

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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Senator Mushtaq Khan of Jamaat Islami on the loose

He addressed an End of Prophethood rally in Peshawar on September 6, 2020 when he indulged in a tirade against Ahmadis, thus (extracts):

...These Qadianis are traitors to the Constitution of Pakistan—traitors indeed. Qadianis are an organized terrorist group against the World of Islam (*Aalame Islam*). Qadianis are a people who are sitting in the lap of the enemies of Islam. They are present in their ranks whose hands are drenched in the blood of Muslims. Qadianis are mercenaries; they are mercenaries of the U.S., of the Realm of Disbelief (*Aalam e Kufr*) ...

A few days earlier, you would have seen the video in which a man from Jhelum was with Trump — he was Shakoor Qadiani, the book-seller. (You know that) Powerful rulers are unable to reach Trump, but Shakoor the book-seller reached him. He was complaining to Trump against you, complaining against Pakistan, complaining against those dedicated to *Khatme Nabuwwat*, complaining against the soldiers of honour of Prophethood. Thus these (Qadianis) are American mercenaries. They are mercenaries of Europe. They are enemies of Islam. They are guilty of terror against Islam. ...

We, in no way, will allow their anti-Pakistan schemes to succeed.

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Yet another blasphemy case registered against an Ahmadi

Shaheen Muslim Town, Peshawar; September 2020: On 08 September, Mr. Abdul Waheed's house was surrounded by a mob on a mere accusation that his son Mr. Abdul Majeed had committed blasphemy. The police were informed of this development and they were able to escort Mr. Abdul Waheed's family out to a safe place.

Background

Mr. Abdul Majeed S/o Mr. Abdul Waheed resident of Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, District Peshawar, 20, is accused of blasphemy by a minor named Mr. Imran Ali who also resides in the same vicinity. It may be noted that the accuser Imran Ali is 15 years of age.

Allegedly a quarrel broke out between Mr. Abdul Majeed and Mr. Imran Ali. As a result of the quarrel Imran Ali accused Abdul Majeed of committing blasphemy i.e. disrespecting the Holy Prophet Muhammad, *Khatam-al-Nabiyeen* (S.A.W.). Upon hearing that Mr. Abdul Majeed had committed blasphemy, a number of people including the local cleric surrounded the accused's house in a threatening manner.

It seems that it was pre-planned to trap Mr. Abdul Majeed in this case. The main reason for this assumption is the way a large number of people were gathered around Mr. Abdul Majeed's house. Our sources have confirmed that some of the people who were gathered around did not even reside in the locality. Their presence cannot be coincidence as they came from other parts of the city.

The mob was already charged up and tried to set the Ahmadi's house on fire. After three hours of being surrounded by the mob, the police were able to rescue Mr. Abdul Majeed's family, and shifted them to a safe place at around 03:00 at night.

On 10 September 2020 the clerics and a few others held a sit-in in front of Phandu Police Station, District Peshawar. The police were pressurized to register a case against Mr. Abdul Majeed. To pressurize the police further, an application was submitted by the protestors in writing.

The applicant Imran Ali narrated the incident leading up to the alleged blasphemy. He stated in the FIR, that on 08.09.2020 when he was going home, he saw a *Khatm-e-Nabuwwat* poster on a wall near Majeed's house. When he saw the poster he raised the slogan, "*Khatm-e-Nabuwwat Zindahbad*". As per the FIR, Imran Ali further stated that when he raised the slogan, he saw Mr. Abdul Majeed sitting in front of his house. Mr. Abdul Majeed upon hearing the slogan uttered such words in Pushto language which amounted to blasphemy.

When Mr. Abdul Majeed and his family were being evacuated, the police assured them that not only they will be shifted to a safe place but also no charge will be brought against them as it involves a delay of two days in registration of the FIR.

Thereafter

The police thereafter succumbed to the pressure of the mullas and a fabricated case was registered against Mr. Abdul Majeed under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, which carries sentence of death. The case was registered on 10 September 2020 at P.S. Phandu, Peshawar.

The police traced Mr. Abdul Majeed to his place of refuge, raided it on 13.09.2020 at 03:00 and arrested him.

Matter of concern

The Ahmadiyya Community fears for the life of Mr. Majeed. Although he is in police custody, past record of police protection in cases pertaining to blasphemy are not encouraging at all.

Recently on 29.07.2020 an American citizen named Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a former Ahmadi, was killed in a courtroom in Peshawar. He was facing charges under Pakistan blasphemy law. He was shot by a person named Faisal Khalid. After this unfortunate incident of murder, anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign gained momentum throughout Pakistan with Peshawar as epicenter. The hate campaign was intense in that anti-Ahmadiyya processions were taken out in Peshawar, wherein hate and abusive language was used extensively against the Ahmadiyya Community.

As a result of this unfortunate murder and the hate campaign, an Ahmadi named Mairaj Ahmad a pharmacist was killed in Peshawar on 12.08.2020. He was 61 years old. He had received many threats from anti-Ahmadiyya elements.

Prayer

There is a real threat to Mr. Majeed's life. Mr. Majeed's entire family has been evacuated from District Peshawar; they are not likely to return home soon.

In the light of these circumstances, and taking into account the sensitivity of Mr. Majeed's case Ahmadiyya head office has respectfully requested the concerned departments to ensure:

1. An impartial and independent inquiry
2. A fair trial
3. That he should be provided effective security during the trial
4. That reasonable steps are taken to protect his life.

Ahmadis arrested on fake grounds in Lahore, and TORTURED by FIA

Lahore; September 30, 2020: Three Ahmadis were arrested on fabricated charges in Lahore, in addition to two others who were booked earlier wrongfully.

It would be recalled that FIA (Cyber Crimes Wing) had registered a police case against

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi religious teacher, on May 26, 2020 for alleged involvement in a case of promotion of Quranic knowledge. In addition to him, six very senior and middle level Ahmadi community officials were also named spuriously in the case. The case was initiated and agitated by notorious mulla Hasan Muawiyah who is brother of Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, now Special Representative of the Prime Minister on Religious Harmony. Mr. Rohan Ahmad was arrested as he was in Lahore, visiting his parents at the occasion of Eid festival.

Two other accused Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad had obtained 'bail before arrest' on May 29, 2020. Later, at the occasion of confirmation of the bail on July 16, 2020, the opponents created a very hostile situation outside and inside the courtroom, so these two gentlemen decided not to attend the court proceeding. So, the judge dismissed their plea for confirmation of bail.

As these two accused were liable to be arrested, they decided to present themselves to the investigating officer. To ensure smooth procedure they took along two Ahmadis Mr. Imran Ahmad Virk and Mr. Mudassar Ahmad of Lahore as guarantors and a third Malik Zaheer Ahmad as friend.

The investigating officer, rather than investigating facts, was more interested in arrests, as influential mulla Hasan Muawiyah was actively involved. So, not only the two accused but also the two guarantors and one 'friend' were arrested by the police. The two guarantors were charged falsely for offering bribe. The friend was neither an accused, nor was he involved in the case under investigation; his arrest is entirely unexplained — an act of plain tyranny.

It is reliably learnt that on the first night of arrest the detained individuals were tortured. Mulla Muawiyah was around. A complaint was therefore made through Pakistan Citizen Portal.

This case and these arrests are indicative of the ruthless 'tyranny' of the duo of the mulla and the state, to which Ahmadis are exposed — particularly in the Punjab.

Judicial trends in the Sub-continent

Two major countries of South Asia, Pakistan and India may be at daggers drawn politically, but in many ways they remain in the same realm, as if one entity. For example, their judiciaries have a lot in common. Two recent court verdicts are evidence enough. We mention these very briefly. The story from India is a BBC report, while that from Pakistan is from the daily *Express Tribune* of October 2, 2020.

India

Babri mosque: India's Muslims feel more abandoned than ever

Nearly three decades, 850 witnesses, more than 7000 documents, photographs and video tapes later, a court in India found no-one guilty of razing a 16th century mosque which was attacked by Hindu mobs in the holy city of Ayodhya.

Among the 32 living accused were former deputy premier LK Advani, and a host of senior BJP leaders. Wednesday's court judgment acquitted them all, saying the destruction of the mosque in 1992 had been the work of unidentified "anti-socials" and had not been planned.

This was despite numerous credible eye witness accounts that the demolition, which took just a few hours, had been rehearsed and carried out with impunity and the connivance of a section of local police in front of thousands of spectators.

