

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

SEE PAGE 17 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

Highlights

FROM 1984* TILL DEC 31, 2022

276
Murdered
for faith

4147
Ahmadis
Booked in
Religious
Cases

473
Murder
Attempts

202
Mosques
Desecrated

DURING 2022

3
Murdered
for faith

108
Ahmadis
Booked in
Religious
Cases

14
Mosques
Desecrated

197
Graves
Desecrated

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.
- 61 Ahmadis booked under anti-Ahmadiyya cases during Oct. 10 Ahmadis arrested and 9 Ahmadis booked in religious cases during Aug. 15 Ahmadis booked during May and 26 Ahmadis booked in Jun along with 7 arrests. One Ahmadi elder arrested in Jul.
- 34 Ahmadiyya Mosques attacked, minarets destroyed by the Police or unknown assailants.
- Burial of 3 Ahmadis denied in a common cemetery in Jan, Jul and Aug. 100 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.

As we reflect on the events of October, the relentless persecution against the Ahmadiyya Muslim community remains distressingly evident. A hundred gravestones desecrated, seven more added in October alone, signify not only a profound lack of respect for the deceased but also the impunity with which such acts are committed, mostly in the very presence of law enforcement.

Mosque desecrations continue unabated, reaching a total of 34 for the year. Shockingly, two cases were registered against 16 known and 45 unknown individuals merely for the architectural resemblance of their mosques to those of other Muslims. These places of worship were built long before the infamous Ordinance XX.

The month also witnessed inflammatory processions, where hate speech thrived openly. Thousands participated in these gatherings, further fueling the already charged atmosphere of discrimination and hostility.

As Pakistan gears up for elections, the systematic denial of voting rights to Ahmadis continue. This concerning matter is elucidated further on page 17 of our report. Despite being a peaceful community, Ahmadis find themselves without a single representative in the government. The implications of this exclusion are significant as it not only contradicts the principles of a democratic society but also perpetuates the longstanding discrimination faced by the Ahmadiyya community. Addressing this fundamental injustice is imperative for fostering inclusivity and upholding democratic values. The international community must not turn a blind eye to these gross violations of human rights.

* SINCE THE PROMULGATION OF ORDINANCE XX

AHMADIYYA GRAVES DESECRATED IN MIRPUR

Mirpur Khas; October 2023:

Unknown miscreants damaged the graves of two Ahmadis in Nusratabad Farm's Ahmadiyya graveyard. The gravestone of one grave and the tiles of the other were found broken.



REGISTRATION OF POLICE CASE UNDER ANTI-AHMADIYYA LAWS

Mandi Bahauddin, September 27, 2023:

The police registered a criminal case against 8 named Ahmadis and 30 unnamed under sections 298-B and 298-C in FIR Nr. 1436 in P.S. Civil Lines, on September 27, 2023, for building their place of worship with minarets on the premises of Shahtaj Sugar Mills.

The worship place was built in 1970, 14 years before the promulgation of the infamous Ordinance.

If declared guilty, they could be imprisoned for 3 years.

Registration of this case against 30 unnamed Ahmadis in addition shows the malafide nature of the complaint.

23 BOOKED UNDER ANTI-AHMADIYYA LAWS

Chak 20, District Mandi Bahauddin; October 2023:

The police booked Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, Raja Nadeem Sarwar, Raja Khurram, Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, Mr. Khushnood Ahmad, Mr. Ahmad Khan, Mr. Tanveer Ahmad and 15 unknown members of the Ahmadiyya community with FIR number 782 dated September 28, 2023, under section 298-B. They were accused of making niche and minarets in their worship place, whereas this mosque

was built in 1960.

A pre-arrest bail application was filed in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Mandi Bahauddin, Mr. Salim Akhtar, which was rejected on October 27, 2023. Subsequently, one of the accused, Mr. Shiraz was arrested; however, a magistrate accepted his plea for bail.

This case is one of the very baseless, malafide, and vicious ones against Ahmadis.

AHMADI OFFICIAL TRANSFERRED ON THREAT OF A TLP MULLA

Mandi Bahauddin, Punjab, September 2023:

Mr. Fateh Ahmad, Ahmadi was posted by his department to Mandi Bahauddin as Superintendent Police.

At this posting, Mulla Naeem Chatha Qadri, Amir Tehrik Labbaik District Mandi Bahauddin issued the following statement (translation):

“A Qadiani has been posted as an SP in our district. I give this message to the (Security) Agencies here that if they need him, they should take him elsewhere. He cannot be here while we are here. Either we’ll stay here, or he. Our Baba Ji (Khadim Hussain Rizvi) told us that our necks are (dedicated) to the Holy Prophet (PBUH). A Ghazi shall appear. It takes no time for a Ghazi to appear. Then you’ll wonder what has happened! First, they

killed a Governor, now they have killed an SP. If you want to save him, take him away, he cannot stay in our district.”



