

PERSECUTION OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

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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

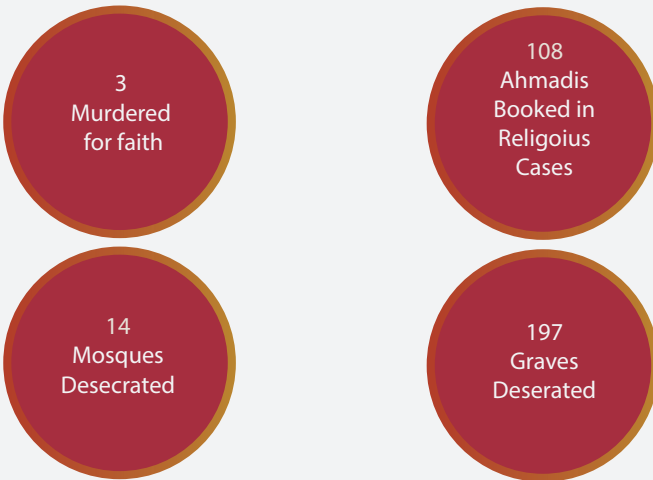
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Highlights

FROM 1984* TILL DEC 31, 2022



DURING 2022



DURING THE YEAR 2023

- One Ahmadi brutally murdered on religious grounds.
- Ahmadi lawyer critically injured in a cleaver attack and another senior Ahmadi advocate beaten up and arrested under blasphemy clauses for having 'Syed' in his name.
- Ahmadi leader arrested from the headquarters of Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan.
- Ahmadi arrested for listening to the Holy Quran, another Ahmadi leader booked under blasphemy clause.
- 10 Ahmadi's arrested and 9 Ahmadi's booked in religious cases during Aug. 15 Ahmadi's booked during May and 26 Ahmadi's booked in Jun along with 7 arrests. One Ahmadi elder arrested in Jul.
- 32 Ahmadiyya Mosques attacked, minarets destroyed by the Police or unknown assailants.
- Burial of 3 Ahmadi's denied in a common cemetery in Jan, Jul and Aug. 93 gravestones destroyed. 74 of them destroyed in September 2023.
- Sacred inscriptions removed from three Ahmadi houses.
- Two Ahmadi students expelled from school. The principal of another college asked two other students not to come to the college to avoid harm.

During the month, a staggering 12 Ahmadiyya mosques were targeted, with some attacks conducted by the police and others by unknown assailants. This escalation in mosque attacks is deeply troubling, particularly as it has pushed the total number of such incidents for the year to 32, more than double the combined count of the preceding two years.

Workplace discrimination against Ahmadi's remains a pervasive issue. In September, the names 'Muhammad' and 'Ahmad,' were erased from a law chamber, signalling a disturbing act of prejudice. Teachers identified as Ahmadi's encounter similar biases. Additionally, Ahmadi students in a college faced severe opposition from their peers, prompting the principal to contact parents and urge them to withdraw their children for their safety.

Another alarming development is the unbridled freedom afforded to anti-Ahmadi elements to hold rallies and conferences against the peaceful Ahmadiyya Muslim community, complete with hate speech and offensive language. One such large conference was held at the Ahmadiyya headquarters. This tolerance for hate propagators undermines freedom of speech and perpetuates discrimination against Ahmadi's, leaving them vulnerable and unheard.

The Pakistani government must take immediate, concrete steps to ensure the rights and safety of Ahmadi's. The international community and civil society organizations should add their voices in solidarity, applying diplomatic pressure to uphold the principles of justice, tolerance, and religious freedom.

* SINCE THE PROMULGATION OF ORDINANCE XX

74 AHMADIYYA GRAVESTONES DEMOLISHED BY PUNJAB POLICE



PR of IHRC; September 23, 2023:

International Human Rights Committee issued the following press release on September 23, 2023:

IHRC/IR/230923/6
23 Sep 2023
INCIDENT REPORT

GRAVESTONES OF SIR ZAFRULLAH KHAN'S FAMILY SMASHED BY PAKISTANI POLICE IN DASKA KALAN, SIALKOT

IHRC has reported several times that a wave of bigotry against Ahmadiyya Muslims has intensified since the start of 2023.

In a deeply disturbing incident carried out on the night of 22nd September 2023, Pakistan police conspired with radical clerics to destroy 74 gravestones in Daska Kalan, Sialkot.

The tombstones included relatives of Pakistan's first foreign minister Sir Zafrullah Khan who served as the president of the United Nations and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the 1960s and 70s. In this way, Pakistani authorities not only disregard their own history but disrespect the living and the dead. Indeed, Ahmadi Muslims and their families are not safe even in death.

The area's Assistant Commissioner and his staff led the desecration of the Ahmadiyya graveyard alongside police forces who, acting illegally, cordoned off the nearby streets and taking advantage of the darkness carried out this despicable act.

They made sure that no Ahmadi was near the graveyard while this act was being carried out. After committing the desecration, the authorities took away the debris. The aftermath can be seen in this online video.

Unfortunately, the persecution against Ahmadis has ramped up as of late, as the IHRC has reported almost daily incidents against the minority group. Graveyard vandalism has been a favoured tactic of the Anti-Ahmadi elements in Pakistan for years. This shameful tactic means Ahmadis are not free from persecution even after their death.

Intolerance and hatred towards Ahmadis in Pakistan is nothing new, rather it has a history spread over decades which is gaining momentum day by day under State supervision. Systematic marginalisation of Ahmadis in all walks of life because of their religious beliefs is not considered condemnable and Ahmadis are being treated as such a class which has no basic human rights.

This must be stopped at all costs and the perpetrators brought to justice immediately. Unfortunately, there is no simple solution as the government and authorities encourage this behavior. They must be discouraged from using cheap tactics to achieve political gain.

IHRC has continuously raised our voice since many months over attacks on Ahmadiyya Muslims places of worship and graves. Attacks on their members have intensified. Most have come to light through social media and International NGOs.

