

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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PTI falls in the same pit as the PML(N) and PPP

PML(N) and PPP, when in power, thought that anti-Ahmadiyya posture will help them stay at the helm of the state for ever. They were wrong. They learnt no lesson from the experience of others. Some senior leaders of PTI have fallen in the same trap. Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Mr. Azam Swati, while responding to baseless anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda on Kartarpur Corridor said, “I curse them (Ahmadis), and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat.” Swati knew that the propaganda was *malafide* and fictitious; he should have termed the roar fake and fabricated, and refrained from bad-mouthing a small marginalized community.

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A mulla of criminal history arranges arrest of an Ahmadi student

Lahore; November 12, 2019: On complaint of mulla Hasan Muawia, FIA carried out a raid, arrested Mr. Waqar Ahmad, a student at Jamia Ahmadiyya, and also booked Mr. Azhar Mangla, a lecturer at the Jamia and Syed Mubashar Ahmad Ayaz, the principal, 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, Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Blasphemy clause PPC 295-B condemns its accused to imprisonment for life, if declared guilty.

As per the FIR, Mr. Waqar Ahmad is accused of being involved in some project dealing with translation of the Holy Quran. The mulla, who in the past was listed in the Fourth Schedule and was recognized as being regularly involved in anti-Ahmadi activism, accused the poor student in being involved in some translation project of the Holy Quran which the mulla termed as disgusting (*Ghanaonay*) and diminution (*Takhfif*). The mulla's assessment is a lie.

The mulla admits in the FIR that he trapped the student by adopting a fake name and lured him to be in telephonic touch with him.

The accused have been charged under very severe clauses of the PPC, 295-B, 295-A, whose reading shows that as per the FIR itself, these are not applicable. These have been added only because they are severe and accuse the victims of the dreaded Blasphemy. PECA was applied only to involve FIA in the case. It is interesting that while the FIR is based on the alleged 'crime' of translating the Holy Quran, the Quran Act has not be applied in the charge sheet.

Prima facie, this case has been built upon a foundation of lies, deceit, tyranny and misuse of state power by a cleric of doubtful character and reputation. This one is another of hundreds

of such cases against thousands of Ahmadis. It is a pity that laws and rules of doubtful merit are applied against innocent citizens to persecute and harass them over little. Cyber crime laws were initially promulgated to prevent serious crimes against the state and the society, but here we find that a credulous youth who is allegedly involved in translating the Holy Quran is targeted by a malicious mulla and state functionaries through misuse of law.

A few days later the Urdu press in the Punjab published stories of this event quoting 'Agencies'. The narrative was highly misleading, one-sided and even hate-promoting. The story was fabricated on the following lines:

1. FIA Cyber Crime Wing Lahore acted timely and promptly to neutralize a major anti-Islam conspiracy of Qadianis.
2. The translation was corrupt (*tehrif shudah*).
3. The translations were up-loaded on Play Store and App Store and were about to go viral.
4. If action had not been taken, all the (corrupt) material would have been uploaded.
5. The arrested accused was carrying corrupted copies of the Holy Quran. (*An absolute lie — The Holy Qurans published by Ahmadis in the past did not differ even in a vowel from those published by non-Ahmadis.*)
6. If Qadianis had succeeded in their evil designs (*napak azaaim*), it would have become very difficult to remove this material (from the Internet). (*Note: This is another disinformation, as the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamaat is in a position to have the translations uploaded on the social media from dozens of countries outside Pakistan.*)

The dailies Aman, Express, Nai Baat, Jahane Pakistan etc, on December 1, 2019

The FIR shows that the raiding party comprised an assistant director, an inspector, a sub-inspector, a head constable and most likely the mulla and perhaps a few others. This reminds one of the armed raid on Ahmadiyya head office in December 2016 by the Counter Terrorism Department of the Punjab. Khatme Nabuwwat

leadership claimed that it was initiated on their 'complaint'. With benefit of hindsight an official inquiry would confirm that the raid was unwarranted, unlawful and absolutely futile (not for the mulla but the state.) In fact USCIRF issued an Immediate Release condemning the raid. Now, this operation on behest of mulla Muawia is of the same category for its absurdity, futility and bootlicking of a cleric of doubtful reputation.

Translating the Holy Quran is a high class intellectual activity and is undertaken as a noble task by scholars. Scores of different translations of the Holy Quran in vernacular languages are available in South Asia. Each has its own merit and a few perceived flaws depending upon the belief system of the reader. It is relevant to mention that the world-famous Islamic university of Jamia Al-Azhar of Egypt rated 'Top' the English translation of the Holy Quran done by Dr Zafrulla Khan, an Ahmadi from Pakistan. The translation rated Second by the University was by Maulvi Sher Ali, also an Ahmadi from the Sub-continent.

The FIA officials require closer supervision of their superiors when hobnobbing with mullas like Muawia, to maintain their professional reputation.