Last year, India's Supreme Court conceded it had been a "calculated act" and an "egregious violation of the rule of law". ...

Pakistan

Three Ahmadiyya Community members arrested after Lahore High Court rejects bail

Lahore: The Punjab Police arrested three members of the Ahmadiyya Community accused of using Islamic symbols and practices at their places of worship, after the Lahore High Court (LHC) dismissed their pre-arrest bails on Friday (October 2).

The court also rejected the (Ahmadi) petitioner's plea seeking an FIR to be registered

against witnesses and complainants who entered into their places of worship without permission....

Petitioners Tahir Nakkash, Akbar Ali and Sharafat Ahmad had filed an application for pre-arrest bails in the LHC, contending that they had been implicated in a forged FIR even though they have nothing to do with this case.

They maintained that they had not committed any offence and had been roped in the case with malafide intentions and ulterior motive.

The police had no justification to arrest the petitioners, and in the circumstances of this case, the arrest of the petitioners would be the violation of the fundamental rights of the petitioners as guaranteed under Articles 9 and 10-A of the Constitution.

On the other hand, the complainant counsel, advocate Muhammad Tayyab Qureshi argued that the accused had committed a heinous offence by using Islamic symbols and practices....

The daily Express Tribune of October 2, 2020



Mr. Imran Khan, PM Pakistan

Notes by this editor:

1. If declared guilty, the three accused could be imprisoned for three years.
2. The police case was registered with local mullas and police acting together.
3. The Constitution of Pakistan grants religious freedom to all citizens in its Article 20.
4. The bails were cancelled by Justice Asjad Javed Ghural.



Brother of recently murdered Ahmadi, survives attempt on life

Peshawar; September 20, 2020: Mr. Gulzar Ahmad survived an attempt on his life here on 20th September 2020. He is brother of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, who was martyred last month in Peshawar while leaving his pharmacy for home. Mr. Ahmad, 62, runs a grocery store in the busy area of *Dalgra Bazaar*, Peshawar. This was just another busy morning in the shop when an unknown young man showed-up from nowhere, holding guns in both hands, and suddenly opened fire on him. Mr. Ahmad was hit five times. Leaving him lying on the floor as dead, the man fled the scene.

Sadly, nobody from the public moved to help the bleeding victim. Mr. Ahmad hired a rickshaw for the Lady Reading Hospital, where he was provided first-aid in emergency. Four bullets were removed from his leg and one from his hand. One of his major arteries was also damaged; it was repaired timely.

This family is under threat for a long time now. His brother Mr. Mairaj Ahmad was target-killed last month in Peshawar. He was the first victim of the hate campaign against Ahmadis in the city after the murder of a former Ahmadi, Tahir Naseem in the sessions court Peshawar on 29th July 2020.

The incident was reported to the police. The SSP told Ahmadis that they had arrested the master mind behind the murder of Mr. Mairaj and were expecting no repeat incident of this kind, but unfortunately it had happened. He expressed resolve to control the situation.

Ahmadi arrested in Lahore for sharing a post on social media

Shahdara, Lahore; September 2, 2020: Mr. Haq ul Mubeen, an Ahmadi, was booked under anti-Ahmadiyya PPC 298-C with FIR Nr. 2637 at police station Shahdara, Lahore on September 2, 2020. He was arrested.

The plaintiff has alleged that Mr. Mubeen allegedly invited people to join his religion by sharing a post on Qadianiat, on WhatsApp. Later,

he continued to preach his religion in person to him, which hurt his feelings.

The fact is that a man named Zohaib and Mr. Mubeen were on friendly terms for years. A few days ago, Zohaib shared a post on social media and wrote that this was the saying of Hazrat Ali (r.a.). Mr. Mubeen commented on the post and explained that the statement was that of the

founder of Jamaat Ahmadiyya. Zohaib did not like this comment and invited Mubeen to his home with evil intention. He had gathered some people there, maltreated the invited guest and got him arrested by calling the police. The police case was registered against him on the complaint of one Hussain Ali



**Sardar Usman
Ahmad Khan
Buzdar, Chief
Minister of Punjab**

Bail cancelled by the High Court

Multan; October 1, 2020: It would be recalled that a spurious police case was registered on July 23, 2020 in Rajanpur City over a non-issue of an Ahmadiyya school in Village Allah Dad. In an exceptionally broad sweep, six Ahmadis were named in the FIR including Mr. Fazal Ahmad, the Ahmadiyya Director of Education for the whole country. Dr. Shahid Iqbal, a senior Ahmadiyya Community official in District Rajanpur was also added to the list of the accused for no valid reason.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal had been granted bail till September 15, 2020. However when he presented himself to the Multan Bench of LHC on October 1, 2020 for confirmation of the bail, his plea was refused.

Dr. Iqbal was arrested there and then, and was shifted to Rajanpur Jail.

Mulla Usmani's disclosures

Lahore; September 14, 2020: Often, the authorities are shy to make public announcements of retrograde measures and policies under process or



**Molvi Shabbir Ahmad
Usmani**

consideration, however the mulla is in a hurry to claim credit if these are of religious nature. For example, the daily *Ausaf* of September 14 published a two-column news of the statement made by mulla Shabbir A Usmani who is the patron of Madrassah Usmania at Muslim Colony in Chenab Nagar (Rabwah). He was reportedly talking to representatives of electronic and print media. His statement discloses following bothersome information:

- He welcomed formation of a sub-committee by the National Assembly Standing Committee for Religious Affairs to include an affidavit concerning *Khatme Nabuwwat* in the oath of Chairman Senate, Ministers and in the *Nikah* (marriage) proforma.
- He appreciated an order from the High Court that in cases involving Blasphemy and Defiling of Religion, court verdicts should be announced within six weeks.
- He said the Ummate Muslimah is very satisfied over these developments.

Amir Park incidents and police — and a comment

Amir Park, Gujranwala; July, August 2020: What happened in Amir Park recently is noteworthy, so is a major incident in the Punjab Police. These call for a description and an emotive comment.

Mullas held a Tajdar Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Amir Park on September 5, 2020. This location symbolizes police support and submission to mullas on the issue of Ahmadis. Approximately 600 participated in this conference, most of them were teen-agers and youth. Some of the speakers were invited from outside the city. All these used foul and highly objectionable language against Ahmadis.

A mulla from Trigari said, "(In Trigari) we have made them (Ahmadis) flee; we even dug up their dead. We should do the same here—not only put them to flight, but also dig up their dead."

A mulla, Waqas, from Sadhokay said, "We have got '*Masha Allah*' removed from Ahmadis'

buildings in Amir Park, as they are not allowed to put up this.” He wrongly quoted and interpreted the law. He alleged that Ahmadis are not allowed to say *Assalamo Alaikum*, nor can they follow *Shaa'ir* (Islamic practices) at home, nor in their places of worship, “nor shall we permit them do so.”

With reference to Ahmadiyya places of worship in Amir Park and Gul Road, he asserted, “These are not worship places, these are the abodes of Satan (*Shaitan Khane*)”. He received great applause on this novelty.

One, Mulla Shabbeer Haidar Sialwi came up with a scheme, “We are not here merely for applause and slogans. We have to raise slogans in front of their homes. You only have to rise, that will suffice to make them sit down”. It was announced in the conference that a week later there shall be an attack on Ahmadis in Sheikhpura.

All this was in blatant violence of national law PPC 295-A. However, despite the police and agencies’ presence in the conference, the Punjab Police of Gujranwala took no action on these traders and promoters of hate and violence. It was a deliberate and blatant negligence of duty, undertaken obviously with direction from higher authorities.

Only a few days earlier, the police in Amir Park had been proactive against Ahmadis, on behest of mullas. Mullas had demanded the authorities in writing that Ahmadis be denied the rite of *Qurbani* on the festival of *Eid ul Adha*, as also all the sacred and Arabic inscriptions on Ahmadi houses be removed. On July 29, 2020 the police destroyed the inscriptions, بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ,

مَا شَاءَ اللّٰهُ and لا اله الا انت سبحانك اني كنت من الظالمين (whatever Allah wills: *Dei gratia*).

On September 3, 2020, the Security Officer telephoned residence of two Ahmadiyya houses that carried the inscription *Masha Allah*. He asked Ahmadis to co-operate. He was told that if the police in uniform remove the inscriptions, Ahmadis will not resist. Lo and behold, seven policemen arrived the same evening and

destroyed the inscriptions. At this occasion, mulla Amir Hamza accompanied them. This shows absolute submission of the police to religious bigots and rogue elements.