Before this, the same mulla issued these types of threats against Ahmadis including the one, “Shout the slogan so loud that Ahmadi women shed their pregnancies (Hamal).”

The concerned office responded in fear and transferred Mr. Fateh Ahmad back to Lahore in the Patrolling Police section.

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEFILED IN DISTRICT JHELMUM

Mahmud Abad, September 29, 2023:

Approximately 20 religious extremists led by mullas came over to the Ahmadiyya mosque here at about 5:40 p.m. and undertook the demolition of the niche. Ahmadis who made a

video of the attack from the roof were thrown stones at by the miscreants.

Police were informed by Ahmadis of the incident. They came over and inspected the damage.



POLICE DESECRATE AHMADIYYA TOMBSTONES

Bhulair, District Kasur; September 30, 2023:

Religious bigots approached the police to complain about a few pious words on two



Ahmadi tombstones. The DC Kasur formed a committee under the chairmanship of AC Pattoki to look into this. The committee unabashedly told Ahmadis to remove the words. The Ahmadi delegation told the committee members that as per the Supreme Court verdict, Ahmadis had the freedom to practice their faith within the four walls. These tombstones are inside the four walls of the Ahmadiyya graveyard, so there was nothing objectionable in the situation. The committee found it convenient to reject the Ahmadiyya argument.

On September 30, the police informed Ahmadis that they would act at 3 PM. They intimated that the intended action was under the orders of AC Pattoki. When the officials arrived at the graveyard, Ahmadis requested them time to think it over; however, they replied that they had to act the same day. Ahmadis asked them to provide a copy of the committee's verdict, but they refused.

Thereafter, the police destroyed the tombstones and took away the debris with them.

NICHE OF THE AHMADIYYA MOSQUE DEMOLISHED

55/2L, District Okara; October 2023:

On September 27, extremist elements tried to break the niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque, that resulted in some damage to it. Two days later, on September 29, at around 6:00 PM, the opponents broke the remaining part of the niche, and broke the CCTV cameras. The incident was reported to the police, on which the District Police Officer and other senior officials reached the spot and offered action if Ahmadis complained in writing.



THREE AHMADIYYA GRAVES DAMAGED IN MULTAN

Kothywala, District Multan; October 2023:

Unknown persons destroyed three Ahmadiyya gravestones here. On 21 October 2023, Ahmadis went to the cemetery and found the gravestones broken.



AHMADIS AREN'T SAFE EVEN IN PRISON

Camp Jail Lahore; September 2023:

Five Ahmadis are incarcerated in Camp Jail, Lahore. Their families visit them periodically, as per rules.

On September 19, 2023, while going for a meeting, a mulla, on seeing the Ahmadi women, started abusing the Ahmadiyya community. The police present there had to intervene

and removed this bully from the jail premises, calling him insane.

Ahsan Boxer, a YouTuber, claimant of being the Mahdi, incarcerated there, had been trying to form a group against the Ahmadi prisoners in a systematic plan for some time. One day, when Ahmadi prisoners were offering prayer, he started shouting. The Deputy Superintendent Jail had to transfer him to another cell.

FALSE ACCUSATION OF DEFILING THE HOLY QURAN

Adrehman, District Sargodha; October 29, 2023:

A local cleric accused Ahmadis of burning and desecrating the Holy Quran. He did this to cover his own misdeed, by diverting the attention of the public.

The cleric of the local grand mosque stated in a video that four months ago, the said mulla raped a child, and an FIR was registered accordingly, which was dismissed on intervention of a local MP.

On October 28, this cleric's brother at-

tempted to rape another child. When the villagers came to know, they filed a complaint against him and called 15. As a result, the police reached the spot, but the accused escaped. The next day, the said mulla made up this whole drama that Ahmadis had desecrated the Holy Quran, only to cover up the actual crime and divert the attention of the people.

The members of the District Peace Committee and Tehsil Kot Momin declared the mulla's allegation false and fabricated, after due investigation and recording the statements of the local people about the incident.

SECTARIAN, HATE-PROMOTING, OFFENSIVE CONFERENCE IN AHMADIYYA HEADQUARTERS



Rabwah, 26, 27 October 2023:

Alami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held a two-day conference, on the theme of End of Prophethood (KN) in Muslim Colony on the outskirts of this Ahmadiyya central town in Pakistan - Chenab Nagar (Rabwah). It has become a major annual event, although there is no reason that it should be held in a town where 95% of the population is Ahmadi.

