadi is being prosecuted. He brings along a few unskilled hands also whose only skill is to act tough and as bullyboys at the court

premises. They interfere with the movement of the accused and prepare his video, etc. If required, Muawiyah invites friendly journalists as well to cover and report the proceedings to his liking.

At the court, on arrival, the accused has difficulty in formal registration of his presence and availability for the hearing. He was made to wait outside the premises, at times for hours.

Inside the court itself, Muawiyah makes firm administrative suggestions to the judge; these are usually agreed to. On one occasion, when a court file could not be made readily available for the judge to see, Muawiyah shouted at the court staff, as if he was the office superintendent there.

In the court, Muawiyah feels free to misbehave and insult the defence attorney, sans fear of the judge's displeasure.

Muawiyah is a sectarian, extremist top operator. It is recognized that extremism leads to terrorism. Muawiyah wields a great deal of influence, and influence requires funds for being effective. It would be in the national interest for the agencies to investigate his funding sources.

SIMPLE POLICE CASE MADE A MAJOR OFFENCE, ARTIFICIALLY

Chak 3/S.P. District Okara; July 2021:

The police booked Mr Mansoor Ahmad Tahir with FIR No. 217 under 16 M.P.O. at police station Haweli Lakha, District Okara on March 31, 2021, and arrested him. The plaintiff alleged that Mr. Tahir passed negative remarks through Facebook about his religious ceremony.

In response to protest and a rally by the opposition, the SHO added more fateful Section 295-A to the charge sheet; it carries a penalty of ten-year imprisonment and fine.

On April 23, 2021, Mr Noor Aalam, Magistrate rejected Tahir's plea for bail. He then applied to the sessions court. On June 14, 2021, Additional Ses-

sion judge Muhammad Shafique also rejected his bail.

Addl. Session Judge Lahore, Syed Ali Abbas rejected Mr Tahir's plea for bail against the decision and referred the case to the FIA Cyber Crime for follow-up.

FIA Cyber Crime registered a new police case against him with FIR No. 112 under PECA 2016. They took him in custody from Okara jail and shifted him to Lahore jail.

Mr Mansoor A Tahir remains behind bars over an alleged petty faux pas concerning religion. He is now exposed to 10 years in prison.

KALIMA REMOVED FROM AHMADIS' HOUSES

Golarchi, District Badin; July 2021:

Deputy Superintendent Police (DSP) sent for five local Ahmadis on July 9, 2021. He told them to remove the sacred inscriptions from their houses because mullas Muhammad Ali Siddique, Muhammad Ashiq Golarchi, and others visited him and demanded to restrain Qadianis from using sacred inscriptions.

The DSP told the Ahmadis to remove or cover up the inscriptions so that he could pacify the mulla. Ahmadis covered up the inscriptions with some stickers.

The next day the mullas took pictures of the site and told the DSP that "We don't want the inscriptions to be covered up; we want them to be removed completely". Ahmadis told the police that

they would not do that, but would not interfere if the police itself came in uniform to do that.

The police came on 18 July at 3 o'clock. They removed the Kalima from an Ahmadi-owned house and left. Mullas again approached them to remove the inscriptions covered with stickers. Two policemen came and told them that the inscriptions were not visible, but the mullas insisted on removal. The policemen tried to tear down the inscriptions but did not succeed. The mullas then provided them cement to cover up the holy inscriptions, which they did.

Thereafter, the mullas celebrated the event and greeted each other; however, the neighbourhood did not generally approve of this sacrilege, felt unhappy and damned the mullas.

SCHOOL OWNED BY AHMADI SEALED BY AUTHORITIES

Bet Nasirabad, D G Khan; July 1, 2021:

Anti-Ahmadi activities are going on in this area. Nasir Public School is run by a local Ahmadi in Bet Nasirabad. The school is up to class VIII; it has 64 Ahmadi and 47 non-Ahmadi students. Secular opponents lodged an application with the police that Ahmadis preach their religion and beliefs in the school. The police therefore came to the school for inquiry. They asked non-Ahmadi students if Ahmadis teach them their beliefs. To this, they replied in the negative. The DSP then summoned the parties. He told the complainants, "We have inquired and found that Ahmadis do not preach their faith to the students".

Thereafter, on July 1, 2021, the Assistant Education Officer came over to the school and sealed it. On asking, he said that the school was

not registered. He was told that online application for school's registration has been made and it is under process with the department. He could verify this with the concerned office. Then he came up with the lame excuse, "You preach your religion here". He was told that it was not true, the police had investigated the matter and found the complaint to be false. He replied that his superiors had ordered him to seal the school, and he had accordingly done so.

Thereafter, Ahmadis contacted the Registration Department who have conveyed no objection to the request, and that the application is under process. The Education Department has been requested to open the school in view of the official findings.

AN AHMADI'S SHARE IN PROPERTY CONVERTED INTO A RELIGIOUS ISSUE

Jalalabad District Muzaffarabad; July 2021:

Sheikh Nisar Ahmad, a non-Ahmadi, is younger brother of Dr. Naseer Ahmad Sheikh (Ahmadi). They have a family dispute over ownership of a house.

Sheikh Nisar Ahmad decided to gain advantage over his brother through making the dispute religious. He pasted Anti-Ahmadiyya posters in Jalalabad, district Muzaffarabad. He got it published in the local Daily Shamaal. Sunni Tehrik wrote to the DC Muzaffarabad and raised the dispute as a religious matter. The same approach was made on Social Media/ Facebook. A picture of the Anti-Ahmadiyya poster was also shared on WhatsApp group of the Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan, Muzaf-

farbad.

The police themselves removed the posters on 29th June, 2021 soon after these were pasted, and contacted both the brothers to make peace. The police told Nisar to stop spreading religious hatred, and Dr. Naseer Ahmad to stop offering the Friday prayers at his residence. Police has told them to get the issue of the property sorted out mutually in a court. Reportedly Sh. Nisar has filed the case in a court.

The situation has become rather serious on giving this issue a religious turn. Dr. Naseer Ahmad, as a precautionary measure, is considering asking the authorities to handle the situation as per law and provide him the needed security.

AHMADI'S PROPERTY AT RISK EVEN AFTER HIGH COURT ORDERS

Kot Diyaldas, District Nankana; July 15, 2021:

A few non-Ahmadi miscreants filed a lawsuit against Mr. Naseer Ahmad, an Ahmadi, claiming that the 20 kanals land were not his, but a part of non-Ahmadiyya cemetery because it is adjacent to it. Finally, the Lahore High Court ruled in favor of Mr. Ahmad and issued an order to the district administration and the magistrate to transfer the land to Mr. Ahmad.

While the case was under trial, non-Ahmadis dig up two graves in Mr. Ahmad's land to promote their claim to the land. Mr. Ahmad asked them not to bury their dead in the disputed land but the other party paid no attention to him.