When the police contingent was about to move away from the site of first defiling, the security officer thus expressed his regrets, “We feel very upset over this, on tearing to bits the name of Allah”. He was told that while Ahmadis put these up to elevate the Holy Name, the police and mullas defile them. “We here seek forgiveness of Allah, may He pardon us; we are required to do this (*majbur*),” he replied, unconvincingly.

Thereafter, they moved on to Islamia Park where they destroyed the same inscriptions at the residence of another Ahmadi. Mulla Amir Hamza arrived there as well and attempted to make a video of the proceedings. The police prudently forbade him do that, as that would be an evidence of the criminal conduct of the police. (The law makes no mention of disallowing *Masha Allah* to Ahmadis). That day, the police destroyed *Masha Allah* from three Ahmadiyya houses.

Comment: It is evident that the local police behave this way as in Amir Park, because it has been so instructed by its district superiors, while those superiors are guided by the directions received from Lahore, the provincial capital, from the Inspector General (IGP) to be more specific. All these officials rather than implementing the Constitution and the law, follow verbal directions from above, in order to play safe and ensure self-interest in career stability and promotions etc. However, this is a fallacy and corruption in official conduct. There are powers and forces, hidden and silent that are at work to determine the destiny and future of the fragile man, even if he is an IGP. In the recent past, our reports would show as if there were no IGP to guide the Punjab Police on the right path of justice and fair play (for instance, destruction of 103 tombstones in Districts Gujranwala, Khushab and Sheikhpura by the police). IGP was there, but he cared more for keeping his political bosses happy or by his policy that maintenance of even semblance of law



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IG Punjab*

and order was more important than provision of justice and social fairness to marginalized communities and individuals.

Nevertheless, this was all in vain; as on September 9, 2020, the daily *Dawn* reported on

its front page: “Shoaib Dastgir (IGP) removed after rift with junior.”

Sadly, humans never learn lesson from mistakes of other humans.

Ahmadi shopkeeper threatened with death in Rawalpindi

Mahmooda, District Rawalpindi; August 13, 2020: Mr. Zafar Ahmad belongs to Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mahmooda, District Rawalpindi. He runs a stationery shop at Chak Bailey Khan, 2 km from his village.

On August 13, 2020, some men came to his shop and told him, “You are a *Mirzai*, you should convert to Islam or leave this area; otherwise, we will kill you.” The local police were immediately informed but they took no action.

On August 19, mulla Dawood, a leading mulla of the area came there, inspected the shop and went away. The police officers (SHO and DIG) were contacted and were apprised of the situation. The local police, which had not been cooperating earlier, moved into action. The police sent for Mufti Dawood. He stated that he had nothing to do with the matter and that the men who had visited the shop and threatened Zafar were not his men.

Thereafter the ASP sent for both Mr. Ahmad and Mufti Dawood. Mr. Ahmad informed the ASP of the whole situation and said that Mufti

Dawood was running a campaign against the Jamaat Ahmadiyya from his mosque and was spreading hate against the Jamaat on loudspeaker. “He has created his own channel on YouTube and uses foul language against the Jamaat”, Ahmad complained. Mufti Dawood denied the accusation.

After the inquiry the ASP assured Mr. Ahmad protection and assistance.

Ahmadi threatened and badly treated by WAPDA employee

Faisalabad; September 16, 2020: Mr. Muhammad Zafar, an Ahmadi resident of Faisalabad, went to the WAPDA office with his nephew on September 16, 2020 over electricity/meter bill of the Ahmadiyya mosque at Chak No. 646, Thatta Kalu. After getting his application signed by the SDO, he went to the registration clerk’s office. There an employee named Farooq objected to his *Assalaamo Alaikum* (Islamic greetings), called him a *Kafir* (infidel) and *Mirzai*. He also objected to the clerk’s acceptance of the complaint and scolded him for letting in the *Mirzai*. He used harsh words for Mr. Zafar and his nephew. He told another clerk to call the police at 15 to arrest the Qadiani. “This is a public office and every one can come here for his work”, Mr. Zafar replied. Yet, the man tried to quarrel with them and started throwing chairs at the visitors. However, Mr. Zafar stayed calm and went to the SDO’s room. The man followed them and demanded their arrest. The SDO remained silent in this situation; the meter-inspector took the application from Mr. Zafar and told him to leave.

Mr. Zafar and his nephew returned home stunned.

The mulla pursues the compliant police further in Gujranwala

Kot Mirza Jan, District Gujranwala; August 18, 2020: Gujranwala police appears to have adopted the policy of keeping the mulla happy (in the

interest of law and order!) at the cost of Ahmadis' constitutional right to freedom of faith. The police fail to understand that the mulla's appetite for mischief is insatiable.

On August 18, 2020, the police called local Ahmadiyya community delegation to the police station and told them that a petition had been filed against them for inscribing *Kalima* (creed) in the Ahmadiyya prayer center in Kot Mirza Jan, which passersby can see. The petitioner has requested that a case should be registered against Ahmadis under PPC 298 and 295. At this, the SHO asked Ahmadiyya delegation to remove the *Kalima* from their prayer center as it hurts the feelings of the opposing party. He was told that the *Kalima* is written inside the prayer center, it is only a little visible from the outside for which they will raise the outer wall further so that the *Kalima* would not be visible to anyone from outside. They also said that they would not erase the *Kalima* themselves; they did not write the *Kalima* to erase it. Also, they informed him about their meeting with SSP Operations, in which he assured Ahmadis that he would not allow anyone to violate the sanctity of their boundary-wall and they could act according to their belief within their walls. So, Ahmadis would raise the boundary-wall of their prayer center under the supervision of the police.

When the opponents did not succeed in this, they applied to the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Kamunkay. On August 25, the DSP sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation. The delegation went to the police station where a Shia and a Sunni member of the local peace committee were already present. The DSP showed Ahmadis the petition of the opponents in which they had sought legal action against the Jamaat for writing Islamic inscriptions and the *Kalima* in Ahmadiyya prayer center in Kot Mirza Jan and writing *Mashaallah* (as Allah wishes) on Ahmadis' houses. Hafiz Sajid *Imam* (prayer leader) of the Kot Mirza Jan mosque filed the petition.

The DSP told the delegation that they were the guardians of the law and will go by the law. Sacred words were written on Ahmadis' mosque and houses which is an insult to Islamic rites in the eyes of the opposition (sic). "You know what happened before the Eid and later with reference to the sacrifice of cattle; we don't just want the peace of the village be disturbed", he added.

The DSP does not realize that he is not allowed to deprive Ahmadis their constitutional rights to maintain order. He is required to do both.

The delegation told the DSP, "This is not correct. We do not insult sacred words by writing them on our mosques and houses. There are court decisions that Ahmadis who write Islamic inscriptions on their mosques do not commit a crime under article 295, as they do not write these to incite or insult. The *Kalima* is written inside the wall, and raising the wall a little can solve this problem. Earlier the SHO was told the same but he was adamant that the *Kalima* would have to be erased. The SSP also told us that whatever you do within your walls, you will be protected. As far as Eid-ul-Adha and *Qurbani* (sacrifice) are concerned, we followed the directions of the administration. Thus, you did not receive any complaint about us anywhere during the days of Eid. No matter how distressed our hearts are, we do not break the law."

At this, the DSP said that as the law will be followed by building the wall, the same should be done in other places and when the peace committee will visit these places, they should not find anything objectionable. Action will be taken according to the report by the peace committee.

When the delegation came out of the police station, there was a host of mullas present there. Some of them were received by the DSP.

On September 4, at around 3:30 pm, the members of the peace committee accompanied by the SHO and the security officer Wahndo visited Kot Mirza Jan. They inspected the houses on which *Mashaallah* was written and asked them to erase the inscriptions. They were told that they would not erase the sacred words on their own, nor would they allow anyone in civilian clothes to

break these. The committee also inspected the prayer center from outside.

On September 11, 2020, at sunset, the delegation received a call by the police that they were coming to erase the inscriptions. At about 19:30 the police removed *Mashaallah* plates from an Ahmadi Mr. Maqsood Ahmad's house. Then they removed the plates of "*Mashaallah*", "*Subhan Allah*" and "*Alhamdulillah*" from the residence of Mr. Munawar Ahmad.

