Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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Call for bloodshed!

The Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony recently held a moot in Islamabad, on theme: "Khatme Nabuwwat and Muslims' Responsibilities". Mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj of Madina University addressed thus the crowd and the presiding dignitary:

"PM Imran Khan, you deserve plaudits that you claim following the Islamic State of Madina, and in that state the first consensus was to launch an armed operation (Lashkar) from Madina against one who claimed to be a prophet... . In this campaign 1200 Companions were martyred in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat and the honour of Prophethood. I am making you register that in a single action in support of the end of prophethood, fought against Musailmah the liar. 1200 Companions were martyred to destroy him, as per decision of the State. In these words, Mr. Prime Minister, our responsibilities are to make the people conscious (sha'ur) of Khatme Nabuwwat... . With these words I request the Prime Minister that the country is descending into chaos: we need to make the population aware (sha'ur). ..."

It is reasonable to assume that this mulla from Saudi Arabia was paid all expenses by Pakistani state to attend this conference; and he had the above to convey to our Prime Minister and demand bloodshed; as if the on-going slaughter in the country is not enough.

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Ahmadi arrested

Chak 23/DNB, District Bahawalpur; November 19, 2018: Police arrested Mr. Aftab Ahmad, president of the local Ahmadiyya community for not adopting adequate security measures in the local Ahmadiyya mosque. He was arrested on November 19, 2018 and released later on bail on November 22, 2018.

PTI government holds a sectarian moot

Islamabad; November 21, 2018: The daily The News International in its issue of November 8, 2018 published a news in the following headline: **Govt to hold two-day Khatme Nabuwwat moot**

Its correspondent reported that this Conference would be held in Islamabad and high ranking ulama from abroad would be invited to attend. The decision was reportedly taken in a meeting between Minister for Religious Affairs Noorul Haq Qadri and Prime Minister Imran Khan at the PM office.



Mr. Imran Khan presiding over the moot

It is a common practice in the Subcontinent that at the occasion of the birthday of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) conferences are held to highlight different aspects (*Seerat*) of his life. This was also mentioned in the above report, however to call it a Khatme Nabuwwat conference was unusual, because in recent years the mullas in Pakistan have used the term Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) as a code-word for anti-Ahmadiyya activism. It seems that the high command was aware of this aspect. They found a reprehensible solution.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony published a sizeable ad in national newspapers regarding this moot of November 20 - 21, 2018. Therein the moot was called 'Rahmat ulil Alameen Conference', however the topic was mentioned as "Khatme Nabuwwat and Muslims' Responsibilities – in the light of the Prophet's teachings (Khatme Nabuwwat aur Musalmanon ki zimmadarian ...)". The daily Jang; November 16, 2018 (See Annex)

So, the government either arranged or agreed with the mulla to assure that this Seerat Conference, although held in the name of *Rahmat ulil Alameen* (Mercy for the Universe), would focus on the end of prophethood (anti-Ahmadiyya, as understood by the mulla). The proceedings of the conference proved that this apprehension was not mere imagination.

On the day of the moot, mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj, of Pakistan origin, reportedly now a lecturer at the Madina University in Saudi Arabia came to the rostrum and harangued the large crowd assembled in the Jinnah Convention Centre. Mr. Imran Khan, the Prime Minister was seated only a few feet away in the presidential chair when this mulla stated the following at this auspicious and blessed occasion, (extracts):

"PM Imran Khan, you deserve plaudits that you claim following the Islamic State of Madina, and in that state the first consensus was to launch an armed operation from Madina against one who claimed to be a prophet In this campaign 1200 Companions were martyred in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat and the honour of Prophethood. I am making you register that in a single action in support of the end of prophethood, fought against Musailmah the liar, 1200 Companions were martyred to destroy him, as per decision of the State. In these words, Mr. Prime Minister, our responsibilities are to make the people conscious (sha'ur) of Khatme Nabuwwat... . With these words I request the Prime Minister that the country is descending into chaos; we need to make the population aware (sha'ur).

"In this (drive for) awareness my foremost demand is that whatever restrictions are imposed on Qadianis in our Constitution should be implemented by the Prime Minister; also he should implement the penalty (of death) imposed on blasphemers as per the law of 295-C. We are with him; our prayers are with him..."