Now the verdict has been passed in Ahmad's favor and the court has ordered that the entire land of 20 kanals be given to Ahmad. Even after that, Mr. Ahmad, to avoid any further dispute, offered the opponents two kanals of land where the two graves are located without any payment. They re-

jected Ahmad's offer and continued to put pressure on the local administration in various ways to support their baseless claim.

On July 15, it was announced in the mosques that Brigadier Ijaz Shah Federal Minister for Anti-Narcotics, Maulana Noorul Haq Qadri Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Chairman Auqaf were coming to the area. "So a protest would be staged before them against the decision of the Lahore High Court, and the 20 kanals land of Ahmad be allocated for playground etc.", they announced. For this, they put up banners etc. They waited for the said ministers but they could not come. Brigadier Ijaz Shah sent a message that he would not visit the village; the protestors may come to Nankana city. This did not happen.

Jahangir Bhatti, a former coordinator of Brigadier Ijaz Shah, is pursuing anti-Ahmadi politics to win the council elections.

AHMADIYYA PLACES OF WORSHIP DURING JULY 2021

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE PARTLY DEMOLISHED BY THE POLICE

Chak 84 GB, District Faisalabad; July 29, 2021:

A group of three or four youth of the infamous TLP (Tehrik Labbaik) of Udhwali came over to this village and agitated the locals to remove minarets and the Kalima from the Ahmadiyya mosque. The local elders refused to comply and told them not to interfere in the Chak's affairs.



A fortnight later, these miscreants succeeded in getting support of a few locals who then applied to the police to remove the minarets etc. The SHO sent for them and told them to go ahead and do it themselves. This they refused to do. The SHO then agreed to do so himself, but in those very days he was transferred elsewhere.

On July 29, a police contingent of 15 arrived; it broke open the lock of the Ahmadiyya mosque. They posted some po-

licemen in plain clothes outside Ahmadiyya homes to not allow Ahmadis come out. Thereafter the police demolished all the four minarets of the mosque, effaced the Kalima written inside and took away the Kalima posted outside.

Within a few weeks, this is the third such operation by the Faisalabad police on behest of Tehrik Labbaik — unbelievably.



- 4 AHMADIYYA MOSQUES DESECRATED IN TWO MONTHS
- 10 AHMADIYYA MOSQUES DESECRATED IN 2021
- THE POLICE IS INVOLVED IN ALL INCIDENTS
- MEMBERS OF THE BANNED TLP INSTIGATED THE ISSUE

DID YOU KNOW! IN PAKISTAN AHMADIS MAY FACE THREE YEAR IMPRISONMENT FOR CALLING THEIR PLACES OF WORSHIP A 'MASJID'.

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE UNDER THREAT

Gokhowal, District Faisalabad; July 2021:

A local cleric had a meeting with the youth, in which he tried to persuade them to remove the minarets and the Kalima from the Ahmadiyya mosque. Ahmadis approached the parents of the youth and sought their intervention against the planned sacrilege. Parents told them that Ahmadis had been

living with them in this village for a long time and there had never been a problem, they would not allow the peace of the village be disturbed. Ahmadis approached the local MPA who assured his support. The situation is under control now — for the time being.

ANOTHER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE AT RISK

332 JB District Toba Tek Singh; July 2021:

A group of clerics visited the local mosque and tried to convince the public to destroy the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque. The locals replied that it was not appropriate, and as the dispute could be harmful they would not go to the

Ahmadiyya mosque, and it was upto the clerics to do what they wanted. The mullas explained to them that they had demolished the minaret from the Ahmadiyya mosque in Faisalabad and would not allow the minarets to remain here as well. However, the locals did not support them.

SOME FACTS ON AHMADIYYA MOSQUES 1984 TILL 2020

- **30** Ahmadiyya mosques **demolished**
- **40** Ahmadiyya mosques **sealed** by the authorities
- **28** Ahmadiyya mosques **set on fire** or damaged
- **18** Ahmadiyya mosques **forcibly occupied**
- **60** Ahmadiyya mosques, **construction barred** by the authorities

AHMADI OFFICIAL DENIED POSTING FOR HIS FAITH

Mianwali; July 24, 2021:

A qualified government servant, Mr Shaukat Hayyat Majoka, an Ahmadi, was appointed Chief Officer of the Municipal Committee, Mianwali. At this, Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JUI), Mianwali spearheaded a malicious campaign, which demanded that the appointment was unacceptable and asserted that it would create a law and order situation. The local chapter of the ruling party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), also supported this move against the said Ahmadi official calling him a blasphemer and disloyal. The District President of PTI Women Wing and Member Bait ul Maal, Punjab approached the Parliamentary Secretary of Local Governments and Community Development with a demand to get the order of appointment of Ahmadi official cancelled. He issued the orders as proposed.

The President of Women Wing of PTI has applauded the action of Parliamentary Secretary by calling him *'a true lover of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)'* and thanked him for *'removing a blasphemer from an important government position'*.

The *'important government position'* is nothing but a manager of a sub-division committee. It is safe to say that there are hundreds of such posts in the Punjab. However they became *'important'* to the JUI and PTI when an Ahmadi was to be posted. These are the people who rejoice and applaud when a Muslim gets appointed mayor of London.

We provide below English translation of JUI's *'Statement of condemnation'* on their letterhead pad (See the original letter in Annex I) and the translation of newsreport in the daily Ausaf of July 28, 2021:

STATEMENT OF CONDEMNATION

It has come to our knowledge through reliable sources that a known Qadiani Shaukat Hayyat Majoka has been appointed as Tehsil Chief Officer of district Mianwali through notice Nr. Lcs (ADMN) 1 (309)/99.

This act is unbearable and cause of agitation among the Muslims of Pakistan and specially citizens of Mianwali. It is known from his record that he uses his powers and influence to propagate Qadianiat, and oppose Islam. He was transferred from MC Chakwal and MC Fatah Jang due to his unethical and unconstitutional activities. The appointment of this kind of person in Mianwali is unbearable.

All religious, political and public sections of Mianwali are urged to understand the sensitivity of the matter and help cancel this appointment. The district authorities should realize that peace and religious harmony in the district is exemplary, and this decision may threaten this pleasant environment. Therefore, for the religious honor, the honor of The Holy Prophet (PBUH) and to maintain the law and order this appointment should be reconsidered immediately and a law-abiding and a patriot of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan should be appointed here.

Wassalam

Faqeer Abu Alsaad Khalil Ahmad Ufi Anho

Sajada Nasheen Khanqah Sirajia Naqshbandia Mujadadia Kundian district Mianwali

Head incharge Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam Pakistan

24 July 2021

The Punjab Government found it convenient to accept such baseless charges against one of its dutiful officials and cancelled its orders.