We once again strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan the need to discharge any absurd cases against Ahmadis and release all held in custody and thus honor its responsibility to provide effective protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and ensure that perpetrators of such vicious actions should be brought to justice, to bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20 and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, 18, and 20, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.

END

The daily Friday Times reported another related incident on <https://thefridaytimes.com/22-Sep-2023/tlp-activists-demand-demolition-of-place-of-worship-built-by-pakistan-s-first-foreign-minister>:

TLP Activists Demand Demolition of Place of Worship Built by Pakistan's First Foreign Minister

Main Slider, News
September 22, 2023

Scores of people turned up for a large rally in Daska, Sialkot, on Friday, which had been staged by the politico-religious party Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) against places of worship of the Ahmadiyya Community.

The place of worship in question was built by Pakistan's first foreign minister and an integral member of the Pakistan Movement, Sir Zafar

rullah Khan, prior to Partition.

The rally was staged after TLP made a public announcement in this regard on Thursday, posting banners across the city.

Videos posted on social media showed a large rally walking through the city while blaring slogans and naat from their loudspeakers.

While it was unclear whether they had attacked the place of worship, there were reports that an Ahmadi graveyard had been vandalised.

Saleemud Din, a spokesperson for the Jamat Ahmadiyya Pakistan (JAP) in a message said that the district administration and police cordoned off the graveyard and proceeded to demolish the 74 tombstones before loading the debris and broken epitaphs and fleeing.

Earlier, the TLP filed a complaint with the Daska police, demanding action against the administration of the place of worship. The police, however, suggested the party take up the matter with the district administration and the relevant assistant commissioner as the issue fell under their purview.

The TLP, however, directed its followers to take the law into their hands and "decide the issue".

The minarets atop the building in question are barely visible, while there is no signage that identifies it as a mosque or a worship place. It is located adjacent to Sir Zafarullah Khan's ancestral residence in Daska.

Sialkot District Police Officer Hassan Iqbal told Dawn that they had increased security around the building and were embroiled in negotiations for a peaceful outcome.

Can't demolish pre-1984 places of worship
A verdict issued by the Lahore High Court early this month stated that the link between minarets as an identifying feature for Mosques and Islam is not clear. Further, it said that those structures which were built prior to the introduction of the law in 1984 cannot be subject to the law.

The law has been cited by the Ahmadiyya Community several times since as police continued to demolish minarets and other identifying marks outside and inside Ahmadi places

of worship. However, it has had little impact on extremists and members of TLP, who continue to target Ahmadi places of worship in a worrying wave of violence.

POLICE DEMOLISH MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE, DESPITE PROTEST BY LOCALS



Kirto, District Sheikhpura; September, 2023:

Tehreek e Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) demanded the police to demolish the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque here. Around 50 of local villagers belonging to Ahle Sunnat and Shia community, testified on stamp-paper that people of all religious identities including Ahmadis live peacefully in the village in religious harmony. They added that the Ahmadiyya mosque was built in 1963, long before the anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance of 1984 and they had no objection to the architectural features of the building. The authorities should refrain from demolishing the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque and thereby not harm their sentiments, they requested in their application.

On September 20, nine local senior representatives met the RPO and submitted the above-mentioned stamp paper as request. He phoned DPO Sheikhpura and told him that these people would visit him and he should listen carefully to their issues. The above-mentioned representatives then had a meeting with the DPO and informed him of the whole situation. Upon this, the DPO replied that if the locals had no objection, there was no need for any action.

On September 21, around 50-60 miscreants of TLP went to the local elderly and asked him to stop helping Ahmadis. They suggested that it seemed he himself had become an Ahmadi. The old man did not entertain them and replied that they had no religious pact with Ahmadis, except a treaty of peace. This did not satisfy the hate-mongers and they left chanting anti-Ahmadiyya slogans as they passed by the Ahmadiyya mosque. Some decent non-Ahmadis were there to provide security to the mosque. The mob did not stop at this but went to the farmhouse of former Chairman. They tried to convince him to stop supporting Ahmadis. He scolded them and said that he could not do so as these people want to disrupt the peace of the village. He told them to not show up again in the village. The mob left dejected.

On September 23, the DPO called for the Ahmadiyya delegation and told them that this issue had been highlighted on social media. He further told them that according to the situation, the Ahmadis' non-compliance would start riots all over the country. He said that it was up to Ahmadis whether they wanted to get their whole mosque demolished or just destroy its minarets. He said that one of the above actions has become inevitable. The Ahmadi delegation, shocked on this unjust proposal,

clarified that they are peaceful citizens and the miscreants who were committing such activities to disrupt peace are the ones who had to be stopped. The DPO said that the police was required to act. So, after the evening prayer, a police contingent arrived from Narang Mandi who initially stated that they were only there to provide security. Later around 9:30, some policemen along with the SHO came and destroyed the upper portions of the minarets with sledgehammers and told the Ahmadis to cover the rest.

The TLP left no stone unturned in hatred towards Ahmadis. The police, despite of a writ-

ten statement from the locals, seemed helpless facing the TLP activists and committed this enormity on their behest. This is another incident where the police yielded in front of the unlawful request of religious bigots and failed to provide security to the religious property of its citizens—which is a fundamental right. It has become a routine that the extremists use mobs to threaten the authorities to get their unlawful demands implemented. They almost everytime receive compliance. This SOP got going in Imran regime, was followed during the Parvez Elahi time in the Punjab, and is kept in vogue by the ‘caretakers’.

NICHE AND MINARETS OF THE AHMADIYYA WORSHIP PLACE DEMOLISHED BY POLICE

Shahdhras town, District Lahore; September 9, 2023:

The police broke the niche and minarets of the Ahmadiyya worship place here.

A group of clerics, accompanied by policemen, came along and demanded demolition of the niche. The police was referred to the recent decision of the Lahore High Court by Ahmadis and told that the High Court has ruled that any alteration in the building of Ahmadiyya worship places built before 1984 is prohibited. This worship place was built back in 1947.