Most of the mullas who addressed the crowd in various sessions indulged in extensive anti-Ahmadi slander, vilification, lies, false accusations, and hate-promotion — even violent extremism. They conveniently attributed false and fabricated accusations to Ahmadis, and, based on these, condemned Ahmadis, agitated the participants, passed resolutions, and made demands on the authorities to persecute Ahmadis. We quote below briefly some of their statements and provide essential information on the five sessions of this conference.

First Session

It started at 10:15 on October 26 and ended

at 13:00. Approximately 4500 participated. It was presided over by Maulvi Ghulam Rasul Dinpuri, the local Khatib in the Muslim Colony. Following mullas, inter alia, addressed this session:

- Maulvi Ehsanullah of Sargodha stated that Qadianis (Ahmadis) deny Islam and are outside the pale of Islam. They are traitors to Islam and Pakistan and are hypocrites who commit robbery (dakah zani).
- Maulvi Muhammad Ahmad of Quetta observed that Muslims can sit in the company of scorpions and snakes, with anyone, but not with those who are insolent (gustakh) to the Prophet. We invite Qadianis to Islam. We swear to fight this Mischief (fitna).
- Maulvi Ziaullah from Lakki Marwat said that Qadianis had penetrated various sections of the society. We have to make them flee (bhagana hai). We made Mirza Nasir flee from the National Assembly. The present Qadiani chief also resides in London. Before 1974, there were many Qadiani generals in the army. We made them flee through an Amendment in the Constitution....

- Qari Anwar Ansar of Sialkot said that now Qadianis can do nothing that Muslims do — for instance, they cannot undertake ritual sacrifice of animals.
- Maulvi Farooq observed that Qadianis were multiplying fast during the British Raj; our seniors have put a stop to that. Qadianis are enemies of Islam (dushman).
- Maulvi Ibrahim, finance secretary of AMTKN in KP said that they will pursue Qadianis till the last breath and will guard the Khatme Nabuwwat.
- Maulvi Saifur Rahman of Faisalabad declared that the war against Qadianiat would go on forever.

Second Session

This went on from 14:00 to 16:15 and was presided over by Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman Sani of Lahore. Approximately 6500 men attended. A few speakers are mentioned below.

- Dr. Abdul Wahid of Lahore told the audience to avail of social media to spread the message of the End of Prophethood.
- Qari Jameel Ahmad of Sukkar called the Founder of Ahmadiyya, Dajjal Azam (the great anti-Christ).
- Maulvi Abdul Qayyum Haqqani indulged in international politics. He declared that Israel was an enemy of Islam; it is therefore bombing Palestine. The US should remember that the way they got humiliated and humbled in Afghanistan (zaleel aur ruswa), Israel and other state powers will meet the same fate in Palestine.
- Maulvi Zakauallah of Sahiwal observed that Khalifa Abu Bakr's army confronted Musailma; similarly, the Mujahedeen are fighting the modern hypocrites. We shall crush (surkobi) our opponents.
- Maulvi Khalil Ahmad of Faisalabad said that in earlier times it was Musailma the liar, present day Musailma is Mirza Qadiani of Punjab – our drive is against him; we shall spare no sacrifice to safeguard the End of Prophethood. (This mulla knows that Musailma had risen in armed revolt against the Islamic state and was poised to attack Madinah, while Mirza Sahib of Qadian, nor his community have taken up arms against any government.) The comparison is absurd
- Mufti Maaz, Amir KN, District Chakwal stated that Pakistani rulers are so ignorant that Qadianis cannot remain alive under the Islamic Sharia (his version).
- Maulvi Amjad Khan asked the audience to note the finale of the US; whoever took on Islam, his end was bad. This happened to Russia as well; soon you would see the fate of India and Israel, he said.