This mulla, in a huge public conference, with the Prime Minister seated only a few feet away, directly and indirectly demanded and exhorted him to launch an armed operation against a small peaceful group of citizens and nationals of Pakistan and to shed blood. Mulla Siraj told him of the high priority merited by this issue if he was sincere about his aim of following the *Riasat Madina*. The mulla assured him total support in this.

When this mulla moved away from the podium, nobody, neither the Prime Minister nor his minister of religious affairs told this mulla and the audience that he had quoted the campaign against Musailmah out of context and with no relevance. Musailmah had risen in armed rebellion against the nascent State of Madina. His claim to prophethood was only ancillary in nature. That situation was not even remotely the case in Pakistan.

Thereafter, another notorious mulla, Tahir Ashrafi, disputed chairman of Pakistan Ulama Council took the stage and fed the audience with unadulterated falsehood and fabrication. He authoritatively told the audience that Ahmadis while reciting the Kalima (Islamic creed) consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani be the Muhammad of the wording "Muhammad ur Rasul ullah". He asserted that the Mirza, in all his books, had told his disciples to always bear that in mind. This was a news to Ahmadis, as no Ahmadi goes by this fabrication attributed to Ahmadis and their founder. This mulla availing this expensive state function and celebration misguided a vast crowd and millions who were watching the PTV, to believe his assertion that was false, fabricated, sectarian and hateful.

Also noteworthy is the fact that the leading mullas attending this conference, while Aasia Bibi's acquittal is a hot issue, asserted that

it was the duty of the state to put blasphemers to death. Nobody suggested that a judicial verdict on the guilt of such an accused should be respected. Also, nobody in this 'Mercy for the Universe Conference' had the courage to suggest that the country's Blasphemy law should be revisited by this Islamic state in the light of the Holy Quran and the Sunnat of the 'Mercy for the Universe'.

The PTI cabinet would be well-advised to carefully examine in future in depth all proposals for religious programs and policies, as the harm the mulla inflicts on this country is difficult to undo.

High-level probe in Ahmadiyya printing presses on orders of LHC on demand of a mulla

Rabwah; November 29, 2018: Mulla Hasan Muaviya had applied to Lahore High Court that, despite the official ban, Quran was being published in Rabwah; he demanded action. The court ordered the concerned authorities to carry out a fresh inquiry and report results.

Accordingly, the DC, the DPO and the Chairman of Quran Board, Punjab accompanied by a number of mullas came to Rabwah on November 29 and inspected the printing presses. The team was escorted by a sizeable contingent of police. Muaviya demanded his own presence as well, but rightly was not allowed by the police for his hostile and malicious attitude.

First the group went to the Ziaul Islam Press. Maulvi Ghulam Muhammad Sialvi, the Chairman of the board not only inspected the press, he posed penetrating questions to obtain information regarding printing of the Quran, the periodicals, as also Ahmadiyya books and literature. The team found in office records a letter from the Ahmadiyya Private Secretary office with *Bismillah ir Rehman ir Rahim* written on top, and they took it along. They also inquired about any imported Qurans. The mullas wanted to visit Ahmadiyya offices, mosques and

educational institutes but the administration told them to refrain from improper scrutiny.

Thereafter the team visited Nusrat Art Press and made similar inspection. They were told that ever since the government has issued orders, the presses are not printing any Qurans, periodicals or Ahmadiyya literature.

At the Ziaul Islam Press they found a receipt-book of Ansarullah under print, so they took away a few of these sheets as also some printed forms ordered by a hospital.

Next hearing of this case is on December 24, 2018 when this inspection report will be presented by the high government officials to the LHC judge.

All this is taking place in response to the stipulation of Mulla Hasan Muaviya. No wonder such mullas thereafter morph into the like of Khadim Rizvi and Pir Qadri who pose serious threat and existential challenge to the state.

Anti-Ahmadiyya activism in schools

Mughalpura, Lahore; November 28, 2018: An Ahmadi's daughter in class V of Iqbal High School Muslim Abad, Mughalpura reported that her teacher taught the students that, "Qadiani are not good people ... they call themselves Muslims but are very bad. You should not meet them." The teacher also badmouthed against the founder of the Ahmadiyya community and spewed hate against the Ahmadiyya community for two consecutive days.