However, the police insisted that the niche will have to be demolished to control the crowd and maintain public order. After some discussion, it was decided to build a wall around the niche to protect it. When laborers were brought in to build the wall, the clerics created a barrier and insisted on breaking the niche. Thereafter the police closed the street from both sides, and with the help of some laborers, demolished the niche and minarets, which were already covered with a wall. A viral video of the incident clearly shows that the police was supervising the operation.



AHMADIYYA HALL ATTACKED AGAIN THIS YEAR



Karachi; September 04, 2023:

A violent mob broke the minarets, vandalized the Ahmadiyya worship place, and raised inciting slogans against Ahmadis in Saddar area of this provincial capital. Some of them even beat up Ahmadis at the place of worship. This is the second time that the TLP extremists attacked this place of worship during this year. The Friday Times published the following story on <https://thefridaytimes.com/04-Sep-2023/mob-demolishes-minarets-of-ahmadi-place-of-worship-in-karachi>:

Mob Demolishes Minarets Of Ahmadi Place Of Worship In Karachi

September 4, 2023

A mob stormed an Ahmadi place of worship in Karachi's main business district on Monday afternoon and demolished its minarets.

Later, police apprehended and booked three suspects.

Mobs gathered in the Magazine Line, Saddar in Karachi on Monday afternoon shortly after the Zuhr prayers. They stormed the Ahmadi place of worship called Ahmadiyya Hall located in Magazine Line, Saddar.

Armed with hammers, at least four men climbed to the top of the structure where minarets were erected and destroyed them.

Meanwhile, in the narrow street below, a mob gathered on either side, blocking the street, and chanted slogans of Khatam-e-Nabuwat.

The mob then dispersed only to gather outside the worship place a short while later in greater numbers.

Local journalist Arshad Yousafzai said that the Ahmadi place of worship was located just a few streets away from the Preedy Police Station in Saddar, but no police officers could be seen on site.

The police did appear when the mobs reappeared and arrested some people.

Later, Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab, who had studied at the nearby BVS Parsi High School, stated that three people had been apprehended while police was taking further action.

Yousafzai said that this was the second time the place of worship had been attacked

this year. The first attack came on February 3, 2023, when a group of men barged into the worship place and demolished minarets.

A representative of the Ahmadiyya Community stated that the mob also vandalized the place of worship apart from the destruction of the minarets and beat up innocent Ahmadis inside the worship place. He also confirmed that this was the second time the site had been attacked this year.

Destroying Minarets On Worship Place: Ahmadi Community Expresses Concern Over Nexus Between Extremists, Police

“Ahmadiyya community’s place of worship was vandalized by extremists in Karachi today, just mere weeks after the tragic Jaranwala incident,” the representative added, noting that Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaarul Haq Kakar had promised that the state would stand with

the oppressed yet the state was no where to be seen.

“Prime Minister Kakar you said the state will be with the oppressed. It’s time to make good on your word and send a strong signal to everyone that Pakistan stands with its vulnerable communities.”

The representative added that the worship place had been attacked earlier this year in February and an FIR was registered but the culprits were let go of. “If prompt action was taken back then, today’s attack could have been deterred,” the representative added.

“Extremely sad how mobs using religion as an excuse for their bigotry are damaging our beloved country’s image.”

He added that this was the second time this year the place of worship had been attacked. The first attack came on February 3, 2023, when a group of men had barged into the worship place and demolished minarets.

ANOTHER AHMADIYYA WORSHIP PLACE VANDALIZED IN KARACHI

PR of IHRC; September 27, 2023:

International Human Rights Committee issued the following press release on September 27, 2023:

IHRC/IR/220923/5
22 Sep 2023
INCIDENT REPORT

AHMADI MOSQUE IN KARACHI, PAKISTAN VANDALISED AGAIN, POLICE IDLE WHILE ASSAILANTS AT LARGE

IHRC has reported several times that a wave of bigotry against Ahmadiyya Muslims has in-

tensified since the start of 2023. In an extremely worrying sign of growing crisis in Pakistan, more than thirty-one (31) Ahmadiyya Mosques have been desecrated in 2023.

On Sep 21st, 2023, in yet another unprovoked and violent episode, a group of extremists attacked an Ahmadiyya Muslim mosque in Karachi.

According to IHRC sources around 12.30 in the afternoon around 15-20 assailants arrived at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Martin Road and out of them one assailant entered the mosque while using a ladder and he opened the main gate so that the other assail-



ants could enter the premises of the mosque. In this video¹ the assailants can be seen entering and attacking the mosque.

Windows were smashed, doors broken down and lights, tables, and chairs damaged. Pictures of the holy personages of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community were also vandalised. The attackers took some of the things and the documents with them from the Ahmadiyya Muslim mosque.

This is the 5th such attack on an Ahmadiyya mosque in Karachi in the last 9 months. On 18th Jan 2023 about 8-10 men desecrated the minarets and vandalised the Mosque. No arrest was made despite cases being registered at the Jamshaid Quarters Police Station under FIR No. 29/23. Had the earlier assailants been apprehended, these recent attacks could have been prevented.

The situation is becoming more dangerous for the already marginalised Ahmadiyya Muslims in Pakistan, as they are facing persecution at the hands of extremist elements and by the police. The acts of desecrating the minarets of the places of worship in various areas of Pakistan continue unabated. It is a new norm, and the authorities have closed their eyes.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan's judgement (PLD 2014 SC 699), authored by the then Chief Justice of Pakistan, Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, guarantees the protection of all places of worship and instructs the police to protect places of worship. Destroying minarets is also a violation of Article 20 and the same Supreme Court verdict of 2014 (PLD 2014 SC 699).

The same Supreme Court judgement of 2014 (PLD 2014 SC 699) had asked the Government of Pakistan to form a special task force for the protection of worship places of minorities. On the contrary, an extremist agenda sponsored by the state is being pursued against the Ahmadiyya community with authorities encouraging this type of violent behaviour which defies this Supreme Court judgement of 2014 (PLD 2014 SC 699) and all norms of religious sanctimony.

