

# **Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan**

## **Monthly Report**

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### **Special Foreword**

THIS MONTH'S REPORT is spread over 28 pages. During the previous regime, in its final year 2017/18, our reports averaged 16½ pages. This big jump is reflective of the present government's policy and practice concerning Ahmadis. It is a cause for great concern to the victimized community.

This report comprises incidents of murder for faith, registration of police cases on fabricated charges, denial of religious freedom to offer cattle sacrifice, unfair denial of bails in religion-based cases, flight from home town under compulsion, pamphlets urging boycott of Ahmadiyya products and services, problems in congregational prayers, difficulties in burial of Ahmadis in joint graveyards, etc. etc.

The plight of Ahmadis is rapidly deteriorating. The country has almost been taken over by minority right-wing parties. Proceedings of the Punjab and National Assemblies and the Senate show undisputed sway of the right-wing and religious bigots. The ruling PTI gives them free passage. The Land of Pure is hurtling to become the theocracy the wise and far-sighted founding father warned against.

*The report is recommended reading – A to Z.*

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# Spate of MURDEROUS VIOLENCE against Ahmadis



Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, a victim

***Peshawar and other cities; August 2020:*** Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, Ahmadi of Peshawar was shot dead at about 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 by unidentified assassins, near his business. He was a well-known practicing Ahmadi of good reputation. He had received threats in the recent past and faced hostile propaganda on Facebook. This was reported to the authorities.



***Mr. Mairaj Ahmad dead body lying on the road, soon after his brutal killing in Peshawar***

Mr. Mairaj Ahmad was 61. He left behind a widow, three sons and one daughter studying medicine.

A few days earlier, Mr. Tahir Naseem, presumed to be Ahmadi, facing blasphemy charge was murdered in a court room in Peshawar in the presence of the judge. He had in fact committed no blasphemy but claimed to be a prophet and a reformer. He was a U.S. citizen. His murder was upheld by some mullas and some far-right elements. Hardly any high-level state authority condemned the ghastly murder. The incident was mentioned in the National Assembly; we describe it briefly near the end of this story.

On August 11, 2020, Sheikh Nasir Ahmad, Ahmadi of Lala Musa, District Gujrat, Punjab was shot at 21:30 hr by unidentified attackers, when he was walking back home from the bazaar. The attackers achieved four hits and fled from the scene of crime. He was rushed to a hospital where he fortunately survived, although his fracture in pelvis will take time to heal. The injury has severely affected his movements.

On 12 August 2020, the house of Syed Naeem Ahmad Bashir in Sahiwal, District Sargodha, Punjab was attacked at night. Gunman fired bullets expecting the family to be asleep in

the courtyard, as is the practice in the Punjab in this season. The family survived because they were not sleeping there, otherwise many might have been killed.

Mr. Saleemuddin, Director Public Affairs of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan said in a tweet:

“This is not random, but (a) well-planned campaign.” He tweeted further, “After this violence, we fear more bloodshed will happen. The community feels ever more vulnerable and insecure now because the Govt, its ministers (and the) state are clearly playing with our lives, without any consideration about consequences.”

Mr. Saleemuddin is of the opinion that all this is the result of anti-Ahmadi hate campaign, and his grave concern is well-founded. For instance, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a federal minister of state released a video statement: “Qadianiat basically is great mischief (*Fitna*) against Islam...We are soldiers of *Khatme Nabuwat* (End of Prophethood) and *Shane Risalat* (Honor of Messengership).” UCAnews quoted him: “Beheading is the only punishment for those who mock Prophet Muhammad.”

(ucanews.com/news/Pakistan-minister-calls)



**Mr. Azam Swati**

Another federal minister Mr. Azam Swati stated in public last year in November: “I curse them (Ahmadis), and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat.”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NN8lCRH-iWo>)

Similarly, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, President of the official Ulama Board Punjab asserted in an open multi-religion meeting: “.... I am not willing to accept them in the country...To speak against Qadianis is Religious Harmony.”([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRBPSs\\_QhDj0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRBPSs_QhDj0))

International Human Rights Committee UK rightly called these murders and murder

attempts ruthless and brutal. It pointed out that the murderer who committed the atrocity in the court room “is being hailed in Pakistan as an Islamic hero, and he openly announced that he has killed a Qadiani (Ahmadi).” “The state is complicit in this, resulting in killing of Ahmadis on the basis of their faith, belief and practice,” suggested their Press Release on August 13, 2020.

On this issue (murder of the presumed Ahmadi) what happened in the National Assembly on 12 August, 2020 merits special mention, even if briefly. Syed Imran Ahmad



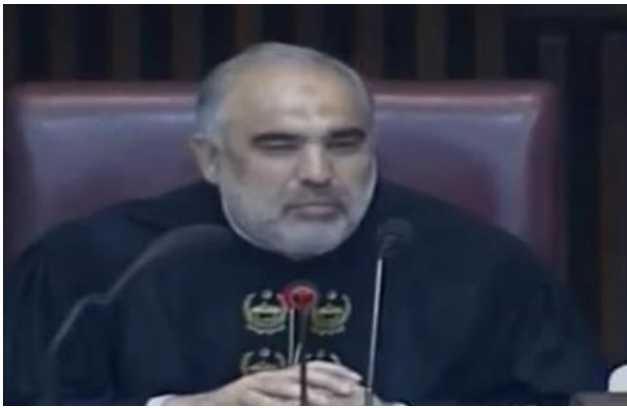
**MNA Imran Ahmad Shah from Sahiwal, addressing the chair during a session of National Assembly**

Shah of PML-N is a senior MNA in the Assembly; he addressed the incident in the full session, expressed his solidarity with the killer and his act based on his love of the Prophet, and demanded:

- Ghazi Faisal (the killer) should be immediately released through a Presidential Ordinance, in view of his great service to Islam.
- If that is not done, then the law of *Diyyat* (Shariah provision in certain cases, to pay compensation to the victim or his/her heirs in lieu of pardon to the perpetrator) should be applied **and the state should pay the Diyyat.** (Emphasis added)
- If both these demands are not met, then I and millions like me are ready to pay the amount. I am ready to pay his *Diyyat*, even if I have to sell my entire property” he added. (*Some cheers*). He mentioned Ali Muhammad Khan (PTI, Minister of State) and Junaid Anwaar MNA



(PML-N) and “many others” who would join him in the scheme to bear this expense.



**Speaker National assembly Mr. Asad Qaiser presiding the session of National Assembly**

At this, the Speaker Mr. Asad Qaiser, presiding over the Session, concluded with the following words (translated from Urdu):

**“Mr. Imran, do one thing...you, Masha Allah, have said something of great merit, and played the role of a lover of the Holy Prophet (Aashiq-i-Rasul). I request you to move a Bill or an Amendment that will help us solve this issue in law, or if there is any shortcoming (Suqqam) in law that will be removed. Thank you.”**  
**([youtube.com/watch?v=OYJIZIS78PQ8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYJIZIS78PQ8))**

It is nearly incredible that the Speaker of a National Assembly would ask for suggestions for legislation to help a murderer who killed a victim in a court room in front of the judge, while the victim had not yet been found guilty of blasphemy. Such discussions and their approval by the chair is misuse of democracy and an insult to it. It is most likely that the future legislators would wish that their predecessors had not provided such record for the archives. It is not surprising that a governor, a high court judge, a prominent lawyer and numerous others from the civil society have been murdered in Pakistan by such ‘pious’ killers. Luminaries like Imran Ahmad Shah and Asad Qaiser seem to encourage such pious acts to continue in future as well.

Subsequent to the murder of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad there was a penal discussion in program

‘Zara hut kay’ of Dawn News. Mr. Wusatullah Khan, a well-known journalist expressed his views on the issue and displayed someone’s tweet that conveyed:

**“...Qadiani problem is now being rightly, timely and promptly solved. Alhamdolillah (All praise to Allah). Another Qadiani killed in Peshawar city. Wait for some more. Do share this post and like my page.”**

Mr. Khan displayed another post dated May 6 on social media, that showed the interior of Shiraz Medico (sic), the store owned by Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, with his son minding it. The originator told his viewers that the Medico belonged to a *Zindique* (apostate) and a Kafir. “Boycott this business. One who does not believe Qadianis to be Kafir, is himself a *Kafir*,” he wrote. The originator named himself on twitter “I Love my Pakistan”. Mr. Khan mentioned the National Assembly speech of Mr. Imran Ahmad Shah MNA and commented: “These are the people who have taken the oath of safeguarding the constitution and lives of the citizens.” (Note: It is learnt that there is a little confusion about the Medical Store, as there are two medical stores in the locality owned by two cousins, both Ahmadis).



