

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan

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Int'l rights groups decry attacks on Pak Ahmadis

Three of the leading international HR groups issued a statement on November 26, 2020. We reproduce below a few extracts:

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Ian Seiderman, legal and policy director at the International Commission of Jurists, reminded Prime Minister Imran Khan’s government of commitments made in the United Nations General Assembly to actively protect minorities’ human rights.

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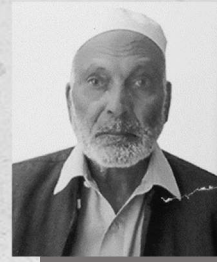
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Dr Tahir Mehmood



Mehboob Khan

Surge in Targeted Killings of Ahmadis

Fatal attack on Ahmadi worshippers in broad daylight

Nankana Sahib; November 20, 2020: Following Press Release was issued by the Ahmadiyya central office; its last two paragraphs are particularly noteworthy:

Press Release

Nankana Sahib: Fatal attack on Ahmadi worshipers results in death of one and injuring 3

Members of Ahmadiyya family gathered to offer Friday prayers at their house in Marh Balochan, District Nankana Sahib when the attack happened

31-year-old Dr Tahir Mehmood was shot dead while his father Tariq Mehmood is critically injured and currently fighting for his life

Ahmadis in Pakistan are the target of an organized hate campaign that openly instigates violence and death

The state as usual has turned a blind eye towards the plight of Ahmadis living in Pakistan: Spokesperson Ahmadiyya Community

This is 5th Ahmadi to be killed because of his faith just this year and 4th Ahmadi in just 4 months

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One more Ahmadi target-killed in KPK in the recent series of such murders

Peshawar; November 8, 2020: Yet another Ahmadi was murdered for his faith, in Peshawar. This time it was Mr. Mehboob Khan. He was 82.

Mr. Khan, a retired government official was on his way back home after visiting his daughter when an unidentified man shot him at close range at the bus stop. He died instantly. He left behind a widow, two daughters and two sons.

This series of murder in Peshawar shows a clear insensitivity, even instigation, of some high echelons in the province to this dreadful crime.

Ahmadis in Peshawar are finding it problematic to come out of their homes for work, shopping, education etc.

There is need for the KPK government to take effective steps to put a stop to the ongoing anti-Ahmadi drive. It is doable — easy. Leaders of this murder syndicate provided their phone numbers in their threats on social media. Remedial effective action should be taken earliest, as these incidents in Peshawar are bringing bad name to KPK and Pakistan in addition.

Chenab Nagar (PR). A violent attack in broad daylight on a house in Marh Balochan in District Nankana Sahib Punjab left one Ahmadi 31-year-old Tahir Mehmood dead and 3 others injured. The attack happened when members of one family gathered to offer Friday prayers at their own house. When they finished and were coming out, a teenager opened fire at them. Dr Tahir Mehmood and his father Tariq Mehmood and two of his relatives received bullets. Tariq Mehmood is in critical condition while the other two injured are out of danger. Mr. Tariq Mehmood is 55 years old; he is receiving life-saving treatment.

Spokesperson Ahmadiyya Community Mr. Saleem-ud-Din offered his condolence on the death of Mr. Tahir Mehmood. He also requested Ahmadis to remember Mr. Tariq in prayers as he is in critical condition as well as prayers for the other two injured and rest of the family who are extremely traumatized.

Mr Saleem-ud-Din also highlighted the fact that there has been a wave of anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaigning and instigation to violence in these areas. At some events speakers openly incited participants to kill Ahmadis. In the past few months, members of the Ahmadiyya Community are increasingly being targeted because of their faith. At the same time, the government has turned a blind eye to such activities. This is 4th Ahmadi to be killed because of his faith in just 4 months. There are many other incidents of violence where Ahmadis were injured or faced serious loss of property.