Human rights groups have repeatedly expressed their deep concern over the lack of attention to the serious human rights violations perpetrated against the Ahmadiyya community around the world and called on the international community to step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis.

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

We once again urge the international community to pressure the Government of Pakistan to honor its responsibility to provide protection to all its citizens, ensure freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and bring perpetrators of such vicious attacks to justice. The Government of Pakistan must also bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26.



POLICE DEMOLISH THE MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA WORSHIP PLACE



168 Murad, District Bahawalnagar; September 2023:

There is an ongoing hate campaign here against the Ahmadiyya community and situation is getting worse by the day. Threats were being issued to demolish the minaret and niche of the Ahmadiyya worship place.

On August 6, 2023, around 11:00 pm, the opponents attacked Ahmadiyya worship place

and tried to demolish the minaret. An FIR was registered against unknown persons. On the night between 15 and 16 September 2023, TMA employees in civilian clothes demolished the minaret under the supervision of the police. A call was immediately made to 15 so that the matter could be recorded. The police had also blocked all the ways leading towards the Ahmadiyya worship place so that no video could be made.

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEFILED IN POLICE PRESENCE IN DISTRICT SHEIKHUPURA

District Sheikhpura; September 14, 2023:

On September 14, 2023, the TLP activists partially destroyed the minaret of Ahmadiyya Darul Zikar in Narang Mandi, District Sheikhpura, in the presence of the police. Meanwhile, after conversation with the police, Ahmadis covered the minarets with a sheet. Some time ago, the opponents had filed a complaint with the authorities to demolish these minarets.

However, the authorities took no action at first, but now watched silently while the miscreants undertook this enormity.

The mosque stands in the town since 1942. In response to the complaint by the opponents, Ahmadis informed the authorities that the mosque was built long before the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX, in fact before the partition of the subcontinent.

MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED IN BAIDADPUR

Baidadpur Virkan, District Sheikhpura; September 24, 2023:

In the backdrop of TLP's protest in front of DPO Office Sheikhpura on August 28, and their ultimatum to destroy the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque in the district by 11 Rabi-ul-Awwal, the police had so far defiled 5 Ahmadiyya mosques in the district.

On September 24, during dark hours, the police destroyed the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque of Baidadpur Virkan. This mosque was also built before the anti-Ahmadiyya ordi-



nance of 1984.

Despite the verdict of the honorable High Court, the police undertook this enormity, afraid of TLP activists.

POLICE GETS THE MINARET OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED BY THE OPPONENTS

Nanu Dogar, District Lahore; September 23, 2023:

The SHO Sharaqpur police station phoned the president of the Ahmadiyya community here and told him the need of an urgent meeting. The SHO came to his house and said that he had to demolish the minaret of the Ahmadiyya mosque as he had no other option.



The president referred to the recent verdict of High Court in favour of Ahmadis. He said that he had also read that, and found no distinction between old and new minarets in it (sic). He said that Ahmadis are not allowed to use Islamic symbols, whatsoever. The local Ahmadi president said that he could not decide this on his own as there are eight families residing there in the village. At this, the SHO said that anyone with an objection should come and talk to him. He gave the president half an hour to think about it. He said that he was arranging labour to do the task and told that they would undertake this act late at night when the people would be asleep.

Afterwards, the SHO along with the opponents, entered the mosque by breaking the lock and started destroying the minaret. The local Ahmadi president phoned him and reminded him of what he said earlier about ar-

ranging the labour to undertake this act; he further said that the people who were involved in this were none other than the opponents of the Jamaat. The SHO rudely replied that he had asked Ahmadis to do it themselves and

he could not ask government employees to do such a thing. The opponents destroyed the minaret and left the scene chanting slogans “Long live the End of Prophethood” and “Long live Tehreek e Labbaik”.

UNIDENTIFIED MISCREANTS ATTACKED AHMADIYYA MOSQUE AND DEFILED ITS NICHE

55/2-L, District Okara; September 26, 2023:

The opponents here demanded demolition of the niche of the local Ahmadiyya mosque. When the police sent for the Ahmadiyya administration, they told the police that the mosque stood there before the independence of Pakistan. On the night of September 26, some unidentified miscreants, however, attacked the



Ahmadiyya mosque in the dark. They attempted to destroy the niche but could only demolish it partially. The mosque does not have any minarets.

HATE CAMPAIGN AGAINST AHMADIS IN KASUR

Kasur; September 2023:

Anti-Ahmadiyya campaign has been carrying out here in an organized manner for a long time and there has been a significant increase in these activities for some time now. Apart from the hate campaign on social media, threats, registration of police cases and raising anti-Ahmadiyya slogans and writing inflammatory wall-chalkings at various places incite extreme measures against Ahmadis.

A case has been registered against unknown persons in Phul Nagar police station, District Kasur under FIR No. 1023 dated 06 September 2023, under The Punjab Prohibition of Expressing matters on Walls Act 153-A 2015-2 based on the anti-Ahmadiyya graffiti in Gujjarawali Jhalaar, District Kasur, written on the walls: “Qadiani are infidels, Qadiani first enter

Islam and then enter the shop” and other anti-Ahmadiyya writings. After the registration of case, no one in this context has been arrested yet.

Anti-Ahmadiyya activities have further increased after this case. An inflammatory campaign is being conducted on social media against the concerned police officials as to why they have registered this case. Apart from this, a resolution condemning the registration of the said case has been passed by the Bar Association of Kot Radha Kishan, District Kasur, in which the said FIR has been demanded to be quashed. The case has been described as a heinous conspiracy against Muslims. “Qadiani were infidels and are infidels, so action should be taken against the pro-Qadiani conspirators,” the resolution demanded.

MINARETS OF AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED UNDER OFFICIAL SUPERVISION

Chak Number 183 Murad, District Bahawalpur; September 13, 2023:

TLP activist had filed a complaint with the police in Hasilpur police station against the minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque here. The situation was made tense for over a month. The AC and SHO visited the mosque and the AC called for Ahmadiyya delegation to Hasilpur. He told them to demolish the minarets but the delegation refused to follow these unlawful instructions. The AC and SHO kept on pressurizing Ahmadis to demolish the minarets or

cover them up.