These inscriptions are Arabic, meaning respectively "*Dei gratia*", "God is perfect" and "*Deo gratia*". The Holy Quran and the Hadith nowhere mention these as specific to Muslims and denied to non-Muslims. It is only the Pakistani mulla who insists on appropriating these and to deny these to Ahmadis. The Punjab Police find it convenient to keep the mulla happy — even if temporarily.

Threat to Ahmadi's life

Rawalpindi, September 2020: Mr. Kabir Ahmad Bhatti an Ahmadi, received a threat letter from *Tahaffuz e Khatme Nabuwwat* in which it was written: "We have come to know of your family's links with apostates Qadiani infidels. If it is true, then you should know that killing of a person who has such contacts, is a source of reward for us. We have faith in the end of prophethood, and for this we will consider giving our lives and taking others' as felicity. It is a warning for you that if you have such contacts or you yourself are Qadiani by faith then you should repent immediately and prove yourself to be a Muslim who believes in the end of prophethood. You can contact any Sunni cleric for conversion to Islam. Otherwise, on completion of our inquiry we may not give you time."

Mr. Bhatti had to take special security measures.

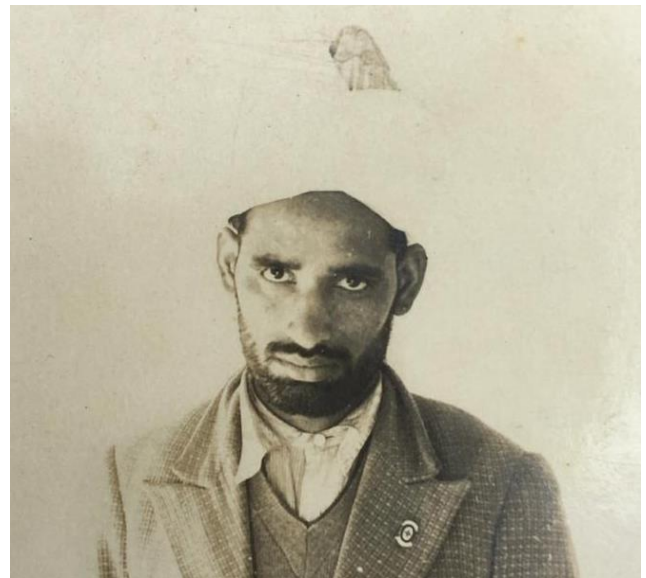
The mulla and education in Pakistan

2019/2020: Pakistan is struggling to make progress in various fields of national life e.g. good governance, education, sectarian harmony, economy, jobs, communications, agriculture etc. There is need to pull together at all levels to come

out of the prevailing quagmire. However, there is the mulla whom the state and society have given undue space, and yielded him sufficient clout to obstruct progress at village level as well as at the federal. What happens at the higher level gets reported in media, but efforts made and wasted at lower level receive no mention. Even a researcher may never discover the extent of the mulla's harm to society. We mention below one such story to spotlight the mulla's role in retarding the national progress.

Mr. Ghulam Rasul, born in 1910, was a resident of village Kalas in District Gujrat. He grew up to be a teacher by profession. His father was also a teacher and the only Ahmadi in the village. It was the era of British Raj. Literacy rate in the village was low — 3 percent. As a boy, Rasul was a good student. With no high school in the area, he studied up to 8th grade, and did special courses to become a senior vernacular (S.V.) teacher. He was a hardworking, able and caring teacher. He promoted education in the area and developed reputation of being a very helpful good man. He raised four children, two sons and two daughters; all were sent to college for higher education. After a successful career he retired at the age of sixty. He died in 1976.

Many years passed, and his children, who were now well-placed in life, thought of setting up a scholarship in their father's name in memory



Headmaster Ghulam Rasul

of decades of his memorable services to the local people in the field of education.

In a family meeting, Mr. Rasul's children formed a Policy Board to establish a Ghulam Rasul (Memorial) Scholarship, and framed the following rules, (briefly):

- The scholarship would be available every year to a student from Kalas who locally topped in Matriculation examination. It would be awarded for two-year study in a government college.
- The scholarship would cover the admission fee, all examinations fees, monthly tuition fees and an additional Rs 2500/- per month. (In Pakistan Rs 2500/- per month is handsome pocket money for a college student in districts). This was to be periodically revised upward to allow for inflation.
- The Scholarship would be purely merit-based. Family, creed, caste, financial status, gender etc. of candidates will be of no consideration for the award.
- A local executive committee of four will nominate the recipient, issue cash, maintain accounts and administer the scholarship.

To implement the above, an executive committee of four from the village was nominated through consultation with village elders. None of them was an Ahmadi. They were asked to nominate their own Secretary. A handsome amount was advanced in cash to the Secretary to meet expenditure of initial few months. The sponsors undertook to replenish the fund routinely well in advance. Accounting and audit rules were also agreed upon. The scheme was intended to be operative in perpetuity. All the ten village elders of different family groups (*Bradari*) were informed in writing of this scheme. Everyone seemed to be happy about it.

Then the village mulla came to know of this scheme. He was a former student of the Ahrari madrassah at nearby Nagarian, as such a committed anti-Ahmadiyya, and a self-styled activist of protection of the end of prophethood. He made his own plans — differently.

Approximately a month before the declaration of the Matriculation result, the mulla assembled all the village boys who had appeared in the examination. He told them to refuse acceptance of the scholarship, on religious grounds. What else he told them, we do not know. The boys were made to agree. The executive committee members came to know of the mulla's move. The members had been nominated for their decency and serenity. They decently decided not to challenge the mulla, and preferred to concede. The sponsors in the Policy Board were not local residents, so they were unable to influence events. Hence the mulla prevailed.

The Ghulam Rasul Scholarship scheme perished. The support available to village youth for college studies went unavailed. Surely, there would be some who would have otherwise attended college. Multiply this evil of the mulla's interference half a million times, and you get the idea of full impact of the mulla's damage to Pakistani society in various fields of life.

Unfortunately, there is no light at the end of this tunnel, so long as the state and the society give undue power and prestige to clerics.

Ahmadi government servant faces boycott

District Khushab; September 2020: Mr. Asdaq Athar Majoka is serving in SPU (Special Protection Unit) Punjab Police for the last four years. Nowadays he is posted in Pioneer Cement Protection Unit, Punjab Police. He was on leave for some time due to an accident. When he reported back, there were some new arrivals in the SPU. One of them, Faizan, from Sargodha, reported to the camp in-charge that Asdaq Athar is a Qadiani. "He is wearing a Muslim cloak, is deceiving everyone, and he should eat separately in separate crockery in the mess", he added. The camp in-charge reported the matter to the wing commander, who is a retired major. The wing commander said that he should be sent on leave for three days and then action would be taken as

per the orders given by the DIG. Mr. Athar was sent on three days' leave and was told to segregate at meals. The miscreants also demanded from Mr. Athar to quit Ahmadiyyat and switch over, to which they were given a proper answer. Athar is back on duty. His boycott goes on.

Such is the nature of common man's religion in Pakistan — thanks to the mulla.

Anti-Ahmadiyya rally in District Mirpur Khas, Sindh

Naukot, September 20, 2020: Opponents organized an anti-Ahmadiyya rally from Talhi, Karimnagar to the Press Club, Naukot on 20th September 2020. Approximately 150 persons participated. On their way, they stopped at the houses and villages where Ahmadis reside, made anti-Ahmadiyya speeches and tried to incite the villagers against Ahmadis. They shouted slogans against Ahmadiyya president of District Mirpur Khas Mr. Tanvir Ahmad and his brother Mr. Mansoor Ahmad, president Naukot, at their business location. Thereafter they went to the press club where the speakers used foul language against Ahmadiyyat.

Difficulties in doing business

Quaidabad; District Khushab, September 2020: Mr. Majid Baig, an Ahmadi tailor has his shop Al-Qamar Tailors in the main bazaar of Quaidabad. He is facing faith-related hostility for some time now. The Embroidery and Pico businesses of the area refused to accept Mr. Baig's work. On 25th August, he was told to come to Quaidabad police station to respond to an application by Zain ul Abideen of the daily *Zain ul Amal*. It stated that Mr. Baig said '*salaam*' (greetings) to a stamp seller, although he is forbidden by the Constitution (sic).

Mr. Baig told the inspector that the applicant is a miscreant and his application was baseless. The inspector told him to give his statement in writing. Mr. Baig did that.

In another act of discrimination, Mr. Naseer Ahmad who used to sell his vegetables in

the market was told to stop that — because the shopkeepers were pressurized by mullas.

