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# Persecution of Ahmadis IN PAKISTAN

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# Highlights

## AHMADI STABBED TO DEATH

A religious fanatic, Hafiz Muhammad Shehzad Hasan Sinjalwi walked over to Mr. Naseer Ahmad sahib at Rabwah bus stand and brutally stabbed him multiple times. Mr. Naseer Ahmad died on the spot. While callously attacking, the murderer told Mr. Naseer Ahmad to raise the slogans of TLP, 'Labaik Ya Rasoolullah, Khadim Rizvi Baad'. The murderer Hasan, is a graduate of religious madrassa located in PS Muhammad Wala.

Mr. Naseer Ahmad was a resident of Darul Rahmat Sharqi, Rabwah and left behind a grieving widow and three daughters. Sadly, the Ahmadis are no longer safe in a town with an overwhelming Ahmadi population.

## THREAT TO AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

A police case was registered against Ahmadis in Chak No 88, Hasyana, District Faisalabad at the insistence of opponents. Opponents had claimed that Ahmadis had written Kalima on the Ahmadiyya mosque and had built minarets. Police informed Ahmadis that they were under great pressure from opponents. When Ahmadis refused both of the illegal demands, the police threatened to cancel their bails. They also rejected Ahmadis' offer to raise the walls of their mosque to limit the view. Ahmadis informed the police that they themselves would not erase kalima, but if police wanted to undertake this enormity, then they may do so.

## AHMADIYYA GRAVEYARD DESECRATED

The anti-Ahmadiyya group submitted an application to the DPO claiming that the Ahmadiyya mosque was built on the main road and had traditional Muslim minarets. They also claimed that 'Tehrik Labaik Ya Rasoolullah' was graffitied on the wall of the washroom as an insult. (Evidence showed that those words were written by a TLP member).

Next day an Ahmadi delegation met the SHO and was asked that minarets are to be removed. Ahmadis refused to do so. The SHO threatened Ahmadis that the situation had gotten worse, no one will be able to help them. The Ahmadis had to remove the minarets.

## AHMADIYYA GRAVEYARD DESECRATED

Between 21 and 22nd of August 2022, unidentified miscreants leveled 16 Ahmadi graves. The graves were located in a pre-partition common graveyard in Faisalabad district and was founded in 1947. The families of the buried have been left grief-stricken. A report published in The Friday Times reveal that within this year alone, 173 Ahmadi grave desecration cases have been reported. Sadly, not even the dead are safe in a country which was founded in the name of Islam.

## 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 13 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

# AHMADI STABBED TO DEATH IN RABWAH FOR HIS FAITH

**Rabwah (Chenab Nagar) August 12, 2022:**

Press Section of the Ahmadiyya central office issued the following press release (Translation):

An Ahmadi was brazenly stabbed to death in the open in Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) in religious hatred. The killer shouted religious slogans; arrested at the site Ahmadi no longer consider themselves safe as a result of unrestrained promotion of hate against them.

Chenab Nagar (PR). A religious rabid stabbed an Ahmadi to death today at about 08:00

at the bus stand. As per details, 60-year old Naseer Ahmad was at the bus stand when a religious extremist Shehzad Hasan told him to raise slogans: Labbaik Ya Rasulullah; Khadim Rizvi Zindah Baad. The killer shouted Mun Subba Nabiiyan Faqtuluh and attacked Mr Naseer Ahmad with a knife. The victim died on account of repeated stabs. The killer was arrested on the spot.

As per initial information, the murderer is Hafiz Muhammad Shehzad Hasan Sinjalwi, resident of a village near Sillanwali, District Sargodha.

He joined madrassah Anwar ul Quran in area P.S. Muhammad Wala in year 2005 and graduated in 2010.

The victim Mr Naseer Ahmad was a resident of Darul Rahmat Sharqi, Rabwah. He was a thorough gentleman. He had no vendetta with anyone. He was killed solely for being an Ahmadi. He left behind a widow and three daughters.

Mr Saleemuddin, the Ahmadiyya Spokes-



man expressed deep sorrow and grief on this beastly murder and said, "Murder of an Ahmadi in broad daylight by a religious fanatic is extremely regrettable. Ahmadi are not safe in their city where they are 95% of the population. Ahmadi no longer consider themselves safe as a result of unrestrained promotion of hate against them. These promoters of hate are well known; why do the authorities not take action against them as per law? Violence in the name of religion can be stopped if these hate-mongers are disciplined. Those who promote religious rabidity and incite murder of innocent men should be restrained under law."

It is learnt that the killer first asked the victim if he was an Ahmadi. On confirmation, he took out the dagger. The victim died before he could reach the hospital.

It is not out of place to ask the proprietors and supporters of such madrassahs to assess the kind and quality of output of their enterprises. Is this the Islam that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) brought and propagated? According to many, what the killer did was quite the opposite of the Quranic teaching and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.).

The vernacular print media look care not to give due space to the gory incident. For instance, a national Urdu newspaper spared the space of a postage stamp to print this news.