It is high time the government of Pakistan reigns in the hate mongers that are operating with impunity. At the same time, the government has to implement its own laws about hate campaign on social media that is extensively used for this purpose. The safety and security of every citizen in Pakistan is the responsibility of the government, and Ahmadis are law-abiding citizens of this country who should get the same rights and protection as any other citizen of Pakistan. End

Another fatal attack in Peshawar

Peshawar; November 14, 2020: Unidentified persons came to the perfume shop of Mr. Ata ur

Rahman, Ahmadi at about 09:30 in the Qissa Khawani Bazaar, and opened indiscriminate fire. As a result Mr. Amjad Hussain, 55, a salesman was killed.

Mr. Ata ur Rahman had not yet come to the shop. The victim Mr. Hussain was not an Ahmadi. He left behind a widow and three sons.

It appears that the attackers had come to kill Mr. Ata ur Rahman, in line with the spate of Ahmadi murders in Peshawar in the past few weeks. Mr. Rahman was not there; instead Mr. Amjad Hussain fell victim to the insane attack. The police registered an FIR, and are investigating.

Ahmadi arrested in a fabricated case



Goth Mongarhyo, Kombasar; Nagarparkar, Sindh; November 7, 2020: A mulla and one Maluk Dal a neighbor of the Ahmadiyya Centre in Kombasar, Mithi visited the center and accused the Ahmadi teacher of burning the Holy Quran. They carried a few burnt papers with them. Thereafter they went to the police station and got a case registered against two Ahmadi religious teachers, Mr Tariq A. Tahir and Mr. Safwan Ahmad in FIR 83/2020 under blasphemy clause PPC 295-B at P.S. Nagar Parker on November 25, 2020.

The real motivation behind registration of this Blasphemy case is personal vendetta, while the evidence of the burnt pages of the Holy Quran is false and manufactured. The petitioner in this case, Muhammad Maluk Dal, owns the land adjacent to the Ahmadiyya Center in Kombasar.

There was a problem of low connectivity of mobile phone in the area, so the Ahmadi teacher would climb to the roof of the center to receive signals. Maluk Dal objected to his climbing to the roof. On the day of this incident, the teacher was on the roof for a phone call, and the petitioner got angry over this. He consulted the mulla and they went to the police station with fabricated 'evidence'.

A few days ago, some houses caught fire in Goth Mongarhyo in which a copy of the Holy Quran got burnt. The remains of this burnt copy were preserved and became now handy in fabricating the evidence. The police also considered it plausible. However, they went ahead, registered the case and arrested the innocent man. This is how the blasphemy laws are exploited by the unscrupulous.

Over this fake incident of 'defiling the Holy Quran', there is a great deal of tension and unrest in the area. Processions have come out and rallies held. Ahmadis feel at risk.

Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore — attacks, all guns blazing

Lahore; November 2020: Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore office has taken anti-Ahmadi steps on behalf of a mulla.

Most recently, this Wing has registered another criminal case, this time against Hafiz Muzaffar Ahmad, a Director in Ahmadiyya central office at Rabwah and Malik Tariq Mahmood of Spain. The case is registered with FIR Nr. 124/20 at Police Station Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, 34 and 11 PECA- 2016.

The two gentlemen are accused of audio-recording a banned booklet written by the Ahmadiyya founder, and uploading it on the Ahmadiyya website. In the book, the holy founder claimed to be a *Rasul* (messenger), it is claimed.

Under the applied clauses, the accused could be imprisoned for life.

Another FIR, against Ahmadi Director by FIA, Lahore office

Lahore; November 28, 2020: A criminal case was registered against Mr. Saleem-ud-Din, Director General Affairs and Spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan vide FIR No. 99/2020 at FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore on October 28, 2020 under section(s) 295-A, 153-A of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 R/W section 11 of the Prevention of Electronic Crime Act, 2016.

The case was registered on the application of one Mr. Shehzad Ahmad Baryar, Advocate High Court, on the plea that in a YouTube program, Mr. Saleemuddin used Islamic terms extensively and injured his feeling by commenting on 'Finality of Prophethood Declaration Form'. The complainant got his application endorsed by the Sessions Court, Lahore that directed the Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore to register the said case. It is to be noted that such Order was passed without giving notice to Mr. Saleem-ud-Din.