On September 13, 2023, the DSP called for the Ahmadiyya delegation and told them to demolish the minarets. The Ahmadis again refused to comply. Some three to four policemen from Choonawala police check-post came to the Ahmadiyya mosque, entered the premises, switched off the lights and security cameras and closed the roads for any traffic. Meanwhile, two non-Ahmadis climbed to the roof of Ahmadiyya mosque and demolished the minarets in the presence of the police.

FOLLOW UP: POLICE BLACKENED KALIMA ON AHMADIYYA MOSQUES IN GUJRAT

District Gujrat; September 2, 2023:

It was reported earlier that on August 29, 2023, the police, on behest of TLP activists, blackened the pious inscriptions at Ahmadiyya mosques of Chooknawali and Shadiwal, District Gujrat.

On September 2, 2023, Ahmadis were told by the authorities to come to the DCO office. Along with DCO and DPO, members of District Peace Committee were also present. DCO told the delegation that four complaints were filed against Ahmadiyya mosque in their respective police stations. These four places included Shadiwal, Chookanawali, Aalam Garh and Fateh Pur. He told them to deal with these objections with mutual consent. One of the members of Peace Committee said that they have no objection to any activity in the prem-

ises of Ahmadiyya mosques. The Ahmadiyya delegation replied that they had objection to the blackening of the pious inscriptions by the police. The DCO replied that the police had not undertaken any such activity and Ahmadis had done it. He further told Ahmadis to do the same at all other locations and said that the police would be there only to provide security. The Ahmadis made it clear that police committed this atrocity and Ahmadis were not involved in any such activity nor they will undertake such action. The DCO responded that Ahmadis would have to do this, as his job is only to maintain peace in the district. The meeting concluded without any agreement.

Later that night, the police destroyed the inscriptions from the Ahmadiyya mosque in Shadiwal, which were blackened earlier by them in August.

MALICIOUS ACT OF A MULLA

Kotli, AJK; September 20, 2023:

Mr. Muhammad Rafiq, an Ahmadi stamp-paper seller at judicial complex Kotli, was threatened by a mulla to erase his name from his

nameplate.

Mr. Rafique works in the judicial complex of Kotli where the clerical workers, including Mr. Rafique, have pasted a print of their names

behind their working desks. His nameplate stated “Chaudhary Muhammad Rafiq—stamp-paper seller”. On February 25, this year, a mulla came and told him that being Qadiani he could not write ‘Muhammad’ with his name. He told him to remove it and threatened him that legal action would be taken against him in case of non-compliance. He took a photograph of the nameplate, and then went on to other non-Ahmadi stamp-paper sellers to agi-

tate the issue. After this incident, Mr. Muhammad Rafiq’s brother, Mr. Muhammad Shafiq, an advocate of High Court, shifted him in front of his own office.

On September 20, the said mulla tore off the word “Muhammad” from his name and left while threatening him violently. Ahmadis requested the SSP to file a complaint against this hostile and illegal act.

WHAT AHMADI TEACHERS FACE!

Ganda Singh Wala, District Faisalabad; September 20, 2023:

Two female Ahmadi teachers were teaching here in a private school for years. On September 20, the owner of the school visited their uncle, Mr. Muhammad Haneef, at his residence

and told him that a mulla was demanding him to sack Ahmadi teachers from the school. Mr. Muhammad Haneef assured him that both his nieces would not come to his school anymore. Ahmadis reported the incident to the authorities. We do not know if they took any action.

AHMADI STUDENT ASSAULTED

Rambra, District Narowal; September 21, 2023:

Two Ahmadi students, Mr. Hassan Nawaz Khan and his sister of Rambra, District Narowal go to Aspire College Shakar Garh for studies. When their Ahmadiyya religious identity was discovered, the students highlighted it

and turned it into an issue. On September 21, the college students attacked and assaulted Mr. Hassan; however, he received no serious injury. To avoid further escalation, the principal sent him back home before the college cleared for the day. He also told their father not to send his two children to the college to avoid any harm to them.

POLICE DESTROY THE MINARETS OF ANOTHER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN SHEIKHUPURA

Kalsiyan Bhattian, District Sheikhupura; September 25, 2023:

On the behest of TLP activists, the police actively participated in damaging the Ahmadiyya mosques in District Sheikhupura. A similar incident occurred in Kalsiyan Bhattian where the police cut the upper portion of the minarets. The mosque was built before the anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX of 1984. The District Police undertook this crime in blatant violation of a recent High Court verdict.



AGITATION IN BASTI SHIKRANI, DISTRICT BAHAWALPUR



Basti Shikrani, District Bahawalpur; September 17, 2023:

For quite some time now, the situation has been tense for the Ahmadiyya community here. The anti-Ahmadiyya activities of opponents have spiked. Apart from hate-provoking posters and processions, different religious organizations frequently organize Khatme Nanuwat conferences.

On September 17, 2023, such a procession was organized here by the opponents of the Jamaat. Many notorious mullas participated in the conference including Maulvi Allah Wasaiya and the infamous mulla Irfan Mahmood Barq. All the orators spoke against the community and badmouthed the Jamaat. They also incited people to boycott Ahmadis. Irfan Mahmood Barq, during his speech, used foul language and disparaged the Holy Founder of the Jamaat. He has a previous record of inciting the public against Ahmadis and endangering their lives and property. In 2016, he was involved in inciting the mob, which attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial, District Chakwal and the JIT report of the incident urged the authorities to take legal action against him.

WORDS “MUHAMMAD” AND “AHMAD” BLACKENED FROM THE BOARD OF AN AHMADI LAWYER’S CHAMBER

Okara; September 2023:

On July 14, 2023, a motorcycle rally was taken out by the workers of Tehreek-e-Labaik, in which, while giving a speech, the local president of Tehreek-e-Labaik District Okara, demanded removal of the word “Muhammad” from local Ahmadiyya president’s name and to stop practicing in the courts (he is a lawyer) and said that this name can only be used by Muslims. It is a sacred name and cannot be associated with filth, he declared.