The same newspaper provided two-column space to the following statement of a mulla, that was hardly a news:

“Implementation of the 1973 Constitution is the need of the time: Zahid Qasmi”

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) tweeted the following at this occasion:

The Ahmadiyya community continues to be targeted with ferocious regularity. A man was stabbed and killed at a bus stop in Rabwah allegedly for not raising a religious slogan. In another incident in Sahiwal, an Ahmadi man was assaulted reportedly because the plaque outside his home commemorating his soldier father read shaheed. HRCP strongly condemns these incidents and demands not only that the perpetrators be held accountable, but also that the state roll back the right-wing religiosity that has gripped Pakistan – and is responsible for such violence – before it is too late.

A few days later, Mr Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the UN issued a tweet, very apt and timely from (@antonioguterres):

“Hate speech continues to full violence against vulnerable members of society, including ethnic & religious minorities.”

“It is essential that all countries, faith leaders and other unflinching figures condemn all incitement to hatred & violence based on religion or belief.”

Note: The UN SG is right, but so long as the world community continues to give precedence to national interests, and national leaders hold their vote banks closest to their hearts, the human rights and FoRB of marginalized communities will remain on back burners.

## AHMADIS COMPELLED TO REMOVE MINARETS FROM THEIR MOSQUE



**Translation:** An Important Announcement from Rizvi Sahib

If by midnight, 31st August, all the visible Islamic symbols are not removed from the Qadiyani place of worship, there will be a call-up (for demonstration) and that will be the largest call-up in the history of Jehlum, and I will remove those symbols with my own hands.

### Mityal, District Jhelum; August 30, 2022:

The opponents displayed anti-Ahmadiyya flexes, against which Ahmadis submitted an application to the DPO requesting legal action against these elements. Police tried to take down the flexes, but some people stopped them from doing so, and Tehreek Labbaik (TLP) workers gathered outside the police station and started shouting slogans.

TLP wrote to the police that Ahmadis had built their place of worship on the main road and installed traditional Muslim minarets that resemble those on mosques. They also wrote that the words “Tehreek Labaik Ya Rasoolullah” was graffiti on the wall of the washroom as insult, (although it was written by the members of TLP, which was later erased by the police). TLP demanded registration of a police case against Ahmadis or removal of the minaret from their mosque. They were as-

sured by the police, and the crowd dispersed at around 3 o'clock.

On 31st August, police sent for an Ahmadiyya delegation. They went to the police station and met the SHO. He told them to take down the minarets. Ahmadis refused to do it themselves. The DSP said that if the minarets were not removed, then Ahmadis would have to appear in the peace committee to defend their position. Later, when the Ahmadiyya delegation was going to meet the peace committee, the SHO came and informed that Ahmadis had taken down the minarets themselves, and the matter stands resolved.

Later, it was found that the SHO had threatened the Ahmadis through local people that the situation had worsened there and no one would come to help them. Ahmadis had to remove the minarets, for lack of protection from the state.



# AHMADIYYA GRAVEYARD DESECRATED IN FAISALABAD

**Chak 203 RB Manawala, District Faisalabad; August 21-22, 2022:**

Unidentified miscreants leveled 16 Ahmadiis' graves situated in the pre-partition common graveyard. Ahmadiis informed the police about the incident. The following news item was published in thefridaytimes.com/2022/08/24/unidentified-miscreants-desecrate-16-Ahmadiyya-graves (extracts):

Unidentified Miscreants Desecrate 16 Ahmadiyya Graves

The Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya (JA) claimed on Tuesday that unidentified miscreants had desecrated 16 graves in Faisalabad district. The men, according to the JA, desecrated the graves located in a walled communal graveyard in Chak 203-RB Mananwala on the midnight of August 21 and 22. The graveyard has been functioning since 1947.

The JA said the incident had left the kin of those buried there grief-stricken. They, the community said, expected the government to mete justice.

Ahmadiis are severely persecuted in Muslim-majority Pakistan where discrimination enjoys legal and constitutional sanction. An Ahmadi was earlier killed in a targeted attack on May 17. The burial of two Ahmadiis was impeded separately over the year. An Ahmadi worship place was sealed in Mirpur Khas. The graves of 173 Ahmadiis have been desecrated. Thirty-one confession-based cases have been lodged.

## CHAK 203 RB MANAWALA



## TENKI WALA QABRASTAN



## THREAT TO AHMADIYYA MOSQUE

**Chak No. 88, Hasyana, District Faisalabad;  
August 2022:**

On February 19, 2022, a police case was registered against four Ahmadis in Dijkot police station on demand of the opposition here for building minaret and writing Kalima on the Ahmadiyya mosque. The police pressurized Ahmadis to remove the minaret and the Kalima.

On August 5, the police sent for Ahmadis. The Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station and met the senior police officers. They told the Ahmadiyya delegation that they were under a lot of pressure and the situation had become sensitive. If Ahmadis allow it, they will remove the minaret and the Kalima of the mosque. One senior police officer said that according to the Constitution, Ahmadis were not allowed to build minarets, at which he was told that there was no such provision. The police then threatened them with cancelation of their bails and inclusion of their names in the Fourth Schedule. The police told Ahmadis to remove the minaret and the Kalima within a few days.

On August 7, Ahmadis met with higher police officers on this issue. The officers told them that they were looking for a way out, only the minarets and Kalima should be removed, in first instance. At this, Ahmadis offered that they would raise their walls as to cover the minarets and the Kalima. In reply, the officers said that they would talk to the opponent party and then get back. They told Ahmadis that the law is against them; if the police wanted, they can remove both the things. Ahmadis told them that they will not do this themselves, nor would they allow any civilian do that, but if the police want to undertake this enormity, Ahmadis will not confront the police.