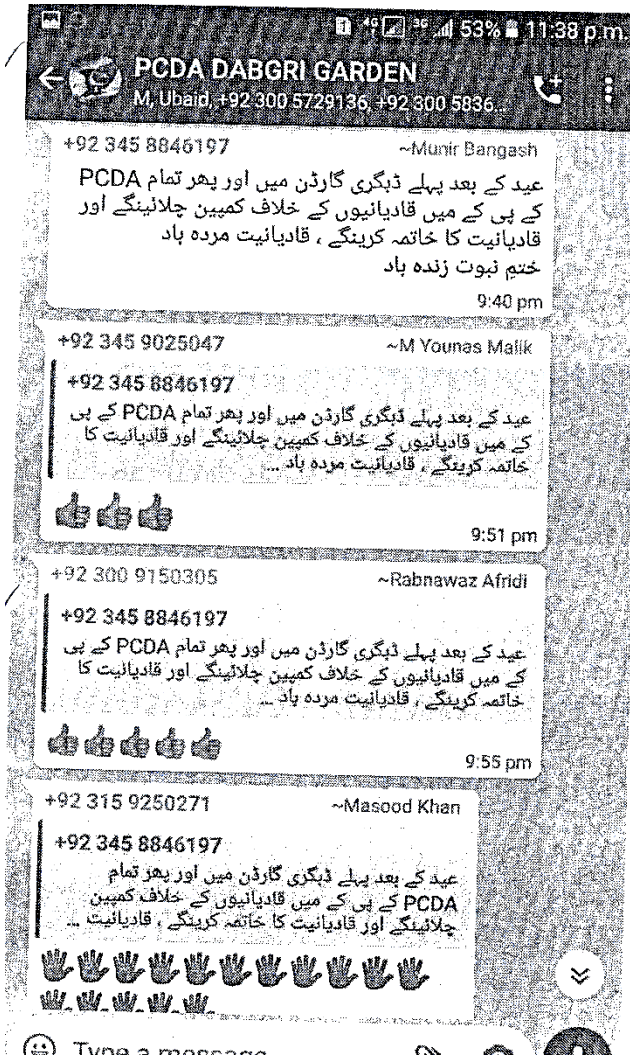
**Mr. Wusat Ullah Khan(left) during the recording of program ‘Zara hut kay’**

It is astonishing that while the Cyber Crimes Wing of FIA is hyperactive in arresting Ahmadis in the Punjab who allegedly use social media to indulge in promoting research in the understanding of the Holy Quran, it looks the other way in KPK for weeks when sectarian hate-mongers display posts that incite viewers to indulge in gross criminal activities in the name of religion and country.

It is obvious through some viral images that the murder of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad is result of a planned campaign on social media and especially on WhatsApp chat groups. Members of these groups openly declared to “**exterminate Qadianiat in Dabgari Gardens after Eid**”, and sure enough Mr. Mairaj Ahmad was murdered in Dabgari, 11 days after Eid. These planners and accomplices are named (1) Munir Bangash (#0345-8846197), (2) M. Younus Malik (#0345-9025047), (3) Rabnawaz Afridi (#0300-9150305), (4) Masood Khan (#0315-9250271) of PCDA DABGRI GARDEN and (5) Musanif Muhammad (#0302-9242993) — Mutahida Dabgari Garden. Now it is up to the investigating police to include these individuals in their inquiry (*shamil taftesh*).

Finally, “Pakistan now ranks as the seventh most dangerous country in the world for religious minorities”, wrote Mr. Zafar Aziz Chaudhry in the *Daily Times* of July 21, 2020.

*Note: For initial report on Mr. Naseem’s murder in the court room please read the lead story in our Report for July 2020.*



**Scan of the WhatsApp group chat preparing participants for persecution of Ahmadis after Eid**

**Chawinda, District Sialkot; August 15, 2020:** A police case was registered under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C and the blasphemy clause 295-A — against Mr. Waheed Ahmad Butt, an Ahmadi, for allegedly preaching his faith and insulting the tenets of Islam. The accused was arrested by the police.

It is learned that, on August 15, Mr. Butt, 62 years old, was discussing international politics with a non-Ahmadi friend at his junk shop. The discussion turned to the likely future of Makka and Jerusalem. At this, the interlocutor became angry and started shouting. A crowd assembled.

The police were informed. They registered a criminal case against Mr. Butt and raided his house. He was not at home; so the police detained his son Wajahat Ahmad, a school boy. Later they arrested Mr. Butt and released his son.

## **Police case on ludicrous grounds and its headway in courts**

*Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh: July/August 2020:* Mr. Fazl Saeed, Ahmadi undertook *Qurbani* (cattle sacrifice) at the occasion of Eid festival, and distributed the meat. Ahmadi-bashers reported this to the police who registered a case against Mr. Fazl Saeed, his brother Mr. Munawwar Saeed and his father Mr. Saeed Ahmad under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C, arrested Mr. Fazl Saeed and locked him up. This was most wrongful as the law does not forbid Ahmadis to undertake *Qurbani* and distribute its meat.

What happened after the *Qurbani*, is worth a place on records, as it shows how the law-enforcing and judicial systems treat Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Mr. Fazl Saeed is a gold-smith by profession and has competitors in the bazaar. Mr. Saeed proceeded to Karachi the next day after Eid to visit his in-laws. In his absence, a local mulla Mufti Abid Farid and one other sent applications to the police against Mr. Saeed for undertaking *Qurbani* and distributing meat ‘despite being non-Muslim’. This was followed by a protest demonstration in front of his house. The DSP telephoned Mr. Saeed who told him that he was far away in Karachi. The DSP nevertheless required him to present himself on August 13. Mr. Saeed presented himself at the police station where he was told that a case had been registered against him, his brother and his father. He was arrested and put behind bars. The next day, he was transferred to Toba Tek Singh Jail.

The accused thereafter intended to apply for bail. Mr. Abdul Jabbar Jutt, ex-president of the local bar agreed to act as advocate, but sent in his regrets at the last minute. No other local advocate was willing to defend the Ahmadi accused. The accused had to approach all the way to the district headquarters to hire an attorney. Sardar Ajaib Khan, Advocate came over to Pir Mahal to move the bail application.

The court granted temporary bail to the elderly Mr. Saeed Ahmad and his son Munawwar Saeed. However the magistrate rejected the bail application of the detained Mr. Fazl Saeed, on August 22.

The temporary bail of the other two accused was due for confirmation on September 1, 2020. On this date, a number of mullas and advocates assembled outside the courtroom and indulged in making disorder and agitation. Judge Khalid Bashir, an Additional Session Judge, under the circumstances, rejected the bail application. The confirmations of the temporary bails of the other two accused were also not granted.

So this is what happens to Ahmadis these days. When they practice their religion and are nice to people, they face arrests and prosecution, and the judges do not grant them even bail for the duration pending a final verdict.

## **Three Ahmadis booked and detained over little**

*Chak 422 GB, District Toba Tek Singh:* An Ahmadi youth and a non-Ahmadi girl mutually decided to run away from home. This is neither approved by the Pakistani society nor the law. The girl’s father complained to the police and had a case registered against the youth under PPC 579 at Police Station Sadar, Gojra.

The complainant, however, committed great wrong in that, while making his complaint he included names of three other Ahmadi youths, namely Mr. Tahir Noman, Mr. Waqar Ahmad and Mr. Akash Ahmad. None of these individuals is actually involved in the act of elopement. He named them as advised by some miscreants and mullas who are now planning to take out a hostile procession against Ahmadis. In all fairness, not the youth only, the girl should also be charged for the social offence.

The police has detained the three Ahmadi youth who are not complicit in the incident. This is persecution in the name of religion.



## Rising threats to Ahmadis in Peshawar

*Hayatabad, Peshawar; September 2020:* Mr. Afaaq Ahmad, Ahmadi, found a shopping bag in his garage. There was a stone, a bullet and a piece of paper with message: “**Blasphemer is worthy of death**” inside it.

Grandfather of Mr. Ahmad was murdered because of his faith back in 2008. This family belongs to village Singo. They own enough land in that area. Father of Mr. Ahmad had to migrate to UK along with her mother. His brother Asif Sajjad also had to leave the area along with his family. Caretaker of their village house left on the pressure of locals, and left it unattended.

## An Ahmadi expelled from residence in Lahore



*Johar town, Lahore; August 2020:* An Ahmadi family resident of Lahore, was told to quit the rented house, just for their faith.

Mr. Munawar

Ahmad’s family was residing in Johar Town, Lahore, while he was in West Africa. The landlord told the family to evacuate the house as soon as possible because he was facing extreme pressure from the neighborhood. He further told them that after the Peshawar incident (where a former Ahmadi was murdered in the courtroom) the locals and the mullas of the local madrassa had pressurized him to evict Ahmadi tenants.

## Bail application rejected

*Lahore; September 2020:* 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes 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.



His bail application was rejected on April 8 by Magistrate Zulfiqar Bari. An appeal was made against this rejection of bail by the magistrate. Appeal was heard by additional sessions judge Misbah on August 25, 2020.

On completion of hearing the judge rejected the bail plea on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

## Situation tense in District Narowal

*District Narowal; August 2020:* A report was entered in our last month’s report that an Ahmadi teen-ager of Baddu Malhi was made by his uncle to disassociate himself from his father and Ahmadiyyat. In follow-up, the boy managed to escape from his uncle and join his father. Thereafter he was abducted by the opponents. The police refused to help in boy’s return to his parents. Next hearing of the case is on August 25. This is a case of forced conversion as well. The parents and the boy are worried about his safety.

