

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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The State looks the other way

The country's law PPC 295-A forbids "deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious belief"; it provides 10-years imprisonment as penalty. Also PPC 153-A forbids "promoting enmity between different groups etc", under penalty of imprisonment up to 5 years and fine.

Authorities do not apply these laws when the targeted community is Ahmadiyya. For instance in rallies this month, Sirajul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami said, "The poisonous snake of Qadianiat has turned into poisonous dragon with the backing of world powers. Qadiani conspiracies are active in the murder of ulama and internal fights of Muslims." Mulla Arshad of Tando Adam said, "Qadianis are a filthy gang. Juice produced by them is filthier than urine." Safdar Shah, General Secretary JUI-F said, "Ghazi Khalid dispatched a denier of Khatme Nabuwat to hell (in Peshawar court); we support him — we demand his release." Mulla K.L. Cheema of Chichawatni threatened, "Qadianis, accept Islam, otherwise we are in open war with you."

For more of such malicious utterances see stories on p.12

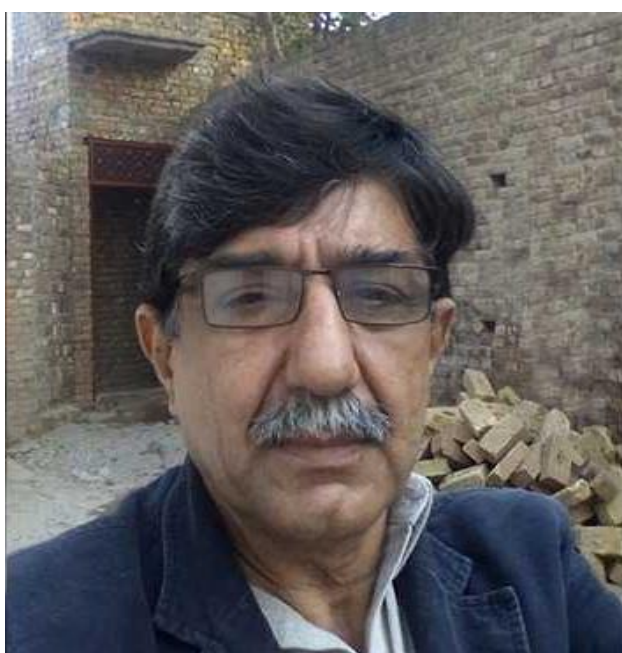
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Yet another AHMADI TARGET-KILLED in Peshawar



Prof. Naeem ul din Khattak

Peshawar; October 5, 2020: Another Ahmadi was target-killed in Peshawar KP, for his faith early this month. The victim was Professor Dr. Naeem ud Din Khattak. He was 56, had a doctorate in Zoology and taught at the Superior Science College. On October 5, he was driving homeward when unidentified assassins shot him dead at about 13:30. He was hit with five bullets. He left behind his widow, three daughters and two sons.

Peshawar has been a hotbed of anti-Ahmadi violent activism in recent weeks. The following brief resume would show that:

July 29: Mr. Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a Pak-American, former Ahmadi, was shot dead in a court room in the presence of the judge.

August 12: Syed Imran A Shah MNA, addressing the National Assembly demanded immediate release of the killer, and suggested that the state should pay his *Diyyat* (compensation) to obtain his release. Mr. Asad Qaisar, the Speaker in his presiding remarks said, "... You, *Masha Allah* have said something of great merit,..."

August 12: Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, Ahmadi was shot dead in Dabgari, Peshawar by unidentified killer in the evening. He was murdered subsequent to repeated threats on social media. The killer thugs boldly displayed their phone numbers in their messages.

August 13: Penal Discussion on Dawn TV (*Zara Hat Kay*): Someone's tweet was displayed: "*Alhamdo Lillah* (God be praised). Another Qadiani killed in Peshawar city. Wait for some more. Do share this post and like my page."

August 17: Senator Ata Ur Rahman (JUI-F) spoke against Ahmadi in the Senate and, in a ruse, accused the rulers of promoting and supporting Ahmadi.

September 3: In a TV program led by Orya Maqbool Jan, a known Islamist, Minister Ali

Muhammad Khan called the Founder of Ahmadiyyat *Malun* (cursed), Ahmadiyyat as the greatest mischief (*fitna*) against Islam, and boasted that Pakistan has not indulged in blood-soaked violence against Ahmadis as Israel against Palestinians and India against Kashmiri Muslims.

September 6: Senator Mushtaq A Khan (JI) in a public *Khatme Nabuwwat* rally in Peshawar called Ahmadis “Traitor to the Constitution of Pakistan” and termed them “mercenaries of the US, of the Realm of Disbelief (*Aalame Kufr*)”.

September 7: Fazl ur Rahman (JUI) organized a big anti-Ahmadi rally in Peshawar. He talked in terms of blood and said, “If an attempt is made to amend the Blasphemy law, we shall have ourselves cut to pieces (*kat marein gey*)”. Another mulla said, “So long as the moths (*parwaney*) of End of Prophethood are there, no son of a mother can touch the law on *Khatme Nabuwwat*.”

September 8: A pre-arranged very hostile mob surrounded an Ahmadi family’s house in Peshawar area, falsely accusing a youth of blasphemy. The police managed to evacuate the family to safety at 3 a.m.

September 10: The police placated the mullas by registering a fabricated blasphemy case against the rescued Ahmadi youth, and arrested him. He faces death penalty if declared guilty.

September 20: An unidentified man attacked Mr. Gulzar Ahmad, Ahmadi in Dalgra Bazar, Peshawar. The victim is brother of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, killed five weeks earlier for his belief. Gulzar was hit with five bullets – 4 in the leg, one on hand. Fortunately he survived.

October 5: Professor Khattak was shot dead while driving homeward at about 13:30.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is ruled by PTI. No PTI politician has condemned the attacks. The administration has not yet arrested the team who

is planning and organizing these murders, nor the Twitter account-holder who promised: “**Wait for some more.**” **He did not commit himself to an end figure.**

The daily *Dawn* made editorial comment on this incident in its issue of October 7, 2020. It is very apt and readable. We reproduce it as annex I to this report.

Police case on fake grounds

Rajanpur; October 1, 2020: It would be recalled that a blatant police case was registered on July 23, 2020 against six officials of the Ahmadi community for running a primary school in a village. Now they arrested another Ahmadi in same context.

It is learnt that the police raided three Ahmadi homes to make arrests of the accused. They found no male member in two homes, while in the third, that of the accused Mr. Laiq Ahmad Tahir, Amir Jamaat Ahmadiyya District Rajanpur, they found his son Mr. Rahiq Ahmad Tahir, an Ahmadi religious teacher. They arrested him.

They accused him of helping his father escape the arrest, and sent him to prison.

This is the state of practice of justice in the Islamic Republic!

Three Ahmadis arrested in a fabricated case



Shaukatabad Colony, District Nankana; October 2020: Three Ahmadis Mr. Sharafat Ahmad local Jamaat president, Mr. Akbar Ali finance secretary and Mr. Tahir Naqash were

booked under PPC 298-B and 298-C on 2 May 2020 in P.S. Mangtanwala District Nankana.

The indicted persons obtained 'bail before arrest' from the additional sessions judge Mr. Asim Mehmood. Later, at the occasion of confirmation of the bail on August 07, 2020, the opponents created a very hostile situation outside and inside the courtroom, so these three gentlemen decided not to attend the court proceedings. The judge dismissed their plea for confirmation of bail. Then they filed another bail plea in the High Court.

On 2nd October 2020 Justice Asjad Javed Ghraal refused the bail and made biased and baseless remarks regarding Jamaat Ahmadiyya. He said that Ahmadis telecast wrong translation of the Quran on their TV; this was entirely irrelevant to the case. When the bail was denied, all three were arrested from the courtroom and shifted to Sheikhpura District Jail.

Problem of religion declaration



Basti Shukrani, District Bahawalpur; October 2020: Mr. Luqman Ahmad, has four school going children. He went to Government High School, Och Sharif to get his son admitted in ninth class. There he was asked to fill up and submit the admission form. This admission form also includes an affidavit box in which the applicant is required to state on oath: "I swear that I have full faith in the end of prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) and do not believe in any prophet or messenger after Prophet Muhammad(p.b.u.h.) as *Zili* (embodiment) or *Brozi* (in a way of reflection) prophet, and I have no connection with any Ahmadi, Lahori or Qadiani. In fact, I consider those who claim prophethood after *Khatam an*

Nabiyeen Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) to be infidel, liar and deceiver."