# SUPREME COURT'S ADVICE

**Islamabad; August 25, 2022:**

Following news item appeared in the news. [com.pk/print/985282-sc-judge...](http://com.pk/print/985282-sc-judge...) (extract):

SC judge advises NCHR to take suo motu notice of atrocities against minorities, social issues  
By M. Waqar Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: Justice Mansoor Ali Shah of the Supreme Court of Pakistan Wednesday suggested that the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) should take suo motu notice on social and environment issues of the country, including atrocities being committed against minorities, corporal punishment at madrasas, minimum wage, use of plastic bags and floods in Balochistan

and their effects on the mental health of people. "Section 9 of the National Commission for Human Rights Act 2012 gives the right of suo motu to the commission on the violations of human rights and it should exercise its powers on human rights violations in the country, including corporal punishment at madrasas, which is a serious area of concern. Corporate punishment in madrasas is very depressing. It is high time that we should be brave and strong enough to look at what is happening to the minorities, including Hazaras and Ahmedis, in the country," Justice Mansoor Ali Shah said while speaking delivering his keynote address at the launch of a NCHR report on mental health. ...

## AN 'ULAMA COUNCIL' – ITS ASSUMED ROLE

**Social media:** For sometime now, an ad by the Markazi Ulama Council, Pakistan (Central Ulama Council, Pakistan) is in circulation. Its content is of some gravity and meaning; we produce below its translation for record:

The Chairman of PTI should explain:

- Imran Khan's stay in Multan at a Qadiani's house is of concern and condemnable.
- The family of Fazl Mukhtar Sheikh belongs to Lahori Mirzai Group.
- Qadianis, as per the historic decision of September 7, 1974, are Non-Muslim.
- The stay of the PTI Chief with a Qadiani family supports the fact that he is mild towards the Qadiani Jamaat.
- Multan is the land of Aulia Allah (saints); not a single Muslim was there to be his host!

- The Muslim Ulama and the nation feel disgruntled. It leaves a question mark on Imran Khan that he is hosted by a group that does not subscribe to the Constitution and law of Pakistan.
- If claimant of Riasat Madinah stays with the deniers of the End of Prophethood, it is little other than deceiving the nation.

Well, we hold our comment, and leave it to posterity to read, analyse and assess the substance of this message. A recent tweet by a Non-Ahmadi prominent muslim is directly relevant to this story, on @ZiauddinY:

If you are a Muslim, do raise your voice to the protest against transgression and disorder perpetrated in the name of Islam, and do protect your belief against infamy.

## PROBLEMS AT JOB

**Pattoki, District Kasur; August 2022:**

A few Ahmadis work in Lahore Laser Eye Hospital Pattoki and Madina Hospital Pattoki in District Kasur. A few days ago, in the neighborhood of the hospital, opponents distributed pamphlets titled "Mirzai Hospital" at night, which were later shared on social media.

This pamphlet carried photos of the hospital owner and the Ahmadi employees, with text

that Qadianis working in Lahore Laser Eye Hospital and Madina Hospital are preaching Qadianiat to the people.

Taking action, the police sent for the hospital administration to the police station, along with Ahmadis and other staff. They told Ahmadis to submit an affidavit, if they were not involved in any preaching activity. Ahmadis did, as told.



## MOB ATTACKED AHMADI FAMILY

**Chak No. 128, District Sahiwal; August 6, 2022:**

Mr. Shamshad Ahmad's father Mr. Abdul Shakoor, a Pak soldier, died in the 1971 war. The army decided to install a memorial board in his native village; and for this, they invited Shamshad Ahmad, his sister and mother at the site.

On August 6, the troops in plain clothes arrived at the spot and started placing the board in a square twenty kilometers from the village. Meanwhile, Shamshad and his sister received a phone call that announcements had been made in two mosques to gather people in the square. At the time, the army personnel stepped up their work, while people started gathering there. The army personnel left as soon as the board was installed. Then the crowd tore down the board. They were apparently led to

protest against the word Shaheed (martyr) for Mr. Shakoor. The infamous TLP led the protest.

The mob beat up Shamshad Ahmad and his sister. Some of Shamshad's family members sat in their car and tried to escape, but people coming from the village stopped them and tortured them. These victims somehow managed to escape, but having gone a little further, they stopped the car for some check-up. The mob caught up with them, so they left quickly to reach safety.

Shamshad Ahmad and his sister were severely harassed and tortured by miscreants. They numbered around four hundred. The mob shouted intentions to stone them. The video of this incident went viral on social media. Shamshad soon went back to Germany with a heavy heart.



**Translation:** Lance Havildar Abdul Shakoor, Martyred

Unit 30 Punjab Regiment, Battlefield Eastern Bangal, Pakistan, Martyred in Pakistan-India War, 1971

Lance Havildar Abdul Shakoor, while valiantly fighting, gave his life in a battle in Comilla sector. He suffered martyrdom while fighting the enemy and has made the nation and country proud till the end of times.