KN Conference in Peshawar

Peshawar,

September 7, 2020:

Maulvi Fazlur Rahman of JUI-F held a big conference with reference to 7 September as the Victory Day when in 1974, Ahmadis were declared to be Not-Muslim through

Constitutional Amendment Nr. II.

A number of other prominent mullas

including Abdul Ghafoor Haidari, Shah Ahmad Noorani, Amjad Ali, Shahabuddin Popalzai and Mahmudur Rahman addressed the conference, and spoke filth against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman talked of blood. "If an attempt is made to amend the Blasphemy law, we shall have ourselves cut to pieces (*kat marain gey*); the rulers may do what they like, we shall be a wall in front of them. We've started off in Peshawar, now there shall be rallies in other cities as well," he said.

Other mullas followed the same line. "So long as the moths (*parwanay*) of End of Prophethood are there, no son of a mother can touch the law on *Khatme Nabuwwat*", one of them said. They condemned the UK MPs report concerning persecution of Ahmadis. They warned, "Zulfiquar Ali Bhutto remains praiseworthy to-date for moving Amendment II. Do not besmirch (*Mitti plead na karo*) Pakistan. All (schools) are united over the issue of Blasphemy and Islamic provisions," they insisted.

Mulla Fazl ur Rahman remains deprived of political power, so he seems to attempt a big wave through religious issues to ride it to his



**Maulvi Fazlur Rahman,
JUI-F**

recovery. The next day after this rally, the only Ahmadi family in nearby Phandu had to be evacuated to safety. The mob forced the police to register a blasphemy case against an Ahmadi youth.

True colors of Jamaat Islami (JI)

Peshawar; September 6, 2020: Jamaat Islami is one of the leading religio-political parties in Pakistan. It has some appeal with average middle-class Islamists. Its founder, Maududi, had a convincing style for pseudo-intellectuals and run-of-the-mill Sunni Muslims. It poses occasionally to be rationalist, tolerant, and even progressive. In the past, it registered a few non-Muslims as members. However, it remains essentially an extremist, medieval, anachronistic party, committed to promote harsh and extremist understanding of Islam whom it occasionally calls a religion of peace and tolerance.



Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, JI

This month, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, one of the few JI senators, addressed a KN (End of Prophethood) rally in Peshawar where he indulged in a furor against Ahmadis (extracts):

These Qadianis are traitors to the Constitution of

Pakistan—traitors indeed. Qadianis are an organized terrorist group against the World of Islam (*Aalame Islam*). Qadianis are a people who are sitting in the lap of the enemies of Islam. They are there who are present in their ranks whose hands are drenched in the blood of Muslims. Qadianis are mercenaries; they are mercenaries of the U.S., of the Realm of Disbelief (*Aalam e Kufr*)... .

My brothers, sometimes back when Modi went to Israel, the Qadiani leader was present there with the Israeli prime minister to welcome him at the airport.

A few days earlier, you would have seen the video in which a man from Jhelum was with Trump — he was Shakoor Qadiani, the book-seller. (You know that) Powerful rulers are unable to reach Trump, but Shakoor the book-seller reached him. He was complaining to Trump against you, complaining against Pakistan, complaining against those dedicated to Khatme Nabuwat, complaining against the soldiers of honour of Prophethood. Thus these (Qadianis) are American mercenaries. They are mercenaries of Europe. They are enemies of Islam. They are guilty of terror against Islam.

We, in no way, will allow their anti-Pakistan schemes to succeed, God willing.

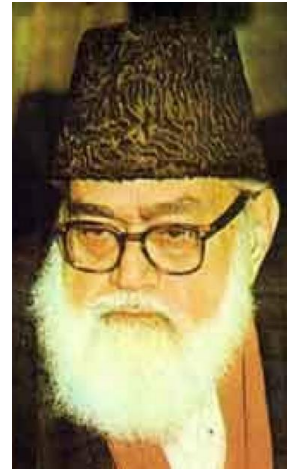
(Senator Mushtaq A Khan (JI), at a Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat rally in Peshawar on September 6, 2020)

Although most of what Mushtaq said above is plain falsehood and lies, his rhetoric must have left a mark on the impressionable minds of his prosaic audience. No wonder that some such men shot dead an innocent Ahmadi elder in Peshawar five days later, and pumped five bullets in another Ahmadi a week thereafter.

Is there someone who would hold such hate-mongering individuals and political parties accountable for what they say in public?

Hafiz Ashrafi elevated to become PM's Special Representative

Islamabad; September 30, 2020: Following notification was found in circulation on social



Syed Abul A'la Maududi, founder of the Jamaat-e-Islami



Islamabad: Molvi Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi meeting PM Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan in his office

media:



The daily Dawn confirmed the appointment. Maulana Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi is the same cleric who last year asserted in an open multi-religious meeting: “...I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country... I am speaking of Qadianis here. They are full of mischief. They are misleading humanity by using the name of Muslims.... To speak against the Qadianis is Religious Harmony,”

With this definition of Religious Harmony, the Prime Minister Imran Khan is ‘pleased to appoint (him) as his Special Representative on Religious Harmony’!

The Land of the Pure — May Allah protect and save her.

Open incitement to violence in District Sheikhpura

Bhakhi, District Sheikhpura; September 2020:

Opponents put up here banners against the Jamaat Ahmadiyya at various places. These banners carry the following:

"Every Qadiani is a Salman Rushdie for his infidel beliefs: Supreme Court of Pakistan"

"Lovers of the End of Prophethood. Propagate the End of Prophethood. Enemy of the Prophet is our enemy. Recognize the enemy."

"The hand of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) is on the back of those who work against the mischief (*fitna*) of Mirzaiyat."

"The one who considers the blasphemer (Qadiani) against the Prophet as oppressed, and his boycott cruel and unjust is out of the pale of Islam: Imam Ahle Sunnat Ahmad Raza Khan Brelvi."

"Qadianis should be declared an illegal and banned organization."

"O claimants of love and loyalty to the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), for God's sake take off the ugly cloak of hypocrisy. Let's destroy the enemies of the Prophet. Let's call for God's mercy. Let's

uproot the mischief (*fitna*) of Qadian, Let's shed our blood for the love of Muhammad (p.b.u.h.)."

The administration was informed about this on which the Special Branch Sheikhupura Region Police prepared its report and sent it to the IG Police Punjab. The police was requested to take action against those responsible.

Deteriorating situation in Rajanpur

Rajanpur, September 2020: We have reported in the past the hostile anti-Ahmadi situation in Rajanpur. Ahmadis have been facing increasing hostility there for some time. This month the opponents organized a rally on 4th September, 2020. This was held by blocking a crossing in the center of the city. Participants were holding banners with pictures of mulla Khadim Rizvi of TLP. Speakers demanded harsh sentences for blasphemers and narrated incidents of a son killing his father for blasphemy.

Opponents are trying hard to provoke the public against Ahmadis.

Anti-Ahmadiyya procession in District Nankana

Kot Dialdas, District Nankana; September 20, 2020: Opponents took out a procession here on September 20, 2020. It passed in front of Ahmadis' houses to end up in the Jamia Masjid. The participants chanted anti-Ahmadi slogans and bad-mouthed the Ahmadiyya community. In view of this situation, Ahmadis informed the police on 15, to prevent any untoward incident. The police arrived. The procession went inside the Jamia Masjid for a *Mehfil Milad* (birthday celebration of the Holy Prophet p.b.u.h.) but delivered hateful speeches against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Meanwhile, the police remained there and no further untoward development occurred.

The next day, on September 21, 2020, the mullas filed a petition with District Police Officer Nankana accusing eight Ahmadis of obstructing their celebrations and throwing stones at it. When the police inspector was contacted in this regard,

he said that the police was present outside the mosque at night at the time of the *Mehfil Milad* and there was no incident like throwing stones etc. The next day, on September 22, the police sent for both the parties and closed the matter, after making both the parties sign a peace deal.

La justice a la Punjab Police!

A hostile conference in Rabwah by KN mullas

Rabwah; September 7, 2020: Khatme Nabuwwat organization was allowed again to hold a hostile and provocative conference in Rabwah on September 7, 2020. Annual International Khatme Nabuwwat Conference was held in Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani's madrassa, situated in the Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar.