It is amply clear that the FIRs registered under the influence of Khatme Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum are only an excuse for baseless opposition to Ahmadiyyat.

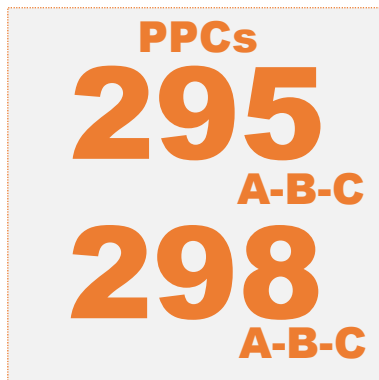
The penalty under PPC 295-A is 10-year imprisonment.

This program was recorded and uploaded on YouTube seven years ago.

Ahmadi arrested on presumption

Rajanpur; November 16, 2020: Mr. Muhammad Asif Badar was booked in a police case vide FIR Nr. 535/20 under article 216 at Police Station Rajanpur City on November 16, 2020.

Mr. Badar was booked allegedly for helping his brother to escape, who had been



booked earlier along with five other Ahmadi officials in a police case.

The newly appointed investigating officer of Rajanpur police station came to Basti Allah Daad on November 15, 2020 and intimidated the families of the persons named in the above-mentioned police case and said that a case would be registered against them for hiding the absconders. After this Mr. Badar was accused and arrested.

Lahore High Court's support to the mulla

Lahore: Following two cases were registered against Ahmadi by the FIA's Cyber Crimes Wing (Lahore):

- a. Mr. Waqar Ahmad and others were booked in November 2019. Mr. Ahmad was arrested.
- b. Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were booked on May 26, 2020. At present all three are behind bars. Later Malik Zaheer Ahmad was also booked and arrested for helping them as friend.

Following is relevant to these cases:

1. The accused allegedly were involved in research and education work concerning the Holy Quran.
2. The main accused are those whose primary function is academic and scholarly.
3. These baseless cases are registered under pressure of a mulla.
4. The sections applied in the case include PPC 295-B that allows punishment of imprisonment for life.
5. A number of senior Ahmadi community officials were most wrongfully named in the FIRs.

Under these circumstances it was only fair that on our request orders were issued to transfer these cases to Rawalpindi for fair investigation and follow up.

The opponents approached Lahore High Court against the transfer order.

Lo and behold, the honorable judge, issued Stay Order against the transfer; the case will be followed up in Lahore by the same FIA team which is under the influence of the complainant; as such we have little faith in it.

Ahmadiyya top leadership in Pakistan at risk of arrest and long imprisonment

Rabwah; November 2020: A very serious situation has developed in Pakistan, whereby top leadership of the Ahmadiyya Community in the country is facing arrests and long term imprisonments through prosecution in fabricated police cases.

These cases are essentially *malafide*, fraudulent and based on PPC sections aimed at over-kill. For instance Mr. Waqar Ahmad, a student of the Ahmadiyya Jamia, his principal and a professor were booked with FIR 152/2019 at P.S. FIA Cyber Crimes Wing Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, cyber crimes law PECA-11 etc. The accused could be imprisoned for life. Mr. Ahmad had allegedly shared the Holy Quran and its "incorrect translation".

In another case Mr. Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi religious teacher was booked under similar sections over allegedly indulging in a religious quiz etc. Senior Ahmadi officials were also named in the FIR no. 29/2020 at the same police station. All the accused could be imprisoned for life.

A few weeks later, Malik Zaheer Ahmad contacted the investigating officer (IO) concerning the status of the case of the detained Ahmadi; at which the IO arrested him as well and booked him under the same clauses, although Malik Ahmad had nothing to do with the alleged offence. Now even he is exposed to imprisonment for life. In registration of this case and arrest of Malik Ahmad, the IO and his office violated his fundamental rights under Pakistan constitution and many rules from the book in handling such a case — pure tyranny.