Thus, if an Ahmadi wants admission he has to fill in this affidavit on oath, which is not possible for an Ahmadi, and if Ahmadi student does not sign this on oath he would not get admission. Moreover, if an Ahmadi declares his faith, then they would not allow him to take Islamic Studies as a subject, also by knowing his denomination the teachers and students would harass him in the school.

The above-mentioned certificate apparently is an invention of the lower cadres, as the Constitution and law do not require such a certificate from students.

Ahmadi student faces hostility at university

Wapda Town, Lahore; September 22, 2020: Mr. Safir Ahmad is a BBA (Graduation in Business Administration) student at UMT (University of Management and Technology). On September 22, 2020 he was attending a lecture on Islamic Studies. His professor sent him out of the classroom and told him to come to his office after the lecture. When he went to see the lecturer later, there were two or three other people already sitting there. The professor asked Safir if he was a *Mirzai*. "Yes, I am an Ahmadi", he replied. At this the lecturer said loudly, "Whatever you are, don't come to my class next time. I shall not clear you in the exam." After that Safir went to the classroom; there students of *Jamiat* (student wing of JI) did not let him enter, and told him to leave the university and not come there again.

Safir has not been to the university since then.

Social boycott at college

Islamabad; October 2020: Miss. Tehmina Mubarak, is a student of M.Sc. Mass Communication at Margalla. When the college reopened after the Covid-19 lockdown, her friend who had been her class fellow for the last five years and knew her Ahmadiyya identity, texted her that she was going the wrong way and it was

her duty to guide her to the right path for her hereafter. She admitted to be in the wrong in withholding her religious identity from class mates. She also raised same religious issues and some routine allegations against Ahmadis.

When Tehmina went to the college, the classroom environment and attitude of old friends had changed greatly. Tehmina told them that she did not hide anything from them as her Ahmadiyya identity was written in college records.

The next day, most of the girls (both Sunni and Shia) said that they had asked their clerics and they had told them that it was forbidden to talk to Ahmadis and that it was *haram* (illicit) to share food with them. They also asked their Islamic Studies teacher, without mentioning Tehmina's name, the edict regarding social interaction with a Qadiani. The teacher replied that it is forbidden to talk and socialize with Qadianis.

Tehmina feels lonely and concerned.

IBA cancels important lecture over internal threats

Karachi, 22 October 2020:

It was reported in numerous dailies on 23rd October 2020 that a scheduled lecture of Professor Dr. Atif Mian, an Ahmadi by faith, was canceled due to threats from extremists.



Following news item was published in the *Daily Times* on 23rd October 2020:

Extremists' threats force IBA to cancel Dr Atif Mian's lecture

Celebrated Pakistani-American economist Dr Atif Mian's scheduled online has been canceled by the host Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, allegedly due to pressure by "extremists".

"Dr Atif R. Mian's lecture 'Why has economic growth fallen behind in Pakistan?' scheduled on November 5, 2020, has been canceled. Inconvenience is highly regretted," read a brief post by the IBA Karachi's official Twitter account.

In a tweet, Mian said he was sorry to report that the seminar, which was to take place over Zoom, had been canceled "due to threats that the university administration was facing from extremists". "My very best wishes and prayers are with the students of IBA," the Princeton University economist wrote.

A spokesperson for IBA Karachi declined to comment.

Dr Mian became a widely discussed name in Pakistan in 2018 after the PTI government appointed him to the Prime Minister Imran Khan-led Economic Advisory Council (EAC), an 18-member panel set up to advise the newly-formed government on economic policy.

Less than a month after taking office, however, the government asked Mian to step down from the EAC amid mounting pressure from religiopolitical parties and a smear campaign launched on social media seeking his removal over his Ahmadiyya faith.

In protest over Mian's exclusion, two other EAC members – Prof Dr Asim Ijaz Khwaja of the Harvard Kennedy School and London-based economist Dr Imran Rasul – had also resigned from the council.

Dr Mian has served as a professor of economics, public policy and finance at Princeton University and as director of The Julis-Rabinowitz Centre for Public Policy and Finance at Woodrow Wilson School. He is the only Pakistani to be considered among the International Monetary Fund's 'top 25 brightest young economists'.

Academics, journalists and others expressed regret over the cancellation of Mian's lecture at IBA Karachi. "So terrible. What a loss! We are all hostages," wrote sociologist and academic Nida Kirmani in a tweet. In a message of support, US-based political science professor Adnan Rasool termed Mian "a graceful and patient man". "You have shown more poise in the face [of] hate than most would ever in their lifetime," he said. Wendy Gilmour, Canada's high commissioner to Pakistan, said the development was "an opportunity lost for the students and wider interested community".

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/680827/extremists-threats-force-iba-to-cancel-dr-atif-mians-lecture/>

People from different sections of society saw the issue in their own way; following tweets were found on social media.

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Unfortunately, the truth came out uglier than anticipated. It wasn’t extremist elements from the outside that compelled IBA to strip their students of such an opportunity. Allegedly, it was IBA’s own faculty.

One wonders if this is an environment that is conducive to learning and growing.

Shame on @ibakarachi & the Faculty members who are involved in this incident. Such extremists should be thrown out of our institutions. They are poisoning young minds. I wonder why we are not producing any great minds now after Dr Abdus Salam.

— I b r a h e e m PK (@eb_abraham)
October 22, 2020

Journalist Zarrar Khuhro questioned why the university had arranged the Atif Mian lecture in the first place, saying it was “not rocket science” to predict that the programme would receive a backlash. “Why do it if you cannot withstand pressure?” he wrote.

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Follow-up report on three vindictive arrests

Lahore; October 2020: It was reported last month that three Ahmadis, Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad and Malik Zahir Ahmad were arrested by the FIA, when the first two presented themselves voluntarily to the Investigation Officer in Lahore. Malik Zahir had nothing to do with the case; he accompanied them as a friend. The FIA detained all of them, while mulla Hasan Muawiyah, brother of Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, PM Representative on Religious Harmony, was seen lurking around in the vicinity. His close relations with some FIA officials bring no credit to this important agency who, under his

undesirable influence book and arrest Ahmadis over learning the Holy Quran – Bible classes come to mind.

The FIA obtained remand of the detainees for investigation. Thereafter an FIA team proceeded to Rabwah to raid the accused’s homes. The team succeeded in unlawfully snatching cell phone of an Ahmadi who attempted to photograph their activity.

The Lahore FIA obtained 3-day extension of the remand – making a total of 10 days. Thereafter the judge refused further remand and sent the accused to ‘judicial’ detention.

The accused, with mulla Hasan Muawiyah’s ever-presence in Lahore and his unhealthy influence on local FIA, requested shift of the trial to Rawalpindi. This was granted, thankfully.

While the FIA (Lahore) was busy in bending backward to secure conviction of Ahmadis over learning the Holy Quran, the prime suspect in motorway rape case, Abid Malhi was arrested after 5 weeks of the frightful and most horrendous incident.

What a sense of priorities! — on pressing issues for an important intelligence agency.

Another anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah



22-23 October; Rabwah: Extremist mullas were permitted to hold another anti-Ahmadiyya conference in the home-town of Ahmadis. Ahmadis had requested the authorities earlier to disallow this conference in view of the prevailing law and order situation, but it went in vain. Such conferences create a lot of trouble for Ahmadis in

their own town. Women and children had to stay at home for two days to avoid any unpleasant incident. Markets remained closed during this time. The whole town remains under a sort of siege during these conferences which openly promote hate and incite violence against Ahmadis.

Alami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held this two-day Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Rabwah on 22 and 23 October, 2020. Maximum attendance reached 12000 in the last session.

The first session started at 10:30 on October 22 and ended at 13:15. Maulvi Khalil Ahmad of Kundian chaired it. Approximately 2500 attended this session. Mullas Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi, Ahmad Khan of Quetta, Qazi Haroon ur Rashid of Rawalpindi, Muhammad Owais of Quetta, Mufti Laal Muhammad, Zia ud Din of Lahore, Khabib Ahmad of Toba Tek Singh, Jamil Ahmad of Sakhar and Abdul Mujeeb of Sindh used foul language against Ahmadis and their elders. Qari Jamil, in his lies went to the extent, "Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was a one-eyed man."

The second session started at 13:50 and continued until 16:30. Attendance improved to approximately 3500. Maulvis Khalid Amir of Sargodha, Amjad Khan of Faisalabad, Aleem ud Din of Lahore, Abdul Qayyum Haqani of Peshawar, Muhammad Arshad of Tando Adam, Azmat Ullah of Bannu, Mubashir Mehmood of Faisalabad, Jamil ur Rehman of Gujranwala and Senator Atau ur Rehman (JUI-F) of Peshawar addressed the audience.