Also, noteworthy is a statement of a political senior of the ruling party, published in a vernacular rag:

Appointment of Qadiani officer on important positions is worrisome: Ammara Niazi Ahmad Khan Bhachar is kind enough to get the appointment orders of a Qadiani officer in Municipal Committee, Mianwali cancelled.

Ahmad Khan Bhachar, Parliamentary Secretary of Local Governments and Community Development has extended a great favor to the people of Mianwali by getting the appointment orders of a Qadiani as Chief Officer of Municipal Committee, Mianwali cancelled. Through his strategy and proving himself a true lover of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) he has successfully secured the threatened law and order situation of the district. Ms. Ammara Niazi the District President of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Women Wing, Mianwali and Member Bait ul Maal, Punjab expressed her views while addressing the media. She said that appointment of such (Qadiani) persons on important positions is worrisome and no one from Mianwali would allow the appointment of such a dubious person, a non-believer in End of Prophethood and blasphemous on any post in Mianwali. She added that she is thankful to all religious, political, civil society and journalists' organizations who protested against the appointment of Qadiani officer in Mianwali. Ahmad Khan Bhachar also took notice of this protest and got the orders of appointment cancelled, and saved the law and order situation of the district.

(The daily Ausaf, Lahore; July 28, 2021)

A simple question to these office-bearers of JUI and PTI: How would you feel if in a similar situation in India, office-bearers of Vishva Hindu Parishad and BJP made similar statements about a Muslim official to deny him the post of chief officer of the municipality of Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh, and obtained similar results?

AHMADI EXPELLED FROM ARMY — ISSUE: HIS FAITH

TDA 427, District Layyah; July 2021:

Mr Laiq Ahmad joined Pakistan Army as a sepoy in 2009. On joining he identified himself as a Muslim, as per his core belief, but not realizing its legal implications. Eleven years later the administration started to probe the issue and accused Mr Ahmad of misquoting his faith. They discharged him from the Army. When Mr. Ahmad asked about the reason, they told him that he was an Ahmadi by faith, whereas he had mentioned himself as Muslim.

An officer commented: *"He committed Gunah-e-Kabira (a grave sin)"*.

INT'L COMMUNITY TAKES NOTICE OF THE PLIGHT OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

Geneva, New York, London etc.; July 2021:

In the last few weeks, anti-Ahmadi developments in Pakistan compelled the International Community to take notice of the violations of basic human rights and freedom of religion there.

Briefly:

United Nation Human Rights Council took note of the proceedings of the Side Event at the occasion of its 47th annual session. It issued a statement of the three UN Rapporteurs at the occasion. The covering note mentioned:

"It is of utmost importance to shed light on the persistent human rights violations and the rising acts of discrimination against the Ahmadi Muslims worldwide, which we find deeply worrying", the experts said. Pakistan was mentioned repeatedly in this context during the discourses at the Event.

Thereafter, at a Hearing organized by Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, on July 13, 2021, Amjad Mahmood Khan, Esq, an attorney of repute spoke on the issue of Religious Freedom Around the Globe; he was specific about Ahmadis in Pakistan. His convincing and readable address is available on the internet. He took special note of the fact, the mischief of Cyber Laws and the unbridled powers that Section 37 of PECA gives the PTA, has spilled over to Ahmadis outside Pakistan. On December 24, 2020, he and his colleague Harris Zafar, another US citizen received legal notices from PTA, with threatened penalties under PECA rules. He is going to challenge the PTA action. He quoted the U.S. State Department against these Cyber Laws as a *"setback to freedom of expression, development of digital econ(omy)"*.

In July 2020, 40 MPs of the United Kingdom issued their report on the plight of Ahmadis, titled: *Suffocation of the Faithful —The Persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan/the Rise of International Extremism*.

More recently, E.U. Parliament adopted a resolution calling for a review of Pakistan's GSP+ status over blasphemy law abuse and its impact on minorities. Thereafter, Pakistan remained on the Grey List.

Now, the religious lobby is going to down-

play the impact of this notice by the international community. This lobby is bigoted and shortsighted, so are some politicians who care only for votes in the next elections.

As friends of Pakistan, we humbly and faithfully urge Pakistan leadership to make a fresh assessment of the long-term damage to Pakistan's well-being and security by the current policy of the state and the actions of its society, especially the politico-religious parties and the ulama in the country.

Recently, Aljazeera produced a report, titled: *'When the blood starts: Spike in Ahmadi persecution in Pakistan'*. It is readable, and is available at:

[Aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/26/Ahmadi-persecution-pakistan-blasphemy-islam](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/26/Ahmadi-persecution-pakistan-blasphemy-islam)

General Kiyani of Pakistan who developed the reputation of being the most powerful general in the world said before his eventual retirement as the COAS, *"Existential threat to Pakistan is internal, not external."* *The Friday Times of June 13, 2014.*



Dr. Ahmad Shaheed

(UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief)

A SIDE-EVENT AT UNHRC ON PERSECUTION OF AHMADI MUSLIMS WORLDWIDE

Brussels-EU, July 13, 2021:

CAP Freedom of Conscience held an online Event during the 47th session of the UN Human Rights Council. Its topic was *'Persecution of Ahmadi Muslims Worldwide'*.

Sir Edward Davey, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, chaired the event. The speakers included, inter alia:

- Dr. Ahmad Shaheed (UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief)
- Dr. Fernand de Varennes (UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues)
- Ms. Irene Khan (UN Special Rapporteur on Promotion and Protection of Freedom of Opinion and Expression)

After the Event, the UNHR High Commissioner Office issued a three-page statement by the three Rapporteurs. It is reproduced in Annex IV in this report. It is also available at: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=27305 &LangID=E>

The statement mentions *"reports of religious intolerance, discrimination and violence perpetrated against this Community by state officials as well as non-state actors in a number of countries, including Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and Sri Lanka."*

The Statement, politely, did not highlight the leading role played in this context by Pakistan in the above shortlist. However, the proceedings of the Event repeatedly mentioned the anti-Ahmadiyya activities and events in Pakistan. It is no use sweeping the dirt under the carpet and saying, *"No, it is all false, no such things are happening in Pakistan"*, as is often done to reports issued by USCIRF and Amnesty International, etc. The correct attitude and reaction would be to study the Statement carefully and put right all that can be put right; it would be more in the interest of Pakistan than the UN HR Council.



Dr. Fernand de Varennes
(UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues)



Ms. Irene Khan
(UN Special Rapporteur on Promotion and
Protection of Freedom of Opinion and Expression)

REPORTS OF SOCIAL HOSTILITY IN LAHORE

Lahore; July 2021:

Mr Musawar Ahmad, an Ahmadi, lives in a rented house. His landlord's son has threatened him with murder. Mr Ahmad had to send his family away to a safe location. Efforts are being made to restore peace and sanity.