Mr. Azam Swati, a federal minister curses Ahmadis

Rabwah: Following press release was issued by the Press Section of Ahmadiyya head office on November 11, 2019 in Rabwah:

Press Release

Federal Minister spewing hatred against Ahmadiyya community, for petty political gains. Is this the government policy to stoke hatred against Ahmadis?

The government should stop its officials and ministers from carrying out hate campaign against the peaceful and patriotic Ahmadiyya community: Spokesperson Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Pakistan

Chenab Nagar (PR). The Spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community has demanded the government to immediately stop the hate campaign against the peace loving and patriotic Ahmadis while citing short-term political gain in the current tense political situation. The spokesperson said that the hate campaign against Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan is not new, but past few weeks have seen a sharp increase in this hate-mongering. Even the federal ministers and state television are active in this campaign.

The spokesperson said that while responding to fictitious propaganda against Kartarpur Corridor the federal minister for parliamentary affairs Azam Swati on private news channel Hum News said, **"I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadiyaniat"**. The spokesperson asked the Prime Minister if this is the official stand point of the government of Pakistan? Prime Minister Imran Khan should clarify his position and that of his government on this point.

The spokesperson condemned the statement by federal minister in the strongest words and said that on one side the government is inaugurating Kartarpur Corridor to give a message to the world that this government is making lives of minorities easy in Pakistan. On the other hand his own ministers are using disgusting language against a peace loving and patriotic community.

The spokesperson said that this whole hate campaign is deliberately orchestrated and it is part of a well thought out plan. Because first a fake letter was created and it was associated with the Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Community. Then the State broadcaster PTV aired an old fake video and tried to connect Ahmadiyya community with RSS in India.

The spokesperson feared that this hate campaign can result in increase in violence against the Ahmadiyya community that is already persecuted and vulnerable. It is the responsibility of the government to stop this vicious hate campaign against Ahmadiyya Community that includes its own ministers. END

Ahmadiyya prayer centre at risk in Lahore, capital of the Punjab

Johar Town, Lahore; November 2019: Baitul Rahman is an Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Lahore. From early November activities against Baitul Rahman picked up pace. Opponents are striving hard to have this centre closed down. To this end, a neighbor of the centre, mulla Ihsan ul Haq Laiq, a Deobandi mulla, Sheikh Nasir a self-styled local leader and the notorious Hasan Muawia are active. They got permission from a shopkeeper at backside of the centre to climb up his roof for their mischief against Ahmadi worshippers. In the beginning, five to seven opponents would stand in front of the centre and try to enter in some argument with worshipers and bad-mouth them. Baitul Rahman issue was being heard by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) who sent the case to a magistrate. The opponents heightened their anti-Ahmadi activities; their aim is to deny Ahmadis their right of worship.

On November 9, the opponents informed the police that a motorcyclist had exited from the centre and hit a local woman. The police arrived at the spot, examined the situation, visited the centre and found that the info was bogus. In response to persistent harassment, Ahmadi elders met the Superintendent of Police (SP) Sadar and informed him of the situation. He tasked the DSP to inquire.

The next day the DSP sent for both the parties. The DSP found it convenient to favor the opposition and told Ahmadis that they didn't have an NOC, although he knew that the DC's office had already said that there was no policy to issue NOC for Ahmadiyya prayer centres. Last year, the same DSP was shown several times the property documents of the centre. He also said that last year it was decided that only the residing family of the centre could offer prayers there. The reality is that the DSP himself said at that time that regular worshipers could

come but their number should not increase. True, but how absurd!

In the meeting the DSP told both the parties to submit surety bond that till the decision of Lahore High Court, neither of the parties would do anything illegal, otherwise pay Rs. 1 million in addition to the legal costs. Further, he asked the parties to sign a deed of compromise stating that only inhabitants of the centre would pray there. Ahmadis refused to give the bond and sign the unfair deed. This made the DSP angry and he told that if they didn't sign, he would issue detention order against them. Further, he threatened to include the Ahmadiyya missionary in future hearings.

The same night the police raided the centre and the missionary house but the security guard wisely turned them away. At this, the SHO phoned the missionary and told him to report to the police station within an hour along with the centre's care-taker, otherwise the police would raid again. Later the SHO told them that the SP has called for a meeting of both parties on November 13.

In the meeting, both parties presented their stance. The SP told Ahmadis that till the decision of the High Court only locals could pray there. It appears that the opponents had lodged an application at the High Court regarding the decision of DC about the centre, and made the DC a party.

Assault on Ahmadis in District Larkana, Sindh

Massan Badda, District Larkana; October 2019: Hostility is increasing here against the Ahmadiyya community. Anti-Ahmadiyya elements have launched a hate campaign through social media.

Five/six opponents attacked an Ahmadi, Mr. Yunus Ahmad S/O Mr. Anwar Ali with rods on October 11, 2019 in Goth Massan. When Ahmadis went to the police station for registration of an FIR, the opponents also arrived, put pressure on the police and succeeded

in registration of a false complaint against Ahmadis.