Muhammad Arshad said, "Qadianis are a filthy gang. Juice produced by them is filthier than urine." Maulvi Azmat Ullah said, "Efforts are on to deprive the madrassahs of their autonomy. ... Blasphemer is *wajib ul qatl* (must be killed)." Senator Atau ur Rehman (JUI-F) said, "The sacrifices made by our forefathers for the sake of Pakistan are not hidden from anyone. ... The Prime Minister deliberately did not utter the word *Khatam-un-Nabiyyeen* (end of prophethood) correctly in the swearing-in ceremony. The accursed Aasia release and the Kartarpur Corridor was also opened during this government. The

government has removed Qadiani column in NADRA's form." Qari Aleemuddin said, "Blasphemers of the Companions should be punished according to the constitution. Those who do not believe in the Companions: Take the liberty, but do not insult their dignity."

The third session started at 20:30 and was presided by Mulla Aziz ur Rehman Sani. Approximately 12000 men were present. Maulvis Abu Bakar of Lahore, Muhammad Hasan of Lahore, Mudassir Ahmad of Tonsa Sharif, Abdul Shakoor Razi of Faisalabad, Qazi Mushtaq Ahmad of Rawalpindi, Irshad Ahmad of Kabir Wala, Dr. Saeed Ahmad of Karachi, Abdul Majeed Hazarvi of Haripur, Safdar Shah Secretary General of JUI, Dr. Abu ul Khyr Muhammad of Karachi, Maulvi Siraj ul Haq Amir Jamaat Islami, Ibtisam Ilahi Zaheer and Zia Ullah Shah Bukhari of Sahiwal addressed the audience.

The speakers used abusive and threatening language against the Ahmadiyya community and its elders e.g. Maulvi Abu Bakar of Lahore said, "We will isolate Qadianis all over the world, and they will be suppressed in every forum." Mulla Mudassir of Tonsa was highly abusive; he said, "You are the dirtiest and filthiest people in the world." Mulla Abdul Shakoor said, "Qadianiat is the biggest mischief of the present age. All anti-Islam forces support them. ... End of prophethood is the foremost mission of Muslims worldwide. ... Qadianis and anti-Islamic forces are being imposed on the Muslims through a conspiracy." Qazi Mushtaq Ahmad said, "This is the worst mischief in the Islamic history.... In fact, the rulers are the killers." Maulvi Irshad said, "Street dogs are better than us if we do not protect the belief in the end of prophethood." Maulvi Abdul Majeed Hazarvi said, "The rulers that have been imposed on us have come on behest of the foreign establishment. ... It is the duty of every Muslim to support Maulana Fazlur Rehman." Syed Safdar Shah general secretary of JUI said, "We are all with Ghazi Khalid who sent a disbeliever to hell. We demand the release of Ghazi Khalid. If the government does not curb the deniers of the end of prophethood, events like Peshawar will continue to happen where a

denier of the end of prophethood was sent to hell in public.”

Siraj ul Haq, Amir of Jamaat Islami spoke malice against Ahmadi Jamaat and said, “All the scholars present here are like jewels. Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is a *kafir* (infidel), without any argument. Qadianis are involved in the murder of clerics; they want to spread chaos in the country. ... Nawaz Sharif martyred Mumtaz Qadri. Nawaz Sharif paved the way for Qadianiat in the country. ... False claimants of prophethood and blasphemers should not be allowed to remain on earth. The poisonous snake of Qadianiat has turned into poisonous dragon with the backing of world powers. Qadiani conspiracy is behind the murder of clerics and the bloodshed among Muslims in Pakistan. In Punjab, for the last 15 years, there has been a humiliating attitude towards religious scholars. To expect any good from these political crooks is to deceive oneself. Reliance on ulama can defeat Western culture and Western politics.” Dr. Abu ul Khyr Muhammad said, “The National Solidarity Council has weakened sectarianism by promoting the unity of Ummah. Sectarianism is being promoted in the country. It has the patronage of the government. The power of madrassahs and mosques in Pakistan will not be questioned and the country will not be allowed to become secular.” Zia Ullah Shah Bukhari said, “Hundreds of Qadianis have converted to Islam after reading the proceedings of the National Assembly. The sacred voice of *Tahafuzz Khatme Nabuwwat* has reached African and European countries through the efforts of Pakistani ulama.” Maulana Noor Muhammad said, “Without faith in the end of prophethood, all prayers, fasting and other acts of worship are useless.” This session ended at 03:30, the next day.

The fourth session started at 10:00 on 23 October and lasted until 13:30. It was chaired by Maulvi Aziz Ahmad of Kundian. The attendance was approximately 13000. Maulvis Sajid Ahmad of Layyah, Abdus Salam of Gilgit, Muhammad Adil of Azad Kashmir, Abdul Razzaq of Quetta, Dr. Deen Muhammad Afridi, Muhammad Tariq of Dera Ismael Khan, Mukhtar Ahmad of Mir Pur, Tausif Ahmad of Haidarabad, Muhammad Arif of Gujranwala, Aziz ur Rehman of Lahore,

Muhammad Ismael Shuja Abadi, Abdullah Hameed Gul s/o General Hameed Gul, Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai and Arshad Madni addressed the audience. Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai used highly abusive language against Ahmadi elders and called them *kafir* (infidel) and *zindeeq* (heretic). Maulvi Sajid said, “Calling Qadianis by dirty names is *sawab* (spiritually rewarding). ... They are the enemies of Pakistan's integrity.” Maulvi Abdul Razzaq said, “Irrigation of Islam demands our blood. We are ready for this sacrifice.” Maulvi Muhammad Ismael Shuja Abadi said, “Qadianis are enemies of both Islam and Pakistan. They are involved in Shia-Sunni riots and incite sectarianism. Qadianis are agents of Jews and were planted by the British.” Abdullah Hameed Gul said, “O Muslims unite. If you unite, the disbelievers will flee. ... Soon India will fall apart, and Kashmir will become independent.”

The fifth and last session of the conference started at 14:15 on October 23. The attendance was approximately 12000 in this final session. Maulvis Muhammad Ismael Shuja Abadi, Karim Bhakhsh of Multan and Nasiruddin Khakwani addressed the audience. They used highly abusive and provocative language against Ahmadis. For example, Maulvi Nasiruddin Khakwani said, “Qadianis are disbelievers of Khatme Nabuwwat and are enemies of Pakistan and the Constitution of Pakistan. They are hypocrites and agents of Jews.” Maulvi Karim Bhakhsh said, “Jesus will follow *Shariat Muhammdiyya* even after his second coming.”

Syed Kafil Bhukhari demanded of the government that Qadiani Jamaat be banned and all the offices and networks of Qadiani Jamaat be sealed. Maulana Muhammad Rizwan Aziz said, “Qadianis' *kufr* (infidelity) has gone beyond the *kufr* of Jews and Christians and become *zindiq* (heretic). In view of the situation, Mirza Muhammad Ali Jhelumi and Javed Ahmad Ghamdi are following in the footsteps of Mirza Qadiani.”

A question and answer session was held during this conference. One question was about Ghazi Khalid (who had assassinated Tahir Naseem in a Peshawar court). In reply, Maulvi

Allah Wasaya said, "When the law is not followed, the hand of a Muslim stops the blasphemer." Replying to a remark that Maulvis collect donations from the people in the name of end of Prophethood, but they talk of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-F in the conference, Maulvi Allah Wasaya said, "As the presence of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-F is heavy in parliament, and they keep raising voice in support of protection of end of Prophethood, therefore, we support them amply."

Most of the participants in this year's conference were from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and most of them carried the pendants of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam.

Various resolutions were also presented at the end of the conference. Some of them are paraphrased below:

- This conference strongly condemns the anti-Pakistan report produced by 40 members of the British Parliament on July 20, 2020.
- This conference also condemned June 14, 2018 report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir. The parliament of Azad Jammu and Kashmir had done no violation of human rights by declaring *Mirzais* non-Muslim on February 6, 2020.
- They demanded that the word '*Mirzai*' or '*Qadiani*' be added to the names of Qadianis.
- They demanded that the Sharia punishment for apostasy (death) be imposed and implemented.
- They demanded ban on *Khudam ul Ahmadiyya* (Ahmadiyya youth organization).
- They demanded that the religion box be included in the computerized ID card.

Societal harassment

Karachi; September/October 2020: Although not everyone in Pakistan has turned anti-Ahmadiyya, and there are good souls around who

are tolerant and broad-minded, but most of the society has become antagonist, even hostile to Ahmadis, under the influence of one-sided propaganda. The law and the mulla do not allow Ahmadis to defend and explain their position. As a result the new generation is generally ignorant of the reality of Ahmadiyya beliefs, teachings and contribution to society. We produce below a recent report from Karachi.