In another incident, a mulla was invited to Qalandarabad to lead the Friday prayers. He used foul language against Ahmadis and provoked the locals against them. A complaint was made by Ahmadis to the police. They invited both the parties and an agreement signed, under which both agreed not to interfere in other’s religious



practices and no outsider would be invited in future.

Further, a new prayer center was established by Ahmadiyya Community in Cheenekay, Ehdipur. An unknown opponent entered the place and took photos of the center and the books without permission, which most likely would be used to prosecute Ahmadis.

Opponents also took pictures of tombstones of Ahmadis' graves in Ludhar Karam Singh, to file a complaint with police against Ahmadis.

## **Murder of an Ahmadi in District Sheikhpura**

*Sachha Sauda, District Sheikhpura; August 25, 2020:* Mr. Saleem Akhtar, Ahmadi, finance secretary of the local Ahmadiyya community was found murdered in his bed at home at night.

Injuries were found on his head and arm. Police were informed who arranged for a post-mortem.

Mr. Akhtar was a decent man and a community worker. He did face some security issues in the past but apparently not much recently. His assailants stole nothing from his house, so it is obvious that their only intention was to kill him.

We are not certain of the motivation for this homicide. We shall report the same if and when reliable information becomes available after due inquiry.

## **Serious violation of Ahmadis' right to practice their faith, (Cattle sacrifice) — an overview**

*July, August 2020:* Sacrificing cattle (*Qurbani*) at the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha festival is a part of Ahmadiyya faith. For the past few years, some extremist elements have been opposing this religious right and have sought authorities' help in this HR violation, particularly in the Punjab. The Constitution and Pakistan law prescribe

certain specific restrictions on Ahmadis but *Qurbani* is not one of these.

Last month we reported in our monthly report that Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) wrote a letter to the federal Ministry of Interior and the I.G. Police, Punjab to issue orders to deny the right of *Qurbani* to Ahmadis. The proposal being 'outside the law' was not followed-up formally by the authorities.

Thereafter one Tayyab Qureshi, Advocate High Court, and Vice-Chairman of the Tajdar-e-Khatme Nabuwwat Committee LHCBA wrote a letter to Inspector General Punjab Police on July 23, 2020 repeating the same demand, giving dubious, questionable and shady religious reasons. He stated that when Ahmadis undertake *Qurbani*, Muslims' sentiments are grossly hurt. He was very presumptuous to say that. Most Non-Ahmadi Muslims welcome *Qurbani* meat from an Ahmadi, unless a mulla is consulted.

The campaign against Ahmadis' practice of *Qurbani* is relatively a recent development. Extremist mullas and their followers wrote letters this year to local and district authorities to deny Ahmadis this right. These letters, accompanied by agitation did create difficulties for Ahmadis again this year at some locations.

Ahmadis had to take suitable precautions at the occasion of *Qurbani* to avoid intervention by mullas and police. They chose to perform the rite in bounded spaces.

Incidents of intrusion by clerics, at times in collusion with police, took place at various locations, for instance in Qasur, Samnabad Lahore, Gujranwala and village Trigri of the same district. At Pir Mahal District Toba Tek Singh, the police registered a criminal case against three Ahmadis and arrested one of them under the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C in which if declared guilty, they could be imprisoned for three years.

A poster was put up in Guldasth Lahore, which conveyed that Ahmadis are not allowed to undertake *Qurbani*, and if anyone becomes aware of the act, he should immediately inform the police on (phone) 15. The poster named its sponsors: 1. Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Forum

2. Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasul Ullah 3. Tehrik Minhaj ul Quran and 4...Ulama Council. The poster asserted, wrongly, that Ahmadis are not allowed to practice *Qurbani*, Prayers, Fasting, Hajj and *Zakat* (Charity). This betrays their corrupt intentions; once they succeed in denying *Qurbani* to Ahmadis, they would shift to other practices, including denial of Prayers to Ahmadis. The appetite of Hell is reportedly vast; it continues to ask, "Are there any more?"

A photo of this poster is produced in Annex I.

## Our senators!

**Islamabad; August 17, 2020:** One reads about Roman senators in history. These days one hears of U.S. senators. One's general impression is that senators are powerful men, statesmen, mostly of distinguished character and great wisdom. Pakistan has its own senators. There could be some of these who are worthy of this title, but one often comes across many who behave like



**Senator Ata ur Rahman**

Senator Ata ur Rahman and Senator Mushtaq Ahmad. The former is brother of Maulana Fazl ur Rahman (JUI-F leader) while the latter represents Jamaat Islami.

These type promote little in the august house except opposition to the ruling group, religious bigotry and enmity towards the marginalized Ahmadi community. They spoke on the following two issues on the Senate floor on August 17, 2020:

- a. In village Jhakar Imam Shah, one Mr. Javed, a mentally disturbed fellow defiled a copy of the Holy Quran and set fire to its pages. He was caught, beaten by the people and handed over to the police. Opponents of Ahmadis considered it an opportune moment to spread disorder by declaring him to be an Ahmadi and instigating the public that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat had tasked him to undertake the defiling. Javed is certainly not an Ahmadi, nor did he claim to be one. The police made inquiries with the local Ahmadi seniors, who told them that the accused is neither an Ahmadi, nor Ahmadis could even consider defiling the Holy Quran, their own scripture.
- b. The other issue was the murder of a Pak-American (Mr. Tahir A. Naseem) in a court room in Peshawar in the presence of the judge. Mr. Naseem was a blasphemy accused, had been arrested and was facing trial for the last two years. He was not an Ahmadi, as he had claimed himself to be a sort of prophet and a reformer. The killer, a madrassah student in Islamabad pumped bullets in him, and then proudly offered himself for arrest over this murder of a man who still was not judged to have committed blasphemy.

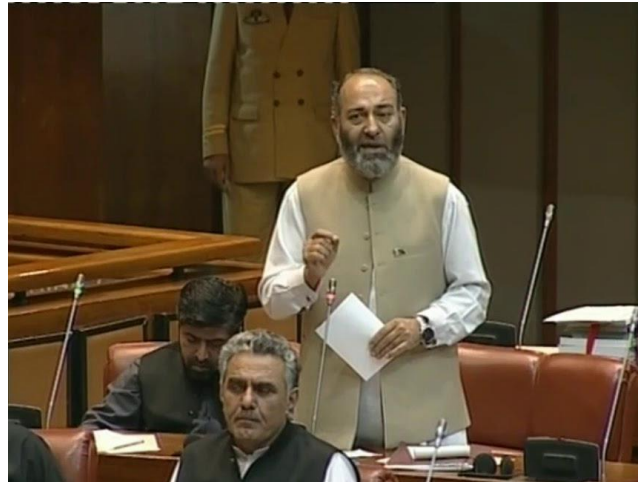
We are in possession of the videos of these speeches, delivered in Urdu by the two senators. We produce below their translation:

**Senator Ata ur Rahman (JUI).** I draw the attention of this respected House to the important issue of the incident in town Jhakar Imam Shah in District DG Khan. There, one Javed son of Ghulam Rasul defiled the Holy Quran. He tore up a copy of the Holy Quran and dumped it in a nullah.... This guy did that as (many) Qadianis live in Jhakar Imam, and this fellow is a Qadiani (Ahmadi). However, over and above this, the police, who along with the DSP picked him up, used sticks (*lathi charge*) against the protesters and injured them. It is strange that this police DSP supports the fellow who defiled the Holy Quran, provides him protection, and the police hits out against the protesting

public. I request you gentlemen to hold an inquiry into this and a report be presented in the House. Here Honorable Muhammad Ali (sic) recites Darud and talks of Medina, but we see that in the past two years, Qadianis have continued to commit blasphemy, I shall not mention that our Prime Minister was not able to pronounce correctly the word *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*; well, it was a slip of tongue. But consider the acquittal of the cursed Aasia (*maluna*) and her departure from here. Time does not permit me to mention all these incidents, but Qadianis are supported all along, they are being promoted. And the opening of a (Hindu) temple in Islamabad! What's going on? And it was the first time that one MP, belonging to the ruling party, referred to Israel in the Parliament! Where are we heading? Pakistan came into being in the name of the *Kalima* (Islamic creed). One and half million Muslims shed their blood for it. This country, founded on Islam — here Islam is defiled, here the Holy Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is defiled, and more of this is happening in this tenure. What sort of *Riasat Madinah* is there? Punish at least one person, then we'll see (that the intention is serious). But these people (rulers) don't do that, and promote and support Qadianism, then whatever Faisal Khalid (the killer of the American accused) did in Peshawar will continue to happen. Then we'll be told that such wrongs, unlawful murders are committed, that should be punished. Why is the society being led to anarchy by permitting such incidents? Why the faith of Muslims is being provoked? Why the foundations of the state are being damaged? JUI, from the very first day made it clear that these rulers are not of our country, they are agents of foreign powers. Their actions betray their being agents of foreign powers... . But what we saw at Jhakar Imam Shah is a Qadiani issue. This man is a Qadiani.... He acted deliberately. Today the police picked him up, took him to a safe house, tomorrow he will fly away with state support.