## A HIGH PRIORITY EDUCATION ISSUE IN CHINIOT!

**Chiniot; August 27, 2022:**

These days when Pakistan is facing flood disaster of 'Biblical dimensions', huge economic downturn, political turmoil, sky-high inflation etc., the high-sounding District Education Authority's Chief Executive Officer (CHINIOT) is agitated over faith identity of Ahmadi students. He issued an order, No. 2024/(G) dated August 27, 2022, through the District Education Officers to all the stakeholders to verify their records and ensure that 'Ahmadi/Qadiani' students were registered in their own religious synonym - whatever that means.

The order threatens surprise visits and warns the concerned authority and Head Teachers with 'strict action' in case of any lapse. Compliance certificate was demanded within 3 days - 'without fail'.

The letter is reproduced as Annex to this Report.

## HOSTILITY IN DISTRICT LARKANA

**Qambar Ali Khan, District Larkana; August 03, 2022:**

Hostility against Ahmadis has intensified as some people beat up Naseer-ud-din Chandio, an opponent of Ahmadis. He accused the Ahmadis of doing this to him. Later, he got registered an FIR against Imran Ahmed, Ahmadi, his elder brother, and brother-in-law.

Earlier, Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed an Ahmadi, and his family faced hostility due to which they had to migrate. Now Mr. Dilbar Ali is living in Mukhtiar's house. A few days later, two persons got tough with him. The same night, an Ahmadi boy had to face a clash with his neighbor because of his belief. Also, a pamphlet against three Ahmadi families was distributed; it carried pictures of Mr. Mukhtiar and his son along with a statement that whoever identifies these people, his name will be kept secret and he will be rewarded. "We will expel all the Qadianis from Qambar Ali," the pamphlet asserted.

# ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN AHMADIYYA HEADQUARTERS, RABWAH

## Rabwah, August 2022:

A Khatme Nabuwwat conference at Jamia Usmania, Muslim Colony Chenab Nagar is scheduled for September 7, 2022. It is noteworthy that the opponents of Jamaat Ahmadiyya are always permitted to hold this provocative rally in Rabwah. On the other hand, Ahmadis are not allowed to hold their traditional peaceful annual conference in their own town. Ahmadis consider it a threat to the peace of the city. This year, Ahmadiyya head office wrote the following letter to the concerned authorities (translation):

Respected Sir,

**Subject: Request for appropriate action regarding the International Khatme Nabuwwat Conference scheduled on September 7, in Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar/Rabwah**

As per newspaper reports, the International Tahafuzze Khatme Nabuwwat Organization has announced to hold the 35th Khatme Nabuwwat Conference in Muslim Colony, Rabwah, District Chiniot on September 7.

For the past thirty-five years, traditionally participants are brought from outer areas and cities to Rabwah to hold this conference against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. The speakers incite the participants to take extreme measures by making baseless and false accusations against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. These kind of anti-Ahmadiyya events increase prejudice and hatred against Ahmadis with time.

Recently, on August 12, 2022, a religious fanatic killed a sixty-two-year-old Ahmadi by stabbing him to death at the bus stop of Rabwah, only for his faith. The killer chanted anti-Ahmadiyya slogans at the crime scene. Apart from this, a series of murderous attacks, boycotts and discriminatory actions against Ahmadis in various cities and regions go on. Because of such conferences, hostile incidents of this nature are on the increase.

The current serious situation in the country demands that organized hatred and bigotry through these conferences should be discouraged rather than encouraged, and activities of this nature should not be allowed, to avoid any unpleasant happening. If it happens, all the responsibility will be on the concerned authorities.

We submit this request to maintain peace in Rabwah, and to adopt a suitable plan of action to that end. This issue is sensitive and urgent; it demands your special attention as a representative of the state.

Therefore, it is hoped that you will ensure the protection of life and property of every citizen, including Ahmadis, regardless of creed and caste, in performance of your duties as a representative of the state.

Best wishes,

0300-6550006

## A SHORT HISTORY OF AHMADI PERSECUTION

### Lahore; August 13, 2022:

The well-known research scholar Yasser Latif Hamdani wrote an article for the prestigious weekly The Friday Times, under the above title. It sums up well some important aspects of Ahmadis' history and background to their persecution, covering briefly even the pre-Partition years. It is recommended reading. For the purpose of research and evidence, we produce below some extracts of

this article that are directly relevant to Ahmadis' situation in Pakistan:

The most terrible blot on our country's fair name is the injustice perpetrated against Pakistan's tiny Ahmadi community which has never resorted to agitation or violence and which has faced some of the worst possible laws of the 21st century when it comes to a denial of religious freedom. Not only have they been merely declared non-Muslim,

but draconian laws make it impossible for them to breathe as free citizens of this country. An Ahmadi can technically be arrested for saying Salam, reading the Quran or engaging in ritual sacrifice on Eid-ul-Azha.

Despite the fact that this year the Supreme Court tried to restore some balance by ruling in favour of Ahmadis' right to practice their faith within the four walls of their homes and their worship places, the two Eids brought more misery. Complaints were filed against Ahmadi citizens because they were wearing new clothes on Eid-ul-Fitr or wished people Eid Mubarak, and of course because they engaged in the ritual sacrifice on Eid-ul-Azha. Their graveyards are routinely raided and their graves desecrated. In one such incident, the human remains of a deceased were dug out and thrown to the side.