Mr Riyasat Ali, a resident of Sabzar, Lahore, joined Ahmadiyyat ten years ago. He runs a business in Chowk Yateem Khana, Lahore. He faces opposition there. Opponents canvass his customers to not deal with him. He is having a rough time, but he is steadfast and bearing up with hostility boldly.

HATRED AGAINST AHMADIS IN MARKETS

Tweet; July 10, 2021:

Many a time, we reported in the past incidents in which grocery stores and others denied dealing with Ahmadis. This time a Twitter handle of @Khurram_zakir tweeted on this subject. We provide its copy and translation.

"We have been seeing such pictures on social media for a long time. I always thought that these pictures have been photoshopped. Today I myself saw this notice in a store."
"Qadianis' entry is prohibited."

Such notices have become a norm in some of the markets of a few big cities. Shopkeepers refuse to deal with Ahmadis. Frequently Ahmadi women face this difficulty, as they get recognized by the form of their hijab.



PAKISTANI KASHMIRI ACTIVIST ENCOURAGES MASSACRE OF AHMADIS

Twitter; July 2021:

The bitterwinter.org published the following news report (extracts):

Pakistani Kashmiri Activist: "Founder of Ahmadis Should Have Been Cut Into Pieces"

... Sundas Malik (pic) is the chairperson of the UJKC (United Jammu And Kashmir Coalition), and is well-known in Pakistan.

On July 14, she added her voice to the widespread hate speech against the Ahmadis. She "want[ed] to say something to all my Muslim brothers, we Muslims made one mistake concerning Qadianis [Ahmadis], which we have to accept. Their leader Mirza Ahmad should have been killed right then and there when he proclaimed himself a prophet. He should have been cut into pieces at that very moment. But these Muslims sat down and did nothing, which made it worse, they should have killed him."

... She changed her Twitter account to "Koshur Clemens," after a widespread and international protest. On July 15, she gave an interview where she stated that, "I never called for the killing of any group, if any offence was caused from how I said something, it was completely unintentional."

She did not apologize for her remarks, either. What she said is that she did not call "for the killing of any group," which is technically true, although if Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was guilty of blasphemy, so are his followers today.

The claim that "offence was completely unintentional," on the other hand, sounded ridiculous. She could have easily foreseen that a religious group, told that its founder should have been "cut into pieces," would have felt offended.



TEXTBOOK SHOWING MALALA AMONG NATIONAL ICONS BANNED

Lahore: A class VII social science textbook published by the Oxford University Press in Punjab was confiscated for printing a picture of Mallala Yousafzai along with important historic figures including the Founder of Pakistan and Allama Iqbal.

As per Express-News, officials of the Punjab Curriculum Text Book Board raided the office of Oxford University Press in Gulberg (Lahore) and confiscated all the books taught in the social science curriculum of class VII.

The officials of Punjab Text Book Board stated that on page 33 of this book, the picture of Mallala Yousafzai was printed along with important historic personalities namely Quaid-i-Azam, Allama Iqbal, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Liaquat Ali Khan, Abdus Sattar Edhi and Major Aziz Bhatti Shaheed. This book of Oxford University Press has already been distributed in all the schools of the province. Raids on bookshops by the Board officials as also the police continue and soon this book will be lifted from all stores.

A high official of the Punjab Board told Dawn. Com, on condition of anonymity that the Oxford Press had applied for this book's approval in 2019; however, the book was published.

It is relevant that last year as well, the Punjab Board had banned such 100 books that carried fictitious and misleading material on two-nation theory.

Note: Punjab Ulama Board is included in the team that gives clearance for publishing the textbooks and has a very important say in the decision-making.



It is a historic fact that the Ottoman Empire was very reluctant to allow a printing press in its jurisdiction, however one was installed with the provision that prior to any printing, the task would need clearance by a body of ulama. As it was very rare that they gave clearance, the printing press was shut down. It all ended up in the eventual dissolution of the Empire in 1922 when Sultan Mehmed VI was taken as a refugee by the British on board HMS Malaya and exiled to Malta.

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)

AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

1

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

2

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

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

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

As of July 31, 2021:

- 17 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- 5 Ahmadis were arrested for their faith during July 2021.
- PPC 295-C is added to the case of three imprisoned Ahmadis in June.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student is in jail under PPC 295-C, which carries the death penalty.
- 3 Ahmadis have been on death row since 2017 and in prison since July 18, 2014
- 1 Ahmadi prisoner died while in police custody in Feb. 2021

3

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

4

Four Ahmadis Mr. Muhammad Mahmood Iqbal Hashmi, 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. Mr. Shiraz Ahmad was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021.

5

Malik Zahir Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2019 by fabricating a case under Sections 298-C, 295-B PECA-11 and 109. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021 and was expected to be released in four to five days after paper formalities. On February 27, when Malik Zahir Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore team arrested him under FIR Nr. 88, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.

6

Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Tahir was booked in a police case with FIR No. 217 under 16 M.P.O. at police station Haweli Lakha, District Okara on March 31, 2021 and was arrested. The plaintiff alleged that Mr. Tahir passed negative remarks about his religious program which outraged him. FIA Cyber Crime registered a new police case against him with FIR No. 112 under PECA 2016. They took him in custody from Okara jail and shifted him to Lahore jail. He is detained under both FIRs.

7

Mr. Naseem Ahmad, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Qamar and four others were booked under PPCs 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C, 506-B with FIR Nr. 325 at police station Rajanpur on July 23, 2020. Mr. Naseem Ahmad and Mr. Naseer Ahmad Qamar applied for confirmation of bail on June 2, 2021. Judge Bakht Fakhur Behzad rejected their application and ordered their arrest. Both the accused were arrested and shifted to Rajanpur jail.

8

The police registered a case with FIR No. 750 against six Ahmadis, namely Naveed Ahmad, Rafiq Ahmad, Naseer Ahmad, Sanaullah, Niaz Hussain and Ali Hussain under Sections 149,148, 324 of PPC and 7-ATA in P.S. Dijkot, District Faisalabad on the complaint of Muhammad Waseem, brother of the injured attacker. Muhammad Amin, a non-Ahmadi friend, although not named in the FIR, was also detained for his cooperation with Ahmadis. Naveed Ahmad was detained in Samanabad police station while the other four Ahmadis were detained in Factory Area Police Station, Faisalabad.

PAKISTAN, THE US, AND THE COUNTRY'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Islamabad; July 28, 2021: The daily Dawn published a news report on the above subject. As the issue is significant and important in many ways, its news report is reproduced below:

PAKISTAN REJECTS US REPORT CRITICISING COUNTRY'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM

FO SAYS COURTS PERFORM THEIR FUNCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTION
BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD: Rejecting the comments made against its judicial system in the latest US report, Pakistan on Tuesday made it clear that its courts were independently performing their functions in accordance with the Constitution.