An Ahmadi was going to his office on November 28, when he saw approximately 50 students of a school picketing against the Ahmadiyya community near the Lal Pul. Their teacher was with them. They were carrying placards with inscription: "Qadianis are Non-Muslim according to the Constitution of Pakistan."

Similarly a Khatme Nabuwwat walk was organized in The Arqam School on November 28. Students participated in it. Different charts

and digital flexes were displayed regarding Khatme Nabuwwat.

Tahrike Labbaik Pakistan organized a protest against the Ahmadiyya community on Shalamar Link Road. Approximately 60 men participated in it, including students from different schools.

It is apparent that hatred against the Ahmadiyya community is taught in Mughalpura schools thus polluting young minds with sectarian hatred.

Holy Prophet's birthday celebrations by extremists in Rabwah

Rabwah; November 21, 2018: The birthday of the Holy Prophet is cherished and appropriately observed in Rabwah by its residents. Non-resident non-Ahmadi clerics however have their own policy of 'celebrating' the same in this town to serve their own purpose. They converge here from suburbs, even from other cities and take out processions and hold anti-Ahmadi rallies often threatening the peace of the locals. This year it was no different. We do not go into details this time and restrict ourselves to only a statement of the essentials of some hostile activities.

The first processions sortied from Masjid Bokhari (of Allah Yar Arshad) at 09:45 led by Mulla Umair Arshad. It moved from the Bus Stand to Aqsa Chowk where a group of mullas took their turns to severely bad-mouth Ahmadis. Many of the participants carried banners of TLP.

The second procession led by Maulvi Ramazan started moving from Aqsa Chowk at 10:30 and headed for the Bus Stand. At the Bus Stand the participants joined the first procession. They shouted slogans in favour of Mumtaz Qadri who murdered Governor Taseer in 2011 for the latter's display of solidarity with Christian Aasia Bibi.

The third procession came from the direction of Chiniot. It was led by mulla Umair

Nizami. It comprised approximately 250 men. It paraded on the main streets of Rabwah. Before dispersing at the Bus Stop, they indulged in anti-Ahmadiyya slogan-raising.

The infamous Majlis Ahrar Islam held a three-hour seminar at nearby Kot Wasawa. Ata Muhaiman presided. Mulla ul Approximately 2500 men participated. Three mullas who had travelled from far-off cities addressed the conference. They spoke rabidly against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and misguided the participants on the 'threat' the Ahmadis pose to the Islamic world. They boasted that Rabwah had become a centre of Khatme Nabuwwat activities. The speakers proposed that Muslims should unite against the world of disbelief (Aalam i Kufr). Maulvi Aziz of Kundian led the concluding prayer.

Later this crowd formed a procession and entered Rabwah. They stopped near Ewan-e-Mahmud (an Ahmadiyya head-office) and mullas Ilyas Kashmiri, Rauf Makki, Khalid Cheema and Kafil Bokhari addressed them. Mr. Ammar Yasir, a provincial minister from PML-Q also addressed the procession.

Threatening the Ahmadis, one of the speakers said: "We'll destroy you in five minutes, if we use the force." At the end, mulla Bokhari took an oath of allegiance (*Baiat*) from the participants that the Majlis Ahrar will put an end to the deniers of Khatme Nabuwwat eventually.

Approximately 4000 men participated in this procession. The crowd dispersed at the Bus Stand.

The crowd posed serious threat to the locals. The administration blocked mobile phone service in Rabwah from morning to 16:00.

One wonders if the Holy Prophet of Islam (pbuh) would have liked his birthday to be celebrated in this manner.

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

Thrashed Jamaat Islami turns its guns on Jamaat Ahmadiyya

Lahore: Jamaat Islami was beaten badly in July elections this year. Even its national Amir, Siraj ul Haq failed to get himself a seat in the National Assembly. He was opposed by one of his own party men in the constituency. A general in-party revolt resulted in expulsion of approximately 20 senior members of a district Shura from the party.