In order to get a passport or even an identity card or to get married, a Muslim citizen of Pakistan is required not just to make a positive affirmation of his faith but must abuse Ahmadis to prove his Islamic bona fides. A member of Punjab's ruling party recently petitioned a deputy commissioner

in the Khushab district to expel all Ahmadis and their families from the district. This is Pakistan in the year 2022.

It was not always this way. After all Pakistan's first foreign minister who had also been Pakistan's lawyer before the boundary commission was none other than Zafrulla Khan, a leading Ahmadi politician. In 1939, during a famous speech in the Indian legislature, Jinnah described Sir Zafrul Khan in these words: "I wish to record my sense of appreciation and if I say so coming from my Party — to the Honourable Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, who is a Muslim and it may be said that I am flattering my own son." This can be found on Page 972 of "Speeches, Statements and Messages of the Quaid-e-Azam. Volume II published by Bazm-e-Iqbal.

Dr. Abdus Salam did not just win a Nobel Prize in Physics but was also the founder of both Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) and Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO). Countless Ahmadi soldiers fought for Pakistan in 1948 and it was an Ahmadi general who laid down his life for the country in 1965.

## AUTHORITIES ARE KEPT INFORMED

Rabwah; August 2022:

Ahmadiyya head office in Pakistan wrote formally to relevant federal, provincial and local authorities informing them of the grave developments in violation of Ahmadis' human rights and FoRB, and added its comments.

These letters included, inter alia, mention of the following:

1. Application of Malik Ilyas Awan, Vice President Punjab PML-Q, against Ahmadis
2. Murder of an Ahmadi in Rabwah for his faith

As for Malik Awan, a story on his application to the Deputy Commissioner Khushab is available in our report for the month of July 2022. This vice president of the ruling party, who also claims to be the Member of the Khatme Nabuwwat Supreme Council, had misquoted the Constitution and other facts, and demanded that Ahmadis be expelled from the district.

Ahmadiyya presentation explained the absurdity and senselessness of Mr Awan's submission, quoted the verdicts of superior courts, and highlighted his dangerous malafide demands. It concluded:

"These appears to be only one aim of the above-

quoted (Mr Awan's) proceedings that hate and prejudice be spread in the name of religion. It is for this reason that there is a visible increase in anti-Ahmadiyya activities, hatred, boycott, murders and aggression.

"This sensitive issue demands your priority attention and legal redress. It is expected that as a representative of the state, you will take appropriate and lawful steps to ensure the safety of Ahmadis' lives and properties," it concluded.

As for the murder in Rabwah (described earlier in this report) the Ahmadiyya letter mentioned:

Ahmadis are faced with intense danger and fears over such hateful activities of extremist elements. Ahmadis are exposed to edicts of being *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed.) It was hoped after the National Action Plan that appropriate and effective action would be taken against such extremist elements, however they remain active as before, without any effective counter measures by the authorities.

It is requested that in order to maintain law and order in (Chenab Nagar) Rabwah, you, as representative of the state, will kindly attend to this sensitive and urgent issue, The letter concluded.

# AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

## 1

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

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested dated 30.09.2020 on reporting to the FIA office; they are in Camp Jail Lahore.

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

## 3

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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 Salamati" and allegedly sharing Ahmadiyya content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021. Subsequently the trial court added section 295C of PPC to the said case.

## 2

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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. His trial goes on in the sessions court.

## 4

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Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020 in a fabricated 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 Zaheer Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore team arrested him under FIR Nr. 88 as outlined in the above case, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.

### As of Aug 31, 2022:

- 11 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- 13 Ahmadis arrested during the month with 5 still behind bars for sacrificing animals on Eid.
- A 65 year old Ahmadi lady and another Ahmadi were arrested under blasphemy clauses during February for allegedly tearing off an anti-Ahmadiyya poster. They both were released on bail. Their trial continues.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student is in jail under PPC 295-C (blasphemy clause).
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)



# 5

Mr. Zafar Ali and his father Mr. Arshad Pervaiz of Chak 84 Sarshamir, District Faisalabad were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 845 at police station Thekri Wala, District Faisalabad on July 10, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. They are in District Jail Faisalabad.

# 6

Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Mr. Imran Ahmad and Mr. Atif Ahmad of Chak 89 GB, Rattan District Faisalabad were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 842 at police station Thekri Wala, District Faisalabad on July 10, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. The first-mentioned three Ahmadis were arrested and are in District Jail, Faisalabad.

## RIGHT TO VOTE FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

TO PARTAKE IN ELECTIONS AHMADI MUSLIMS ARE PLACED ON A SEPARATE ELECTORAL LISTS, THEY ARE GIVEN THE CHOICE;

1. **REMAIN ON THE LIST AND VOTE AS A NON-MUSLIM** (REQUIRES TO ACCEPT NON-MUSLIM STATUS)
2. **COME OFF THAT LIST AND VOTE AS A MUSLIM** (REQUIRES TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION)

BOTH CHOICES ARE INCONCEIVABLE TO AHMADI MUSLIMS

### **DECLARATIONS BY THE CANDIDATE ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN**

(iii) I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophet-hood of Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

*[Note: This paragraph is for Muslim candidates only and is not applicable to non-Muslim candidates.]*

### **DECLARATION AND OATH TO REGISTER AS A MUSLIM VOTER ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the voter), do solemnly swear that I believe, in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

(Name & Signature of Voter)