"We take strong exception to the gratuitous and unwarranted comments made in the report on Pakistan's judicial system," Foreign Office Spokesman Zahid Hafeez Chaudhry said while responding to media queries regarding the Investment Climate Statements for 2021 released by the US Department of State, He said the judiciary in Pakistan was independent and the courts were functioning in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the country.

"The allegations to the contrary are firmly denied as factually incorrect and misleading," he remarked.

Mr Chaudhry said Pakistan being a vibrant democracy, the government firmly believed in the separation of powers between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the state.

"There is no question of any coercion or pressure on Pakistan's judiciary. The baseless assertions made in the report are contradicted by innumerable decisions by Pakistani courts at all levels that meet the highest standards of judicial independence," he stressed.

He said while the statement acknowledged the progress made and reforms undertaken by Pakistan in improving its business and investment climate, despite extremely difficult circumstances due to the pandemic, it speculated on alleged shortcomings in Pakistan's regulatory framework and bases its conclusions on unverifiable sources.

"Mutually beneficial cooperation in the areas of economy, trade and investment with the international community, including the US, is one of the key priorities of the government of Pakistan. We will continue to take steps to optimally realise Pakistan's geo-economic potential," he said. In slanderous comments in its report, the US state department claimed that theoretically the country's judicial system operated independently of the executive branch but the reality was quite different.

"Pakistan's judiciary is influenced by the government and other stakeholders. The lower judiciary is influenced by the executive branch and seen as lacking competence and fairness. It currently faces a significant backlog of unresolved cases," the report says.

The report says there are doubts concerning the competence, fairness, and reliability of Pakistan's judicial system.

“Theoretically, Pakistan’s judicial system operates independently of the executive branch. However, the reality is different, as the establishment wields significant influence over the judicial branch. As a result, there are doubts concerning the competence, fairness, and reliability of Pakistan’s judicial system. However, fear of contempt of court proceedings inhibit businesses and the public generally from reporting on perceived weaknesses of the judicial process.”

The report adds that Pakistan’s Contract Act of 1872 is the main law that regulates contracts with Pakistan. British legal decisions, under some circumstances, have also been cited in court rulings. “While Pakistan’s legal code and economic policy do not discriminate against foreign investments, enforcement of contracts remains problematic due to a weak and inefficient judiciary,” reads the report.

Pakistan ranked 124 out of 180 countries on Transparency International’s 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index, the report notes, adding corruption persists due to lack of accountability and

enforcement of penalties, followed by the lack of merit-based promotions and relatively low salaries.

According to the report, bribes are classified as criminal acts under the Pakistani legal code and are punishable by law but are widely believed to be given across all levels of government. “Although the higher courts are widely viewed as more credible, lower courts are often considered corrupt, inefficient, and subject to pressure from prominent wealthy, religious, political figures and the establishment.

Political involvement in judicial appointments increases the government’s influence over the court system,” it says.

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi declared Friday 11 June as Protest Day over the incident.

Some dailies in Pakistan published the incident news as the front-page banner headline.

The daily Dawn of June 10 commented on the incident in its lead editorial.

Published in the daily Dawn, July 28th, 2021

ISRAEL CONDEMNED BY FM FOR VIOLATION OF MOSQUE’S SANCTITY

Islamabad: July 19, 2021:

The daily Dawn published the following report (extracts):

PAKISTAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI ATTACK ON WORSHIPPERS

Islamabad: Pakistan on Sunday condemned recent violent attacks by Israeli occupation forces on worshippers and violation of the sanctity of Al-Aqsa mosque in occupied territories and urged the international community to take immediate action to protect Palestinians.

In a statement issued here, the Foreign Office said that such attacks were against all humanitarian norms and human rights laws...

Comment:

The Pak Foreign Office was right in its condemnation of the action of Israeli occupation forces. However, this reminds us of the actions of the Punjab Police against Ahmadiyya mosques in Ghiyala, Udhwali, Kot Diyldas, Chak 604, Ghoi Awan..., but there was a difference. The Punjab Police did not attack the worshippers, however, their demolition of mosques’ minarets and niches was perhaps more ghastly than the violation committed by the Israeli force.

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

Know the Facts

THIS YEAR SO FAR

- 1 Ahmadi has been murdered in 2021, raising the total to 271 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 7 murder attempts
- 1 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, he was imprisoned on the basis of his faith.
- 10 Ahmadiyya places of worship have been desecrated
- 45 gravestones have been removed
- 19 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under PPCs 298, 298-B,C, 295-A,B,C
- Sacred inscription from 15 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.

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- **False drive; my and my family's lives put at risk: Shahzad Akbar**
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 30, 2021
- **Many (486) die as mercury crosses 49C in Canada**
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- **Electricity crisis worsens. Ten hours load-shedding in intense heat (in Lahore).**
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- **Violation of a woman: Police inspector and 3 accomplices arrested**
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 3, 2021
- **Man gets life for blasphemy (against the Quran)**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 3, 2021

- Security guard sentenced to death for killing bank manager

The Express Tribune; Lahore, July 1, 2021

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The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 19, 2021

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The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 3, 2021

- Text Book Board (Punjab) confiscates Oxford (Text) books that show Malala among national heroes

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 13, 2021

- Former Commissioner Rawalpindi and Chairman Land Acquisition Authority arrested in Ring Road scandal

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 15, 2021

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The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 15, 2021

- 15pc salary increased for military personnel approved. Raise is in addition to 10pc increment given in budget.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 14, 2021

- Pakistanis send back record \$29.4bn in year

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 14, 2021

- A patwari in Sindh is a billionaire — front man of a high official

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- 34 killed in bus-trolley collision

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- Govt obtains 34 pc more foreign loans in FY21

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Op-ed: Society:

The Darkness behind Seminary Walls

Sexual abuse of children in madressahs is not a new phenomenon. But turning a blind eye to it is a sin we keep committing.

Following the case of 70-year-old Azizur Rehman — that was captured in grimy detail on video and became viral because of social media — several other videos incriminating clerics in the act of sexual assault have come forward. Some of them are older, but watching them it can be plain to see how prevalent sexual abuse is.