Jamaat Islami, although claiming to be a political party has always taken anti-Ahmadi stand in political as well as religious fields. It poses to be an enlightened and open-minded Islamic party, but shows its true colours on Ahmadiyya issues. Recently, in the last week of November, Mr. Siraj ul Haq, its Amir fired broadsides against Ahmadiyya Community on two occasions in Lahore. We produce below headlines and extracts from national newspapers:

> Ministers and advisors should abstain from patronizing Qadianis and show regard for their oath

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 26, 2018

➤ Treason against the Constitution is not acceptable at all. Ministers and advisors should abstain from patronizing Qadianis. Servants of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) will not let anyone play with the Constitution.

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 26, 2018

> The nation can forgive every failing of the government but will not tolerate at all government officials' familiarity and overindulgent treatment of Qadianis.

The daily 92 News; Faisalabad, November 26, 2018

➤ Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Senator Sirajul Haq has warned that until and unless Qadianis accept their constitutional status, the society would not accept them. Qadianis are posing themselves as true Muslims whereas they are hijacking Islam and cheating against 1.7 billion Muslims, therefore, it has become

inevitable to show their true face to the world.

The daily The News, November 28, 2018

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The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 28, 2018

➤ Sirajul Haq alleged that the government was unable to discharge its responsibilities towards safeguarding Namoos-i-Risalat and the concept of Khatme Nabuwwat, adding people would be compelled to take law in their own hands on those highly sensitive matters.

The daily The News; Lahore, November 28, 2018

Jamaat Islami has played religion to support its politics for the last 71 years. Its leader has learnt no lesson from people's near total rejection of its politics in general elections.

Ahmadis wrongfully accused of blasphemy by a mulla

Mughalpura, Lahore; October 30, 2018: An unknown person threw pages of the Holy Quran in a blue shopping bag on road near G.T. Road Darogawala Chowk, Lahore. A few pages scattered on the surface as well. People collected them and took them to the Imam of a nearby madrassah. The mulla gathered a few students, came out of the madrassah and started protesting in the name of blasphemy. They blocked the road for all traffic. Approximately 150 agitators gathered there. They maliciously accused Ahmadis of this act and raised slogans; "Friend of Qadianis - A traitor, a traitor." They refused to disperse until an FIR was registered. Local DSP came at the site and registered an FIR against unknown persons. He gave its copy to the protestors who thereafter dispersed.

Ahmadis behind bars

- 1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhupura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharagpur. Two days later Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision has been made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them in over a year.
- 2. Officials of Punjab's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) accompanied by a contingent of the Elite Force raided Shakoor Bhai's book shop, arrested him and Mr. Mazhar Abbas the shop assistant, a Shia, on December 2, 2015. A speedy trial in an Anti-terrorism Court dispensed 5 years' imprisonment to each of the two accused, while octogenarian Mr. Shakoor was sentenced in addition to three years' imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law. He appealed against the verdict and has sought release on bail from the Lahore High Court which has not spared time for nearly three years to hear his plea.
- 3. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial.
- Mr. Javed Ahmad Ghumman was charged in a fabricated blasphemy case under PPC 295-C in police station Chobara, District Layya on July 1, 2018 in FIR Nr 288/18. His interim bail was cancelled on July 14,

2018; he was arrested and sent to Layya Jail. Rai Yasseen Shaheen the Additional Sessions Judge Layya refused his post-arrest bail on August 6. Later, on October 2, 2018 his bail application was refused by High Court Justice Sarfraz Ahmad of Multan Bench also.

From the Media

Govt to hold two-day Khatme Nabuwwat moot

The daily The News; Lahore, November 8, 2018

 Protest meeting at Khatme Nabuwwat Centre, Chenab Nagar against acquittal of Cursed Aasia (Aasia Maluna)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 2, 2018

 Chairman Senate is the Acting President in his absence. It should be made obligatory that he is a Muslim. KN Conference

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 23, 2018

- Orakzai bazaar blast leaves 34 dead The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2018
- Hooligans (of TLP) injure policemen, damage vehicles in acts of wanton violence (to protest Aasia's acquittal)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2018

 Maulana Sami (JUI-S) assassinated in his Rawalpindi home

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2018

 Aasia Masih should be put to death: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Din; Lahore, November 19, 2018

TLP chief in 'protective custody' as activists held in several cities
 300 rounded up in Police crackdown in Islamabad, Pindi district