## SOME RELEVANT PAKISTAN PENAL CODES

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

295

Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs

295 A

Up to ten years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

295 B

Life imprisonment

Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet

295 C

Death and fine

Uttering words, etc., with the deliberate intent to injure religious feelings

298

Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

Use of derogatory remarks etc., in respect of holy personages

298 A

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles etc., reserved for certain holy personages or places, by Ahmadis

298 B

Three years' imprisonment and fine

An Ahmadi, calling himself a Muslim, or preaching or propagating his faith, or outraging the religious feelings of Muslims, or posing himself as a Muslim

298 C

Three years' imprisonment and fine

# Alarming Facts

## SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 5 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 275 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 17 murder attempts, 10 attacks during the current year.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 19 Ahmadiyya mosques have been desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities.
- 235 graves have been desecrated, 173 of these were during 2022 and 53 during this month.
- 35 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws, 10 of these were registered last month.
- Sacred inscription from 19 houses and shops have been removed

## AHMADI CENSORSHIP

- The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has blocked 20 non-Pakistan based foreign websites affiliated with the worldwide community and properly registered in their respective countries. PTA has also issued notices to their operators with criminal prosecution for violating Pakistan's blasphemy and anti-Ahmadiyya laws. According to PTA any website that portrays Ahmadis as Muslims will be blocked in Pakistan.
- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has ordered that Ahmadi channels (MTA) should not be carried by any distribution service licensee.
- In 1996, the government of Punjab issued a notification to return all nationalized educational institutions, that affected the community's 8 Schools and 2 colleges which were nationalized in 1972. Despite fulfilling all terms and conditions, and regardless of repeated requests and numerous reminders, the community's institutions are not denationalized.
- The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan, was charged under section PPC 298-C on Dec. 15, 1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Rabwah population is approximately 60,000.)
- The government has banned all outdoor rallies & conferences of Ahmadis in Rabwah.
- The government of Punjab has banned the publishing of the Quran and its translation
- The government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the Founder of Ahmadiyyat.
- Ahmadiyya daily newspaper and periodicals for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification.
- Authorities have prohibited sports events organized at a community level.

# FROM THE MEDIA

- Ahmadi man stabbed to death at Chenab Nagar  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 13, 2022
- Khatme Nabuwwat conference scheduled (in Rabwah) on September 7, 2022  
The daily Dunya; Faisalbad, August 25, 2022
- Art 20 of the constitution guarantees everyone's right to practice his religion and propagate it: Justice Bandial (CJP)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2022
- Militant attacks increased in July despite TTP ceasefire: report
- 33 people killed in 34 attacks  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 2, 2022
- Seminary teacher rapes five minor students  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 2, 2022
- Protesters (mullas) demand closure of family park in Bannu city  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2022
- Three students injured in clash at PU (IJT versus Others)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 24, 2022
- Action, across the board against those who promote religious discard (munafrat): Parvez Elahi (CM)  
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 4, 2022
- One feels ashamed in borrowing money from the world, we've to ask the army chief to phone. We borrowed \$450m from Emirates in 1996 that we have been unable to pay back  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2022
- Southern Baptist abuse claims under DoJ (US) investigation  
BBC Top Stories August 13, 2022
- Murder of a Pakistani Ahmadi is murder of all Pakistanis: Altaf Husain  
Social media on August 12, 2022
- Govt assailed over August 14 extravaganza
- Law-makers object to 'pomp and show' during economic crunch, floods  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 16, 2022
- How the CIA found and killed Zawahiri (Al Qaeda)  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 3, 2022
- 700 migrants cross Channel in one day  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 3, 2022
- Defying China threats, Pelosi lands in Taiwan  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 3, 2022
- Defiling the Prophet's Mosque proven; 6 Pakistanis punished with 8 to 10 years imprisonment. The incident happened during Shehbaz Sharif's visit.  
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 5, 2022
- Israeli strikes destroy homes in Gaza and calls for restraint  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2022
- Kabul mosque blast death toll rises to 21  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 19, 2022
- UN 'appalled' by 34-year sentence for Saudi woman  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 28, 2022
- US: Two judges fined \$200m for taking bribes  
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 20, 2022
- 13 killed as Somali forces battle Al Shabaab at besieged hotel  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 21, 2022
- Killed 5 Muslims for slaughtering of cow: claims BJP leader (in India)  
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 22, 2022
- Malaysia's ex-PM Najih gets 12-year jail for graft  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 24, 2022
- Ex-UK envoy to Myanmar detained in Yangon  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 26, 2022
- Former Imam Kabba Saleh al Talib sentenced to 10-year imprisonment  
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 26, 2022
- NAB's deputy prosecutor general resigns over uncomfortable working environment  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 2, 2022
- PTI received 'prohibited' funds, ECP rules
- Millions of dollars received from 351 foreign companies, 34 nationals, commission holds
- Party disowned 13 accounts that were opened, and operated by senior leaders  
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 3, 2022
- Ulama's role in religious tolerance is commendable: Parvez Elahi (CM)  
GNN News at 21:13 on August 3, 2022
- Punjab Assembly (PTI and Q-League majority)