Xari Jalil in the Daily Dawn; July 4, 2021



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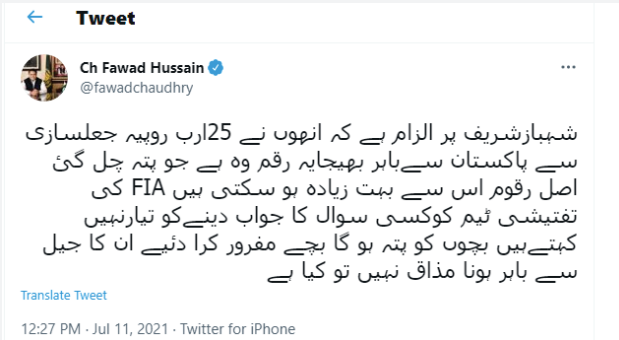


USCIRF @USCIRF - Jul 16

USCIRF Chair @nadinemaenza joins @AhmadiyyaDC to discuss "Digitizing Religious Persecution on a Global Scale" at the @IRFSummit. #IRFSummit2021



Ch. Fawad Hussain (Fed Minster of Info)



Translation: Shahbaz Sharif is accused of fraudulent transfer of Rs. 25bn abroad. The amount is known, while the actual could be much more. He is not prepared to reply to FIA investigating team. He says that the children would know, who are absconding. His release from the prison is a joke.



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1/2 ICYMI, three @UN_SPExperts raised the alarm and called on the international community to respond to #HumanRights violations against the #Ahmadiyya #Muslim community — ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/...

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2/2 @AmjadMKhanEsq testified about the persecution of #Ahmadis in #Pakistan in the recent @TLHumanRights hearing on the state of religious freedom around the globe - humanrightscommission.house.gov/sites/humanrig...



Mona Farooq Ahmad



Mona Farooq Ahmad @MFChaudhry - 15 Jul
What else could be more unfortunate that our text books CAN NOT celebrate our own Pakistani Nobel Laureates.
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Amjad Mahmood Khan



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I was privileged to testify before US Congress @TLhumanrights re: the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in #Pakistan, especially the rise of cyber laws & their extra-territorial reach over US citizens. Video/ written testimony here (1:14:35-125:31; 224:17-228)

JUI'S STATEMENT AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF AN AHMADI GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL



بَعْدَ الْجَمْعِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ الشَّيْخِ الْفَقِيرِ ابْنِ السَّعْدِ خَلِيلِ أَحْمَدَ عَمْرِي عَنَّا

مذمتی بیان

بادیوثق ذرائع سے یہ بات معلوم ہوئی ہے کہ معروف قادیانی شوکت حیات مجوکہ کو بذریعہ نوٹس نمبر Lcs(ADMN)1(309)/99 بطور چیف آفسر تحصیل کو نسل ضلع میانوالی مقرر کر دیا گیا ہے۔

یہ فیصلہ مسلمانان پاکستان خصوصاً اہل میانوالی کے لیے ناقابل برداشت اور اضطراب کا باعث ہے۔ موصوف کے سابقہ ریکارڈ سے یہ معلوم ہوا ہے کہ اس نے اپنے سرکاری اثر و رسوخ کو قادیانیت کی تبلیغ اور اسلام کے خلاف استعمال کیا ہے۔ موصوف کی انہی غیر آئینی اور غیر اخلاقی سرگرمیوں کی وجہ سے ایم سی پکوال اور ایم سی فتح جنگ سے ٹرانسفر کیا گیا ہے۔ میانوالی میں اس قسم کے فحش کی تعیناتی ناقابل برداشت ہے۔

میانوالی کے تمام دینی، سیاسی اور عوامی حلقوں سے یہ اپیل کی جاتی ہے کہ اس معاملہ کی نزاکت کو سمجھتے ہوئے بھرپور طریقہ سے اس تعیناتی کو کالعدم کر دیا جائے۔ ضلع بھر کی مجاز اٹھارٹی سے بھی گزارش ہے کہ ضلع بھر میں امن و امان اور دینی ہم آہنگی مثالی ہے۔ اس فیصلہ سے اس خوشگوار ماحول کے متاثر ہونے کا خطرہ ہے۔ لہذا دینی حمیت اور آقا نامہ ار صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی ناموس اور امن و امان کی خاطر اس فیصلہ پر فی الفور نظر ثانی کی جائے اور آئین پاکستان اور اسلامی جمہوریہ پاکستان کے ساتھ مخلص مسلمان آفسر کو تعینات کیا جائے۔

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24 جولائی 2021ء

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LETTER FROM LAHORE BAR ASSOCIATION



LAHORE BAR ASSOCIATION

Ref.No. 702/LBA/21
Dated: 19.07.2021

To,

Additional Chief Secretary Home,
Govt. of Punjab,
LAHORE.

Subject: EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT/IMPLEMENTATION IN LETTER AND SPIRIT OF SECTION 298(B) & 298(C) PAKISTAN PENAL CODE, READ WITH ARTICLE 260(3)(B) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN, 1973 AND THE CONSISTENT AND ESTEEMED JUDGMENTS OF SUPERIOR COURTS I.E. 1993 SCMR 1718 AND PLD 1985 FSC 8

Respected Sir,

1. That as per Article 260(3)(b) of the (Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the Qadiani or Lahori Group (who called themselves "Ahmadi" or by any other names) they have been declared to be non-Muslim since 17.09.1974.
2. That "Qurbani" being a Sunnat-e-Ibrahimi(AS) as well as Sunnat Muhammad(Peace be upon him) Khatam-e-Nabeyeen is a "Shaair-e-Islami" which has been exclusively performed by the Muslims on 10th, 11th and 12th of Zul-Hajj i.e. on Eid-UI-Azha for more than 1400 years.
3. That the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the relevant provisions of Pakistan Penal Code and the binding judgments of Supreme Court of Pakistan clearly prohibited the Qadiani Group, or Lahori Group(non-Muslim) of any Shaair-e-Islami.
4. That the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, as well as under the relevant law, you have taken an oath that you shall leave no stone unturned for upholding the rule of law and maintaining law and order situation throughout the province of Punjab and under Article 189 of the said Constitution, 1973, any decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is binding upon you and as per Article 190 of the said Constitution, all executive and judicial authorities of Pakistan are bound to act in aid of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

AIWAN-E-ADAL Ph:99213271 Fax:37111882 DISTRICT COURT Ph:37118106

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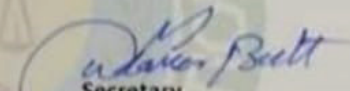
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5. That every year, on the eve of Eid-ul-Azha, there are so many reports/FIRs on the record of concerned authorities, which show that Qadiani Group(non-Muslim), openly, flagrantly and high headedly violate the provisions of the Constitution, 1973, Section 298(b) & 298(c) Pakistan Penal Code and the binding law laid down by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in case reported as 1973 5CMR 1718 and PLD 1985 FSC 8, which nescitate the taking of strict, iron handed, preventive and preventive against all the delinquents (Qadiani Group).