Syed Muhammad Shah, Ahmadi's family is residing in Saddar, the central area of Karachi. He and his wife are active in community work. They are facing hostility from some people in their neighborhood.

They have two school-going daughters who attended a 'tuition' class held by a teacher in their residential block. She stopped them from attending her class, for being Ahmadi. The local internet company has terminated the family's connection. On inquiry, their worker told the family that his superior has told him to not recharge their card.

Mr. Shah's sister resides in the same area, next to the well-known Ahmadiyya Hall. Her residential electric connection was disconnected three times. Women neighbors tell one another to boycott her socially. Her son's motor cycle is parked in the block's parking area, where boys damaged it repeatedly. Recently the local urchins badmouthed her sons and shared hostile post about them on social media. They also indulged in venting hostility against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. They, more than once, turned off the water valve on the pipe from the reservoir on the roof, thus depriving them of water for daily use.

This situation is quite upsetting for the affected families.

Social persecution in Karachi

Model colony, Karachi; October 2020: Mr. Atir Raoof, an Ahmadi, worked at an ice cream parlor. Manager of the shop was satisfied with his work. One-day the cashier came to know of his faith; he gathered all the staff and told them that Mr. Raoof is a Qadiani. At this, everyone told the manager

that either Raoof would stay there or they would. The manager sent for Mr. Raoof and told him that he was happy with his work, but could not keep him against the will of the staff, as such he had to leave.

Similarly, Mr. Rizwan Ahmad Tahir, an Ahmadi, runs a business Mamoon Optics in Model Colony. Nobody in the area knew his faith. One of the shopkeepers then came to know that Mr. Tahir is an Ahmadi; he spread the word in the market. Now all the shopkeepers are asking him about this and some of them there have started opposing him.

Ahmadi asked to remove holy inscription from house

Tando Bago, District Badin; October 3, 2020: Mr. Zaheer ul Din, president of local Ahmadiyya community received a call from the police station to appear before the SHO because a complaint had been received against him. There Mr. Din was told to remove the “*Mashallah*” (*Dei gratia*) inscription from his house because the general secretary of the Majlis *Khatme Nabuwwat* Tando Bago filed an application against him. Mr. Din was further told that as he is an Ahmadi, he cannot use these holy inscriptions as per the law (sic).

It should be mentioned that *Mashallah* is not one of the Islamic epithets forbidden to Ahmadis in law.

Mr. Din told the SHO that the inscription was written 15 years ago by the masons, he would not himself remove it, nor allow any civilian do that; the police could remove it but without his consent. At this, the SHO phoned the opposition’s representative and asked him to come to police station so that they would jointly remove the inscription from the house.

However, no further action was taken to-date in this regard.

The deteriorating situation for Ahmadis in Kot Abdul Malik

Factory Area, Kot Abdul Malik; October 2020: Kot Abdul Malik’s End of Prophethood Council sponsored anti-Ahmadiyya panaflex appeared in various parts of the city, in which Ahmad Raza

Khan’s *fatwa* on the end of prophethood that belief in the end of prophethood is the basic identity of Muslims and a reflection of our religion.

Numerous Qur’anic verses and hadiths have been written in support of the belief that Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is the last messenger of God and that anyone who claims to be a prophet after him, will be an antichrist, a liar, a disbeliever, an apostate and must be killed. English Prophet of *Mirzaees*, Ghulam Ahmad not only claimed to be a prophet but also wrote such articles through which sentiments of Muslims got hurt. Due of these beliefs of Qadianis, Ahmad Raza Khan said that they are apostates hypocrites. The banners further stated that anyone who considers Ahmadis oppressed and associates with them because of the boycott of Muslims is out of Islam and whoever does not call an infidel, infidel is also an infidel. So stay away from them in the area. If one of them is ill, it is forbidden to go to inquiries into his health, if he dies, it is forbidden to go to his funeral, also it is forbidden to bury him in the graveyard of Muslims and it is forbidden to go to his grave.

Banners and panaflexes were removed by the police from the area and a report of police and special branch was sent to higher authorities on the sectarian situation in this neighborhood.

Mr. Qamar Zia, Ahmadi was murdered here a while ago.

Things are getting worse day by day in the area, Ahmadis feel insecure and threatened.

Hateful incidents in Attock

Attock; October 2020: Nowadays opponents are active in Attock and attempting to implement boycott of Ahmadis. Some of the incidents in this regard are reported below:

- A local mulla Qari Abdul Rauf gathered shopkeepers and traders in the mosque and made a provocative speech against Ahmadis. He also referred to anti-Islamic activities in France. The mulla told them to boycott French products and end all ties with Qadianis.

“Qadianis are also brethren of the French”, he said.

- In District Attock, a printed statement is put up at various shops: "NO DEALINGS ARE DONE WITH QADIANIS HERE".
- Ms. Shamim Ramzan, a resident of Kamra, District Attock, is employed in Asfandyar Bukhari District Hospital. Opponents are campaigning against her. A few days ago, Hafizullah Alvi, a member of the Central Majlis-e-Shura, Tahrik-e-Labaik Pakistan, rallied the people and provoked them against her. Hostile reports have been published against her in local newspapers and social media.

Ahmadi told to leave the village

Basti Noor, District Umer Kot; October 2020:

Mr. Rehan Ahmad, an Ahmadi, was in friendly contact with a non-Ahmadi on Facebook. In the beginning, they both talked like friends. Then this person started using foul language against the founder of Ahmadiyya community. In response, Mr. Ahmad too wrote harsh words about mullas. The person, on advice of a mulla lodged a report in the police station. Then he spread this issue in the area for promoting hatred against Ahmad. The police were inclined to a rapprochement, but the mulla was adamant that Mr. Ahmad be brought to the police station. When Mr. Ahmad went to the police station, mullas gathered there, surrounded the police station, and made noise. The police detained Mr. Ahmad for a while. On his release the mullas made a lot of noise and tried to physically harm him. However, the police rescued Mr. Ahmad, and by obtaining a written apology from him solved the issue.

The clerics still threaten Mr. Ahmad with serious consequences if he stays on in the village.

Opposition to Ahmadi in business

Rajanpur; October 2020: Mr. Safir Khalid runs a store in Kotla Naseer, six km from Rajanpur.

Near his shop, there are other shops too, run by non-Ahmadis. Opponents tell customers that Khalid is a Qadiani, don't buy goods from him. Customers thus tend to avoid shopping at his store or even return the purchased goods. Mr. Khalid has to exercise great caution in these circumstances.

A meritorious letter from the Prime Minister

Islamabad; October 25, 2020: Mr. Imran Khan, the PM wrote an excellent letter on the subject of Islamophobia to Mr. Zuckerberg CEO of Facebook.

It is a very appropriate, convincing letter – hence recommended reading. We provide its copy at Annex II.

We suggest that if the word Islamophobia was replaced by Ahmadiphobia and a few other entries were only slightly and suitably replaced, this letter would be a worthy piece for the state and society of Pakistan. The conclusion, restated below, would also equally be valid:

“The message of hate must be banned in total – one cannot send a message that while hate messages against some are unacceptable, these are acceptable against others.”

Ahmadi faces difficulties in Kasur

Kasur; October 13, 2020: Mr. Aleem Ahmad Shahid, An Ahmadi, went to the local grinding facility, but the owner refused to accept the wheat and said that he would not grind an Ahmadi's wheat. Mr. Shahid went to another mill and got the wheat grinded.

Two days after this incident, the mulla, under whose influence the owner had behaved badly, got involved in a driving accident and ended up with a fractured right leg.

Incident of blackening Professor Dr. Salam's photo

BBC; October 16, 2020: BBC Urdu reported and commented upon a recent incident and video of blackening Dr. Salam's picture displayed in public in Gujranwala.

This happened outside the National Science College. The portrait of Dr. Salam was put up outside the college, along with other renowned national luminaries. A group of youth who claimed to be members of some State Youth Parliament came over to the site with black paint and sprayer and blackened Dr. Salam's portrait. The activity was recorded and its video was posted on social media. The youth shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans, as well.



The video invited numerous comments on the media. In a lighter tone, Dr. Arif Hameed tweeted @Arif Hameed on October 15: Dr. Abdul Salam's portrait should be replaced by that of Dr. Aamar

Liaquat; this nation deserves doctors only of Liaquat type. (Translation)

Mr. Bilal Farooqui was more serious in his tweet @bilalfqi: This sickening act by the Gujranwala team of the so-called State Youth Parliament would have no effect on Nobel laureate Dr Abdul Salam's contribution to science and Pakistan. It is, unfortunately, a smear on the face of our nation, literally the darkness that lies ahead....