This I demand you, respected members of the House, that a complete report on the DSP's support and the (police) violence against Muslims, be demanded and presented in the Senate.

**Chairman Senate:** We'll do that. Ask for the report from Chief Secretary Punjab. Now Mr. Mushtaq.



**Senator Mushtaq Ahmad**

**Senator Mushtaq Ahmad (JI).** It is a fact. I want to bring this to the notice of the Leader of the House as also (the minister of state) Ali Muhammad Khan. In the civilization war of the belief in the End of Prophethood (KN) and the honour of Prophethood, Mr. Chairman, our enemies have targeted the Islamdom. Blasphemy against the Holy Quran is regularly undertaken in Europe, West and the U.S. The belief in the Khatme Nabuwat (KN) is opposed. Blasphemy against prophethood (p.b.u.h.) is committed. This is encouraged. Those who do this, are given protocol like a minister of state. They are awarded highest honors, like the title of Sir. Cartoons produced by them are placed in museums as national heritage. That is the first thing; now the second. In the Islamic world, such elements are supported who attack the belief in *Khatme Nabuwat* and the Honor of Prophethood. It happened here in the Aasia case. Whatever our authorities and courts did, it was openly under pressure of foreign pressure. Now I turn to the Peshawar incident (murder of Mr. Naseem).

**Chairman Senate:** Points of Public Importance — you have two minutes. Please be brief.

**Mushtaq Ahmad:** This is of great public importance, Mr. Chairman. On the issue of Peshawar Incident — the state and the government acted neutral. He was a confirmed Qadiani (*a lie — Ed.*). He was guilty of Blasphemy against the honour and grandeur of Prophethood (p.b.u.h.); videos, proofs and his own admissions are available. He admitted all this; then he went off to America. There he continued with these conspiracies. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan knows all this. Then he came back here, and the authorities arrested

him. His case was not decided for two years. The police, the court, the government, all acted as mere observers. This compelled the people, in the name of *Khatme Nabuwwat* and the Love of the Prophet (to act). When someone takes such an action, he is subjected to hostile propaganda. I am of the opinion that the state should play its role, through administration and the judiciary to deal with cases regarding End of Prophethood and Honor of Prophethood.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnN9fIWJ-9s>)

A sensible patriot would perhaps shed couple of tears over these utterances of the two honorable senators, and would want to redefine the word ‘honorable’ in this context. No Further Comments.

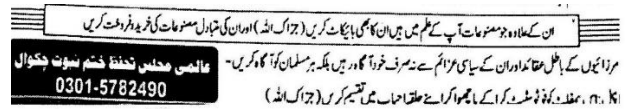
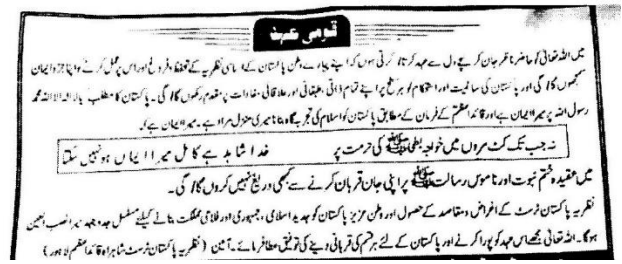
## Exhortation by AMTKN to be ready to shed blood for End of Prophethood and to boycott Ahmadiyya products and services

**Chakwal; August 2020:** Alami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) Chakwal in the Punjab (Phone # 0301-5782490) has recently issued a pamphlet titled *Qaumi Ehad* (National Pledge). In its foreword it requires the reader to make a pledge to uphold country’s defense and “to never desist from sacrificing my life for the belief in End of Prophethood (KN) and the Honor of the Messenger (p.b.u.h.).”

Thereafter it provides two lists, 1) Ahmadiyya products and services available in Rawalpindi Division. 2) Ahmadiyya products and services in Pakistan. The former provides addresses of 24 businesses while the second records 60 of these.

The pamphlet also gives a general directive that if one is aware of any other Ahmadiyya products these should be boycotted, *Jazakallah* (May Allah reward you for that). It also urges the reader to produce more photocopies of the pamphlet and distribute these further. As for the Pledge, it contains a verse: “*Till I am not*

*cut down for the honor of the Prophet, by God, my faith is not perfected.”*



Extracts of AMTKN pamphlet

## A Resolution of the National Assembly and a consequent Federal Notification

**Islamabad; August 21, 2020:** Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs has issued the following Notification:

“No.F.1(1)/AD(IsI)/2016. It is notified for general information and compliance of the unanimously resolution (sic) passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan that the name of the Holy Prophet (صلی اللہ علیہ وعلیٰ آلہ واصحابہ وسلم) may be written in all official/non official records as:

حضرت محمد رسول اللہ خاتم النبیین صلی اللہ علیہ وعلیٰ آلہ واصحابہ وسلم

The inscription above may be transliterated as follows: (Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam)

Before proceeding further, let’s make it clear that the Ahmadiyya community firmly believes Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam, to be the *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* as also with the full statement made in the above application. However, as for the National Assembly’s resolution and the Ministry’s notification, we make the following observations in national interest:



- Order to the effect of this Notification has never been passed in the last 1400 years by any government in the history of Islam. It is an innovation imposed, if not by mullas, but by the lobby who use religion to impose their will through the legislatures, on the society.
- If this Notification is strictly implemented, what shall the publishers of the Holy Quran do, as the name of the Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam appears therein a number of times?
- The appellations contains the word ‘Ashabehi’. This has met strong opposition from the Shia community with reference to the *Tahaffuz Bunyad-i-Islam* Bill passed in the Punjab Assembly, to the extent that the Governor has not signed the Bill into law.
- What shall the publishers do while printing all the Islamic literature produced by eminent Muslim scholars, ulama and historians as the name of the Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam appears therein more than a million times.
- Millions of Pakistanis are named ‘Muhammad’. After this federal Notification will their names be changed? For instance, a person named Ghulam Muhammad, will he be named, written and spoken as Ghulam Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam? Would the names of foreign personalities be changed the same way in Pakistan?
- What are the Ministry’s instructions regarding the recitation and reproduction in writing of the *Darud Sharif* whose format Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam himself prescribed?

Would the Ministry’s Notification amend the *Masnun Darud Ibrahimi*?

- When a writer or a speaker is attending to the life and character (*Swaneh* and *Seerat*) of the Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam, is he expected to use this application every time, even if it appears a dozen times over one page or in one minute? If yes, it will create an entirely new culture in the art and practice of rhetoric and literature in Pakistan. Is that intended, deliberately?

It is for the political leadership to be fully conscious of where the mulla and bigots are leading the Pakistani society and its politics. If this is not theocracy what else is? The Great Quaid warned against this notion in no uncertain terms at the time of the establishment of the new state of Pakistan.

All such resolution and bills are being passed in various Assemblies with either the sponsorship or full support of PTI. What would be the history’s verdict?

### **The rite of *Qurbani* (sacrifice) made problematic at various locations**

This year, as in previous years, opponents harassed Ahmadis on the issue of *Qurbani* (sacrificing cattle) on the festival of Eid ul Adha. A general description of this problem is given earlier in this report. Essential details of a stressful police case at Pir Mahal and the resulting arrest, are also given in a separate story. Here we mention incidents and narratives from some of the other locations.

- Opponents at Daska and a few other places in District Sialkot demanded the administration to stop Ahmadis from sacrificing cattle as “Ahmadis are non-Muslim.” Local Ahmadi officials were contacted by the police and were told to explain.

- On Eid ul Adha day, a son of Mr. Wasim Shahid, an Ahmadi of Kasur, accompanied by a friend was bringing sacrificial meat to his house when the local mulla along with a few others stopped them on the way; the two hurriedly took refuge in another Ahmadi's house. The mulla kept making noise outside for some time. The two had to wait inside, and returned home only when the situation improved. The meat was brought home later by some other means.
- Mr. Faheem Ahmad, an Ahmadi, is a resident of Samanabad, Lahore. He offers these sacrifices every year. This year, some of his friends sent their sacrificial animals to his house so that the sacrifice could be undertaken in one place. One day before Eid, on July 31, at around midnight, mullas gathered outside his house and started shouting slogans. When Faheem Ahmad came to know of this, he did not go out himself but sent his non-Ahmadi son and nephew out to talk to the miscreants. Meanwhile, the SHO and the DSP also came. Faheem's son told them that it was his right to sacrifice and that Mr. Faheem Ahmad had only a part in it. The police took his statement in writing and said that they should keep only a part, and give the rest to a madrassah or institution. It was decided that the animals should be given to an institution instead of being sacrificed. So, Fountain House (an institution) was contacted and a receipt was obtained by handing over the animals to them under police supervision. The issue was thus resolved. Mr. Faheem Ahmad is the only Ahmadi in his family.
- Special security arrangements were made in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya headquarters town, on Eid ul Adha to avoid mischief by the opponents. In this regard, the police was contacted in advance and requested assistance. The police deployed additional personnel in the town.
- In district Gujranwala, opponents in Trigri, Kot Mirza Jan and Amir Park had talked to the administration about the issue of sacrifice (*Qurbani*). The police told Ahmadis to be careful and to not undertake sacrifice in places where there was a fear of mischief by the opposition.
- Similar problems were faced at many other locations; it is our experience that all these are not normally reported to the Ahmadiyya centre.