You are hereby requested that an emergent, effective and requisite directions may kindly be issued to all the SHO's of the Province of Punjab through their concerned CCPO, CPOs and DPOs, directing them take all the necessary and requisite, preemptive and preventive measures for effectively refraining the Qadiani Group(Non-Muslim) to adopt Shaair-e-Islami of Qurbani on the coming eve of Eid-ul-Azha on 10th, 11th and 12th of Zul-Hajj, clearly mentioning that in case of non-compliance strict/stern departmental action shall be initiated against the concerned Officials.


Secretary
Lahore Bar Association

C.C
The Inspector General of Police,
Punjab, Lahore.

SAMPLE APPLICATION TO POLICE AGAINST AHMADIS UNDERTAKING QURBANI

درخواست برائے کیئے جانے قانونی کارروائی برخلاف قادیانی غیر مسلم گروہ (1، 2، 3) وغیرہ
بمراہد انسداد جرم 298/C تپ بابت غیر قانونی استعمال شعائر اسلامی ”قربانی“ بر موقع عید الاضحیٰ

جناب عالی!

زیر تخطی حسب ذیل عرض پرواز ہے۔

- 1- یہ کہ عید الاضحیٰ مسلمانوں کا اہم مذہبی تہوار، شعائر اسلامی اور عبادت ہے جس میں پوری دنیا میں رہنے والے مسلمان سنت ابراہیمی اور سنت حضرت محمد صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے ساتھ ہی منسج ہے۔
- 2- یہ کہ قادیانی گروہ کو آئین پاکستان اور بیشتر عدالتی نظام کے تحت ان کے کفریہ اور گستاخانہ عقائد کی بنا پر غیر مسلم اقلیت کا فر قرار دیا جا چکا ہے اور تعزیرات پاکستان کی دفعات 298/C، 298/B تپ قادیانوں کو کسی بھی طریقہ سے خود کو مسلمان ظاہر کرنے، مرزا قادیانی کی بیوی کو ام المومنین دوستوں کو صحابہ گھروالوں کو اہل بیت کہلانے، اپنے کفریہ عقائد کی تبلیغ و تشریح کرنے، اپنے کفریہ عقائد کو اسلام کے طور پر موسوم یا منسوب کرنے، شعائر اسلامی استعمال کرنے، اپنی عبادت گاہ کو مسجد کے طور پر موسوم یا منسوب کرنے، مسلمانوں کے مذہبی جذبات مجروح کرنے سے روکتے ہیں اور یہ جرائم قابل دست اندازی پولیس اور نا قابل ضمانت ہے۔
- 3- یہ کہ مذکورہ بالا قادیانی ملزمان بحیثیت مجموعی خلاف آئین و قانون شعائر اسلامی کا اعلان استعمال کرنے کی غیر قانونی روش کو برقرار رکھے ہوئے ہیں اور عید الاضحیٰ کے موقع پر دھوکہ دہی سے خود کو مسلمان اور امت محمدیہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کا حصہ ظاہر کرتے ہوئے اعلانیہ طور پر قربانی کرتے ہیں اور قربانی جیسے اہم شعائر اسلامی کا استعمال کر رہے ہیں جو کہ آئین و قانون و اعلیٰ عدلیہ کے فیصلہ جات بالخصوص سپریم کورٹ آف پاکستان 1993SCMR1718 کی اعلانیہ خلاف ورزی ہے۔
- 4- یہ کہ قادیانی غیر مسلم گروہ کسی بھی طریقہ سے مسلمانوں کی طرح عید الاضحیٰ کے مبارک موقع پر شعائر اسلامی ”قربانی“ کرنے کے مجاز نہ ہیں۔
- 5- یہ کہ مذکورہ بالا قادیانی ملزمان کے اس غیر قانونی اقدامات سے مسلمانوں کے مذہبی جذبات سخت مجروح ہوئے ہیں جس کے گواہان 1، 2، 3، 4، 5، 6، ددیگراہلیان محلہ ہیں۔

لہذا بذریعہ درخواست ہذا گزارش مذکورہ بالا قادیانی ملزمان و دیگر منتظمین قادیانی جماعت کو سختی سے پابند کیا جائے کہ وہ عید الاضحیٰ کے موقع پر غیر قانونی شعائر اسلامی کا استعمال ”قربانی“ نہ کریں بصورت دیگر ان مذکورہ بالا قادیانی ملزمان و دیگر منتظمین قادیانی جماعت کے خلاف 298/C تپ کے تحت قانونی کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے تاکہ علاقے کا امن برقرار رہ سکے۔ عین نوازش ہوگی۔

العارض

_____ ولد _____ سکند _____ ضلع _____

موبائل نمبر:

شناختی کارڈ نمبر:

دستخط گواہان اہلیان محلہ

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ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF SAMPLE APPLICATION

To

SHO Police Station.....District.....

Application for legal action against Non-Muslim Qadianis 1,.....2,.....3,.....etc for violation of PPC 298C and for undertaking unlawfully Shaair-e-Islam i.e. Sacrificing Cattle (*Qurbani*) at the occasion of festival Eid ul Adha

Sir,

I submit the following:

1. Eid ul Adha is an important Islamic festival, Shaair-e-Islami and ritual worship for Muslims all over the world, when they sacrifice cattle (*Qurbani*) following the practices of Prophet Abraham and Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Undertaking *Qurbani* at Eid ul Adha is specific to Muslims alone.
2. Qadiani group has been declared Non-Muslim, *Kafir* minority for their unIslamic and blasphemous beliefs, through the Constitution and numerous court verdicts. Sections PPC 298-B and 298-C forbid Qadianis to pose as Muslims, call Mirza Qadiani's wife *Ummul Momineen*, his friends *Sababah*, his family *Ahle Bait*, preach and propagate their infidel beliefs, call or relate their infidel beliefs Islamic, undertake Islamic Shaair (practices), call their worship-places *Masjid* (mosque) and hurt religious feelings of Muslims. These acts by them are noticeable by the police and are non-bailable.
3. The above-mentioned Qadiani accused, on the whole, generally indulge in unlawful activity of practicing Islamic Shaair (practices) and openly undertake *Qurbani* thus fraudulently posing as Muslim and a part of the Muslim *Ummah* (Nation). They undertake this important Islamic Shaair, the *Qurbani*, which is an open violation of the Constitution, the law and the high judiciary verdicts, particularly the Supreme Court Judgment 1993 SCMR 1718.
4. Non-Muslim Qadianis are in no way allowed to undertake Shaair-e-Islami '*Qurbani*' like Muslims at the blessed occasion of Eid ul Adha.
5. The above-mentioned Qadiani accused have severely injured the religious feelings of Muslims through this unlawful act.

Following are the witnesses: 1,.....2,.....3,....4,.....5,.....6..... and other residents in the neighborhood.