Most recently, the Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore has summoned Hafiz Muzaffar Ahmad, another Ahmadi director in central Ahmadiyya organization, in some other case, reportedly over alleged audio recording of a booklet by our founder, for the Ahmadiyya website, which is also banned by the authorities in Pakistan.

Mr. Saleemuddin, another Director at the Ahmadiyya central office was booked on October 28, 2020 by the same Wing under PPC 295-A.

Mulla Hassan Muawiyah has filed an application in the Sessions Court, Lahore under sections 22A and 22B of the Cr.P.C. for the arrest of all the Ahmadi accused (the senior Ahmadi leadership). The FIA officials have apprised the Court that they are taking all the necessary actions to that effect. **This is a cause of great and immediate concern.**

Following is a list of senior Ahmadi leadership and others booked by FIA Cybercrime Reporting Center, Lahore:

1.	Syed Khalid A Shah; Chief Executive and Head of Ahmadi community, Pakistan, in FIR 29/20
2.	Malik Masood A Khalid; Director Publications, in FIR 29/20
3.	Mirza Fazal Ahmad; Director Education, in FIR 29/20
4.	Hafiz Muzaffar Ahmad, Director, in FIR 124/20
5.	Mr. Saleemuddin; Director General Affairs, in FIR 99/20
6.	Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz; Principal Jamia, in FIR 152/19
7.	Muhammad Azhar Mangla; Professor Jamia, in FIR 152/19
8.	Tariq Shehzad; Vice Principal N.J. Inter-College, in FIR 29/20
9.	Salik Ahmad; President Ahmadi Youth, Pakistan, in FIR 29/20
10.	Malik Usman Ahmad, in FIR 29/20
11.	Rohan Ahmad, in FIR 29/20
12.	Waqar Ahmad, in FIR 152/19
13.	Malik Zaheer Ahmad, in FIR 77/20

Of the above, five are already under arrest.

Following remarks are pertinent and essential to this issue:

1. In Pakistan, laws concerning cybercrimes, the Holy Quran, anti-terrorism and even blasphemy were promulgated with professedly fair intentions. The authorities assured the critics that these

will not be misused. Now baseless criminal cases are being registered on behest of mullas who nourish unjustified animosity against Ahmadis. Prosecution of these cases related to the Holy Quran is somewhat like prosecuting someone for holding Bible classes.

2. Prime Minister's Special Representative on Religious Harmony should distance himself earliest from people who are bent upon destruction of religious harmony in the country.
3. Application of severe clauses PPCs 295-B, 295-A, etc. to these cases is obviously *malafide* and malicious. These cases deserve to be withdrawn anyway.
4. The move to proceed further with arrests and prosecution of Ahmadi senior leadership is fraught with unpalatable consequences. The higher authorities should take immediate and effective action to drop these false, fabricated and religion-based malicious cases, and proceed against unscrupulous, conscienceless and wicked officials of FIA who are puppets in the hands of a malicious mulla to bring bad name to Pakistan.

Call for murder

Lahore; November 2020: A huge billboard was put up in a busy central location of Lahore, the capital of the Punjab; it called, explicitly for murder of blasphemers. Its photo downloaded from a twitter message is placed here.

The message on it can be translated as below:

Muhammad (peace be upon him)

There is only one punishment for insolence against the Prophet.

Head is to be chopped from the body. Head is to be chopped from the body.

Following observations are relevant to this message:

1. The penalty mentioned therein is neither found in the Quran, nor in Hadith.
2. It does not specify the authority that can award this penalty. The reader could assign himself this function.
3. It does not specify the level of *Gustakhi* (insolence); it asserts that there is only one punishment (death) for any *Gustakhi*.
4. It prescribes even the mode of killing the blasphemer; chopping off the head.
5. The bill-board remained in place, and the authorities did not remove it — a sort of endorsement!
6. *Sar, tan sey juda* (beheading) was promoted as slogan by the fire-brand cleric Khadim Hussain Rizvi. By allowing this to remain displayed at a busy intersection, the Punjab government apparently endorsed the guiding slogan of the TLP.