- resolution seeks CEC resignation
- Tax rolled back to mollify angry traders
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 1, 2022
- (Court) Orders confiscation of assets of Salman Shehbaz son of the PM
  - The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 4, 2022
- CM (Punjab) announces four-time increase in police martyrs' pension
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 5, 2022
- Furore over Tarin's leaked audios telling ministers to 'torpedo' deal
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 30, 2022
- Indhar gang attacks kin of the killed for pursuing case
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 30, 2022
- If I wanted, 30 kilos rather 15 of drugs could have been recovered (from Shebaz Gill), but we don't indulge in such shameful acts: Rana Sanaullah (Interior Minister)
  - TV 92 News at 07:31 on August 10, 2022
- I've decided; this is not politics, this is Jihad. I'll fight it out: Imran Khan
  - ARY News at 07:35 on August 11, 2022
- Former NA speaker Qaisar challenges FIA inquiry against him in PHC
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 1, 2022
- Ijazul Haq (son of Gen Zia) calls on Imran
  - The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 11, 2022
- Protesters booked for sloganeering against security forces
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2022
- We'll triple the pay of Emergency doctors
- Religion is being promoted by Imran Khan, Chief Minister (Punjab)
  - The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 17, 2022
- Rana Sanaullah (Fed. Interior Minister) will be hanged: Parvez Elahi (CM)
  - The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 14, 2022
- Baluchistan: Terrorists attack Harnai post. 2 troops, died; major injured in exchange of fire.
  - The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 15, 2022
- Education free in Punjab up to graduation (16 years of study): Parvez Elahi's declaration
  - The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 15, 2022
- The large-scale transfers/postings of nearly 97 police officers (in the Punjab) within two days have kicked off a new debate....
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 16, 2022
- Gill (of PTI) moved to jail hospital, superintendent transferred (in the Punjab)
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2022
- Shehbaz Gill's physical remand: Federal and Punjab governments face to face
  - The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 18, 2022
- If you want to destroy a society, destroy its morals: Imran Khan
  - TV Bol at 19:48 on August 18, 2022
- Imran Khan does not desist from telling lies: Mariyam Aurangzeb
  - TV Dawn News at 19:34 on August 18, 2022
- Hoped establishment would 'keep crooks out of power': Imran
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 19, 2022
- Imran alleges Gill 'abused', urges PTI to take to streets
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 20, 2022
- Two policemen martyred in Bajaur blast
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 20, 2022
- Imran claims statement about Rushdi attack 'taken out of context'
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 21, 2022
- Imran faces terrorism charge for 'threatening judge, police'
- PTI chief alleges neutrals behind crackdown on party
- PTI to challenge ban on live telecast of Imran's speeches
- Imran stole charity funds; will be dealt with as a robber: Ahsan Iqbal
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2022
- Govt slams PTI for 'jeopardizing IMF deal'
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 27, 2022
- FIA detects Rs 787m transaction from 'secret' PTI account
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 28, 2022
- Rallies will be held in floods, even wars, says Imran
  - The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 28, 2022
- (Election Commission) verdict was altered on behest of the Law Minister: Fawad Chaudhry (PTI)
  - Bol News at 14:32 on August 3, 2022
- It has become a sin in the country to speak the truth: Ch Shujaat (Ex-PM)

TV Dawn News at 21:31 on August 1, 2022

- Destruction all around in Baluchistan flood
- 20 Kilo flour now costs Rs 1950 in Peshawar – 15% costlier within a week

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 1, 2022

- (Late) Justice Rana Bhagwan Das honored with Nishan-i-Imtiaz

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2022

- Weekly inflation surges to record 44.6pc

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 27, 2022

- IMF approves much-needed \$1.1bn payment

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 30, 2022

## Editorial

### Veiled threat

IT is the nature of the beast: those wedded to a life of violence will continue to speak the language of violence if it brings them dividends. The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, with whom the state has been engaged in stop-start peace negotiations since last year, issued a statement on Thursday, warning 'secular' and nationalist groups to desist from levelling allegations against them.

It declared that "These ... elements are the enemies of Islam and this country". While claiming it did not want to clash with any religious or political party, and without specifically naming any 'offending' group, it 'advised' them to not choose the path of confrontation. More sinisterly, it added: "These parties suffered losses in the past because of their wrong policies."

No reminder is necessary for progressive parties to recall those terrible years.

Published in the daily Dawn of August 21, 2022

### Op-ed Nationalism Without Breaks

History shows that irrational, unrestrained nationalism peppered with messianic myths often takes a nasty turn, leading to hatred, violence and even genocides.

'Invidious nationalism' is also fuelled by messianic myths which see a nation as a chosen people to 'defend' a particular faith. Messianic myths of this nature were common among European Christians in the early years of nationalism. They were also prominent during the Balkan conflicts of the 1990s.

Pakistan adopted 'invidious nationalism' after it violently lost its eastern wing in 1971. Messianic myths that had been on the fringes of Pakistani nationalism were brought into the mainstream, and the country began to be explained as a 'bastion of Islam'.

Messianic myths are now often mouthed by Pakistani political leaders. Imran Khan has been the most prominent exponent of these myths recently, posing as a defender of Islam from Islamophobia and 'Westernisation'. Interestingly, India too has adopted 'invidious nationalism'. PM Modi's regime is using it to undermine the country's more pluralistic Indian nationalism and replace it with Hindu nationalism, complete with messianic myths.