The BBC interviewed a number of people to record their views on the incident. Dr. Mubarak Ali, a renowned Pakistani historian was quoted as: Abdus Salam was a great scientist, but the youth are ignorant of that. As such, they act as religious extremists, and express their sentiments through riots or such incidents.

A few days later the social media showed that the damaged portrait was replaced by that of Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani, *Mujahid Khatme Nabuwwat*.

The trend among a section of the Pakistani youth to consider a Maulvi as their icon, and their total rejection of a great scientist for his faith is worth serious consideration of the Pakistani society.

Faced with security scrutiny

Mehmand Abad, Peshawar; September 29, 2020: While Ahmadis in KPK were being murdered and severely persecuted in and around Peshawar in recent weeks, security agencies were busy in scrutinizing Ahmadis. For instance:

Four Ahmadi lady teachers teach at Govt Primary School Mehmand Abad, Peshawar. On September 29, 2020 four officials of a security agency came over to the school in plain clothes, met them and two other teachers, and interviewed them individually.

Ahmadi teachers were told to produce their ID Cards and were asked the following questions, *inter alia*:

- Do you belong to the Ahmadiyya community?
- Do you face any problems here?
- Do you consider yourself a Muslim?
- Your family comprises how many, and what do they do (for a living)?
- Do you have any relative in the Army?
- Did you ever visit Qadian?
- If you did, bring along your passport, on which the visa is stamped.

These officials visited again two days later for follow-up, and told the teachers to exercise caution.

The security agencies are welcome to make their inquiries. Their quest for information could be both helpful as well as harmful for the interviewee, depending upon their office policy. One however wishes that similar inquiries were made in advance from the vicious bigots who had openly threatened Ahmadis on social media and displayed boldly their mobile phone numbers on social media recently. This could have effectively deterred them and the blood soaked attacks on Mr. Mairaj Ahmad and Mr. Gulzar Ahmad would have been avoided. Also, we do not know if top leaders who incited their audience against Ahmadis on September 6, 2020 (Senator Mushtaq Khan) and on September 7, 2020 (Maulvi Fazlur Rahman of JUI) were contacted and shown the PPC sections of the law and the constitutional

provisions that they deliberately and openly violated.

Difficulties in burial at common graveyard

Ghathalian Khurd, District Sialkot; September 25, 2020: There is an age-old common graveyard here of Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis. On September 25, 2020 Ahmadis wanted to build a room in this cemetery, its roof was under construction, but the non-Ahmadis intervened and stopped it. Also, there was a need to sell a few trees from there; non-Ahmadis didn't let Ahmadis do that.

The next day the roof's construction was completed, on which the opponents went to the police station and demanded that an FIR be registered against Ahmadis but the police refused to do that on grounds that the cemetery is common.

After that Qari Muhammad Afzal an extremist mulla visited nearby villages of Gathalian Kalan and Sabu Bhadiar, and also Gathalian Khurd and told non-Ahmadis that from now onward if any Ahmadi dies, he/she should not be allowed to be buried in the graveyard, and the graveyard should be fully taken over from them.

Ahmadis are now considering partition of the common facility.

Hostile processions in Rabwah

Rabwah; October 30, 2020: Anti-Ahmadiyya groups, especially Majlis Ahrar and Khatme Nabuwwat organizations do not spare even the blessed birthday of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to hurl abuses against the Ahmadiyya community. They converge on Rabwah and hold rallies and lead anti-Ahmadiyya processions in the town's main streets. Their hostile presence here is deliberate provocation to the locals. Despite our written requests to authorities to disallow such sectarian conferences and processions in this Ahmadiyya town, these are facilitated by the administration.

On October 30, a procession emerged from Masjid Bukhari in Darul Fazl at 9:30 a.m. It was led by Mulla Umair Arshad. Approximately 200 men participated in it. It reached Aqsa roundabout via the bus stop. There, mulla Umair spoke venomously against Ahmadis, and said, "In France, a blasphemer was beheaded by a moth of Islam. We will not tolerate the blasphemy against our Prophet". Addressing Ahmadis, Qari Ghulam Mustafa said, "Leave Qadianiat and don't be the fuel of hell. According to the Qur'an and the Constitution, we call you *kafir* (infidels)".

Another procession emerged from Khichian at 10:00 a.m. and reached Rabwah bus stop via Aqsa roundabout. There, people from other locations joined this crowd. Members from Tahrik-e-Labaik Ya Rasul Ullah also participated. Maulvis Zia Ullah Sialvi of Karachi, Ghulam Nabi of Khichian and Khizar Hayat of Khichian addressed there and used foul language against Ahmadis. Ghulam Nabi announced contribution of Rs 100,000 for the next conference.

Majlis Ahrar started their activities on the previous evening of 12th Rabi ul Awwal. They held a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Madrassah Ahrarul Islam Kot Wasawa, a village on the outskirts of Rabwah. It started at 10:30 p.m. and ended at 01:30 a.m. It was presided by Syed Atauil Muhaiman Bukhari, the Central Amir at Multan. Participants numbered approximately 3500 men. Syed Kafil Bukhari, Maulvis Ataullah Salis, Haroon Matiullah, Shabir Ahmad Usmani, Muhammad Umer and Abdul Rauf Hazarvi spoke in the conference. All of them bad-mouthed Ahmadiyyat and its founder. Syed Kafil Bhukhari said, "Like every year, we invite Qadianis to Islam so that the *zindeeq* (heretic) Qadianis may repent and become followers of our Prophet and escape the fuel of Hell." Maulvi Ataullah said, "Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani is the name of a great *fitna* (mischief); we will suppress this mischief jointly." Maulvi Haroon Matiullah said, "Qadianiat is a great mischief created by British to divide Muslims. Qadianis are behind all the mischiefs that are arising in our country. Jews and Christians are backing the Qadianis. We will suppress

this mischief. Qadianis are also behind the recent blast in Peshawar. We demand the execution of blasphemers and the end of ties with France.” Maulvi Shabbir Ahmad Usmani said, “The caricatures made in France were made at the behest of Qadianis. We pay tribute to Ghazi Khalid who sent Tahir Naseem Qadiani to hell inside the court in Peshawar.” Muhammad Umer said, “O Muslims unite to suppress the mischief of Qadianis.” The police were present all along and provided them official sanction.

Majlis Ahrar took out a procession later in the day at 14:50. It started from Kot Wasawa and reached Ewan Mehmood (An Ahmadiyya building). Participants numbered about 5000. Maulvis Umer Farooq, Ataullah Shah Bhukhari, Ilyas Chinioti MPA of Chiniot, Khalid Latif Cheema of Chichawatni, Mehr Taimoor Amjad Lali a PTI MPA, Muhammad Mughira and Syed Muhammad Kafil Bhukhari spoke against Ahmadis in their speeches. Ilyas Chinioti MPA said, “Jesus is alive in heaven.” He spoke harshly against the founder of Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Maulvi Khalid Latif Cheema said, “Qadianis, accept Islam or we are at war against you.” Mehr Taimoor Amjad Lali PTI MPA said, “He who does not consider the Holy Prophet as the last prophet is a non-Muslim. He who does not support the Prophet is our enemy. Everything can be sacrificed for the Holy Prophet.” Syed Kafil Bhukhari said, “Qadianis are worse than Jews and Christians. There was no condemnation from Qadianis regarding the caricatures made in France, so how can we believe that you are followers of our Muhammad.”

This procession reached the Bus Stop at 17:00 and dispersed after shouting hateful anti-Ahmadi slogans.

Is it not improper and indecent of all these mullas and their acolytes to leave their own neighborhoods and come over to Rabwah for these rallies? What justification do they give to the administration to obtain its permission to indulge in this sectarian provocation? If none, why does the administration permit them to muster in Rabwah?

Ahmadiyya futile appeal to authorities

Rabwah; October 30, 2020: Ahmadiyya central office forwarded the following request in writing to authorities to disallow mullas sectarian conference and processions in the Ahmadiyya town Chenab Nagar (Rabwah), scheduled on Holy Prophet’s birthday.

Title: Request for appropriate action on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on October 30, 2020 gatherings and processions at Rabwah/Chenab Nagar, District Chiniot

Blessed programs have been announced across Pakistan on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on October 30, 2020 to celebrate the blessed birth of Hazrat Muhammad *Khatam un Nabiyeen* (p.b.u.h.). Programs are organized all over Pakistan on this auspicious occasion, including gatherings and processions. Processions are held in Rabwah as in other cities across the country.

In the past, in addition to narrating the *seerat* (way of life) of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) on this blessed and holy occasion, baseless allegations are made against Jamaat Ahmadiyya regarding our faith and beliefs, and the participants of the procession are incited to make extreme moves against Jamaat Ahmadiyya. This practice has gone on for many years. The fact is that every Ahmadi, by the grace of Allah, has more devotion and respect for Hazrat Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) than all other prophets, and this is a fundamental part of every Ahmadi’s faith.