As such, through this application we request that the above-mentioned Qadiani accused and their seniors of the Qadiani Jamaat be effectively restrained to avoid the *Qurbani*, a Shaair-e-Islami, unlawful to them, at the occasion of Eid ul Adha; otherwise these accused and the Qadiani Jamaat management be booked under PPC 298-C, so as to maintain law and order in the area. We shall be much obliged.

Petitioner

.....S/o.....Resident.....District.....

CNIC No:

Mobile No:

Signature of the witnesses of residents in the neighborhood

STATEMENT BY THE UNHR HIGH COMMISSIONER OFFICE



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International Community must pay attention to the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims worldwide

On 13 July 2021, UN human rights experts have expressed their deep concern over the lack of attention to the serious human rights violations perpetrated against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community around the world and called on the international community to step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadi Muslims.

"It is of the utmost importance to shed light on the persistent human rights violations and the rising acts of discrimination against the Ahmadi Muslims worldwide, which we find deeply worrying," the experts said.

"We call on the international community to be vigilant and to undertake coordinated action to respond to the violations faced by the Ahmadi Muslims around the world, particularly in countries where their lives are most at risk."

While Ahmadi Muslims constitute a global religious community with rich history and tens of millions of members, we have received, for more than 15 years, reports of religious intolerance, discrimination and violence perpetrated against this community by state officials as well as non-state actors in a number of countries, including Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

In our capacity as Special Procedures mandate holders, we have intervened with the concerned Governments and strengthened awareness of international community about the dire situation in which Ahmadi Muslims find themselves and we have raised serious concerns at the panoply of human rights violations suffered by them. Such violations are not limited to existing discriminatory institutional and legal settings, but they also extend to acts and coordinated campaigns of discrimination, stigmatization and blatant aggression against their identity, cultural, social and political existence, often on the grounds of a perceived and politically instrumentalized doctrinal disagreement around Islam, and the entrenched prejudice that they are not to be considered as "real Muslims".

We note with concern the existence of laws and regulations that promote and institutionalize the predominance of majority ethno-religious communities over minorities, and the promotion of certain religions and beliefs over others. Such institutional and legal frameworks impose significant obstacles in the enjoyment of the rights of persons belonging to minorities, including the principle of non-discrimination, the rights to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, freedom of opinion and expression, as well as cultural and socio-economic rights guaranteed in international human rights instruments, including in the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the 1981 UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and the 1992 UN Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities.

Of particular concern are the constitutional provisions, special ordinances, ministerial decrees, or religious edicts that stigmatize and discriminate against the Ahmadiyya community in countries such as Indonesia and Pakistan, and which prohibit Ahmadi Muslims from identifying themselves as Muslims, freely expressing their beliefs, practicing their faith, and from effectively participating in public life. Ahmadi Muslims are often denied access to public-service employment on religious grounds and are particularly vulnerable to violations under laws on offences relating to religion (blasphemy laws). They are also targeted by laws regulating new technologies and social media platforms, with the aim to suppress their dissenting views and beliefs, enhance control of their minority communities and further increase their persecution through coordinated online hate campaigns and, in certain cases, online coordinated acts of collective punishment.

Furthermore, we note with grave concern the application of discriminatory regulations that appear to aim at denying Ahmadi Muslims' fundamental freedoms as citizens, including inter alia their voting rights and their access to identification documents, as well as imposing administrative obstacles in the enjoyment of their right to form and maintain associations.

In addition to discriminatory legislative and policy frameworks, Ahmadiyya Muslims have often been the target of discrimination, exclusion, hate campaigns and violence, including arbitrary arrests and detentions, verbal and physical attacks in the public sphere, as well as attacks against their cultural sites and places of worship. Ahmadi women are particularly affected, as they face harassment and discrimination due to their distinctive traditional Ahmadi attire, which makes them immediately recognisable, while Ahmadi children and youth are often denied admission to schools and higher education institutions because of their faith, and constantly suffer intimidation and bullying, thus forcing them to drop out and interrupt their studies. Reports also indicate that Ahmadis are still portrayed in a negative light in school textbooks, while Ahmadiyya educational institutions are often seized and administratively closed by state authorities.

Furthermore, the recent pandemic outbreak has exacerbated existing religious intolerance and discrimination against minority communities and vulnerable groups worldwide, including the Ahmadis, who have been particularly affected by the upsurge in incitement to hatred and stigmatization, and the propagation of disinformation, holding them responsible for the development and spreading of the COVID-19 virus.

We recall the international standards on non-discrimination and prohibition of any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence. We also draw attention to the authoritative interpretation of article 18 of the ICCPR, providing for protection and promotion of all rights under the Covenant – including the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief (article 18), and the rights of minorities protected under article 27 – even in those cases in which a certain religion is recognized as a State religion, or that it is established as official or traditional, or that its followers comprise the majority of the population. The protection, promotion and fulfilment of the human rights of the adherents of any religion or belief is not contingent upon the official recognition of such a religion or belief. At the same time, the institutionalisation and official recognition of certain beliefs or religions should in no circumstance become the reason or the basis for discrimination of any kind against adherents of other beliefs or religions.

We strongly urge all States to:

- a. Repeal all laws that discriminate against Ahmadi Muslims, including laws that curtail their right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief, opinion and expression, offline and online, and amend them in accordance with international human rights standards;
- b. In particular, repeal all blasphemy laws or at least, amend them in compliance with the strict requirements of the ICCPR and its articles 2, 19 and 26;
- c. Strengthen legislative and institutional responses in effectively addressing hate speech and incitement to national, racial or religious hatred, in accordance with the established international human rights standards and by integrating the guidance provided the Rabat Plan of Action;
- d. Ensure equal and effective participation of Ahmadis in public life and in decision-making processes that affect them, including by guaranteeing their political representation and their free exercise of their right to vote; by guaranteeing their access to employment and public services of any kind, and by protecting their right to form and maintain their associations and organizations;
- e. Address the multiple and intersecting forms of violence and discrimination suffered by Ahmadi women, children and refugees;
- f. Rescind any bans on Ahmadiyya publications, and ensure that Ahmadis fully enjoy their right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas, including through any media of their choice;
- g. Protect and safeguard Ahmadi cultural places and places of worship against attacks and desecrations;
- h. Eliminate discrimination and exclusion of Ahmadi children in education and vocational training; undertake appropriate legislative and policy measures to address physical and psychological violence and bullying inside and outside school premises; and, revise and amend national curricula and textbooks to eliminate prejudicial references that perpetrate stigma against minorities, and with the aim of strengthening human rights education and promoting inter-religious, inter-cultural understanding and dialogue.
- i. Ensure accountability and prosecute all those responsible for violations and attacks against Ahmadis and other minorities, and design and implement human rights awareness-raising and training programmes for all relevant state institutions and public officials, with the active participation of Ahmadiyya communities, as well as of religious leaders representing different faiths.

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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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