### **Ahmadis faced social boycott in Lahore**



*Sabzazaar District Lahore; August 2020:* A shopkeeper of Sabzazaar Lahore displays a big banner outside his shop, produced by *Tahrir e Labbaik ya Rasool Allah*: “**Ahmadis are infidels**”, written in bold letters on it.

Three Ahmadi families reside in the vicinity of this catering shop. The shopkeeper came to know of their religious identity, so he campaigned for a social boycott of these families and encouraged their friends to do the same. Upon this some of them ended their terms with them. Ahmadis of the area were removed from the WhatsApp groups as well.

Ahmadis were told to first become Muslim before social relations could be normalized. One of the friends of an Ahmadi youth invited him to encourage him to convert to Islam. The Ahmadi asked him not to discuss religion and stated that if he considers Ahmadis to be infidels, he can have his opinion.

Every Thursday, the shopkeeper invites a group of madrassah students to his shop for a

meal; thereafter they raise slogans in support of TLP.

In addition, two main boulevards of Lahore were wall-chalked with hostile slogans against Ahmadis: “**Earn through spiritual curses on the infidel Mirza Qadiani**”.

The authorities remain unmoved over this display of hate and animosity.

## **Grave threats on dealing with Ahmadis**

*Okara, Punjab; August 2020:* Sheikh Khalid Mahmood, an Ahmadi, has a general store in Sadar Bazaar, Okara. On August 17, 2020, his non-Ahmadi employee told him that the mulla of the neighborhood met him and told him to stop working at the *Mirzai*'s store or else he would be killed along with the owner. At this the employee dared the mulla to touch them. “You and your shop owner would know in a few days’ time,” replied the mulla.

Muazam Saeed Butt, another Ahmadi, owns ice cream distribution business in Okara. He went to the barber shop in his neighborhood for an haircut. The barber told him that the shop’s owner had threatened him not to allow Mr. Butt in his shop anymore; otherwise, he would suffer along with the Qadiani.

## **Burial problems for Ahmadis in District Gujrat**

*Dyona Majra, District Gujrat; August 8, 2020:* A common cemetery was in use of Ahmadis and Ahle Sunnat for decades. Sughra Bibi widow of Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, an Ahmadi passed away on August 8. Burial arrangements were made in the said cemetery as before. A few non-Ahmadis objected to the burial and informed the police.

The police brokered a deal that this burial could take place, but no further burials in future. A plot of land was donated by an Ahmadi for the new Ahmadiyya graveyard.

## **Sacred inscriptions removed from Ahmadi’s house**

*District Gujranwala; August 2020:* DSP Imran Abbas Chadhar sent for Ahmadiyya representatives of Gujranwala chapter over a complaint from opponents. A 7-member team met him on July 27. The DSP told Ahmadis to remove Quranic inscriptions from their houses, which allegedly hurt sentiments of Muslims.

Ahmadis were told to sacrifice their animals on festival of Eid in a walled location and not to distribute the meat among non-Ahmadis.

Ahmadis stated that they will not remove the sacred inscriptions; the police itself may have these effaced, if they will. Next day, on July 29 the police came along with labor and tools, and destroyed the sacred phrases. Ahmadis were told to sign an affidavit for not doing it again. To this unlawful demand, Ahmadis did not yield.

While going back the police said, if any other place is pointed out by the opponents, the same action will be taken.

The police in Gujranwala seems to be a subsidiary of the band of mullas.

## **Ahmadis harassed for worship in Sheikhpura**

*Amba Noorya, District Sheikhpura; August 2020:* Sometime back, Ahmadis were deprived here the right of religious practice, forbidding them to pray in their place of worship, and their burials in common cemetery.

After this, Ahmadis used a house for their congregational prayers. The opponents made a video of Ahmadis while praying and circulated it on social media. They launched a propaganda campaign against Ahmadis and took the issue to the authorities.

The police sent for both the parties (Ahmadis and Ahle Sunnat) and made them sign an agreement, according to which “both the parties may continue their religious activities as per the constitution of Pakistan. In case of violation, both the parties reserve the right of legal action.”

The agreement was signed by six persons from both sides, and also two arbitrators.

## **Ahmadis under threat in Swabi, KPK**

*Topi, District Swabi; August 2020:* A small Ahmadiyya community is found here. Families of Mr. Anwar Ahmad and his brother live here. Other Ahmadis have shifted abroad. There are two mosques near Anwar Ahmad's house. The mullas there frequently sermonize killing and violence against Ahmadis. As such, there is a risk of a mob attack or an armed robbery. These families have been advised to exercise caution, and to inform the police in writing.

## **Burial of an Ahmadi in Ahmadiyya graveyard resisted**

*Nawakot, Safdar Abad, District Sheikhpura; August 4, 2020:* Mr. Naseer Ahmad, Ahmadi, died on August 3, 2020. The next day, arrangements were made for his burial in the local Ahmadiyya cemetery. When the dead body was brought to the cemetery, a dozen non-Ahmadis turned up and stopped Ahmadis from proceeding with the burial. The police was informed who then arrived at the spot. The non-Ahmadis were of the view that there was an agreement between the parties that no Ahmadi could be buried in the cemetery. Earlier, when the opposition had caused a commotion over the construction of a funeral home, it was mutually agreed in writing that Ahmadis would not build anything in the Ahmadiyya cemetery. There was no mention of not burying an Ahmadi there. So Mr. Ahmad's funeral was held in the presence of the police and he was buried in the Ahmadiyya cemetery.

## **A sobering op-ed on Punjab Assembly's legislation**

*Lahore:* Last month we posted a story on “Punjab Assembly passes Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill.” The Bill’s title means: Safeguarding the Foundations of Islam. It was passed unanimously. Mr. Pervaiz Ilahi, the Speaker (from PML-Q),

some others from the same party and a number of prominent mullas played leading role in drafting and passage of this bill. Elsewhere in the present report, we quote in greater detail the sponsors and pushers of this very controversial piece of legislation. Here we reproduce an editorial from the prestigious daily *Dawn* of August 11, 2020, for its sagacity and long-term value:

### **Regrets, post facto**

THE Punjab Assembly has courted needless controversy, and given that matters of religion are involved, defusing it will be far from straightforward. One July 22, the provincial lawmakers unanimously passed the Tahaffuz-i-Bunyad-i-Islam Bill, which now requires only the governor’s assent to become law. Since then, several legislators from both treasury and opposition benches have had a change of heart — or undergone a reality check — and are now declaring their opposition to the same. They say they voted for the bill without reading it and fear that if passed into law it will fuel sectarian divides in Punjab. Some treasury members see the entire episode as a ‘conspiracy’ against the PTI government, while a PTI legislator sought forgiveness for having supported the bill. Predictably, the religious lobby is pushing back with its usual straw man arguments. On Sunday, clerics from several Sunni schools of thought met in Lahore to decide on their future line of action. At the press conference that followed, they condemned what they described as “vicious” and “intolerable” attempts in the name of reservations on this bill to make the sanctity of holy personages controversial.

The MPAs belatedly expressing their opposition to the bill have behaved in a shockingly irresponsible manner. That they should have voted in favor of a piece of legislation without even reading it is bad enough, but to have done so in a matter that involves the tinderbox of religious sensitivities is truly appalling. A simple reading of the bill’s clauses throws up numerous red flags. If enacted, the law will be a gift to the ultra right and could reverse the gains made in delegitimizing violent extremism in society. Consider the fact that Maulana Ahmad Ludhianvi, the leader of the banned sectarian organization Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat, was among the clerics who met on Sunday. Moreover, the bill is designed to shred the concept of



freedom of expression by setting up a repressive system of censorship. According to this, one individual, the director general of public relations, will have sweeping powers to stop the publication of any book containing, in his opinion, 'objectionable' material. There is another aspect of the legislators' supine vote in favor of the bill that deserves to be highlighted. Over the years, as the influence of ultra conservative elements in society has grown even if their numbers in parliament remain limited acquiescence on religious issues seems the 'safer', hence default, option.

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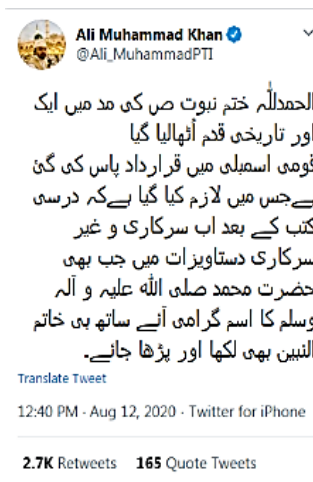
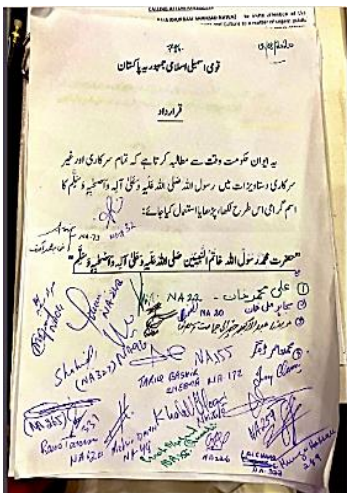
## A federal minister's religious zeal!