Due to the holidays of civil courts in the month of August 2023, Ahmadi would go to court only for part time. On August 25, he closed his chamber for the weekend. After that, on August 27, photos were shared among law-

yers’ groups, in which some unknown persons had cut the words “Muhammad and Ahmad” from his name, written outside his chamber, and also removed the iron board. Opponents used very foul language where these pictures were shared. In this regard written requests have been made to the DPO and DSP.



AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN SINDH UNDER THREAT

Goth Misan, District Larkana, Sindh; September, 2023:

The opponents here are actively participating in anti-Ahmadiyya activities. Celebrating September 7, an opponent Naveed Ahmad wall-chalked against Ahmadis and then erased it himself to file a complaint against Ahmadis and get a police case registered. He went to the police station and alleged that Ahmadis pester him. He also stated that Ahmadis had constructed minarets and niche in their worship

place. When the inspector refused to take any action, they went to the DSP. Along with DSP and SHO, the opponents came to the Ahmadiyya mosque. The Ahmadis who were present there met the officials. The opponents insisted the minarets and niche be demolished. The police called both parties to the police station, but the issue remained unresolved. The opponents actively indulge in anti-Ahmadi activities and are now trying to raise the issue with the SSP.

ANTI-AHMADIYYA RALLY IN OKARA

F Block, Okara; September 2023:

Last year, opponents filed an application against the minarets and niche of Ahmadiyya place of worship. Ahmadis covered the view by raising the boundary wall.

Now, the opponents again started their campaign on social media against the Ahmadiyya worship place and threatened with proces-

sion for destroying the minaret and niche on September 27, 2023.

Opponents took out their rally comprising around 2500 people. The police cordoned off the roads leading to the Ahmadiyya place of worship. The participants protested against the police on this move. The matter seems to have cooled down for the time being.



ANTI-AHMADI CONFERENCE IN RABWAH

Rabwah; September 7, 2023:

Commemorating the passage of 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan in 1974, through which Ahmadis were declared non-Muslim, mullas hold rallies and conferences every year on September 7. This amendment opened the gates of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Like previous years, mullas gathered in Rabwah to commemorate this “historic” event. The 36th Khatme Nabuwwat Conference was organized in Mulla Shabbir Ahmad Usmani’s Madrassah situated in Muslim Colony, a neighborhood of Rabwah on its east ridge. The first session started at 11:50 pm and ended at 12:55; around 70-80 people attended the session. The next session started at 2:10 pm and continued till 5:25 pm in the evening. Around 200 people attended this session. Around 600 people attended the third and the last session, which started at 9:15 pm and concluded around 3:00 pm at night.

Following mullas delivered speeches at the event:

Maulvi Muhammad Ameen Qasimi of Lahore; Qari Azam Hussain of Lahore; Maulvi Abdul Rauf of Mecca; Maulvi Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi Chairman Ulama Council Pakistan; Maulvi Ahmad Ali Siraj of Saudi Arabia; Maulvi Zakir ur Rahman Nazim Jamiat Ahle Hadith Pakistan; Maulvi Muhammad Ishfaq Chishti of Tehreek e Minhaaj Pakistan, Maulvi Zahid



Mahmood Qasmi Chairman Ulama Council of Faisalabad, Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti, Advocate Shahbaz Ahmad Gujjar of Jhang; Syed Kafeel Shah Bukhari Markazi Ameer of Majlis Ahrar Multan. The gist of their rhetoric was:

Qadianis are infidels, deniers of the End of Prophethood and are outside the circle of Islam. Stay away from Qadianis and implement complete social boycott of them. September 7 is a historic day when the National Assembly of Pakistan unanimously declared Qadianis as non-Muslims. We are thankful to the government of that time as they gave a historic verdict as true Muslims. Religious scholars and Islamic nations are silent. We pay tribute to IG Punjab who restored the police check post in Chenab Nagar, otherwise Qadianis would have usurped the check post and the adjacent mosque. We thank Chief Minister of Punjab who has barred Qadianis from using Islamic symbols and offering sacrifice. American, British agencies use Qadianis to create mischief. Qadianis have no right to live in our country. We would become one hand to shatter them. Under PPC 298, no Qadiani can use Islamic symbols. There is an unrest among the supporters of Qadianis for not letting them offer sacrifice or construct worship places. When Qadianis build minarets, the police destroys these after writ petition. Why the police do not take notice earlier. Under the garb of Islam, Qadianis use the pillars of Islam and its symbols; that is why they are more dangerous than other infidels, etc.

ANTI-AHMADIYYA CAMP IN THARPARKAR, SINDH

Mithi, District Tharparker; September 2023:

After Punjab, opponents of Ahmadiyya community are active in Sindh, especially in District Tharparkar. On September 5, 2023, some clerics, along with 20 people came to the manager of Al-Mahdi Hospital. They took down the banners of the People's Party on top of the city gate constructed on Mithi, Nokot road, wrote verses of Khatam-ul-Nabiyeen and slogans: Khatam Nabubat Zindabad. Tahafuz-e-Khat-

me-Nabuwwat camp was also been set up in Kashmir Chowk Mithi. There people were incited against the Jamaat and anti-Ahmadiyya pamphlets were also distributed.

An Ahmadi Mr. Saeed Ahmed has a furniture shop in Mithi. On September 8, 2023, the recitation of the Holy Quran was going on at his shop, and the opponents made a video of it and said that they will submit this video to the police station. At that time, Mr. Saeed was not present at the shop.

AUTHORITIES HARASSED AHMADIS IN KASUR

Bhulair, District Kasur; September 2023:

In the separate Ahmadiyya cemetery, sacred inscriptions were written on two graves. Some time ago, the opponents tried to raze the inscriptions in a clandestine manner. A desecration attempt was also made against the local Ahmadiyya worship place. When this attempt was not successful, they tried to take down the above-mentioned sacred inscriptions. When the matter was brought to the attention of the DPO, he forwarded the matter to the DSP, on which the DSP called the Ahmadiyya delegation.