On this holy and blessed occasion in Rabwah, three large processions are taken out which pass through different parts of the city chanting anti-Ahmadi slogans and making provocative speeches, and this activity continues throughout the day. On this occasion, every Ahmadi shows tolerance and patience according to his traditions and teachings. Otherwise, the reaction of a single Ahmadi could be a prelude to a major storm.

For the past few months, a systematic anti-Ahmadi hate campaign has been going on across the country, which has resulted in murderous attacks, assassinations, violence, boycotts, police cases and arrests of Ahmadis on baseless charges. Inciting anti-Ahmadi activities on the auspicious occasion of the

12th Rabi-ul-Awwal may lead to an increase in these nefarious activities this year.

Sir, you are the representative of the State of Pakistan and the defender of the Constitution of Pakistan. On this auspicious occasion of 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal, every citizen expects from you that his property and life will be protected irrespective of his religion and ethnicity, and action would be taken according to the law. If it is necessary to allow the said programs, then a full official recording of these gatherings and processions should be made so that the real picture is available to you.

It is hoped that you will pay special attention to this sensitive issue in order to meet the legal requirements and cater for unforeseen developments. I shall be very grateful to you, and will await your reply. Best wishes,

Saleemuddin
 Director Public Affairs, Pakistan
 Chenab Nagar, Distt Chiniot

A fresh Code of Conduct



Islamabad; October 6, 2020:
 Council of Islamic Ideology organized a conference in which Ulama from major sects were invited to decide on a 20-point Code of Conduct (CoC) in the light of

Paigham-i-Pakistan promulgated in 1980 in consultation with a large body of Ulama. We translate below some of these points and offer a few brief comments:

- 2. All citizens should ensure respect to all basic rights mentioned in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- 5. Ulama and Mashaikh and citizens from all walks of life should support law-enforcement institutions and the armed

forces so as to root out violence from the society.

- 7. No one shall indulge in sectarian hatred, armed sectarian conflict or imposing one's views on others, as this is open violation of Shariah and is *Fasad fil Arth* (violence on earth).
- 8. No private, government and religious educational institute should promote militancy, hatred and extremism. Those involved in such activities and against state departments (*Adaron*) would be strictly dealt with based on evidence.
- 9. Those, who promote extremism, sectarianism and terrorism, regardless of their belief or organization, will be severely dealt with by the administration and through law.
- 10. All Islamic sects have the right to propagate their sectarian faith but would not be allowed to malign, create hatred or make baseless accusations against any other person, institution or sect.
- 11. No one will be allowed to insult the *Khatam-an-Nabiyeen* (PBUH), his family members and Companions and the Caliphs. No person or group will be allowed to take the law into their hands nor hinder the investigation or prosecution of cases pertaining to blasphemy.
- 12. No one would condemn or malign other sectarian faiths or declare anyone *Kafir*, and only a religious scholar would elaborate Shariah principles on the basis of religious view. However, only the court has the authority to give the final verdict in that regard. (The definition of Muslim would only be valid as given in the Constitution of Pakistan.)
- 13. No one would be allowed to participate in, conduct and promote terrorism or offer support or training in terrorism.
- 14. Religious, public and private educational institutions should include respect for all various schools of thought in their syllabi,

and accommodate difference of opinion, as that is the best venue to undertake research.

15. All Muslim citizens and officials will perform their functions in the light of Islamic teachings and the Constitution.
17. Non-Muslim citizens have the right to their religion and its practice as per their belief.
19. No person shall make hate speech in mosques, *Minbar-o-Mehrab*, *Majalis* and *Imambargahs*, and will not indulge in controversial discussion on sectarian issues in press, TV, social media.

As Ahmadis, our first reaction to the above CoC is that of appreciation and best wishes. Although it is discriminatory against Ahmadiyya rights on some points, we generally and whole heartedly support its aims and objects, as its honest acceptance and effective implementation will bring great relief to the sectarian strife-torn society in Pakistan.

But – there is a big but, not one but many. Some relevant observations would be helpful.

First, it is not clear whether the CoC is meant to promote inter-faith harmony or inter-sect harmony. The original document released From the Chairman’ Desk is non-committal.

In an op-ed published in the daily *Dawn* of October 8, 2020, the worthy writer opines: “Traditionally, such fatwas and declarations (as CoC) have wielded little to no influence on most radical elements and extremist groups in Pakistan. Even in the presence of such drafts and decrees, extremist elements and groups would continue to spread hatred as per their convictions or other internal and external compulsions.”

We, regrettably agree fully with the above opinion. Our past experience supports that. Two and half years ago, *Paigham-i-Pakistan*, agreed upon by hundreds of Ulama and promulgated by the President of Pakistan conveyed essentially the same message and decisions. However, in the follow-up, the Jamaat Ahmadiyya has experienced worse discrimination, intolerance,

propaganda, hate speech, extremism — even terrorism.

For instance, mulla Khadim Rizvi, leader of TLP declared in June 2018: “The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding *Mirzais*: Either recite the *Kalima* or accept Death. There won’t be anything else than this...” The authorities took no action against Rizvi on this. Last year the widely known Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, President of Pakistan Ulama Council asserted in an open multi-religions meeting, “...I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country. ...To speak against Qadianis *is* Religious Harmony.....” Recently the Hafiz has been appointed Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Religious Harmony.

We can only express sympathy for CII. They face more than a Herculean task.

It is noteworthy that none of the top leaders of *Khatme Nabuwwat* organizations is among the initial signatories of the CoC, although it is their thought, indoctrination and motivation that propelled a youth like Faisal/Khalid to shoot dead a former Ahmadi, Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a US citizen, in a court in the presence of the judge on July 29 this year. Article 9 of the CoC is praiseworthy as it promises strong administrative and punitive action against the defaulter regardless of his organization or faith. We shall keep a record of the performance of the *Khatme Nabuwwat* Organizations like the AMTKN, IKNM, etc.

Article 15 expects all Muslim officials to perform their functions in the light of Islamic teaching. Now, who will decide what is the Islamic teaching in a certain case or situation? In November 2018, Pir Afzal Qadri of Tehrik Labbaik declared three judges of the Supreme Court to be *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be put to death).

It is over 70 years’ experience in Pakistan that most fair Islamic intentions can be and are interpreted and corrupted beyond recognition.

Article 17 of CoC mentions Non-Muslims’ right to practice their religion as per their faith, but does not mention their right to proselytize the same, although Article 20 of the Constitution gives a non-Muslim the right to “propagate his religion.” This is a violation of not

only the Constitution but also of Point 2. of CoC itself which requires all citizens to ensure respect towards all basic rights of all citizens, “mentioned in the Constitution”. It seems some mulla prevailed to deny this Constitutional right to non-Muslims — a bad start for the well-intended CoC!

Anti-Ahmadiyya slogans raised in market

PTV Colony Barakahu, District Islamabad; October 1, 2020: Mr. Umar Waheed, An Ahmadi, went for car wash at a local service station. During the wash an unknown person of 55/56-year age, appeared from nowhere and started raising slogans against Ahmadis. “**Qadianis are infidels; kill the Qadianis**”, he said. The workers paid him no attention and completed the job.

Mr. Waheed has been residing in this area for the last 6 years, and everybody knows about his Ahmadiyya identity. He could be insecure in future.

Life is like that!



Lahore: The daily *Dawn* in its issue of 19 and 20 October reported that a massive fire in Hafeez Centre, the city’s major multi-story market housing mobile phones, laptops and computers business, gutted more than 400 shops, godowns and repair facilities on Sunday, October 18, inflicting heavy losses on traders. It went on for 11 hours. Twenty-five people trapped in the building were rescued safely. A preliminary report stated that the fire erupted because of a short-circuit on the third floor; it completely damaged third, fourth and fifth floor. Goods

worth billions of rupees have been reduced to ashes.



Fire-wrecked Hafeez Centre was sealed. The building has been declared dangerous. Preliminary investigation states that there were no fire hydrants and no implementation of fire safety codes. The fire incident, reportedly, exposed the association of the Centre as it had ignored a warning of the Civil Defense Lahore regarding dysfunctional fire-fighting equipment. “Similarly, automatic fire alarm and detection system, and fire point and fire control room were not properly maintained. ... Fire extinguishers at various floors were not functioning as well.”