Third Session

This session started at 20:00 same day, October 26, 2023, and lasted till 02:30. Maulvi Khawaja Khalid of Khanqah Sirajia presided over it. Attendance was approximately 14000. Following speakers addressed the crowd; they stated, inter alia:

- Maulvi Abdullah Gill spoke on Israel's atrocities. Israel should behave otherwise every home will produce a Saifullah (sword of Allah) ... Qadianiat is ill-fated (nahusat); it has no place in our Muslim society (muashirah), he said.
- Mulla M Atif of Sargodha insisted that Qadianis cannot be permitted to build worship places resembling a mosque.
- Khawaja Mudassar Mahmud of Taunsa Sharif, DG Khan affirmed that their lives were a sacrifice for the dogma of KN. We'll pull out the hazy eyes (meli aankh) looking at End of Prophethood, he threatened.
- Maulvi Muhammad Ayub described Qadianiat as cancer, which is hurting Muslims gradually. Qadiani worship places should be removed (khatam ki jaen), he demanded. He asked the government to play an active role in support of Palestine.
- Maulvi Zubair Ashraf of Karachi observed that the different interpretations of the End of Prophethood belief by Qadianis push them into the circle of disbelief (kufr). Mirza Qadiani was more dangerous to Muslims as compared to other liars and false prophets, he said.
- Ziaullah Shah Bokhari (Amir Ahle Hadith, Pakistan) offered his neck in defense of the high status of End of Prophethood.

He volunteered to be the first volunteer if Jihad was declared in Palestine.

- Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti told the audience that his father was of the view that if two fish fought each other deep in the ocean, it would be due to a Qadiani conspiracy. He led anti-Ahmadi slogans in his speech.
- Siraj ul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami expressed the view that there were two great mischiefs (fitna) in the world – Judaism and Qadianism. Both are supported by the US and UK. It is treason (ghaddari) to both Pakistan and Islam to let Qadianiat flourish.... We should volunteer for Jihad these days; Palestine’s Muslims are calling us for help; they need your help, he told the crowd.
- Syed Abdul Khabeer Azad of Lahore expressed his view that Islam will remain (baqaa) only if Qadianiat is destroyed. Qadianis are enemies of Islam; they are helping Israel in the present war, and they’re lackeys of the British.
- Maulvi Noor Muhammad Hazarvi of Sargodha opined that Qadianis are the Mother of all Evils (Ummul Khabais) for Pakistan and Islam. We should come out in Jihad in support of Palestinian Muslims, he said.
- Maulvi Yahya Ludhianwi said that Pak authorities (idarey) have failed to control Qadianis who are (merely) a minority. The government of Pakistan should declare Jihad in support of Muslims in Palestine.

Fourth session

This session started at 10:30 on October 27 under the chairmanship of Maulvi Naseer ud Din Khakwani, the Amir of AMTKN, Pakistan. He is based in Multan. Attendance reached the peak at 15000. We mention some of the mullas who spoke in this session and quote briefly what they said, inter alia:

- Maulvi Anwar ul Haq of Quetta told the crowd that Qadianis worked to reduce the love and obedience for the Holy Prophet in Muslims’ hearts. He fabricated the lie that Mirza Qadiani declared Qadian to be holier than Madinah. The Mirza was opposed to Jihad, although

the Jihad in Afghanistan defeated the world satanic powers and thus proved Qadiani beliefs to be false.

- Maulvi Hamza Luqman of Bhera asserted that Qadianis are liars and are so filthy (ghaleez) that they are hell-bound. He fabricated the belief that all Prophets (1, 24, 000, according to the general belief of Muslims) had performed pilgrimage (Hajj) of the House of God (in Makkah)... while Mirza Qadiani was deprived a visit to Makkah and Madinah.
- Maulvi Khalid Abid of Sargodha disclosed to the audience falsely, that the Pakistani PM on his recent return from the US had stated that IMF offered to Pakistan to remit all loans if Qadianis were protected. If that happens we’ll launch a movement to dispatch (khatama) Qadianis, he threatened.
- Mufti Rashid Madni said that thanks to MTKN there is not a single Qadiani worship place in Balochistan where they can worship. Similarly, Qadianis were disgraced in Afghanistan; they were kicked out of Kashmir... Mirza Qadiani’s grandson wanted to occupy the President’s chair but the moths of KN denied it to him. Qadianis are part of the Israeli army, the Israeli end is near, and so is that of Qadianis, he said.
- Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai of Peshawar asserted that as Mirza Qadiani denied the End of Prophethood, so he was Kafir and Murtad (apostate), so are his followers, he gave the fatwa (verdict).

Fifth Session

The fourth session ended at about 1300, followed by a break for a meal and Friday prayers. It seems that some of the participants had enough dose of hate propaganda, so they decided to leave after the break and head homeward. The number of participants thus reduced to approximately 10,000. Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman of Kundian presided over this session.

We mention here only two of the speakers. Maulvi Altafur Rahman of Multan repeated the fabricated allegation that Qadianis were planted by the British. Maulvi Ejaz Mustafa of

Karachi presented the draft resolutions which were approved by the participants without any discussion. Thus came to end another routine conference which was openly sectarian, divisive, hateful, and violative of law and civilizational norms. We produce below a few extracts from the various resolutions passed, in support of this observation.