The next day two Ahmadi brothers, Mr. Imran Ali and Akbar Ali sons of Mr. Anwar Ali were also attacked by 10 goons. As a result Mr. Imran Ali was injured in the head and six stitches were applied to it. The police refused to register an FIR. Instead they detained some miscreants and released them when their palm was greased.

Another Ahmadi narrowly escaped an attack on October 16, 2019. Opponents tore down a Khatme Nabuwat pamphlet themselves and tried to have an FIR registered against Ahmadis. When the SHO refused to register, they approached the superintendent of police. As a result three Ahmadis were detained in the police station by the DSP. What does an Ahmadi do in these circumstances?

Anti-Ahmadiyya violence and activism is aimed at closing down the local Ahmadiyya worship place.

Construction of Ahmadiyya worship place interrupted

Jalalpur Jattan, District Gujrat; November 2019: An Ahmadi Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad dedicated a plot of land for building a place of worship. It was registered in the name of central body of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. Construction was started after the plan's approval by the administration. When the roof was about to be built the police arrived. They told Ahmadis to first obtain an NOC from the district administration before proceeding further with the construction work.

This opened a new Pandora box. Ahmadis submitted an application for NOC to the Deputy Commissioner. Ashfaq, an anti-Ahmadiyya activist in the village, is a police employee. He launched a campaign in the village to oppose the construction of the prayer centre. He led a procession comprising approximately 50 men on November 12, 2019. They blocked the traffic on the main road and

made provocative speeches. Local madrassah students and mullas joined them in the protest.

Under the circumstances, the construction work had to be halted.

Reconstruction of Ahmadiyya worship place – “Issue is sensitive; complaint is dismissed”

Mardan: Independenturdu.com/node/21206... issued the following story on November 11, 2019.

Home Page: Reconstruction of Ahmadiyya worship place — “Issue is Sensitive; We Dismiss the Complaint.”

A complaint was made on Pakistan Citizen Portal to rebuild an Ahmadiyya worship place in District Mardan of KPK. A screen shot of the complaint was uploaded on social media; it became viral. As a result, unrest spread in the area and demonstrators took to the road.

This complaint was made by a resident of Mardan on October 3. It demanded that the worship place in Bikat Ganj, destroyed in 1988, should be rebuilt.

The complainant was of the opinion that “The prime minister Imran Khan talks of minorities’ rights in Pakistan. If minorities have all the rights in Pakistan, how come their worship place has not been rebuilt yet?”

The Director Human Rights took note of the complaint on October 4 and wrote to the Secretary Auqaf and Religious Affairs to look into the case so as to grant the complaint.

As per Citizen Portal, the Secretary Auqaf wrote to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mardan on October 18 that a fact-finding report be compiled and submitted to the Department of Religious Affairs.

At this, the DC wrote to the Assistant Commissioner (AC) Mardan on October 21 to compile a report on this issue within three days and forward the same so that the concerned department is intimated to redress the complaint.

On November 1, the complainant was informed that his complaint had been forwarded to the Tehsildar for inquiry and follow up.

When this issue got viral on social media, a protest demonstration was held in Mardan. Thereafter on December 10, the complainant was informed on Citizen Portal: "This is a sensitive religious issue, as such it does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Portal; hence your complaint is dismissed."

On this issue religious organizations and citizens of Mardan held a demonstration that was led by a local leader of PTI who is a former Neighborhood Council Nazim, Mr. Sajid Iqbal Mehmmand.

Sajid told the Independenturdu, "We were told that the government intends to rebuild the Ahmadiyya worship place to redress the complaint; this we shall never let happen."

He claimed that now only a few Ahmadis are left in Mardan who provoke us through such cunning (*hathkanday*). "If there are hardly any Ahmdis in Mardan, why build them a worship place? Ahmadis are non-Muslims as per the Constitution of Pakistan; they cannot call their worship place a Masjid, nor can they build a worship place in the style of a Masjid", he added. He further intimated that a delegation including some Ulama called on the Deputy Commissioner on this issue. The DC assured them that the government has no plan to build a worship place in the neighborhood; also they believe in the honor of the Prophet and would not undertake such an act.

On this issue, Mr. Abid Wazir the DC Mardan spoke to the media the other day and said, "This complaint was made on the Citizen Portal; no action was taken on it, nor shall be taken."

He told the visiting delegation, "You will lead the drive for honor of the Prophet, and we shall follow you. This was merely a complaint on Citizen Portal. The rest is all rumors; pay no attention to them."

Mr. Abdul Sattar, a local journalist told the Independenturdu that a mob had demolished this worship place in 1988; thereafter the land plot was declared disputed and was taken over by the state."

He stated that decades ago a few prominent Ahmadi business families resided in Mardan; now they have shifted from here.

According to Abdul Sattar, the person who made the complaint on Citizen Portal is a claimant to the disputed plot, but the administration has dismissed his complaint.

He added that the locals had suggested to the DC that if agreed the district administration could buy this plot and build a Masjid on it to which the DC replied that this was not possible as the plot was in dispute.