Also note:

- A. This bill board was found on the Mall Road, at the beginning of the Hall Road market.
- B. The murder of the bank manager in Quaidabad and the Ahmadi doctor in Nankana Sahib this month are clear evidence of the effectiveness of this message of violent hate.

Rights groups decry attacks on Pakistan's minority Ahmadis

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ISLAMABAD — Three international human rights groups on Thursday denounced recent attacks on Pakistan's minority Ahmadi community and asked Islamabad to "urgently and impartially investigate a surge" in violence.

The joint appeal from Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the International



Commission of Jurists came days after a sixteen-year-old Muslim youth opened fire on a group of Ahmadis gathering for worship at a home. The attack killed a doctor, Tahir Mehmood, and wounded three other Ahmadi men, including the doctor's father.

Mehmood's family have since gone into hiding for security reasons. The suspected attacker was taken into police custody.

In Sunday's statement, the three rights groups called on Pakistan to "take appropriate legal action against those responsible for threats and violence against Ahmadis."

Since July, five members of the Ahmadi community have been killed in separate attacks.

"There are few communities in Pakistan who have suffered as much as the Ahmadis," said Omar Waraich, head of South Asia at Amnesty International. "The recent wave of killings tragically underscores not just the seriousness of the threats they face, but also the callous indifference of the authorities, who have failed to protect the community or punish the perpetrators."

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The Ahmadi faith was established on the Indian subcontinent in the 19th century by Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, whose followers believe he was a prophet.

Pakistan’s parliament declared Ahmadis non-Muslims in 1974. Since then, Ahmadis have repeatedly been targeted by Islamic extremists in the Muslim-majority nation.

Earlier this month, gunmen shot and killed an 82-year-old Ahmadi man. In October, a Muslim professor shot and killed an Ahmadi professor a day after the two allegedly had a heated discussion over a religious matter.

Munir Ahmed, The Associated Press

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/11/26/rights-groups-decry-attacks-on-pakistans-minority-ahmadis/>

Nine Ahmadi students expelled from school

Chak no 22/75 Syedwala, District Nankana; November 2020: A new *Hafiz*, Haider Ali was posted here in the mosque of Ahl-e-Sunnat. He indulged in hate sermons against Ahmadis. He incites the youth against Ahmadis as well as Shias through his sermons.

The Hafiz was then hired as a teacher by the principal of the local Naseer Millat School. He incited the principal against Ahmadis and asked him to expel Ahmadi students from the school. The principal called a local Ahmadi senior, Mr. Nazir Ahmad, and told him that Ahmadi students would not be welcome in the school; they should better be shifted.

As a result nine Ahmadi students had to shift to some other school.

School admission refused in Islamabad

Gulshan-e-Sehat, Islamabad; November 2020:

Miss Rimsha daughter of Mr. Muhammad Pervez, Ahmadi, passed the eighth grade and was to join the ninth. When she went to the (Government) Islamabad Model School for admission, they refused to admit her. The second time she went, they refused her again. Then a former teacher spoke to the school administration for her, and they said that they were not admitting this girl as she is a ‘Qadiani’.

Rimsha had to enroll in a private school.

Ahmadi teacher faces hostility at school

Jalalpur Syedan, District Khushab; Oct-Nov 2020:

Mr. Rafi Ahmad is a teacher here at the Government High School. He has been serving in this school for eight years and has been its acting headmaster at times. Two years ago, a new headmaster arrived. He is from the Osmania denomination. Similarly, three teachers belong to the Ahl-e-Hadith faction, while two belong to the extremist Tahrik Labbaik Ya Rasul Allah. For some time, all these have started opposing Mr. Ahmad.