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2018

- Mufti Muneeb in house arrest at Karachi The daily Pakistan; Lahore, November 25, 2018
- If I could, I would not let this government function for even one day: Fazl ur Rahman (of JUI-F, in Sukkur KN march)

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 26, 2018

We'll not allow anyone use religion card: Imran Khan

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; November 8, 2018

After the State (Riasat) of Madina,
 Pakistan is the only country that came into being in the name of Islam: PM
 Imran Khan

TV 92 News at 19:53 on October 31, 2018

- U-turn ought to be lauded as a sign of mature political leadership: Imran Khan
 The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 18, 2018
- The government is facilitating Qadianis by opening the Kartarpur border; this is not at all acceptable: Seerat Conference (organized by KN mullas in Lahore)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 28, 2018

PM makes impassioned pitch for peace (with India)

If Germany and France can bury the past, then why can't we do the same, he said.

The daily The Express Tribune; November 29, 2018

 Khashoggi's body dissolved after murder: Turkish official

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2018

Pak-US ties dip to new low after Trump's rant

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 20, 2018

Pakistan, India agree to build Kartarpur corridor

The daily The Nation; Lahore, November 23, 2018

 Attack on Chinese consulate in Karachi foiled, militants killed

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2018

Stop making Pakistan scapegoat, Imran tell US

The daily The News; Lahore, November 20, 2018

World must triple its efforts to cap global warming: UN

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2018

 Americans elect (two) Muslim women to US Congress for first time

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 8, 2018

 Woman named first army chief of Slovenia

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2018

Consensus on Khatme Nabuwwat is as firm as on death. We shall adopt a decisive plan of action in consultation with all ulama in a few days: Provincial Minister of Auqaf (Punjab; Syed Saeed ul Hassan)

The daily Din; Lahore, November 20, 2018

 SC acquits Aasia of blasphemy charge, orders her release

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2018

Countrywide protests erupt against SC ruling on Aasia Bibi

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2018

 Rs 150bn loss of economy in 3 days' protest (riots)

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 4, 2018

 Fazl blames govt for turmoil after blasphemy accused's acquittal

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2018

 PM warns protestors against confronting the state

Regrets remarks made by demonstrators against CJP and army chief

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2018

Apology of (Pir) Afzal Qadri accepted:
 Federal Minister of Religious Affairs

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 19, 2018

 Seerat Chair at three major universities ordered

The daily Nation; Lahore, November 16, 2018

 Medical reports say Shahbaz has serious health issues

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2018

TLP ends protest after deal with government

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2018

Countrywide theft of electricity worth Rs 59.17bn

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 5, 2018

 Lahore: NAB raid on residence of former official; Rs 330m recovered.

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 10, 2018

 Over 22m children out of school in Pakistan: HRW report

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 14, 2018

 Aasia Bibi's lawyer flies out citing threats to his life

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 4, 2018

More than 200 mass graves of IS victims found (in Iraq)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 7, 2018

 (Dr) Shahid Masood remanded in FIA custody for five days

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2018

 5,000 fake bank accounts traced, says PM's aid

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 13, 2018



From the daily Dawn of November 19, 2018

Report: ZAB's hanging – a sham trial

At the Faiz International Festival, in a session, titled *Parhaney Walon Ke Naam* in November: By this time, Dr. Hasan had joined the panel. He told the audience how he and his friends always believed Bhutto would be hanged. "I went to Zia to ask him to let Bhutto go, and that we can take Bhutto abroad. He assured me he can't kill Bhutto whom he considered a benefactor. But Zia was such a liar; he decided to kill Bhutto. Besides, the then Chief Justice Anwarul Haq's name would feature as one of the worst people in Pakistan's history for upholding the death sentence awarded to Bhutto and other moves to support Zia. Pakistan's history is very bleak and that dark period somewhat continues."

(By Sheharyar Rizwan, in the daily Dawn; Lahore, November 18, 2018)

Annex: Official ad for Khatme Nabuwwat moot



(Translation)

... 2-day International Rahmat ulil Alameen Conference

20-21 November 2018

Jinnah Convention Centre, Islamabad

Theme: End of Prophethood and Muslims' Responsibilities

in the light of the Prophet's (pbuh) teachings

... Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony

Government of Pakistan