Comment on the above report:

1. Note the attitude of the state and the society to a worship place of a 'minority'.
2. The agitation against the complaint was led by a PTI activist and local leader. What is the difference between the leadership of the PTI and the JUI (F) ?
3. DC volunteers to follow the lead of bigots on the issue of honor of prophethood in the context of rebuilding a worship place destroyed by a mob!
4. How quickly the Religious Affairs Division raised their hands from attending to a fair complaint by an Ahmadi?
5. With this attitude at home how is the Muslim majority in Pakistan justified to complain against the demolition of the Babri Masjid in India and the Supreme Court of India's verdict to not hand over the site to the Muslim minority?

Anti-Ahmadiyya banners in provincial capital of the Punjab

Dehli Gate, Lahore; November, 2019: Two months ago it was reported that an unidentified man put three anti-Ahmadiyya panaflexes in Dehli Gate area of Lahore, carrying: "*I believe Qadianis to be infidels—no argument*" and "*Qadianis are wajib ul qatl (Must be killed)*". Police were informed of the panaflexes. They removed the panaflexes and took CCTV footage

for the identification of the accused. Now these have appeared again in different locations at Lahore. These were reported to the police who took action. The panaflexes were removed but some shops still show hateful stickers.

Photo of one such display is placed at Annex. Mr. Ali Usman Qasmi, a renowned journalist tweeted the following on this issue:

"Open incitement to violence against Ahmadis describing them 'Wajib-ul-qatal' (worthy of death) and threatening to make Rabwah's soil red with blood. This is not some far off area, the picture was taken outside the Dehli Gate in Lahore right in front of the police station."

(<https://t.co/nlftaJRad>"/Twitter)

Still another anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

Rabwah; November 22, 2019: Aftab-e-Khatme Nabuwwat Conference was held in Madrassah Usmania Khatme Nabuwwat, Muslim Colony, Rabwah on November 22, 2019. Qari Shabbir Usmani presided over it. It started at 12:50 and ended at 16:20. Approximately 150/175 men attended it. Following mullas indulged in sectarian rhetoric; Syed Ismail Shah Kazmi of Lahore, Qari Shabbir Usmani, Mufti Muhammad Yaqub, Muhammad Hanif Mughal, Ahsan Rizwan Usmani, Syed Muhammad Saifullah Shah Farooqi, Khalil Ahmad Ashrafi, Qari Muhammad Yusuf Qasmi, Muhammad Sulaiman Usmani and Ghulam Shabbir Usmani. With so many 'Usmanis' playing the lead role, it looks like family business run with petro-dollars.

They spoke against the Ahmadiyya community and leveled baseless allegations e.g. Qadianis are responsible for the terrorism in the country... Qadianis are not only non-Muslims but also rebels of the state and the Constitution ... Qadianis are deniers of the honour of the Holy Prophet, outside the pale of Islam and apostates, etc. They warned the government that any change in the Blasphemy laws will have dire consequences.... The government's performance in the past 15 months is zero. ... We shall cut

(others') necks to protect honor of Prophethood, and will not permit any change in Blasphemy law. ... Kartarpur gateway has been opened to facilitate Sikhs and to support Qadianis (*nawaznay*); we shall never tolerate such actions, etc.

Participants adopted several resolutions; some Ahmadi-specific were as follows:

- The Shariah punishment of apostasy should be legislated.
- Qadiani endowments should also be taken over by the government like the endowments of other minorities.
- Religion should be mentioned on the ID card, so that Qadianis could be distinguished and would be prevented from encroaching the rights of Muslims.
- Khatme Nabuwwat should be included in the curriculum of government and private schools.
- Saudi Arabia should include the Khatme Nabuwwat declaration in the visiting visa form applications, so that Qadianis could not enter the holy land.
- The audience strongly condemn the facilitation to Qadianis in the guise of opening of the Kartarpur corridor for Sikhs. Qadianis should not be allowed to use it. etc, etc.

Pakistan Citizen Portal—a flaw introduced!

Toba Tek Singh; November 2019: It was reported in our September report that Mr. Shehzad of Pir Mahal and his family were facing great difficulties on joining the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. In this, a local mulla was in the forefront leading the agitation against the poor victim.

A few decent community elders took up the issue with the mulla and told him to consider leaving alone the poor fellow. The mulla told them that if Shehzad shares with him the money he received from Ahmadis on 'conversion', he would spare him. At this Shehzad told them that

he had been given no money. The mulla refused to accept his statement and demanded that Shehzad make that statement on oath of the Holy Quran. Shehzad did that, and was spared—at least for the present.

The worsening security situation for Ahmadis in Pir Mahal was reported and a complaint was made on Prime Minister's Pakistan Citizen Portal. In response, Ahmadis were told that this issue is a sensitive one, as such the Portal is unable to proceed further on this.