On October 16, 2020, rice was cooked in the school. Mr. Ahmad was given his rice separately in a glass, although previously he used to sit and eat with the staff. According to some teachers, this year they wanted to celebrate Rabi-ul-Awal as ‘clean’. The headmaster’s attitude became humiliating for the Ahmadi.

One day when Mr. Ahmad was busy in a lecture to his class, the headmaster assembled the rest of teachers and passed a written resolution that this Qadiani teacher should be socially boycotted and expelled from there. Thereafter they held a joint prayer against him. At that, one of them commented in support of Mr. Ahmad and said, “Ahmad is here for years, nothing happened; what is the problem now?”

In this situation, Mr. Ahmad met his district officer. The district officer telephoned the

headmaster and told him to sort out the issues. Anyway, Mr. Ahmad's social boycott remained in place; no teacher talked to him; he gave his lectures and sat lonely. He received threats of early transfer.

Then a local influential visited the school. He took Ahmad with him to the headmaster and told him that Mr. Ahmad was older than all of them; he deserved respect. He advised the headmaster and Mr. Ahmad to reconcile and greet each other. This they did. After that, some teachers congratulated Mr. Ahmad on the change.

It is hoped that the peace will not be short-lived. There should be peace and harmony in the school and not sectarian animosity.

Boycott of an Ahmadi's business in Karachi

Drigh Road, Karachi; November 2020: Mr. Danish Akmal has been living here for 32 years. He runs a shoe store in the Millennium Mall for eight years. A few days ago, a fire broke out in the mall and a meeting of the market council was called. There Mr. Akmal was discussed on lines that if they provide business to the Qadianis, the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) would be angry resulting in such calamities. Accordingly, they decided to boycott Mr. Akmal and damage his business. Banners were put up in the market to show their boycott. "BOYCOTT QADIANI — QADIANI INFIDEL", was painted here and there in the market.

The traders talked to Mr. Akmal over this, stopped him from coming to the market for a few days, and told him to curse his community founder if he wanted to continue the business at the premises.

Ahmadis' graves desecrated in District Chakwal

Bochal Kalan, District Chakwal; November 2020: Three gravestones of Ahmadis were desecrated here by anti-Ahmadi elements. These graves are located away from the village where

they are not frequented. Some days ago, Ahmadis went to visit their elders' graves and found the graves desecrated.

This is not the first time. This year about 100 graves have been thus desecrated, mostly with the permission of the police, sometimes by the police itself.

How long Ahmadi dead will be defiled in their graves in Pakistan? How long the state and the society will turn a blind eye to this kind of enormity?

Transgression in Distt Sargodha

Silanwali, District Sargodha; November 3, 2020: Two years ago, opponents had moved against the Ahmadiyya worship place and the cleric's house here. Now Ahmadis had applied to transfer the house to their association, Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya.

On November 3, 2020, Mr. Hayat and three other Ahmadis went to the *Tahsildar's* (collector) office for transfer formalities. They found mullas assembled there in numbers. They made a commotion, and beat up two of the visiting Ahmadis. It seems that someone from the collector's office had informed mullas about the visit of Ahmadis. After the attack, Ahmadis applied for registration of a police case against the attackers. The mullas too put up an application with police, against them.

The next day, the police asked the named Ahmadis to report to the police station. So an Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station, met the SHO and informed him of the background of the case that it was merely a matter of transfer of the Ahmadiyya house. Mullas deliberately made it a bone of contention, had beaten Ahmadis and lodged false complaint against them.

After the hearing, the SHO said, "You may go back. Your opponents have programed a rally tomorrow. After that, we will look into the matter." "Please keep them restricted, and do not allow them to go towards the Ahmadiyya house, so as to avoid a clash", Ahmadis asked the SHO.

Markazi Anjuman Ghulaman Mustafa (p.b.u.h.) Silanwali put up posters for this rally, at various locations. In these, they demanded five things with reference to Ahmadis: 1) Can't build a mosque; 2) Can't preach their religion; 3) Can't call themselves Muslim; 4) Can't use Islamic terms; 5) Can't say *Azan* (call to prayer). The poster carried in addition the hateful: “**Countless curses on Qadianis**”, “**Qadianis are apostates and infidels according to the Constitution of Pakistan**”.