Extracts from the Resolutions approved in this conference (paraphrased):

- This conference demands that all the accused in the police case FIR 661/22 should be arrested for corrupted translation of the Holy Quran and Hadith in compliance with LHC order of 3.6.2019. (Note: This demand is aimed against the senior Ahmadi leadership in a fabricated case.)
- This conference requests NGOs and LEAs to take notice of the tyranny imposed by the Qadiani Jamaat on its members in violation of human rights (Ridiculous. Editor)
- We demand that a law be promulgated to award state jobs on quota based on population of Muslim and non-Muslim citizens (Whither national unity!). Those applying for jobs as Muslims must be told to sign an affidavit of End of Prophethood (Pakistan should remain four centuries behind Europe).
- The participants demand that, as per the anti-Ahmadi Ordinance, Qadiani worship places and centers be cleansed of the Kalima Tayyaba, Quranic verses, and other Islamic terms. (This is not found in the Ordinance. Ed.)
- The conference demands that as per the recommendation of the Council of Islamic Ideology, the Shariah penalty of apostasy should be implemented. (The mullas mean the penalty of Death. This must be perhaps the most bigoted and vicious demand in the whole world in the 21st century.)
- Authorities should take notice of Qadianis' high-handedness and their harassment of Muslims in Rabwah in the name of security. (Thousands of non-Ahmadi living in the suburbs of Rabwah benefit from trade and services in Rabwah and would condemn these mullas of AMTKN for making demands hurtful for fellow Muslims.)
- We demand that like other armed groups, Qadianis' armed group Khuddamul Ahmadiyya be banned. (This auxiliary organization of Ahmadi youth is simply like other such organizations — of Ahmadi elders, women, and children. Ahmadis preach no violent extremism, as these mullas do.)
- This great conference is grateful to Allah and thanks all the invitees, delegates, participants, district administration, and workers of the municipal council for joining, cooperation, and advice. (No comments)
- We demand that the government should provide relief to the poor people by lowering the prices of petroleum products and activating price control communities to reduce the prices of daily use items like flour, oil, sugar, and Dals. (.)
- AMTKN conference fully condemns the tyrant Israel in extermination (Nasal Kushi) of Palestinians through barbaric bombing.... (It is rather amazing that these mullas propose and demand doing



the same to Ahmadis in Pakistan — refer to the mullas’ statements quoted above. Ed.)

A few brief comments

Whatever we have quoted above in this report, must be available in detail with authorities and intelligence agencies. These rants are a gross violation of national law PPC 153A. A simple reading of this penal section would show that almost all these clerics are accountable in law for blatantly inciting hate and promoting violent extremism.

Do the proceedings of this conference justify banning of such conferences — not only in Rabwah but elsewhere too?

What is the justification of the mullas of AMT-KN to hold this conference in Rabwah where the non-Ahmediyya population is less than five percent? It is only for provocation purposes. It suggests and promotes extremism — indeed terrorism.

The Ahmediyya office had weeks ago written to all the concerned authorities against the permission to hold this conference, citing their valid concerns. Now, is it not sensible to fully probe the recorded proceedings and make a worthy decision for the future, to not facilitate such hateful conferences in the fair name of Islam?

Fifteen thousand participants, almost all transported from outside – fed and lodged for two days - dozens of leading mullas invited from long distances – and the auxiliary expenses, all would amount to tens of millions of rupees. Who provides these funds? Surely, not the participants. This money indirectly supports and provides for educating and motivating violent extremism — that could readily transform into terrorism.

The role of the press. The daily Dunya printed the following two-column news on its front page, on October 27, 2023:

(Translation): **600 Qadianis in the Israeli army are bombing Palestine: Khatme Nabuwwat conference....**

We are sure that the editorial staff of Dunya knows that this statement is entirely false. Is it not the duty of the vernacular press to assess the statements of sectarian bigots before printing them? Such statements are not information; they simply misguide the public with falsehood and disinformation. Anyone can assess the damage done to the society in general, thereby.

On October 26, 2023, the RPO Faisalabad Region sent a Notification to the DPOs of three districts, Chiniot, Toba Tek Singh, and Jhang issuing a Threat Alert and directing them to ensure the security of Ahmadi worship places and offices, etc. He advised Ahmadis to exercise care in ensuring self-security. Accordingly, the DC and DPO Chiniot visited Rabwah to inspect security arrangements.

This was commendable.