Later on September 4, Ahmadiyya delegation appeared before the committee formed by DC Kasur under the chairmanship of Assistant Commissioner. He first asked about the worship place case, on which he was told that the matter had been resolved at the behest of DC Kasur.

A member of the committee said that a complaint has been received against Ahmadis that they put up a minaret and took it down when an official visited. Referring to the gravestones, the committee told Ahmadis to take them down. On which they were told that this

cemetery belongs to the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, it is not shared, and according to the decision of the Supreme Court, we have the right to act according to our beliefs within the boundary. The commissioner asked the opposite party to give the names of those who have installed the gravestones, we will register a case against them. On this, the SHO said that the relatives of the deceased persons are not there. The SHO asked the opposite party, "you guys are not from the village, from which place did you come? These people belonged to Bhai Phero and Patuki. The SHO told them that the people you have come on behalf of, have criminal records. They are drug dealers. One is in jail for making a false report. So you guys should not support them"

After this, the DSP said that we will visit the village ourselves. The next day the committee visited the worship place and the cemetery. On this occasion, a member said that the worship place should be visited from inside. On which Ahmadiyya representatives as well as the SHO also said that this is not allowed. On this, the man climbed to the nearby roof and looked. On the next day of the visit, the Ahmadiyya delegation was again called and told to remove the gravestones.

A FUTILE REQUEST TO AUTHORITIES

Every year on 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal, anti-Ahmadiyya activists from other cities assemble in rallies and processions and unabashedly roam about in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya Centre in Pakistan with almost 95% of population being Ahmadi. Rather than talking of traits of Holy Prophet PBUH on this auspicious occasion, the mullas openly indulge in hate speech against Ahmadis and leave no stone unturned in inciting the audience against the residents of the city. This practice to disparage the community and vilify its beliefs in its own town, promotes hatred and imperils the lives and property of the Ahmadi residents. People remain in their homes all day and the life comes to halt, as all the schools, markets, central offices etc. remain closed to avoid any encounter with these hate-provoking religious extremists. The Ahmadiyya Community's central offices frequently notify the authorities to stop these provocative and extremist activities, which might disturb the peace of the town, but to us avails nothing.

This year, Ahmadis again requested the authorities to take legal action to ensure the law and order in the city by stopping these extremists. The English translation of the letter is reproduced below:

Title: Request for appropriate action on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal regarding gatherings and processions at Rabwah/Chenab Nagar, District Chiniot

It is stated with due respect that Blessed programs have been announced across Pakistan on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on September 29, 2023 to celebrate the blessed birth of Hazrat Muhammad (p.b.u.h.).

Programs are organized all over Pakistan on this auspicious occasion, including gatherings and processions, by religious organizations.

Processions are held in Rabwah as in other cities across the country. On this occasion, the seerat (way of life) of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) should be discussed by the orators, but some of them make baseless allegations against Jamaat Ahmadiyya and severely badmouth Jamaat and the participants of the procession are incited to make extreme moves against Jamaat Ahmadiyya. In its response, by the grace of Allah, Ahmadis have never demonstrated any opposing reaction. This practice has gone on for many years which results in extremist activities against Jamaat Ahmadiyya.

According to the traditions of the past, every year on 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal, three large processions are taken out in Rabwah which pass through different parts of the city chanting anti-Ahmadi slogans and making provocative speeches, and this activity continues throughout the day. Especially, a large procession of Majlis Ihrar (Deoband) of Kot Wasawa passes through the main avenues of Rabwah and reaches the bus stop. Meanwhile, provocative speeches and anti-Ahmadi slogans echo through the city.

Current national situation, against the teachings of Islam, cannot allow any increase in religious extremism, which can exacerbate the critical situation of the country. While according to the Constitution of Pakistan, it is the responsibility of the State to ensure the protection of life and property of every citizen, irrespective of his religion and ethnicity,

You are requested to take necessary legal action and precautionary measures to stop the anti-Ahmadiyya extremist activities, on the auspicious occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal. It seems appropriate that a full official recording of these gatherings and processions should be made so that the real picture is available.

It is hoped that you will take action and pay

special attention to this sensitive issue in order to meet the legal requirements.

Best wishes,

On September 29, the mullas once

again gathered in Rabwah and celebrated 12 Rabbi ul Awwal, while openly inciting the crowd against the Ahmadi citizens of the town. The request to the authorities once again remained futile.

AHMADI-OWNED BUSINESSES AT RISK IN KHUSHAB — ONE SHOP CLOSED DOWN

Quaidabad, District Khushab; September 2023:

The sectarian-divide animosity has been on peak since last month. In 30 villages adjacent to Quaidabad, public communication campaigns, corner meetings and Khatame Nabuwat conferences in mosques especially in private schools and colleges were held, in which, apart from the dignitaries of the area, civil and police administration officers also kept joining and reciting naats etc. These rallies passed in front of the medical store of the local Ahmadiyya President.

For some time now, efforts have been made by opponents of Ahmadiyya to erase the word "Syed" written on the board of the medical store of the local president. After the September 7 rally, the DSP called Ahmadiyya president and his brother to the police station and told to erase the prefix "Syed", written on the board of medical store, as there was a lot of

pressure on him.

The DCO, DPO and District Administration Committee Khushab also said that according to the law Ahmadi are not allowed to write (sic), on which local president told him that there are court decisions and we cannot erase them, but they did not agree. After the campaign of Khatme Nabuwat, there has been an active increase in social boycott in the region. The restaurant from which Ahmadi used to buy tea, refused to sell them tea. Many shops have stopped selling grocery and people were incited to not buy medicines from Mubarak Dawakhana.

In the same way, an Ahmadi Mr. Kashif Ejaz was pressurized to close down his mobile shop in Joharabad, and numerous demands were placed against him, including the denial of entry.