First Session

This conference was conducted in two sessions. The first session was chaired by Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, Administrator of Madrassa Usmania, Chenab Nagar. Following speakers participated in the first session:

1. *Sahibzada Khalid Mehmood Qasmi of Faisalabad*
2. *Molvi Zahid Mehmood Qasmi of Faisalabad*
3. *Molvi Shafi Shakir of Lahore*
4. *Qari Ahmad Ali Nadeem*
5. *Dr. Fareed Ahmad Paracha (JI)*
6. *Muhammad Yousaf of Sheikhupura*
7. *Molvi Quraish Khan Sulaimani of Peshawar*

In almost every way it was a replay of such conferences held in Rabwah in the past. So we shall not mention them in detail; we produce here only the English translation of the gist of mullas' speeches to show what the mullas say on these occasions:

- Qadianis presented a false report to the UK Parliament. We reject that report.
- Qadianis are purchasing land around Chenab Nagar. We should keep an eye on them.
- These people are holding important governmental posts; we should keep an eye on them.
- We should watch every move of Qadianis.

- We are going to start a campaign for *Namoos e Risalat* (Honor of Prophethood); we will not spare the adversaries of the Prophet's companions.
- Dr. Paracha of JI said that the treatment of Qadianis is the same as that of Musailma Kazzab. When our ancestors were given death penalty, people advised them to appeal against the decision but they refused, saying that this would be *Shahadat*. He added that Israel had occupied our places of worship, slaughtered our children, and Muslim countries are making friends with it.
- All the speakers used filthy language against the founder of Ahmadiyyat, and incited the participants against Ahmadis.

Second Session (9:30 p.m. to 4:15 a.m.)

The Second Session was also presided by Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani. It was attended by 400/450 participants. Following made speeches:

1. Molvi Abdul Khaliq Hazarvi
2. Molvi Muhammad Talha Farooqi of Lahore
3. Molvi Zafar Ahmad Qasmi
4. Molvi Muhammad Hafeez Chaudhry
5. Molvi Muhammad Tayyab of Faisalabad
6. Molvi Fareed Ahmad Haqqani of Lahore
7. Molvi Abdul Rauf Farooqi (JUI) of Lahore
8. Syed Abdul Razzaq of Lahore
9. Molvi Shafi Shakir of Peshawar
10. Molvi Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Chairman Ulama Council Pakistan
11. Molvi Yousaf Farooqi of Faisalabad
12. Molvi Faheem Ul Haq of Gujranwala
13. Molvi Allah Ditta Mujahid of Kasur
14. Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema, Nazim e Aala Majlis Ahrar ul Islam Pakistan

These speakers cursed Ahmadis, incited the participants against Ahmadis and used foul language against the founder of Ahmadiyyat. They also said the following:

- Stay away from Qadianis because they are the greatest mischief of the present age.
- Qadianis try to convert innocent people by luring them in different ways.
- Law applies to all. If somebody commits blasphemy, he should be punished (with death).

- Taliban got 400 men released for four American soldiers.
- India is being beaten up by China and Nepal; Pakistan will join them soon.
- Pakistan will not accept Israel in any case.
- A group of Deobandi ulama has done a great job against Shias. All of us should join them. We know of their tiffs with Hazrat Umar. Hazrat Umar to Ameer Muawia, all are being abused, including Abu Sufyan. We will not tolerate it.
- Hazrat Abu Bakar started the Khatme Nabuwat movement, and Molvi Shabbir Usmani is continuing it.
- Shias tried to sabotage us. We will make a strategy for the *Sahaba* (the Companions) and *Ahle Bait* (the Family of the Holy Prophet).
- Qadianis! go wherever you want to, but we'll continue to pursue you to show that there is no hiding place for you anywhere (in the world).
- Molvi Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Chairman Ulama Council Pakistan said that the enemy is attacking the companions of Holy Prophet and his *Ahle Bait*. He is trying to turn this country into Syria and Iraq, but ulama will not allow him do so. People who bark at Hazrat Umar are infidels and agents of India. We demand government of Pakistan to punish the enemies of *Sahaba*.
- Molvi Abdul Latif Khalid, *Nazim e Aala* of Majlis Ahrar e Islam Pakistan invited Qadianis to the fold of the Holy Prophet to save themselves. He told them to accept either Islam or their minority status. He added that whether it is denier of prophethood or denier of *Sahaba*, we are fed-up of both.

Resolutions

Resolutions to the following effect were moved and passed at this rally:

- Qadiani conspiracy to annul the law on end of prophethood (*Tahaffuz e Khatme Nabuwat*) and the blasphemy (*Tahaffuz e Namooos e Risalat*) is at its peak. This gathering demands government to explore the national and international conspiracies against these laws.
- This gathering condemns the burning of Quran incidents in Sweden and Norway as well as the

expected publication of insulting cartoons in France. This gathering demands the international community to stop this.

- This gathering condemns the recent incidents of insulting the companions of the Prophet and other respected personalities.
- This gathering rejects the demands of the US Commission for Religious Freedom and British parliamentarians for ending blasphemy laws, granting religious freedom to Qadianis, and allowing their publications.
- This gathering rejects the acceptance of Israel by UAE and Kosovo.
- This gathering supports *Tahaffuz e Bunyaad e Islam* Bill. This law should be enforced countrywide.
- This gathering condemns inhuman treatment of Kashmiris by the Indian forces.
- This gathering pays tribute to Pak Army and COAS Qamar Bajwa.
- This gathering supports the ongoing operation *Rad-ul-Fasad* in the country and pays tribute to the martyrs.
- This gathering shows grave concern over increasing activities of Qadianis in the country. Government should take strict notice of unconstitutional activities of Qadianis. They should be made to abide by the country's constitution.
- This gathering demands the government to include *Khatme Nabuwat* in school syllabi.
- Increasingly violent activities of Qadianis in Chenab Nagar should not be tolerated.
- There should be an addition of religion column in the computerized ID card, or the color of ID card for Muslims should be different.
- Government should ban the Ahmadiyya television (MTA).
- *Sharia* punishment of apostasy (death) should be implemented as per the recommendation of Islamic Ideology Council.
- All endowments of every religious minority are under direct control of government except the Qadianis'; their endowments should be taken over by the government.

- Residents of Chenab Nagar should be given ownership rights.
- Jihad is the moto of Pak Army; so Qadianis should not be commissioned as officers.
- Qadianis should be removed from key posts in every department.
- Notice should be taken of the unlawful judiciary of Qadianis in Chenab Nagar; it is like state within a state.
- Every militant organization is banned in the country whereas the Qadiani militant organization *Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya* is not. They should be banned forthwith, and their assets should be confiscated by the government.
- Qadianis should be stopped immediately from using the name of Islam.
- 7th September should be observed as national holiday in memory of 1974 Assembly's decision.

Last, but not least; this is what went on here in earlier years as well during the rules of PML (N) and PPP. Where is the much-trumpeted *Tabdeeli* (change) promised by PTI?

Mentally upset Ahmadi youth dragged into forced conversion

Chak 10/63 Munshiwala, District Nankana;

August 9, 2020: A youth Saim Riaz was taken to the local non-Ahmadi mosque on the night of August 9. There he confessed to become a non-Ahmadi. The boy came back to his house and started crying that he had made a mistake. Non-Ahmadis posted his photos on Facebook. The boy's father informed the president of the local Ahmadiyya community, who came over and saw the boy sitting on the ground crying. "I have made a mistake, save me", he said. The next day the police visited his house and took the boy's statement. He said in his statement that he adhered to his parents' faith. Two days later the police took his statement again on the phone and he again confirmed his Ahmadiyya identity. At this the police were satisfied and said, "If someone bothers you, let us know." This boy is a little mentally upset; but remains an Ahmadi.

Opposition was already there in the village, but it has intensified since this incident. Anti-Ahmadi pamphlets have been distributed in the village stating that "Qadianis are traitors to both Islam and the country. There is not the slightest doubt that Mirzais are working with Jews to paralyze Pakistan's nuclear program and our technological advancement."

Ahmadis are exercising caution and restraint.

Ahmadi lady teacher at risk in Peshawar

Hayatabad, Peshawar; September 20, 2020: Mrs. Najia Ahmad, an Ahmadi resident of Hayatabad, Peshawar, is a teacher at a government girls' school in village Tehkal Bala, Peshawar. Local mullas have spoken out against her in public. On September 20, 2020, the police came to her house and stopped her from going to school for safety reasons. The police sources said that they were writing to the education department to transfer her to a school in Hayatabad. The police told her to be cautious and gave her their phone number to call in emergency.