Ahmadis took numerous self-defense measures including mobile security and guarding their worship places. Their leadership urged them to undertake charity and offer prayers to stay safe.

The Ahmediyya central office directed all district Amirs to instruct the common members all over Pakistan to arrange special scouting at the ritual prayer timings in worship places, and particularly at Friday prayers.

Conclusion: In the national interest, we urge the authorities to re-read the texts of National Action Plan of 2014, Supreme Court CJ Jilani’s verdict in 2014 concerning worship places of minorities, Paigham-e-Pakistan 2018 (Code of Conduct), and the Apex Committee’s recent decision. Non-implantation of these well-considered recommendations will only worsen the internal security situation, and then may adversely affect the external security environment. **The time to prevent that is NOW.**

[Note: The Chief Justice of Pakistan recently observed with concern: it seems the state is waiting for a new catastrophe. The daily Dunya; November 2, 2023]

PROVOCATIVE POSTERS PASTED AT AHMADI HOMES

Faisalabad; October 2023:

Posters of the Khatme Nabuwwat Conference, to be held on October 26 and 27 far away in Rabwah, were pasted at the houses of Mr. Tariq Ahmad Sahi (local Ahmadiyya Amir), Mr. Zaheer Sikander and another Ahmadi office bearer by two unidentified motorcyclists. These posters were thrown in a few Ahmadi homes as well. At the same time, posters were pasted on the house and clinic of Dr. Syed Kal-

eem Ahmad Shah. All these are located in Madina Town.

The Regional Police Officer Faisalabad issued detailed instructions to the DPOs of the three districts in the Division to make effective arrangements for the security of Ahmadiyya places of worship and the members of the community. Accordingly, Ahmadi in 69 RB Ghaseetpura and 57 Ghiala were contacted by the police and provided visible support.

LHC JUDGE RECUSED HIMSELF FROM AHMADI'S BAIL PLEA

Lahore; October 02, 2023:

A fabricated criminal case was registered in Chenab Nagar police station on December 6, 2022, under the blasphemy law PPC 295-B and the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPCs 298-C and 298-B against Mr. Sani and a few others on pretext of distribution of alleged corrupted translation of the Holy Quran. The accusation was malafide, and baseless. The penal code applied allows imprisonment for life. Mr. Sani whose full-time job is to educate and train his students in memorizing the Holy Quran was ironically arrested for defiling the Holy Quran on January 7, 2023. He is incarcerated in a prison in Faisalabad.

Mr. Sani applied for release on bail. The sessions judge rejected his plea despite the cir-

cumstances of the case, the unjustifiable registration, the inappropriate penal code applied, and the fact that the accused had already suffered over nine months in prison awaiting trial.

He filed an bail petition in the Lahore High Court against this decision of the Sessions Court Lalian.

On October 2, 2023, Justice Ali Zia Bajwa of Lahore High Court sent the case back to the Chief Justice, apologizing from hearing the bail application of Mr. Sani. Mr. Sani has been in captivity for 9 months. Justice Farooq Haider was due to hear the case on October 26, but there were no proceedings.

One wonders why a high court judge may recuse from hearing the bail plea of an accused who is clearly being targeted for his belief.

AHMADI STUDENT HAD TO LEAVE COLLEGE

PST College Kamalia, District Toba Tek Singh; October 2023:

Mr. Adnan Ahmad was doing B.S. Honors in this college. A student from his village told the class-fellows that Mr. Ahmad is an Ahmadi, after which other students started to make life

difficult for Ahmad.

The situation became unbearable for the Ahmadi. His father spoke to the principal, who was sympathetic. However, because of the opposition, Mr. Ahmad had to leave the college and take admission elsewhere.

AHMADIS' WRIT IN LAHORE HIGH COURT



Lahore, October 2023:

It is significant that while there has been a multitude of attacks on Ahmadiyya places of worship and graves in recent years, this year has witnessed a quantum jump in such violations. More than 39 Ahmadiyya worship places and over a hundred graves have suffered attacks this year alone.

As a result, Mr. Nasrullah Mahmud, an Ahmadi has filed a writ in the Lahore High Court on behalf of the community that demands protection of the Ahmadis' properties and holy sites as they are citizens of the Pakistani state. The government of Punjab was named the other party in the writ.

The first hearing took place in the court of Justice Muhammad Sajid Mahmud Sethi on October 15, 2023. He inquired as to why security was not provided to Ahmadiyya places of worship, graveyards and other holy sites. He told the administration to provide the required foolproof security at the earliest and required the Punjab government to submit a reply to the writ petition.