POLICE VISITED AHMADIYYA MOSQUE ON FALSE ACCUSATION OF JUI

Nazar Mohallah, Larkana, Sindh; September 13, 2023:

Some policemen visited Baitut Tauheed, an Ahmadiyya mosque here, and informed that the activists of Jamiat Ulema e Islam (JUI) has complained that Ahmadi are conducting certain community activities in the premises of Baitut Tauheed, and they are alluring people to send them abroad. They further inquired

about the whereabouts of Mr. Naeem Abro, the District Ameer of Ahmadiyya Community Larkana.

In this situation, the Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station and met the SHO. The police officials revealed that a Maulvi Abdul Qadir had complained against Ahmadi. The delegation clarified that no such activities were held in the mosque. They again inquired about Mr. Naeem Abro, who was out of city.

AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

1

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, allegedly for sharing a WhatsApp message regarding a religious Quiz program and a General Knowledge competition arranged by the youth organization of the Ahmadiyya community.

Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department, Lahore which works under Federal Investigation Agency, arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad.

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

Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet on June 29, 2021, exposing them to the penalty of death.

The Supreme Court rejected their post-arrest bail application. Thereafter the High Court rejected Rohan's bail on statutory grounds on June 8, 2023. The statutory ground here means 'trial not concluded within 2 years of the arrest of the accused'.

4

Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani Principal of was arrested on January 7, 2023, from his home in Rabwah. He was booked with FIR Nr. 661/22 under the blasphemy section 295-B, PPC 298-C, and the Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011, allegedly for printing, publication and distributing copies of the Holy Quran as a prize among students who memorized the Holy Quran. He was sent to Jhang Jail after judicial remand and later transferred to District Jail Faisalabad. His bail plea was rejected by Additional Sessions Judge Lalian, District Chiniot.

2

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

His bail plea was rejected by the Supreme Court.

3

Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020, in a fabricated case under Sections 295-B, 298-C, PECA-11, and 109. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021, and was expected to be released in four to five days after the 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, and PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.

His bail plea was rejected by the Supreme Court. His bail on statutory ground is pending before Additional Session Lahore Mr Nawaz Bhati,

5

The police booked Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq for having 'Syed' in his name, under PPC the anti-Ahmadiyya 298-B with FIR No. 54 on April 27, 2023, in the police station City Court Karachi. He was arrested and sent to jail.

Sindh High Court allowed his release on bail on May 27, 2023, but due to a production order in an old case of October 20, 1992, his release has been stalled.

On 14.07.2023 the Government of Sindh allowed for an inside jail trial of his cases (under FIR No: 54/23 and 121/92) concerning Mr. Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq at Central Prison & C.F Karachi by the concerned notified sitting Judge(s).

An application for his release stating that his detention is illegal has been filed before the trial Court in Karachi, Pakistan. The proceedings of the said Application are currently underway.

6

Mr. Javed Iqbal and Mr. Aftab Talib of Chak 433 GB, District Toba Tek Singh were booked and arrested under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 508 at police station Gojra Saddar, District Toba Tek Singh on June 30, 2023, for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. The Lahore High court granted them bail on 5th of September 2023

7

Mr. Asad Ijaz and Mr. Ahmad Shiraz of Chak 433 GB, District Toba Tek Singh were booked and arrested under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 509 at police station Gojra Saddar, District Toba Tek Singh on June 30, 2023, for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. The Lahore High court granted them bail on 5th of September 2023

8

Mr. Mubashar Ahmad including four others from Nagar Parkar, District Tharparkar was booked in a police case on December 27, 2022, in Nagar Parkar police station under PPCs 337 (iv), 337A (i), 334, 337F(i), 337L (ii), 147, 148, 149, 504 with FIR No. 59. On January 10, 2023, Additional Sessions Judge Mithi, District Tharparkar rejected Mubashar's plea for bail confirmation. An appeal was filed against this decision in Sindh High Court where they rejected his bail request. An appeal was then filed in the Karachi Registry of the Supreme Court which also rejected his bail on June 30, 2023. On July 7, 2023, he presented himself before the Sessions Court where the police took him into custody and sent him to prison. The Sindh High Accepted his appeal and reduced his sentenced to "already stayed in prison" and after paying the daman amount (a form of fine) of Rs 40,000/- Mr. Mubashar was released in September.

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)

IMPRISONMENTS - AS OF SEP 30, 2023:

- Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani - principal Hifz School Rabwah was arrested in Jan.
- Mr. Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq - advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan arrested in Apr.
- 19 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- Fabricated cases against 8 Ahmadis were registered during Nov and an FIR is registered against some members of Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan in Dec.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student has been awarded 5 years imprisonment in Nov 2022, for hurting the religious feelings.
- 13 Ahmadis were arrested last year for sacrificing animals on Eid. This year 26 Ahmadis were nominated in 6 cases and 7 were arrested on Eid festival.
- A 65 year old Ahmadi lady and another Ahmadi were arrested under blasphemy clauses during February for allegedly tearing off an anti-Ahmadiyya poster. She was released on bail. Her trial continues.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)

Alarming Facts

SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 6 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 276 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 19 murder attempts, 10 attacks during 2022, 2 attacks in May.
- 55 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws.
- 21 Ahmadis are arrested during 2023 in different religion based cases. 108 Ahmadis were booked in 2022 and 110 Ahmadis were booked in different religious base cases.
- 32 mosques were targeted and desecrated during 2023. This figure was 14 last year, 14 in 2021, and 7 in 2020.
- 10 Ahmadis arrested during August. Previously 26 Ahmadis are nominated in cases for sacrificing animals on Eid festival, 7 of them are arrested.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 29 Ahmadiyya mosques desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities. 9 attacked during 2023
- 418 graves have been desecrated, 197 of these were during 2022. 93 during 2023 so far. Burial of an Ahmadi lady denied and the graveyard sealed in Nov 2022. Burial of three Ahmadis denied in 2023.
- Sacred inscription from 22 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.

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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