Islamabad; August 12, 2020: Mr. Ali

Muhammad Khan, a minister of state in the federal cabinet issued a tweet on August 12, which included a picture and his message. Mr.



AM Khan is the same who a few weeks ago called for 'beheading of blasphemers'. Anyway, in this tweet of August 12, he included photo of a draft resolution put up before the National Assembly, which demanded that whenever and wherever the name of Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) is mentioned in all official and non-official documents, it should be written or read or used as follows: *Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam.*



The photo shows that he was the first to sign the demand.

His covering message in this tweet conveys (*translation*):

Ali Muhammad Khan@Ali-MuhammadPTI

“*Alhamdulillah* that another historic step was taken relevant to *Khatme Nabuwwat*.”

“A Resolution was passed in the National Assembly that makes it compulsory that in addition to text books, now in all official and exalted non official documents, along with the name of Hazrat Muhammad Sallallahu Alehi wa ala Aalehi wa Sallam, (the title) *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* should be always written and stated.”

It is noteworthy that in this tweet, Mr. AM Khan himself forgot to add *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* to the blessed name of Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah *Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam.*

## Sindh Government restricts scores of mullas during Muharram

**Karachi:** Home Department, Government of Sindh has issued a Notification No. SO (Judl-III) HD/6-1/2020(MF) naming 142 clerics and restricting them in all the districts of Sindh from “acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety and maintenance of public order”.

We make two comments here in national interest in this context:

- A large number of mullas act in a manner that is a threat to public safety. Obviously, clergy in this country, in present circumstances, is not a group that should be allowed to effectively influence national policy and legislation. The federation and the provinces should shun placing clerics in official positions of direction and power as done by the Punjab in creating a Mutahidda Ulama Board and

assigning them the authority and a powerful voice in the realm of publications and text books, etc.

- This Notification shows that the state is in a position, if and when it wants, to impose severe restrictions on the religious lobby and ban them from entering certain districts, and gag them even in their own locations. As such, when mullas indulge in most hateful, provocative and abusive language against Ahmadis, they do so with approval or indirect permission of authorities. On these occasions mullas routinely step out of the realm of religion and ravage the territory of politics, ethnicity, international relations etc through calls for Jihad, bloodshed and violence. The state would be well-advised to adopt the policy of zero tolerance for extremism and terrorism, with no exception.

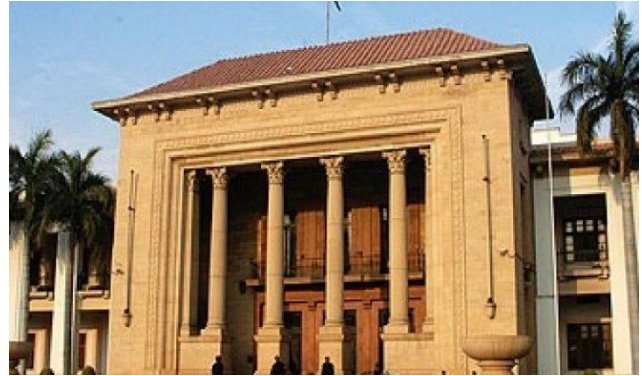
Copy of the first page of the Notification is reproduced at Annex II.

### **Important information concerning Punjab Assembly's Tahaffuz-i-Bunyad-i-Islam Bill (TBI Bill)**

**Lahore:** This Bill of dubious value, very harmful according to some, was passed unanimously. Soon thereafter approximately 20 MPAs raised strong objections to it. The civil society wrote a letter of criticism to the Assembly over the Bill and opened it for public signatures (*The News International, Lahore; August 6, 2020*). No wonder, the Governor has not signed it into law — yet.

The passage of this Bill in Assembly deserves serious inquiry into its all aspects, so as to avoid a repetition of such a venture in future, as this kind of legislation can do immense harm to this nation. It is important to know the individuals and groups who were instrumental in its preparation and passage. To that end we produce quotes and extracts from an op-ed in the

*daily Islam* of 5 August 2020. As this daily described this Bill to be of great merit, the op-ed's nomination of persons and organizations who deserve special 'credit' for its passage can be



assumed as authentic. According to this op-ed (extracts):

“After passage of this Bill, Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, Speaker of the Punjab Assembly termed the Bill historic and a milestone in the protection and supremacy of Islam. “The federation and provinces should follow the example set by us,” he said.

“Muhammad Basharat Raja, the law minister stated that now no one would dare defile the Prophet, the companions, the Prophet's Household, the Mothers of the Faithful, and any other religion, in school text books and other literature.”

“At this occasion Ch. Pervaiz Elahi gave the ruling for giving additional tasks to the drafting committee of the TBI Bill”.

“He (the Speaker) said that he thanks Mr. Asad Qaisar, the Speaker of the National Assembly for his personal interest in this issue. He said that he would consult him to finalize this project.”

“At that time (Assembly's consideration of blasphemous writings), Hafiz Ammar Yasir (PML-Q) moved a resolution in the Assembly which was passed unanimously and a special committee was formed under the chairmanship of Raja Basharat, the provincial law minister.”

“(According to Mr. Pervaiz Elahi) He was thankful to, in addition to Hafiz Ammar Yasir, Hamza Shahbaz Sharif the opposition leader, Murad Rass the provincial minister, and other members of the Committee namely Mian Shafi Muhammad, Kashif Mahmud, M. Muaviya Azam, M. Ilyas Chioniti, Sajid A.K.Bhatti, S.Hasan Murtaza, Neelam Hayat, Sardar

M.P.Singh, Sardar R.S. Arora, and Khalil Tahir Sindhu.”

“He (the Speaker) further said that he was most grateful to SI Mufti M Taqi Usmani, Mufti Muneeb ur Rehman, Maulana Hanif Jallandhri, Maulana Tahir Ashrafi (of M Ulama Board), Maulana Zahid ur Rashidi, S. Kafil S. Bokhari, etc.”

“I am thankful to Mr. M.K. Bhatti the Secretary Assembly, Mr. Inayatullah D.G. Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Nazeer Ganjame Secretary Law and Raja Jahangir Secretary Information,” said Mr. Pervaiz Elahi.

“Raja Basharat, the provincial minister extended greetings (*Mubarak*) to the people on passage of the TBI Bill and said that it was an important step towards the *Riasat Madinah* concept of Prime Minister Imran Khan.”

“Maulana (M.) Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sikandar, the Central Amir of the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat, M. Khawja Aziz and M. Hafiz N. Khakwani the Deputy Amirs and M Aziz ur Rahman Jalandhari the Nazim Ala, heartily welcomed ..., and termed the Punjab Assembly’s performance extremely commendable. These leaders demanded that all the existing laws concerning Qadianis should be strictly implemented and the blasphemers against the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), the Mothers of the Faithful, the Holy Companions and the Holy Family should be given exemplary deterrent punishments.

“Maulana Allah Wasaya, M.I. Shuja Abadi, M. H.M. Akram Toofani, M. Aziz ur Rahman Sani, M. Abdul Naeem, M. Waseem Aslam paid tribute to all the parliamentary parties, all MPAs including Hafiz Ammar Yasir over the passage of the Bill.”

“Majlis Ahrar Islam and Tehrik Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat extended felicitations to Mr. Usman Buzdar the Chief Minister, Ch. Pervaiz Elahi the Speaker Punjab Assembly, Hafiz Ammar Yasir, the mover of the Resolution, and the entire House, and added that the passage of this Bill was a step towards (the ascendance of) Islamic ideology and Pakistan ideology. Syed Ata ul Muhaiman Bokhari, the Central Amir of Majlis Ahrar Pakistan, Prof. K Shabbir Ahmad, S.M. Kafil Bokhari, Secretary General, AL Khalid Cheema, Mian Mohammad Idrees, M. M. Mughirah,

Syed A.S. Bokhari III, Dr M.U.F. Ahrar and other leaders also...”

Let all beware of all these blokes named above. They didn’t succeed this time, but they came perilously close to it. Next time the Land of the Pure may not be that lucky.

It is most relevant to remind the reader that the above mentioned Majlis Ahrar is the same body of clerics who in 1953 precipitated anti-Ahmadiyya riots in the Punjab and were responsible for the imposition of first-ever martial law in Lahore. In the subsequent high-level judicial inquiry, worthy judges had this to say about this religio-political party:

**“The conduct of the Ahrar calls for the strongest comments and is especially reprehensible. We can use no milder word for the reason that they debased a religious issue (*End of Prophethood*) by pressing it into service for a temporal purpose and exploited religious susceptibilities, and sentiments of the people for their personal ends.”**

It would be noted that the TBI Bill is largely about blasphemy. The existing blasphemy laws in Pakistan are not found in the Holy Quran. The international community and a large section of the local intelligentsia have demanded a downward revision of these laws. However, the fresh TBI Bill adds extensively to them; this has pleased the mullas to no end and they have gleefully clapped the passage of this Bill. Is that in societal and national interest, one may ask?