Earlier, the same happened to another Ahmadi, Qazi Tariq Ahmad, teacher at Higher Secondary School, Tehkal. The police had security concerns for him. The local mullas indulged in hate speech against him too.

Anti-Ahmadi activism in PPP's Sindh



Mirpur Khas, Sindh; September 2020: For some time Mirpur Khas has been hotbed of anti-Ahmadi activities. Miscreants in Nau Kot area especially feel free to do what

they like in this context.

A few days ago, a businessman involved in the contract of the fruit garden in Nusrat Abad Estate was on his way to the village. Two armed highwaymen stopped him and made inquiries. He introduced himself. "We were expecting a Qadiani to pass this way and were waiting for him," they explained, and let him go.

On September 27, Mr. Mansur Ahmad, president of the Nusrat Abad Ahmadi community was returning home after attending a funeral, when a few miscreants placed their motor cycle in front of his jeep and attempted an altercation. They called him a *Qadiani Kafir* and threatened him. In the meantime, two Ahmadi youth riding a rickshaw arrived from the direction of Nafees Nagar. They stopped and intervened to rescue their president.

Why should Pakistan follow Sudan's steps!

Through Twitter, on September 12, 2020: Subsequent to a big news from Sudan that the future constitution of Sudan will be guided by the principle of separation between religion and the state, one Mr. MA Tahir in Germany disseminated an op-ed, of the above title, on social media. Although the founding father of Pakistan, categorically stated that "**You may belong to any religion or caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of the state**", the right wing and religious bigots in politics here take the line that a lot of water has flowed under the bridge since then, and it is no longer possible to reverse course from the present theocratic heading of the state. But if a country like Sudan can do it, why not Pakistan? The op-ed is reproduced at Annex to this report.

Ahmadi teacher faces stark discrimination

Peshawar, September 2020: Qazi Tariq Ahmad, an Ahmadi, was appointed as senior teacher in Higher Secondary School Tehkaal, Peshawar. The Covid-19 lockdown kept him at home. The

principal displayed prejudice against him from the day one. Anyway, on third day of the school opening, the principal sent for Mr. Ahmad, from where he was escorted by a heavy contingent of police to the police station. When asked, the police intimated that he was in serious danger for his faith, and advised him great caution. He was thereafter driven home.

Mr. Ahmad has been facing hostility for some time. Opponents spoke out against him at a rally in the area and incited the crowd. A mulla Mufti Akbar Ali is leading this hate campaign. He has uploaded videos against Mr. Ahmad on his Facebook account as well.

Mr. Ahmad loves to teach, so he got this post with great effort in lieu of an office job. But the prevailing religious intolerance seems to be overwhelming.

“Ahmadiyya is a wounded snake; its head should be crushed”

Chiniot, September 10, 2020: Addressing the 15th Annual End of Prophethood Conference under the auspices of All Pakistan Lawyers Forum, Malik Rabb Nawaz, Advocate said the following:

- Ten thousand persons laid down their lives in 1953 as sacrifice to protect the end of prophethood. Earlier the Companions, in the battle of Yamama, put their seal on this belief with their lives.
- According to Justice Khawaja Muhammad Ahmad Samdani the Rabwah incident of May 29, 1974 was the result of Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya’s terrorism. It is unfortunate that no government has so far acted on the recommendations made in the report of the commission headed by him.
- Ever since the Ahamdis were declared non-Muslim by the parliament of Pakistan, the US, UK in particular, Israel and India in general have been constantly interfering in the integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan, and a vicious campaign has been launched in the name of

human rights that the Qadiani and Lahori groups be restored to their former status. Anjuman Ahmadiyya should be banned for acting traitor to the country.

- He demanded that NAB chief Justice (retd) Javed Iqbal look into the sale deed of Rabwah land to Ahmadi in 1949, and reverse it. He demanded that the boundaries of Chenab Nagar be demarcated to know how much area is occupied by Jamaat Ahmadiyya.
- He wondered that the U.S. is oblivious of the plight of Muslims in Kashmir, Palestine, Eritrea, Cyprus, Bosnia, Philippines, Rangoon, India, Myanmar, but raises voice in support of Qadianis and Lahories.
- Jamaat Ahmadiyya is a wounded snake; its head should be crushed.

The above spiteful concluding remark of Advocate Nawaz is expressive of his commitment to anti-Ahmadiyya stance. He has learnt from his ‘spiritual’ mentors that lies and falsehood in support of faith are not only permitted, but at times even mandatory (*wajib*). We, make brief comments on his remarks.

- The number of people who died during the 1953 anti-Ahmadi riots, at the hand of law-enforcing agencies was 37, according to the high level judicial inquiry — rather than 10,000 as quoted by Nawaz.
- In the battle of Yamama, the issue was not End of Prophethood, but armed revolt against the nascent Islamic state of Medina. This is the scholarly historic finding.
- The mention that Justice Samdani came to the conclusion that the Rabwah incident in 1974 “was the result of Jamaat Ahmadiyya’s terrorism,” is a pure lie.
- It is true that human rights activists and organizations have been pointing out the plight of Ahmadi in Pakistan. It is their job.
- NAB is welcome to demarcate the boundaries of Rabwah. The government of Punjab has done it repeatedly.

- Jamaat Ahmadiyya is not a wounded snake. The Jamaat's motto was, and remains: Love for All, Hatred for None. Nawaz thinks that Ahmadiyya leadership thinks and reacts the way he does. It does not.

This conference held in the Municipal Committee Hall, Chiniot was presided over by Qari Muhammad Yameen Gohar Chinioti, and the recitation of the Holy Quran was done by Qari Hassan Muawiyah (brother of special representative of the Prime Minister).

False report against and harassment of Ahmadis through police

Chianwali, District Gujranwala: Mr. Arif Shah, an office-bearer of the local Ahle-Sunnat forwarded an accusation to the police against Ahmadi community officials in Chianwali accusing them falsely and spuriously of the following: 1. Ahmadis openly proselytize, 2. They pay people cash or advance them loans to convert to Ahmadiyya, 3. Mr. Shaukat Bhatti's house is the preaching centre, 4. I am the administrator of the big mosque and both I and the Imam of the mosque were told to stop teaching *Khatme Nabuwat* or face death etc, 5. As such, an FIR should be registered against i. Mr. Jamil Ahmad Bhatti, the Ahmadi president, ii. Shaukat Bhatti, Secretary iii. G Mohiuddin, Secretary Finance, iv. Mr. Hidayat Cheema and v. Akhtar Rabbani (*These last two are non-Ahmadis, but friends of Ahmadis*), 6. All these should be punished duly.

The accusations are, of course, *malafide* and rubbish.

The police sent for both the parties on September 22, 2020. Ahmadis denied the accusations.

The police investigation goes on.

More incidents in District Gujranwala

District Gujranwala; September 2020: Short-sighted administrators and policemen think that

by yielding to the mulla, they can overcome sectarian problems, but they fail to realize that the mulla's list is long, and he is ever ready to add to it. Elsewhere in this report, we have mentioned police handling of anti-Ahmadi incidents in District Gujranwala. Here we narrate a few others to show that the encouraged mulla is active to add more such events to his credit.

Mr. Nasir Ahmad, Ahmadi, in Rahwali was asked by his next door shop-keeper Mr. Asim Cheema to come over to him.

Cheema told Ahmad that there was a *Darud Sharif* sticker on the latter's window; he should remove it as the law did not permit him to have it (sic). "I've not put it up myself; it was there when I rented the shop. I am not going to remove it. You may do it if you bring yourself to it," replied Ahmad. And surely enough, Cheema undertook the wrongdoing.

Asim Cheema, who is the local president of the notorious TLP, walked over to the shop of Mr. Ghulam Abbas, another Ahmadi on September 23. Cheema told him that his house frontage had a tile with *Mashallah (Dei gratia)* written on it; remove it as Qadianis are not allowed to put it up.

Mr. Muhammad Akram, another Ahmadi is resident in the same street. He is a painter by profession. His house has the same inscription. Cheema interrupted him as well and told him to remove the inscription. "If you do not do that, people will assemble, and there would be unrest," he threatened.

Numerous other Ahmadis have religious inscriptions on their houses. These form a part of their belief system. But the mulla finds in that an excuse to deny Ahmadis freedom of their faith. The police finds it convenient and facile to support the bigots.