Most of the Hafeez Centre shops carried the stickers: **Closed to Mirzais; Qadianis, first enter Islam, then enter this shop; Entry of dogs and Mirzais is forbidden;** etc....It would be recalled that the Hafeez Centre was in the news in a big way in December 2015. The police took action against a shop-keeper Abid Hashmi and his assistant Noman for putting up a sticker in Urdu: **Qadiani (dogs) not allowed entry here.** The Centre’s traders and association, in a show of solidarity, put up stiff resistance to police action. As a result, the accused were released the next day, and the sticker(s) remained in place. At this, Musharraf Zaidi wrote, with clairvoyance in the daily *The News* of December 16, 2015:

“So now we have this Hafeez Center thing. What did we expect? Born and raised on a diet of tumors, tumors of stupidity beyond redemption, and tumors of self-righteous to the point of being suicidal (literally), were we expecting little brown baby, Justine Trudeau to come out of the bag of tricks we have turned in the name of our republic, our freedom, and our faith?”

Islam is known to forbid arrogance, bigotry, and intolerance. Ahmadis in general are sympathetic to the victims of this Centre over their losses but wish that they had gained Allah’s pleasure and protection by following true Islamic teaching.

Agitation in Mardan

Mardan, October 2020: Preparations were underway in Mardan for a gathering (*jalsa*) in the name of the end of prophethood for the past one month. Banners and boards were put up all over Mardan. In the previous years there used to be only one gathering here but now this group is divided in two and their gatherings are held separately. These gatherings were planned to be organized on 15 and 18 October 2020. Anti-Ahmadi mullas participated in these events.

Ahmadis feel insecure in these circumstances.

An insane murder, the state and the society



Quaidabad, District Khushab; November 4, 2020: Malik Imran Hanif, manager of National Bank of Pakistan, Quaidabad Branch was shot dead by a security guard of the bank over a purported blasphemy allegation. Soon after

the killing, the murderer tried to portray that the victim was an Ahmadi by faith.

The guard, Ahmad Nawaz who killed Hanif claims to have done so over blasphemy. According to the initial reports, the two had earlier argued over attributes of prophethood. The DPO, however, felt skeptical of the guard’s blasphemy claim and said that it was most likely that this incident was result of personal grievance.

Multiple videos of the occurrence emerged. In one of these, the guard is seen leading a group of supporters after the murder, shouting slogans as they walk in the street, along with leaders of Tehrik-e-Labbaik Pakistan. Some people are seen kissing the killer. In another video the killer is seen served with a cup of tea in the police station seated on a chair (like a political VIP) after he was taken in custody. Another video shows the killer and his sympathizers standing on roof top of the police station, shouting slogans and addressing the crowd. Supporters of the killer demanded an FIR on lines desired by them, while addressing the rally from the rooftop.



Another video shows the uncle of the deceased denying the guard’s claims. He assured that the family was Muslim who had nothing to do with Qadianis. The uncle said that the killing was on personal grounds, not for blasphemy.

A large number of people attended the funeral of Mailk Hanif at Jauharabad. The prayer leader announced at the funeral that the deceased belonged to a Sunni family and was a true lover of Prophet Mohammad (p.b.u.h.), and not a



Qadiani. Footage doing the rounds shows that those in the audience confirmed the prayer leader's statement by raising their hands. Referring to the murderer, Fawad Chaudhary, Federal Minister for Science and Technology, called upon the State to make perpetrators of such crimes an example for those who use the pretext of blasphemy to settle personal scores.

Public reactions to the murder over alleged blasphemy, the killer leading the procession in street and his reception and freedom at the police station provide some food for thought on the state of Punjab Police and the civil society in the province. Reference to Qadianiat seems to imply justification of the crime if the victim were an Ahmadi.

A noteworthy Press Release on 'Freedom of Expression'

London: Press Section of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat issued the following Press Release on November 2, 2020 (extracts):

The World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community welcomes comments of Canada's Prime Minister regarding freedom of expression.

"I greatly appreciate the comments of the Canadian Prime Minister regarding the need for there to be certain limits to free speech. I believe this is the right way to foster peace and harmony within society. Certainly, I have always maintained my belief, based on my faith, that it is wrong to needlessly provoke and offend the religious sentiments of any people, be they Christians, Jews, Hindus, Muslims or the adherents of any other faith."

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad further states:

"I have said many times that when the religious sentiments of millions of Muslims are grievously injured, it will naturally lead to resentment within the Muslim community. Most regrettably, recent history shows that there will always be a small minority of so-called Muslims, who cruelly violate the teachings of Islam, and react in an extremist fashion, as we have seen recently in France. In turn, this emboldens those who seek to defend

freedom of expression at all costs and so this vicious cycle of animosity continues to turn and the rift between Muslims and the rest of society deepens. Thus, we need leaders who not only condemn the violent reaction but who also recognise that the exercise of our freedoms and rights should not be used to needlessly provoke or distress others. In this regard, I express my sincere gratitude to Mr Trudeau and I pray that other world leaders also come to recognise the paramount importance of building a cohesive society in which the sentiments of the people of all religions are protected."

Ahmadiyya cases under prosecution on basis of religion



October, 2020: Essential update of police cases in courts against Ahmadis is given below. Delay tactics are applied resulting in Ahmadis remaining in prison for months, even years, before they are declared Not Guilty.

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death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for three years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for six and half years.

Now a two-member bench comprising Justice Shahbaz Ali Razvi and Justice Asjad Javed Ghural are attending to the appeal. Decision was expected on 26 October but due to the incomplete bench they didn't announce it. No fresh date has been given. As for the murderer of Mr. Khalil Ahmad, he has not been sentenced yet.

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 Crime 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. If declared guilty they could be sentenced to prison for life. Zulfiqar Bari Magistrate Act 30 rejected his bail application on April 8, 2020. Now appeal has been made in the Sessions Court Lahore against this rejection of bail by the magistrate. Next date of hearing is November 09, 2020.

Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana was implicated in a fabricated police case under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C for which the penalty is death. 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. Investigation has been completed in this case.

This first ever arrest of an Ahmadi woman on blasphemy charge goes to the (dis)credit of the PTI government.

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.

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Syed Khalid Ahmad Shah (Director General of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan), Malik Khalid Masood (Director Publications), Mirza Fazl Ahmad (Director of Education), Mr. Salik Ahmad (President of Ahmadiyya Youth Organization in Pakistan), Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were booked on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11. If declared guilty they could be imprisoned for life. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department that works under Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of Mr. Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore, arrested and tortured him. He is currently at Kot Lakhpat Jail, Lahore.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested on appearance in FIA office, they are in Kot Lakhpat Jail Lahore. Investigation of this case has been transferred to Rawalpindi Cyber Crimes Branch.

Mr. Zahir Ahmad of Lahore was helping Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad in their case in FIA cyber crimes branch. He was arrested along with Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad from FIA office Lahore and booked under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, PECA-11. He is in Camp Jail Lahore. Investigation of this case has been transferred to Rawalpindi Cyber Crimes Branch.

Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Naseem Ahmad, Dr. Shahid Iqbal, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Qamar, Mr. Fazl 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 Rajanpur 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. Last date of hearing was October 29, but there were no proceedings and next hearing is set for November 07, 2020.

Mr. Mahmood Hashmi of Allama Iqbal Town Lahore was booked and arrested on 20th June 2019 under section 295-A, 298-C in Police Station Allama Iqbal for sharing community's material on social media. The case is under trial and next hearing is set on November 02, 2020.

Mr. Saeed A Warraich: Mr. Saeed Ahmad Warraich was arrested on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. His trial is held in prison. Last date of hearing was October 29, but there were no proceedings due to the non-availability of Judge. Next date of hearing is November 21, 2020.

Mr. Haq ul Mubeen was booked under anti-Ahmadiyya PPC 298-C with FIR Nr. 2637 at police station Shahdara, Lahore on September 2, 2020. He was arrested after a WhatsApp comment on his friend's post. Currently he is in Camp Jail Lahore and the case is under trail.

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 Police Station Phalora, District Sialkot. He was arrested.

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filed in the court of Magistrate Adil Riaz of District Nankana, who rejected it on 23 October; next date for hearing is November 07, 2020. Another appeal against the rejection of bail by Magistrate Adil Riaz was filed in the court of Justice Asim Mansoor; the hearing date is November 04, 2020.

Mr. Fazl Saeed, his brother Mr. Munawwar Saeed and his father Mr. Saeed Ahmad were booked on August 15, 2020 under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C for undertaking *Qurbani* (cattle sacrifice), with FIR Nr. 710 at Police Station Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh. Mr. Fazl Saeed was arrested. Later on September 22, 2020 his bail was approved and he was released from the prison. Case is under trial.

Mr. Amjad Iqbal Saloni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi of Lahore were booked two years ago on fake charge of proselytizing. They remained in prison for over a year before their release on bail. They are undergoing trial. Last date of hearing was June 24, 2020.