## **Ahmadis behind bars**

1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, Mr. Ihsan Ahmad and Mr. 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 more than two and half years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for 6 years.

2. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR Nr. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial for two and half 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested.
4. A fabricated police case was registered against Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana under blasphemy clause PPC 295-C. She was booked on April 30, 2020 in police station Sadr Sangla Hill with FIR Nr. 275/20, arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhpura. She is fifty-five years old.
5. Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman 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 Mr. 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.

6. On August 15, 2020 a police case was registered against Mr. Fazl Saeed, his brother Mr. Munawwar Saeed and his father Mr. Saeed Ahmad under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C for undertaking *Qurbani* (cattle sacrifice), with FIR Nr. 710 at Police Station Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh. Mr. Fazl Saeed was arrested.
7. Mr. Waheed Ahmad Butt was booked in a police case on August 15, 2020, under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C and the blasphemy clause 295-A, with FIR Nr. 309 at the Police Station Phalora, District Sialkot. He was arrested.

## From the media

- **(Ahmadi) Chemist gunned down in Dabgari Gardens (Peshawar)**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **Ahmadi man, sons booked over Eid sacrifice (in Toba Tek Singh, Punjab)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2020*
- **Police case registered for preaching Qadianiat (in Chawinda, Punjab). SHO arrested him.**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 17, 2020*
- **Lawyer held for role in blasphemy suspect's killing**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 20, 2020*
- **Letter to Interior Minister (by LHCBA) to disallow Ahmadis undertake cattle sacrifice**  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, August 1, 2020*
- **International Khatme Nabuwwat (IKNM) decided to hold '10-days Campaign' on theme End of**



**Prophethood and Defence of Pakistan, from 1 September to 10 September**

*The daily 92 News; Faisalabad, August 15, 2020*

- **Seminar held (in Sahiwal) on theme: Qadianis' role as conspirers on September 6 and Khatme Nabuwat Day on 7 September: Spokesman (KN)**  
*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, August 17, 2020*
- **Chenab Nagar: The town has become a depot of filth. Piles of garbage all over.**  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, August 16, 2020*
- **To get slaughtered for Khatme Nabuwat is an honor: Abdul Rashid Hizazi (of Markazi Ahle Hadith)**  
*The daily Islam; Lahore, August 18, 2020*
- **Qadianis are bent upon disturbing country's peace: Allama Mumtaz Awan (of World Pasban KN)**  
*The daily Islam; Lahore, August 1, 2020*
- **We shall tolerate neither blasphemy nor support to Qadianiat: Qari Shabbir Usmani (KN leader)**  
*The daily Islam; Lahore, August 13, 2020*
- **Khatam-ul-Ambia, off shoot of a militant organization banned**  
*The daily Nation; Lahore, August 21, 2020*
- **Policeman shot dead in suspected sectarian attack in Kareemabad (Karachi)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **Five policemen have been martyred in the city during a short span of one month**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **58 fiery ulama and zakereen banned from entry in Faisalabad**  
*The daily Jehan Pakistan, August 7, 2020*
- **Khatme Nabuwat: Important meeting between Ch. Pervaiz Elahi, Speaker Punjab Assembly and Irfan Mahmud Barq**  
*Twitter, August 25, 2020*
- **The government has neither ability nor competence to run country's affairs: Chief Justice**  
*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, August 2, 2020*
- **Notification issued over parliamentary resolution to write and say Khatam-an-Nabiyyeen with the name of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.)**  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, August 22, 2020*

- **Faith, religion must form no basis for differences: HRCP**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2020*
- **Islam allows minorities full religious freedom: NA Speaker**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2020*
- **Pakistan is a great Divine gift (Nemat Khudawandi). The nation should thank Allah: Siraj ul Haq (JI)**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **The state is not serving the people .... Those responsible for citizens' security are themselves violating the law, accountability is called for... . The elite are facilitated in every way; the law applies only to the poor; in case of VIPs instructions are issued, "Regularize it": CJ Athar Min Allah of Islamabad High Court**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 16, 2020*
- **Crackdown ordered against promoters of sectarianism on social media. Hate-promoting literature confiscated; encroachments cleared on procession routes; police presence to be increased at sensitive locations: CM (Punjab)**  
*The daily Jehan Pakistan, August 11, 2020*
- **(National Assembly's) Approval to include Quaid-i-Azam speech of 1947 (11 August) in school syllabus**  
*The daily Jehan Pakistan, August 22, 2020*
- **Prime Minister Imran Khan boasted last year that Pakistan had one of the 'freest presses in the world'**  
*New York Times, August 5, 2020*
- **Protest against Tahaffuz-i-Bunayad-i-Islam Bill, in Punjab Assembly**  
*Express RSS, August 6, 2020*
- **Govt won't allow sectarianism, intolerance, says (Minister) Qadir**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 9, 2020*
- **Protection of human rights is first national priority: Prime Minister**  
*Express RSS, August 27, 2020*
- **Protest against Koran-burning turns violent in Sweden**  
*BBC Top stories, August 29, 2020*
- **Saudi ambassador calls on Chaudhry brothers at their residence in Lahore**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 15, 2020*

- **India's state terror in Occupied Kashmir on Eid ul Adha through restrictions on prayers and sacrifice of cattle**  
*Express RSS, August 2, 2020*
- **'Keeping quiet is not an option': Mahathir to speak without restraint on Kashmir issue**  
*The daily Express Tribune Lahore, August 9, 2020*
- **Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi departed for Saudi Arabia by special plane along with his two sons**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq6hHa4tuac&ab\\_channel=24NewsHD](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq6hHa4tuac&ab_channel=24NewsHD)
- **Israel and UAE strike historic peace deal**  
*BBC Top stories, August 13, 2020*
- **IS claimed attack on Afghan prison leaves 29 dead**  
*BBC Top stories, August 4, 2020*
- **Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are in fraternal bond: Ch Shujaat, Pervaiz Elahi**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **Qureshi (FM) asks OIC to stop dragging feet on Kashmir meeting. "It's right. I'm taking a position despite our good ties with Saudi Arabia," he said.**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 6, 2020*
- **Bajwa (COAS) meets military leaders in Saudi Arabia**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 18, 2020*
- **Saudia silent over Israel deal but covert ties under focus**  
*The daily Nation; Lahore, August 18, 2020*
- **Having a dog as pet: controversy in Egypt**  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 29, 2020*
- **India imposes tight curfew in occupied Kashmir**  
*Express RSS, August 4, 2020*
- **UNSC voices concern over HR situation in IIOJK**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 6, 2020*
- **FO says minorities and their worship places under attack in India**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 6, 2020*
- **Saudi Crown Prince accused of sending hit squad to Canada**  
*BBC Top stories, August 7, 2020*
- **UAE implicated in drone strike in Libya, 26 dead or dying on parade ground**  
*BBC Top stories, August 29, 2020*
- **Top Trump evangelical backer (Jerry Falwell Jr) out after racy photo**  
*BBC Top stories, August 7, 2020*
- **France sends jets and ships to tense east Mediterranean**  
*BBC Top stories, August 13, 2020*
- **Lebanon mourns after massive Beirut blast**  
*BBC Top stories, August 5, 2020*
- **The US has become an incredibly unequal society and a deeply divided one: US scholar, Dr. Jeffrey David Sachs**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2020*
- **Turkey announces historic gas discovery in Black Sea**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2020*
- **Greece pushing migrants back to sea, say UNHCR**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2020*
- **Data leak reveals Iran cover-up of Covid-19 deaths**  
*BBC Top stories, August 3, 2020*
- **Trump says Bid will hurt the Bible, hurt God**  
*BBC Top stories, August 7, 2020*
- **Bilawal visits Golra Sharif**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2020*
- **Police, PML-N workers clash outside Lahore NAB office. Maryam, lawmakers among 300 booked, 50 activists held. PML-N workers were paid to create law, order situation, alleges Chohan.**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2020*
- **Brigadier, three soldiers injured in suicide attack (in WANA)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2020*
- **Those who brought PTI to power, failed to fulfil their promise to send the government packing in March; March is gone, the only option now is 'million march': (Mulla) Fazlur Rahman**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 16, 2020*
- **Notices served on Shahbaz, family in money laundering case**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2020*