The next hearing will be held on November 22.

HASAN MAUVIA'S ANTI-AHMADIYYA COURT CASE – UPDATE

Lahore; September, October 2023:

We have reported earlier in our various monthly and yearly reports the activities of mulla Hassan Muavia, a brother of Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, the PM's Special Representative on Inter-Faith Harmony. In 2019 he put up an application in Lahore High Court that Ahmadis were violating the Quran Act 2011 by publishing the Holy Quran, its translation, and commentary. It was a false accusation. Ahmadis have not published any copy of the Holy Quran for years. This case is being heard by Mr. Justice Shujaat Ali Khan for the last four years.

Mr. Muavia sent a similar application to the DPO Chiniot on September 25, 2019, and de-

manded action against Ahmadis. In response, the police visited various Ahmadiyya locations including the printing press in Rabwah. In the same context, Punjab Quran Board e-mailed SHO Chenab Nagar Police Station in Dec 2022 to register a police case against Ahmadi office-bearers.

Accordingly, the said SHO registered an FIR against six very senior Ahmadis, and allegedly the principal of Madrassa tul Hifz, Hafiz Mubarak Ahmad Sani, as also against the printer, publisher, author, composer, proofreader, assistants and others unnamed, on December 6, 2022 in FIR Nr. 661 under PPC 295-B, 298-C, and 9-A(1) Punjab Quran Act. The penalty under PPC 295-B is imprisonment for life. Regis-

tration of this case is indicative of the power space ceded to the Mulla by the State.

After the registration of the case, the police arrested Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani on 07 January 2023. The accused allegedly is the principal of the school where children memorise the Holy Quran. The alleged principal of such a school is facing the charge of defiling the Holy Quran.

The sessions judge rejected the plea for bail of the principal his bail after arrest is pending since April, 2023 before Lahore High Court Lahore but whenever the bail petition comes in the cause list, the high court keep left over the bail petition without hearing. His trial goes on in the sessions court.

On September 27, 2023, Justice Shujaat Ali Khan questioned the DPO Chiniot and Addl. I.G. Punjab on follow up of the investigation, expressed his displeasure and directed the



Prime Minister Pakistan and the Chief Minister Punjab to appear in his court on the next hearing scheduled for October 16 and submit a report.

The police thereafter obtained a search warrant and visited various offices of the Jamaat on October 7, 2023. A similar visit was undertaken the next week of the two Ahmadiyya-owned printing presses. Reportedly, the police found nothing objectionable. The police then undertook surveillance of Rabwah town.

On October 15, the Federal Interior Minister held a press conference and announced that LEA, particularly the Punjab Police will ensure that no non-Muslim, nor a non-registered body will publish corrupted version of the Holy Quran, and urgent action would be taken in such an eventuality of violation of law. Non-Muslim communities should be educated on the laws concerning the sanctity of the Holy

Quran. Pakistani Ahmadis are our minority, they should also be made (fully) aware of our laws, he said.

Federal Minister of Religious Affairs, Mr. Aniq Ahmad said that Ahmadis are non-Muslim as per the constitution of Pakistan. They cannot build worship

places similar to mosques. Commitment to faith and love of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) cannot be swept away from Muslims' hearts.



All provinces should act jointly. The writ of state should be affirmed. Quran Boards in all provinces should be activated. All provinces should forward their reports in this regard. Officials of the ministries of foreign affairs, education, information, PTA, LEAs, and the provincial chief secretaries attended the press conference.

Official reports were required to be submitted in the court of Mr. Justice Shujaat Ali Khan on October 16, 2023.

On October 16, 2023 representatives of the federal government and the Punjab government, including the Deputy Attorney General, PTA, FIA, and the religious affairs ministry were present in the court. The Deputy Attorney General assured the court of full compliance with court orders in this case. The Advocate General Punjab submitted in writing that a Committee had been formed to examine the follow-up of the court orders, every 15 days. The court was informed that the PM could not come as he was abroad. Advocate General Punjab explained that the chief minister could not attend due to the present official business.

Mr. Justice Shujaat A Khan expressed his displeasure and observed that they were wasting the time of the court and the nation. He observed to the effect that the (high) officials were not mindful that the issue concerned the sanctity of the Holy Quran. They had the time

to launch hospitals and bridges but no time to attend to the sanctity of the Holy Quran. Why was the chief minister reluctant to present himself, asked Justice Shujaat. If he does not declare his policy in court, it will decide the course of action. .