In our opinion, this Portal idea by the Prime Minister Imran Khan is a good one. However, we are not sure that the PM has instructed its officials to stay clear of sensitive issues. This self-restrictive condition has perhaps been applied from a lower level without due authority. Surely the PM would not tell his functionaries to look the other way if a community's frail security situation is reported to them on his meritorious Portal.

This report from Ahmadis of District Toba Tek Singh deserves an inquiry for a policy decision.

Ahmadi deprived of the right of business

Green Town, Lahore; September 26, 2019: Mr. Abdul Aziz is an Ahmadi resident of Green Town, Lahore. He opened a dairy farm in his area, from where the locals could buy milk. He is doing this business for a long time. There is a mosque and *madrassah* in front of his farm, in which mullas organize Khatm-e-Nabuwwat conferences etc.

For some time mullas have been inciting the locals against the dairy farm and telling people not to buy milk from there as the owner is a *Qadiani*. On the other hand they told Mr. Abdul Aziz to quit Ahmadiyyat if he wanted to continue his business in the area.

After morning prayers on 26th September, mullas organized a protest in front of the dairy farm and gathered a mob. They were

chanting slogans against Ahmadis. The mob did some wall chalking as, “*Any kind of sale/purchase from a Qadiani is prohibited for Believers*”, and “*Qadianis are infidels*” etc etc.

The dairy farm had to be shifted elsewhere.

Ahmadi faces difficulties in building his home

Silanwali, district Sargodha: Mr. Abdul Aziz and his brothers have a joint property in Sultan Town, Silanwali, district Sargodha. They are constructing their home at the site. On October 21 an official from Assistant Commissioner (AC) office along with the revenue official and a mulla Muhammad Afzal from Madrassah Hussainia came to the site and said that they have heard that Ahmadis were building a madrassah there. “So stop the construction forthwith and get an NOC for the madrassah or the mosque”, they said. Ahmadi brothers told them that they were not building a mosque or madrassah but only their home. The visitors didn't accept their answer and told them to visit the AC office. After that they all visited Ahmadiyya missionary house and the prayer centre in Rehmat Colony and went back.

When Ahmadi brothers went to the AC's office, activists of Khatme Nabuwwat and the banned Sipah Sahabah and a number of mullas were already there. On arrival, Ahmadis learnt that mullas wanted to demolish the home under construction. But the AC stopped them from this and asked Ahmadis to assure by declaration on oath that it was a home, Ahmadis complied. No decision was given even for many days. When contacted, the AC told them that their issue was grave, so wait for a few days.

At this, Ahmadis met the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and explained him the complete issue. The DC told the AC to solve the issue as soon as possible. So a committee was formed including the mulla incharge of Madrassah Hussainia to probe the issue and make a recommendation.

After many days, on November 4, 2019 the DC gave decision in favor of the Ahmadi brothers and the construction was resumed. Noteworthy is the inclusion of the mulla in inquiry and advisory teams — also the attitude of the state and society to the Ahmadis' right of worship.

A new platform for anti-Ahmadiyya hot air

TikTok is a fun app that allows users to create and share videos with their friends. Statistics show that 90% of the TikTok users are below the age of 30. This social media app has taken millions of young people by storm including Pakistanis. It gives many of them a platform to express themselves.

When it comes to expressing yourself, you can express anything including hate speech on TikTok. Anti-Ahmadi elements do not miss an opportunity to spread hate against Ahmadis. TikTok is also being used by anti-Ahmadiyya activists to propagate hostility against Ahmadis. A recent example was published in the daily *Dawn* of 3rd November 2019. A youngster named Tahir Zaman, likes to use mulla Khadim Rizvi's (TLP) voice to make TikTok videos. Tahir also records anti-Ahmadiyya videos on his TikTok profile in which he curses Ahmadis and the founder of Ahmadiyya Community copiously.

Anti-Ahmadiyya processions in Rabwah

Rabwah; November 10, 2019: Anti-Ahmadiyya groups, especially Majlis Ahrar Pakistan 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. Majlis Ahrar leadership, being Deobandis, do not celebrate Holy Prophet's

birthday, except only in Rabwah. 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.

Ahrar held their annual Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Madrassah Ahrarul Islam Kot Wasawa, a village on the outskirts of Rabwah. It started at 10:30 and ended at 13:30. It was presided by mulla Abdul Latif Khalid (deputy Amir of Majlis Ahrarul Islam) from Chichawatni. 500 men attended it. Syed Kafil Bukhari of Multan, Abdul Latif Khalid of Chichawatni, Maulvi Azam, Tahir Saleem (both from Faisalabad) and Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi also spoke in the conference. All of them bad-mouthed Ahmadiyyat and its founder.

Syed Ataul Muhaiman Shah Bukhari (central Amir of the Ahrar) then led a procession to the downtown comprising 2500 men. Mullas Shahid Kashmiri of Multan, Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema of Chichawatni, Ataullah Shah Bukhari of Multan, Muhammad Ali Mugira of Kot Wasawa and Syed Kafil Shah Bukhari of Multan spoke against Ahmadis to the crowd. Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti MPA (PML-N) concluded the procession with silent prayers.