- **39 hurt in grenade attack on JI Kashmir rally in Karachi**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 6, 2020*
- **Karachi Chamber of Commerce demands handing over Karachi to the Army**  
*Express RSS, August 5, 2020*
- **Non-bailable warrants issued against Salman Shahbaz for assets beyond income**  
*Express RSS, August 27, 2020*
- **Alas one wishes there were a government in Karachi: An op-ed**  
*Express RSS, August 31, 2020*
- **I've burnt my boats; there is no turning back: Prime Minister**  
*Express RSS, August 7, 2020*
- **Fazl's brother (Zia ur Rahman) relieved of charges as DC**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **NAB files references against Sharifs**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 18, 2020*
- **Chief Financial Officer of Sharif Group admits money laundering for Shahbaz family**  
*Express RSS, August 25, 2020*
- **CM (Punjab) thanks ulema for creating harmony**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2020*
- **NAB summons Fazl's brother (Mr. Zia ur Rehman) over illegal assets**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2020*
- **Imran Khan named 'man of the year' among influential top 500 leading Muslims**  
*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, August 24, 2020*
- **More than 2 million cases active in Pakistan courts**  
*Express RSS, August 8, 2020*
- **81-year-old woman declared dead in Rask (Russia) after an operation and placed in morgue, opened her eyes two hours later**  
*Express RSS, August 22, 2020*
- **Nine-year-old (Pakistani) girl sets world record in Chemistry**  
*The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 4, 2020*
- **Notices issued to 193 pilots after scrutiny**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 10, 2020*
- **Nishan-i-Imtiaz for Sadequain, Ahmad Faraz, Abida Perveen, Dr. Jameel Jalibi, Prof. Shakir Ali and Zahoor-ul-Haq**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **Pakistan's deforestation rate second highest in Asia: WWF**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **Sindhi writer refuses to accept Presidential Award, in protest**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 16, 2020*
- **10 picnickers from Karachi drown in Keenjhar Lake as boat capsizes**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 18, 2020*
- **11 dead as groups clash in Haripur, Nowshera**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 20, 2020*
- **45% increase in official loan in the past two years (of PTI rule): Finance Ministry**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, August 25, 2020*
- **World virus deaths top 800,000 as nations ramp up measures**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 23, 2020*
- **Entire city (Karachi) drowns in torrential rain**  
*Express RSS, August 27, 2020*
- **New Islamabad airport: Its video of the ceiling fall due to rain goes viral**  
*Express RSS, August 15, 2020*
- **Over 20 hurt in aerial firing in Karachi (on Independence Day)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2020*
- **Mentally ill man, three sons held for stabbing to death 11 family members in Pannua Aqil blood bath**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 20, 2020*
- **Gandhi's iconic glasses sell for \$340, 000 in UK**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 23, 2020*

**Letter: Letter to Punjab Assembly on concerns regarding Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill**

“...This bill is also in breach of Article 19-A of the Constitution, which protects the right to access to information. The concepts of glory of Islam, national interest, culture and religious and sectarian harmony cannot be allowed to be misused and become a tool for whimsical, arbitrary, subjective, unstructured, dictatorial or

unreasonable censorship and control of publications.”

*The news.com.pk/print/696306-letter-to-pa*

### **Satire: Those who die and disappear, please be mindful of us**

... Tahir Ahmad Naseem, accused of blasphemy, was murdered by a person named Khalid(sic) on 29<sup>th</sup> July in a packed sessions court of Peshawar.

But the policemen who arrested Khalid took proud selfies with Ghazi Khalid, and PML-N National Assembly member Imran Ali Shah, addressing the assembly session, demanded that a special Presidential pardon be issued. Ghazi should be pardoned or the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government should pay blood money to the relatives of the slain, otherwise they (Shah and his colleagues) are ready to sell their property and pay the blood money.

Imran Ali Shah MNA is not a common man but a member of the body that legislates for the protection of life and property and fundamental rights of 220 million Pakistanis. But since this is a delicate matter, I do not want to comment on it unnecessarily.

I wish the slain Tahir Ahmad Naseem were an Indian Muslim who had been killed in broad daylight by a ‘Bajrangi’ killer ‘Shyam Das’ in a crowded court in Jaipur and the policemen had taken a selfie with him wearing a garland and a Shiv Sena’s Krishna in the Lok Sabha the next day had made the killer Shyam Das his hero and declared that he would bear all the expenses of his trial.

I then would go on to write and speak out against Indian secularism, Hindu narrow-mindedness and anti-Muslim animosity, and in support of the two-nation theory, and while

touting Hindutva, saying that fanatical narrow-minded Samajists have no place to hide.-

We journalists, politicians, poets, judges and intellectuals are still ready to push our pens in the service of humanity, but let those who die or disappear be mindful of us too.

*Wusat Ullah Khan, bbc.com/urdu/Pakistan-53799454*

### **Editorial: Regrets, post facto**

The MPAs belatedly expressing their opposition to the bill (TBI Bill) have behaved in a shockingly irresponsible manner. That they should have voted in favor of a piece of legislation without even reading it is bad enough, but to have done so in a matter that involves the tinderbox of religious sensitivities is truly appalling. A simple reading of the bill’s clauses throws up numerous red flags. If enacted, the law will be a gift to the ultra right and could reverse the gains made in delegitimizing violent extremism in society.

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### **Tweet: Moona Farooq**



Mona Farooq Ahmad @MFChaudhry · 19 Aug

Pic 1: A dome is being placed on a Mosque.

Pic 2: A dome of the Mosque is demolished.

Only one of them is an Islamic country. Guess?





## Independence Day celebrations in Rabwah



**Note: Patriotic zeal takes Rabwah by storm (see the lighting) on Independence Day 14 August, even if citizens feel greatly deprived of their freedom of faith.**



**Mullas assert denial of all religious practices to Ahmadis (see translation overleaf) and involve the police in this outrage.**

***(Translation)***

**We are the guardians of End of Prophethood  
We are the loyal servants of the Sovereign (p.b.u.h.)**

**To permit Qadianis practice Islamic rites is equivalent  
to churning out blasphemers Salman Rushdie.**

**As per PPC 298-B and 298-C of Anti-Qadiani Ordinance of 1984,  
Qadianis are not allowed to preach their faith nor practice any  
Islamic rite that identifies one as a Muslim, like (Qurbani,  
Prayers, Fasting, Hajj, Zakat) and if you see a Qadiani slaughter  
a sacrificial animal or distribute meat**

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***(Mullas insist validity of legal denial of all religious practices to Ahmadis  
and involve the police in this outrage.) Original overleaf***





**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**  
**HOME DEPARTMENT**

**NOTIFICATION**

**No.SO(Judl-II)HD/6-1/2020(MF):** Whereas, on the recommendation of Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi vide letter No.1237-38-AIGP/Ops-Sindh/S-II/2020 dated 20.08.2020 & letter No.1239-41-AIGP/Ops-Sindh/S-II/2020 dated 20.08.2020, whereby, the Government of Sindh is satisfied that keeping in view the prevailing law and order situation in the holy month of Muharram ul Harram 1442 A.H. (2020) in Sindh, it is imperative to restrict the following Fire brand speakers/scholars in districts of Sindh Province from acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety and maintenance of public order in the Province of Sindh:-

S. No.	Full name	Resident/Address	Ban:
1	2	3	4
1.	Moulana Rab Nawaz Hanfi	Sukkur	All the district of Sindh
2.	Allam Syed Muhammad Ahsan Naqvi	Karachi	All the district of Sindh
3.	Moulana Muhammad Essa Samoo	Tando Bago Town Badin	All the district of Sindh
4.	Allam Sajid Hussain Naqvi	Rawalpindi	All the district of Sindh
5.	Moulana Zahid Usmani	Pishimam bilal masjid Ghosia Colony Kotri	All the district of Sindh
6.	Moulana Ibrahim Pathan	Pishaimam Tohed Masjid Khurshed Colony Kotri	All the district of Sindh
7.	Moulana Hafeez Qadri	Muhajir Colony City Kotri	All the district of Sindh
8.	Moulana Khalil Ahmed Khan	Weehar Shareef Bhan Saheedabad Jamshoro	All the district of Sindh
9.	Mukhtiar Shah	Ghosia Colony Kotri	All the district of Sindh
10.	Abdullah Sindhi @ Abdullah Pathan s/o Muhammad Hashim @ Talib Pathan	Ward No. 3 Khoski Town Taluka tando Bago Badin	All the district of Sindh
11.	Molana Ali Muhammad Mari s/o Nawab Khan Mari	Korwah Town Taluka SF Rahu Badin	All the district of Sindh
12.	Nawaz Ali Jatoi s/o Imam Bux Jatoi	Talhar Town Badin	All the district of Sindh
13.	Zakir Gul Muhammad Kachi s/o Muhammad Yaqoob Kachi	Tando Bago Town Badin	All the district of Sindh
14.	Zakir Muhammad Ramzan Shar	Khairpur Mirs	All the district of Sindh
15.	Zakir Madad Ali Mallha	Khairpur Mirs	All the district of Sindh
16.	Zakir Shahanshah Naqvi	Karachi	All the district of Sindh
17.	Zakir Manzoor Solangi	Khairpur Mirs	All the district of Sindh
18.	Zakir Muhammad Abbas Qumi	Karachi/ Punjab	All the district of Sindh
19.	Zakir Maqsood Ahmed Domki	Jacobabad	All the district of Sindh



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**Sindh Government restricts 142 mullas during Muharram**