Mr. Justice Shujaat Ali Khan declared the reports submitted on October 16 by the Federal and Punjab governments as vague, and wrote in his verdict that the Federation and Punjab have not forwarded to the court the detailed rules and regulations relevant to the formed Committee; as such in the absence of the PM and CM from the court, the reports submitted

by the federal and provincial government cannot be accepted as government policy.

The court postponed the next hearing to December 18 and ordered the PM and CM to be personally present in the court. In his order, Justice Shujaat instructed that the federal and provincial governments should fully implement the verdict already given, without yielding to any pressure. Both governments were told to submit reports on the next hearing scheduled for December 18.

The reader may draw his own conclusions.

VIOLENT EXTREMISTS ACTIVE IN DISTRICT TOBA TEK SINGH (PUNJAB)

Dhani Dev, T.T. Singh; September 30, 2023:

Two miscreants, Manzur Ahmad and Zaheer Ahmad came over to the local Ahmadiyya mosque and shouted diatribes from the gate. Four Ahmadis were present inside. Manzur Ahmad named an Ahmadi Mr. Rashid Ahmad and said that he would like to gain paradise by murdering Rashid.

Later Manzur intercepted Rashid in the ba-

zaar and attempted to overrun him under his mare. Rashid managed to save himself by side-stepping.

A few days earlier Manzur was rude to the president of the local Ahmadi community and told him to wait for an encounter.

Ahmadis informed the police.

ANTI-AHMADIYYA PROCESSION IN OKARA

Okara; September 2023:

The opponents filed a petition last year against the local Ahmadiyya mosque, demanding the removal of minarets and the niche. After some negotiations, the outer wall was raised to cover the structures. After this, the matter was apparently resolved. Recently, a video message was shared on social media by the notorious Tehrik Labaik, in which they threatened to take out a procession in the city on 10 September 27, 2023. They declared their intentions to demolish the niche and minarets. Ahmadis contacted police seniors.

The opponents took out a procession on the given date, with 2000-2500 participants. The police provided a heavy contingent to direct the procession. The clerics in the procession severely criticized the police, the administration, and said that if the police touched any of their workers, there would be violent response. They accused the administration of supporting the Qadianis.

The police blocked all the roads leading to the Ahmadiyya mosque. As a result, the procession participants could not reach the mosque.

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**
2. **COME OFF THAT LIST AND VOTE AS A MUSLIM**

REMAINING ON THE LIST REQUIRES AHMADIS TO SELF IDENTIFY AS NON-MUSLIMS

COMING OFF THE LIST REQUIRES AHMADIS TO SIGN A DECLARATION STATING THEY ARE NOT AHMADIS AND DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOUNDER OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY AS A PROPHET OR RELIGIOUS REFORMER.

NEITHER OPTION IS ACCEPTABLE TO AHMADI MUSLIMS AND THIS IS A GROSS VIOLATION OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS TO VOTE.

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)

DESPITE JOINT ELECTORATES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLACED AHMADIS ON A SEPARATE LIST OF VOTERS, AS NON-MUSLIMS. THEY AMENDED THE LATEST ELECTION ACT 2017 TO INCLUDE ALL THE DISCRIMINATORY AND PROHIBITIVE PROVISIONS TO PREVENT AHMADIS' VOTING.

RESULTANTLY, AHMADIS HAVE NO REPRESENTATION ANYWHERE IN PAKISTAN.

EVEN IN RABWAH, WITH 95% OF AHMADI RESIDENTS, THE LOCAL COUNCILS DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE AHMADI REPRESENTATIVE. PRACTICALLY, AHMADIS HAVE NO SAY IN THEIR LOCAL AFFAIRS. THEREFORE, ESSENTIAL CIVIC SERVICES LIKE WATER, STREETS, SEWAGE, ETC. ARE IN A DEPLORABLE STATE IN THIS TOWN OF 60,000 POPULATION.

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'.

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,

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, publishing 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.

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 was filed before the trial court. The Trial Court dismissed it on 27th September 2023. Now Criminal Revision is being filed before Hon'ble Sindh High Court.

IMPRISONMENTS - AS OF OCT 31, 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.
- 7 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.)

SOME RELEVANT PAKISTAN PENAL CODES

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

295

Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

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

295 A

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

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

295 B

Life imprisonment

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

295 C

Death and fine

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

298

Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

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

298 A

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

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

298 B

Three years' imprisonment and fine

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

298 C

Three years' imprisonment and fine

Alarming Facts

SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 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.
- 57 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws.
- 61 Ahmadis were booked under anti-Ahmadi laws during October. 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.
- 34 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.
- 425 graves have been desecrated, 197 of these were during 2022. 100 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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