Another procession emerged from Masjid Bukhari in Muhallah Darul Fazl and was led by Mulla Umair Arshad at 09:45 a.m. Approximately 150 men participated in it. It reached Aqsa roundabout via the bus stop. There mulla Shuja Abadi spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community and its founder.

Several other small processions came over from Chiniot, Muslim Colony, Ahmad Nagar and Kot Qazi. They gathered at the bus stop and dispersed after taking round of the main Aqsa roundabout.

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?

Outrage against Ahmadiyya worship place in Pir Mahal, Punjab

Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh; October 27, 2019: Anti-Ahmadi activities have picked up pace here for some time and opponents frequently harass Ahmadis. Earlier a convert to Ahmadiyyat was subjected to violence.

On October 27, 2019 at about 10 p.m. two unknown motorcyclists hit the Ahmadiyya worship place's main gate and fled away. Ahmadi religious teacher heard the thud and came out to check but found nobody there. Next morning he checked again and saw a mark of brick-hit on the gate. The security cameras recorded two persons throwing the brick.

A neighbor of the worship place throws garbage near its gate. Opponents are trying to register an FIR against Ahmadis of preaching but are not able to do so for lack of evidence. All this is a cause of stress and strain for the beleaguered community.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in center of Rabwah

Rabwah; November 15, 2019: A conference on *Seerat ul Nabi* (lifestyle of the Holy Prophet) was held at Jamia Masjid Muhammadiyya, Railway Station Rabwah under the supervision of Haji Ghulam Mustafa, the Khateeb of Masjid Khatme Nabuwat Muslim Colony. It lasted from 13:00 to 14:30. The number of participants was approximately 300. Maulvi Khabab from Toba Tek Singh, Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman Sani from Lahore and Maulvi Ghulam Mustafa from Chenab Nagar spoke at the occasion.

Speakers made very hostile, provocative and false assertions against Ahmadis. Some of their utterances: "O Qadianis, try your best we will not allow any amendment to the

Constitution regarding Khatme Nabuwat. ... Attempts to amend the Constitution would make the country's situation worse. ... This mosque has been here for forty years in the citadel of Qadianiat. ... Muslims, listen, Qadianis cannot be sincere with the Constitution of Pakistan and Muslims. They are thieves of Khatme Nabuwat. ... Nowadays Qadianis have become arrogant. Qadianis are worsening the country's condition by pursuing foreign agenda. ... They call Muslims infidels, and call themselves Muslims. ... Sir Zafrulla Khan did not join Quaid i Azam's funeral prayer. ... Qadianis have complete freedom to travel to India. ... European delegations come here and are given a conducted tour to show how oppressed Qadianis are. ... At night, why are Muslims checked while passing through Chenab Nagar. ... Qadianis, either accept Islam or admit your status as a minority". etc, etc.

Threatening letters to Ahmadis

Larkana; November 12, 2019: Overall security situation for Ahmadis is getting worse these days in Larkana, Sindh. Three community office-bearers in Larkana and Mr. Shah Ali Chandio received threat letters. "Enough is enough. Quit Larkana, otherwise we will see you on return from the *Azadi March* and will lay a siege on your mosque," the letter elaborated.

The authorities were informed of this letter from a JUI(F) activist.

Islamophobia (and Ahmadi-phobia)

Faisalabad: The daily *Express* published an op-ed on November 25, 2019, titled '**Wave of Islamophobia in Europe**'. The editor concluded his essay in the following words (*translation*):

"Muslims have never ridiculed any religious or holy personage in the name of freedom of expression nor ever attempted hurting religious sentiments of anybody. Islam is a religion of tolerance that respects all other religious and provides security to their

followers. There is need for formal legislation in Europe to deter violence and extremism against Muslims and Islam, so that persons and groups who insult Muslims in any way could be stopped right away.”

There is a great deal of merit in the above statement, and it is true that Islam is a religion of tolerance. But one wishes that the opening premise regarding Muslims’ conduct were true. This report for only November 2019 provides a peep into the conduct of so-called 'Muslim majority'. In our Islamic Republic, groups and media freely and very frequently call bad names to the holy founder of Ahmadiyyat. It is almost a daily occurrence, and despite the relevant laws, authorities and media groups do not show the book to the violators. For sample, we reported one such op-ed in our Monthly Report for August 2019, titled **“Decency of vernacular press and the government on trial.”** The daily *Express* itself published 193 anti-Ahmadiyya news items and 6 op-eds last year—admittedly this gave it the 7th position on the list as compared to the more popular daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* that stood second by publishing 333 news items and 35 op-eds most of which were hateful and malicious. Surely there is need to look inward before we sermonize others.

Cases update

Up-date of on-going police cases concerning Ahmadis in Pakistan is briefly mentioned below to show the general trend in this field:

1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Accused were arrested on July 18, 2014, later the clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet. A session court judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. They are in custody for five and a half years

now. Appeal against the decision has been reset for hearing in Lahore High Court on December 9.