Dulmial case: A mob attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque four years ago in Dulmial, District Chakwal. Two persons, one from each side, died in the riot. An ATC court pended the trial of the accused of both the communities after a truce.

The Ahmadiyya mosque that suffered attack and was then locked up by authorities remains locked and is not open to Ahmadis for worship. Ahmadis have no alternate facility for congregational worship. Non-Ahmadis have numerous mosques, all functional. A court case is going on under Article 145 to unseal the mosque. Also a case is going on for the ownership of the mosque at civil court Choa Saidan Shah. The next scheduled date of hearing is November 23, 2020.

Mr. Tahir A Khalid an Ahmadi religious teacher was booked and arrested on a false charge of blasphemy under PPC 295-B on March 31, 2014. He was released on bail five and half months later. His trial has been going on for the last six and half years. Last date of hearing was October 31, 2020. The next date of hearing is on December 5, 2020.

Sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha: Mulla Hasan Muawiyah group filed a writ petition in Lahore High Court to ban Ahmadis' sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha. The court pended the case and has not given a fresh date of hearing.

Ahmadiyya literature: The entire written works of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat were banned by a notification of the Punjab government. The notification was challenged at the High Court. The case is under consideration with the Multan Bench. The court pended the case and has not given a fresh date of hearing.

Ahmadiyya daily and monthlies for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification. The notification was challenged in Lahore High Court. The court pended the case and has not given a fresh date of hearing.

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The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 06, 2020

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The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 04, 2020

- **The AI Open University should remove Ahmadiyya option in religion column of its online admission form: Maulana Akram Toofani**

The daily Islam; Lahore, October 09, 2020

- **Chenab Nagar: Professional beggars become great problem for citizens**

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 12, 2020

- **Qadiani mischief is an attack made against Muslim Umma: Maulana Ghulam Mustafa**

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- **Qadianis are leading the country to chaos: (Mulla) Faiz Nazir**

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- **Dialogue is essential to rid of sectarian violence: Tahir Ashrafi**
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The daily 92 News, Lahore, October 19, 2020
- **No constitutional, Sharia constant on temple in Islamabad**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 29, 2020
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 - **Furious PM hits back at Nawaz, vows to put him in jail**
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<http://twitter.com/aadiroy/statu/1310645617849401349?s=24>
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 - **Nations and countries do not progress sans justice: Ijaz Shah, the Federal Interior Minister**
Express RSS; October 04, 2020
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The daily Jang; Lahore, October 17, 2020

Op-ed: Sectarianism & civil society

NOTHING is more challenging for a state than maintaining social harmony during times of religious discord and hatred. The challenge becomes more uncertain when civil society and other stakeholders become indifferent or are left out, and the matter is left to state institutions alone. This is exactly what is happening in Pakistan.

.... Code of Conduct (CoC) announced by CII declares all kinds of violence in the name of religion as revolt against the state and denounces the deliverance of hate speech and excommunication of other sects, including at mosques, imambargahs and mass gatherings.

..... Traditionally, such fatwas and declarations have wielded little to no influence on most radical elements and extremist groups in Pakistan. Even in the presence of such drafts and decrees, extremist elements and groups would continue to spread hatred as per their convictions or other internal and external compulsions. For state institutions, however, creating and adopting such resolutions is an official obligation and means that the 'job is done'. But the issue is deep-rooted and linked to our society's religious, identity-related and sociopolitical ethos.

... In Pakistan, the constitutional crisis has deep roots and reflects state institutions' weaknesses in honouring and abiding by constitutional principles, whereas the sectarian divide has badly affected the social contract within society.

.... Both the state and civil society have to collaborate to break the intellectual and economic stakes linked with sectarian hatred. It would be a great service to the nation if the CII took up the task and provided some useful recommendations in this regard.

Muhammad Amir Rana in the daily Dawn October 18, 2020

Op-ed: Why Pakistan does not deserve the service of Atif Mian

... Frankly, when it comes to discussing the rights of the Ahmadis, the distinction between extremist and ‘moderate’ Pakistanis blurs to such an extent that it is impossible to distinguish between the two.

....I still remember the video which shows a female Assistant Commissioner being hounded by some petty students and being forced to apologize for merely suggesting that all of us, including Ahmadis, should be united.

....When it comes to the Ahmadis, we as a nation have lost our collective conscience and even our sanity. We are blinded by petty hate. In fact, both the opposition and the government try to outdo each other in whipping up hate against them. It is strange that our religious beliefs are so weak that they are ‘threatened’ by merely four million Ahmadis in a population of more than 200 million. It is truly puzzling to try and decipher how a zoom lecture by Mian, easily one of the finest brains Pakistan has produced in recent years, is somehow putting Islam in danger....

In the conclusion, I simply wish to make a personal appeal to Mian. Sir, the simple truth of the matter is that we as a nation do not deserve you, stop caring for us. Let us rot in our misery and hate.

*By Raza Habib Raja in the Express Tribune,
October 24, 2020*

Report: Canadian premier says free speech has limits

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau defended free speech on Friday, but added that it was “not without limits.”..... “We owe it to ourselves to act with respect for others and to seek not to arbitrarily or unnecessarily injure those with whom we are sharing a society and a planet

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 01, 2020

Report: Ulama trying to form interfaith harmony body, says Hafiz Ashrafi

“For this purpose (promotion of religious harmony) a common religious platform named Interfaith Harmony Council Pakistan was being set up and it would have representation down to the union council level throughout the country.”

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 18, 2020

Professor's murder

Editorial October 07, 2020

ALL too often Pakistan receives a violent shock, reminding society of the perils of letting hate and intolerance grow without check. On Monday, Dr Naeemuddin Khattak, an Ahmadi professor, was gunned down in Peshawar after an altercation with a colleague over religious issues. This is the latest in a growing series of troubling incidents in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa capital in which members of the Ahmadi community have been targeted. In July, an American of Pakistani origin reportedly belonging to the religious group was shockingly murdered in court by a teenager, while last month a mob laid siege to an Ahmadi family's residence.

This is, of course, not the first incident of its kind. Ahmadis in this country have faced persecution for decades, while the state has done little to bring those responsible for crimes against the community to justice. Unfortunately, the anti-Ahmadi violence ties up with the overall growing extremist tendencies in society — nurtured since the 1980s — that are now manifesting themselves in hideous ways. Whether it is the targeting of Ahmadis, or any other individual/group that is seen to be 'deviant' by the self-professed guardians of religious mores in Pakistan, this pattern of violence must be confronted by the state before it leads to the mainstreaming of vigilantism. Over the past few weeks, avowed sectarian groups with a history of violence have staged massive marches across major cities of Pakistan. This shows that while they may have been lying low for the past few years, they can mobilise at very short notice should the need arise. The KP government needs to do more to protect the lives and properties of Ahmadis living in the province. Additionally, the state must send a very clear message that there is zero tolerance for vigilantism and cold-blooded murder. If this toxic trend is not forcefully checked, we may soon return to the old days when targeted killings and attacks on places of worship were occurring with alarming frequency across the country.

The daily dawn; Karachi, 07 October, 2020

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PRIME MINISTER

Islamabad
25 October 2020

Dear Mr. Zuckerberg,

I am writing to draw your attention to the growing Islamophobia that is encouraging hate, extremism and violence across the world and especially through the use of social media platforms including Facebook. I appreciate your taking the step to rightly ban any posting that criticizes or questions the Holocaust, which was the culmination of the Nazi pogrom of the Jews in Germany and across Europe as Nazis spread across Europe.

However, today we are seeing a similar pogrom against Muslims in different parts of the world. Unfortunately, in some states, Muslims are being denied their citizenship rights and their democratic personal choices from dress to worship. In India, anti-Muslim laws and measures such as CAA and NRC as well as targeted killings of Muslims and blaming Muslims for Corona virus are reflective of the abominable phenomenon of Islamophobia. In France, Islam has been associated with terrorism and publication of blasphemous cartoons targeting Islam and our Holy Prophet (PBUH) has been allowed. This will lead to further polarization and marginalization of Muslims in France. How will the French distinguish between radical extremist Muslim citizens and the mainstream Muslim citizenry of Islam? We have seen how marginalization inevitably leads to extremism – something the world does not need.

Given the rampant abuse and vilification of Muslims on social media platforms, I would ask you to place a similar ban on Islamophobia and hate against Islam for Facebook that you have put in place for the Holocaust. The message of hate must be banned in total – one cannot send a message that while hate messages against some are unacceptable, these are acceptable against others. Nor should the world have to wait for a pogrom against Muslims, which is ongoing in countries like India and in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, to be completed before Islamophobia is banned. This in itself is reflective of prejudice and bias that will encourage further radicalization.

Sincerely,

(Imran Khan)