According to Miscevi, "invidious nationalism gets very nasty in practice." It often leads to persecution of minorities, and even to systematic genocides. It should be done away with.

Nadeem F Peracha in the Dawn of August 21, 2022

### Op-ed Pakistan's universities a 75

Scholarly discourse is rare and even basic competencies can be difficult to find in universities.

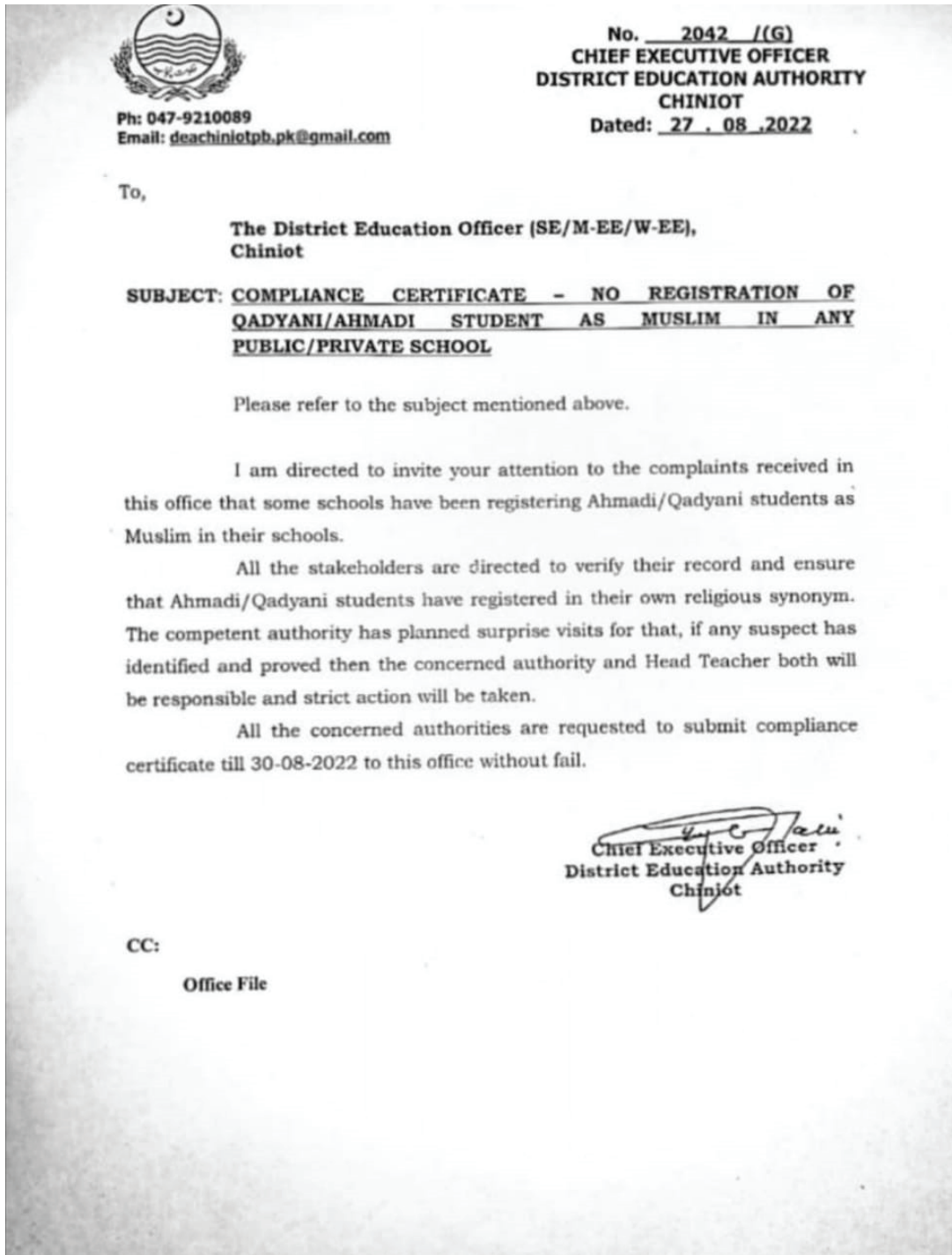
For all these 'successes', within campuses the stench of intellectual rot is overpowering. Ask a prolific author to present his research work before an informed audience and hackles rise. Rare is the professor, dean, or vice chancellor who reads books for pleasure or can sensibly debate some current academic topic. Most cannot name the last serious book they read, fiction or otherwise.

Rare also is the professor who delivers an academic lecture in syntactically correct Urdu or English. A bastardised admixture is normal for this linguistically troubled country. Writing skills? Even with correcting smartphones and computers, deciphering what a professor or student really wants to say isn't always easy. Brilliant exceptions exist but, of course, exceptions are exceptions.

Academic poverty becomes more visible upon traversing softer fields like business administration and digital marketing towards harder ones like mathematics and physics. In those 20-30 university departments that teach harder subjects only a few dozen professors can solve 12th-grade A-level math-physics problems or compete with a good pre-university Vietnamese student. ...

Pervez Hoodbhoy in the Dawn of August 13, 2022

# ANNEX I



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DISTRICT EDUCATION AUTHORITY (CHINIOT) LETTER REGARDING FAITH IDENTITY OF AHMADI STUDENTS

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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