Now, a demand against a separate Ahmadiyya graveyard

161 Murad; District Bahawalpur, September 2020: Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis had a joint graveyard here — till 2007. In response to

hostilities by mullas, Ahmadis provided themselves a separate graveyard on land donated by a local Ahmadi, Mr. Maqbool Ahmad.

A few days back, opponents filed a complaint with authorities that Ahmadis had written Quranic verses on the gravestones, which hurts the sentiments of Muslims; these should be removed. In response, SHO PS Saddar, Hasilpur and the local police inspector visited the spot. They talked to non-Ahmadis of the area but didn't bother to talk to *others*, the Ahmadis.

Ahmadis of the area feel insecure after this, because defiling of Ahmadis' graves is popular with the opponents this year. Three major incidents were reported this year in which over a hundred gravestones were demolished by authorities in the Punjab.

Ahmadi deceased deprived of burial in common graveyard

District Sheikhpura, September 18, 2020: Haji Muhammad Siddique of Ransi joined the Ahmadi community two years ago after due research. His family belongs to the *Ahle Hadith* school of belief. So Mr. Siddique, faced severe opposition.

A month ago, Mr. Siddique was diagnosed with liver cancer. During his illness, his relatives tried hard that he disassociates himself from Ahmadiyyat, but he remained firm. Mr. Siddique made a will that if his body could not be buried in the village graveyard, he should be buried in his own farm land.

Mr. Siddique died on 18th September 2020. A grave was dug in the village graveyard to bury him but the opponents opposed his burial. The police tried to facilitate his burial, but to no avail. In view of the circumstances, he was buried on his own farm land.

Police, a willing tool in the hands of religious bigots

Layyah; September 2020: Mr. Javed Akbar Kalasra, a right-wing journalist from Layyah visited Ahmadiyya graves in villages 170, 171, 172 TDA, prepared a video and reported to the

police. The police SHO of P.S. Pir Jagi sent for the Ahmadi president of 170 TDA and told him to efface Arabic inscriptions from the graves, in the interest of 'law and order'. Police, all over the Punjab, finds this a very convenient way to handle this problem; most of them do not know or do not want to know that the Constitution guarantees Ahmadi citizens equal human rights and freedom of faith.

Ahmadis told the SHO that they would not efface the inscription nor would they allow their opponents do that.

Ten days later Ahmadis met the Security Incharge, who understood the Ahmadiyya stand, and issued some instructions.

Thereafter Ahmadis met the DPO himself. He posed to be unaware of the problem, but pointed out the two minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque and told Ahmadis to remove them. Ahmadis told the DPO that they were building no minarets; the mosque was built in 1952. Ahmadis will not raze the minarets. Non-Ahmadis who live in the vicinity have no objection to those. Similarly, Ahmadis shall not erase the *Kalima*, their conscience would not let them undertake the enormity.

At this, the DPO closed the meeting.

Ahmadis threatened in Karachi

Karachi; September 2020: Mr. Saadat Ahmad Zafar and his brother Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Mubashir live in Drigh Colony, Karachi. Some time ago, some youths of the Sunni Tahrik told the sons of their landlord to get the house vacated of Qadianis or they would evict them from there. They were told to mind their own business. They even exchanged harsh words. Later one day, Mubarak Ahmad's son was going home when the boys told him, "You are laughing now. You will know when your screams come out tomorrow." The police were informed of the incidents.

On September 11, a suspicious man on a motorcycle came to Bait ur Raheem (an Ahmadiyya worship place) and made suspicious moves. The same man had come on August 31, and asked Ahmadi youths on duty about the

Ahmadiyya office. When the man came again, the Ahmadi youths on duty informed the police. The police arrived and questioned him. He said he had come to the hospital with his relative, but when he was taken to the hospital, he could not identify any relative. The police then took him to the police station where he stated that he had come to see how Qadianis pray. The police were not satisfied with his statement and detained him at the police station for further investigation.

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 Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Two days later Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for 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 12th 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.
On September 29, 2020 Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, Malik Zahir Ahmad, Imran Ahmad Virk and Mudassir Ahmad were also arrested in this case.
6. 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.
7. Mr. Haq ul Mubeen, an Ahmadi, was booked under anti-Ahmadiyya PPC 298-C

with FIR Nr. 2637 at police station Shahdara, Lahore on September 2, 2020. He was arrested.

8. 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 sentence of death, on September 10, 2020 with FIR Nr. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. The police traced Mr. Abdul Majeed to his place of refuge, raided it on 13.09.2020 at 03:00 and arrested him.
9. Mr. Sharafat Ahmad, Mr. Akbar Ali and Mr. Tahir Naqash were booked under PPCs 298-B and 298-C at police station Mangatanwala, District Nankana on May 2, 2020. The Lahore High Court rejected their application for pre-arrest bail on October 2, 2020. They were arrested in the courtroom and sent to Sheikhpura Jail.
10. Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Naseem Ahmad, Dr. Shahid Iqbal, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Qamar, Mr. Fazal Ahmad and Ms. Bushra Talib were booked under PPCs 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C, 506-B with FIR Nr. 325 at police station Rajan Pur on July 23, 2020. Dr. Shahid Iqbal had been granted bail till September 15, 2020. However, when he presented himself to the Multan Bench of LHC on October 1, 2020 for confirmation of the bail, his plea was refused. Dr. Iqbal was arrested there and then, and was shifted to Rajanpur Jail.

Note: The above is the largest number of Ahmadis behind bars for their faith, as compared to any time during the past fifteen years. Three cheers for the pseudo liberals and seculars of the ruling PTI!

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Op-ed: Home-made bomb of the Punjab Assembly

... The way the *Tahaffuz Bunyade Islam* (TBI) Bill was messed about (*Mazaq hua*) before and after its passage, gives a pretty good idea of the level of men who are tasked with the sensitive task of legislating that affects millions of lives.

This is the incident that came to light; who knows that till now, our parliament and assemblies have passed how many bills that were read only by their sponsors and drafters....

Am I to understand that Punjab Assembly, in particular, is in the grip of such children who are tossing around like a ball, the home-made bomb of their authority to legislate?

Wusatulla Khan in Jahde Haq of September 2020

Why Should Pakistan Follow Sudan's Steps!

Mathar Ahmad Tahir (Germany)

Sudan has finally taken the road to secularism. The newly signed contract between the country's transitional government led by Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and Abdel-Aziz al-Hilu, the leader of the Sudan's People Liberation Movement, states categorically that the constitution of Sudan will be guided by the principle of separation between religion and the state.

Ravaged by decades of warfare, the accord promises a shining future for Sudan as it ensures fair treatment free of discrimination for all citizens.

Given the 30-year-long dictatorship of Omar Al-Bashir, this is indeed a huge step forward for Sudan.

The agreement between Sudanese government and SPLM has an important lesson for the rest of the Muslim-dominated countries of the world.

However Pakistan, the nuclear-armed Islamic Republic in South Asia, has the most to learn from Sudan's experience.

Just like Sudan, Pakistan also has a history of brutal military dictatorships who have enforced strict Islamic laws and sentences.

Over decades, Pakistan has continued to trap deeper and deeper into the quagmire of religious radicalism. As the Pakistani state introduced rigorous religious laws, the sufferings of citizens belonging to minority groups intensified.

Violence and religious dogmatism are the hallmark of today's Pakistan. The ruling elite of the country has mastered the art of exploiting these tools to perpetuate their hold over power and resources.

As soon as one questions either dogma or violence, the vicious circle begins.

Religious dogmatism is brought to justify the state's violent atrocities. And when the religious dogma is called into question, the state legitimizes violence to punish the dissidents, thereby enforcing the religious dogma with even greater ferocity.

Consequently, Pakistan in 2020 is facing severe problems on internal and external fronts. The society is massively divided as more and more citizens, particularly the country's youth, are losing hope.

Secularism is the only way forward for Pakistan.

Secularism, because it ensures that all citizens are treated justly and their fundamental human rights are duly protected. Pakistan needs justice the most. The constantly intensifying social, economic, religious, political, ethnic, and gender discrimination can only be eradicated by the implementation of a secular law.

What Pakistan needs is an environment free of violence and full of safety for every citizen. Let us not forget that the strength of a state comes from the loyalty of citizens. And to win citizens' loyalty, the state must protect their rights and provide them with liberal economic and social opportunities to enjoy a secure and happy life. This can only be achieved under a secular constitution.

Sudan appears to have understood this. Let's hope that Sudan turns out to be a successful example for the rest of Muslim-dominated nations of the world to follow.