2. One of the accused in Bhoiwal tragedy, Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by an opponent, while in police custody on May 16, 2014. Bail plea of the killer was rejected from Supreme Court. Now the hearing of this case is going on in Model Court Ferozwala, District Sheikhpura. The statements of police and the concerned doctor were recorded. Hearings are going on.
3. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich 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. He is under trial. Next hearing is set in December.
4. 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. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested and investigation is underway.
5. Mr. Mehmood Hashmi of Allama Iqbal Town Lahore was booked and arrested on 20th June 2019 under section 295-A, 298-C for sharing community’s material on social media. The case is under trial and next hearing is set on 16th January 2020. Opponents' application against his bail was rejected by the High Court.
6. Mr. Iqbal Salooni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi were freed on 29th March 2018 and they are undergoing trial. Next hearing was on 30th November.
7. Four prisoners of Dulmial incident District Chakwal were released last year and hearing of the case is underway in Anti-Terrorism Court Rawalpindi. Custody case of the Ahmadiyya Mosque

Dulmial is being heard in Choa Saidan Shah civil court. Also another case is active to DESEAL the Ahmadiyya Mosque. Case hearings are under consideration. In the meantime Ahmadis have no place to congregate for worship — for last three years.

8. Mr. Tahir Ahmad Khalid (missionary) was booked and arrested under section 295-B on 31st March 2014. He was released on bail after five and a half months. Hearing of the case is complete and the decision is expected shortly. Next hearing is set for 7th December.
9. Mr. Shahid Ahmad Pervaiz of Sadhoki District Gujranwala is facing charges under section 298-C for cattle sacrifice on Eid-ul-Azha. No progress is reported on the case after the bail confirmation on 11 October 2018.
10. Ban notification of *Rohani Khazaain* and other books was challenged in the High Court. After 9th April 2019 no new date has been yet assigned. Books authored by the Holy Founder of Ahmadiyyat remain banned in the meantime.
11. Mulla Hasan Muawia filed a petition in High Court to stop Ahmadis from Animal Sacrifice. After 23rd April no further hearing has taken place.
12. Ban notification of Ahmadiyya periodicals was challenged in High Court and the case is still pending. No date has been assigned.

Anti- Ahmadiyya conferences

Two anti-Ahmadiyya conferences were held in district Hyderabad and district Bahawalpur:

- On November 23, 2019 a ‘Naqshbandia Conference’ was held in Kotri Sharqi, District Hyderabad. In the conference foul language was used against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community and the community; and the audience

were incited against the community. Police were informed by Ahmadis.

- On November 24, 2019 a Khatme Nabuwwat organization organized a conference in Chak 6 Bambasir, District Bahawalpur. An ad was also published before the conference. The police were informed to maintain the law and order. The SHO came to monitor the conference. Approximately 300 participated.

Mischief against an Ahmadi averted

Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura; November 2019: Someone pasted an anti-Ahmadiyya poster on the front door and wall of Mr. Munir Ahmad who is pursuing the case of Mr. Khalil Ahmad who was murdered while in police custody in 2014. Khalil was one of the four Ahmadis who had been accused of tearing an anti-Ahmadiyya poster in the village. Later deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C was added to the charge sheet on the application of the opponent party. They were sentenced to death by the court and are now waiting for their appeal to be heard in the High Court. In the background of all this Mr. Munir Ahmad got concerned on seeing this poster and informed the police instead of touching it. The police came and took a photo of the poster. Mr. Ahmad later met the DPO who heard him and assured him fairness.

Ahmadis behind bars

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2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for two years. These three Ahmadiis are in prison for over 5 years.

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3. Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla lecturer in Jamia Ahmadiyya were booked for sharing Quranic material on social media under cyber crime law on 12th November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber 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 and investigation is underway.

From the Media

- **Jalalpur Jattan: Citizens angry over construction of Ahmadiyya place of worship. Religious lobby announces resistance through force. Law and order at risk.**
The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 13, 2019
- **(Mutahiddah Ulama Board, Punjab's) Recommendation to take action on publication of Mirza Qadiani's booklet and its distribution**
Board declares the word 'Masih' for Mirza Ghulam Ahmad 'blasphemy'.
Jahan e Pakistan; November 20, 2019

- **Qadianis are more dangerous than Jews and Hindus: Maulana Abdul Naeem (of AMTKN, Ravi Road, Lahore)**
The daily Jinnah; Lahore, November 21, 2019
- **14 injured as blast rips through rickshaw**
Hizbul Ahrar's offshoot claims responsibility for the blast
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2019
- **26 including (mulla) Khadim Rizvi indicted**
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 13, 2019
- **The PM will never compromise on Khatme Nabuwwat: Noorul Haq Qadri (Fed Minister)**
The daily Jang; Lahore, November 7, 2019
- **Ashrafi lauds NA speaker's stance**
The speaker said the finality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was an integral part of Muslim faith
The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, November 12, 2019
- **Qadianiat in death throes is to die soon: Ulama Karam**
The daily Islam; Lahore, November 29, 2019
- **To me, religion is politics: Fazlur Rahman (JUI-F)**
The daily Jang; Lahore, November 19, 2019
- **The government should cut diplomatic relations with Norway: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat**
The daily Islam; Lahore, November 25, 2019
- **Noorul Haq Qadri (Fed Minister) said that Fazlur Rahman (JUI-F) should not use the Honour of Prophethood card.**
Aap TV newsline at 18:15 on November 06, 2019
- **Mikhail Gorbachev tells BBC: World in 'Colossal danger'**
(He) has warned that current tension between Russia and the West is putting the world in 'Colossal danger' due to the threat from nuclear weapons
BBC News at 20:30 PST on November 4, 2019

- **Navjot Singh Sindhu spoke profusely in favour of Qadianis: These people (Ahmadis) spread love and mitigate hatred.**
The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 13, 2019
- **Indian top court allows temple's construction on Babri Masjid site**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2019
- **Imran says it's time for peace
Makes history by inaugurating Kartarpur Corridor**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2019
- **Two stabbed to death in London terror attack, assailant shot dead. (Assailant was of Pakistan descent.)**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2019
- **Seven sentenced to death in BD for cafe attack (on foreigners)**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2019
- **Pakistani jailed over plot to murder Dutch anti-Islam MP**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2019
- **106 protestors killed over past five days in Iran: Amnesty**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 20, 2019
- **We cannot even think of revision of the Khatme Nabuwat and Blasphemy laws: Govt negotiation committee's talk with media**
The daily Jang; Lahore, November 6, 2019
- **Imran wants CJP to 'restore' public trust in judiciary**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2019
- **Fazl asks PM to step down by tomorrow**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2019
- **Attachment of Musharraf's assets ordered in Benazir murder case**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2019
- **Fazl claims he was offered Senate chairmanship**
The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, November 22, 2019
- **Maryam (Sharif) granted bail in Chaudhary sugar mill case**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 5, 2019
- **Army only backing democratically elected govt, say ISPR**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2019
- **We'll shut down entire Pakistan: Fazl**
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 4, 2019
- **Nawaz can go abroad without bonds: LHC**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2019
- **Comedy of errors turns COAS extension into cliffhanger**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2019
- **Pakistan among worst countries for internet freedom: report**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 6, 2019
- **Dawn Editor (Mr. Zafar Abbas) receives prestigious Press Freedom Award**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 23, 2019
- **Largest cake weighing 63 maunds (2520 kg) cut in Chiniot (on Holy Prophet's birthday)**
The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 12, 2019
- **Countrywide dengue cases nearing 50,000**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 18, 2019
- **74 die, 40 hurt in RY Khan train inferno**
The daily The News; Lahore, November 1, 2019

Op-ed: Extract from a book: Pakistan under siege

I want to be clear that legal Islamization does not — in itself, in any way—imply a necessary rise in extremism or sympathy toward extremists. But Pakistan's anti-Ahmadi laws and its blasphemy laws are discriminatory—violating principles of equality and freedom of speech and of religion, and the right to practice religion—and this discrimination not only engenders intolerance but also violence. Because the laws institutionalize a violent response by the state to speech or actions that may be construed as blasphemous while leaving what constitutes blasphemy open to interpretation, they pave the way for vigilante violence.

The laws also affect how ordinary citizens respond to militant violence. When

militant groups target minorities that have been otherized by the state because of their faith or their religious views and militants claim it is because of these very reasons that they targeted them—the targeted minorities do not always generate sympathy from ordinary Pakistanis.

*(Pakistan under siege by Madiha Afzal;
Penguin, p70)*

Op-ed: Islam vs official Islam: myth in Pakistan

The street power of Mullahs, coalition with political regimes and politics on subtle issues support the opportunistic politician, even many a times they blackmail the political regimes pressurizing the religious sensitive issues. Khadim Husain (TLP) used Mumtaz Qadari's hanging, Asia Bibi and amendment in the electoral laws to invest in his vote bank during the campaign of General Elections 2018. Tahir-ul-Qadari used religious platform in his Dharna 2014 in Islamabad. In Pakistan, religion being the most sentimental phenomenon makes it unfortunately a “card” for political forces to overcome any socio-political scenario. This proves that now the religious political parties have been transformed into pressure groups, the opportunistic politics of JUI-F, Jamaat-i-Islami, JUI-S and Sunni-Tehrik being its worst examples.

*(Busharat Elahi Jamil in the Daily Times,
November 17, 2019)*

Annex: Hateful and inciting Anti-Ahmadi panaflex installed in Lahore

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Khatme Nabuwwat Tenet (PBUH) We will make Chenab Nagar red with the blood of Qadianis, if any attempt is made to amend 1973 constitution. The world will forget Tamerlane.

“I believe Qadianis to be infidels—no argument needed” and “Qadianis are wajib ul qatal (must be killed)”.



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(Lahore)