The rally was held. The police restricted them; as such violence, if intended, was curtailed.

Agitation against Ahmadi-owned school



Bhagatpura, Lahore; November 8, 2020: Mr. Sultan Ahmad is running a private school in Afzal Town, Bhagatpura, Lahore. His family lives on its upper floor. On November 8, 2020, a procession came to the house /school, holding placards, flags and rods. They stood outside Mr. Ahmad's house, chanted slogans, and used foul language. At the time Mr. Ahmad was somewhere outside but his family was at home. Surprisingly, the PTCL phone connection of his house was disconnected at this time and remained non-functional for three hours. After the processionists left, some people came there, made a video of the house and the school.

The incident has upset the family a great deal. The absence of police to provide protection to the besieged family remains unexplained.

Hateful wall-chalking in Jhelum

Matyal, District Jhelum; October 27, 2020: Unidentified miscreants sprayed anti-Ahmadiyya

writings on the boundary wall of the Ahmadiyya Bait-ul-Hamd. A complaint was filed with the Sadar police station, upon which the SHO sent a policeman there who removed these writings.

On November 1, 2020, anti-Ahmadiyya writings were again found on the walls of the worship place as well as in other parts of the city. This seems to be a conspiracy hatched against the Ahmadiyya community to promote hate and hurt Ahmadis' sentiments.

Ahmadi at risk in Lahore

Iqbal Town; Lahore, November 2020: The elder brother of Prof. Munir-ud-din, Vice President of Iqbal Town Jamaat, Lahore has come to him from Burewala and has been living here for a few months. He used to get drinking water from a filtration plant near his house. There he met a man who became friendly to him.

After a few days, he was strolling outside his house when two motorcyclists came to him and asked, "Do you not believe in the Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.)?" He had not yet answered the question when the same person he had met on the filtration plant appeared there and told the motorcyclists that "it was not him", and sent him home. He later told the Ahmadi that these were harmful people. "Your relatives who live here are being monitored, and registration numbers of visiting motorcycles and cars are noted," he intimated.

Follow-up of move against Ahmadiyya worship-place

Lahore; November 2020: It is well-known that Pakistan government and its Muslim population, even 28 years after the Babri Mosque tragedy, continue to pursue the great wrong done there, and the danger to other Islamic places of worship in India in such prejudice and mindset. In this context it is very relevant to take notice of the attitude of the state and society in Pakistan itself towards places of worship of communities perceived here as non-Muslim.

Last year alone, 11 Ahmadiyya places of worship were violated in Pakistan with partial demolition, closing down, denial of worship, sealing, damage, forbidden repairs, barring construction, withholding permission to build, etc.

Ahmadiyya prayer center at Saman Burg, Lahore is one such place where it has been made problematic for Ahmadis to worship for the last two years. A non-issue has been allowed to become an issue bearing upon fundamental right of Ahmadis' freedom of faith and worship.

Most recently, in this context, a hostile individual Ehsanul Haq, local resident has sent another application to the SHO Johar Town, in which he has protested against 15/20 Ahmadis assembling at the Center for prayers, religious education, using Islamic terminology in sermons and *Dars* etc. He fraudulently concocted some evidence and lied that *Azan* was called at the Center. He has asked the police to register a criminal case against Ahmadis, including Mirza Muhammad Din Naz, the Chairman of the central Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya, Pakistan and Mr. Abaidullah, the *Mukhtar Aam* (agent general) etc.

Do such iniquitous people have a right or justification to protest against similar actions perpetrated by their bigoted twins across the border?

Also, is there no official in Lahore bureaucracy with courage to tell these people to calm down and stay put?

Anti-Ahmadiyya gatherings in Sargodha

Eidgah, Sargodha; November 5, 2020: A Khatame Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) conference was held in Eidgah, Sargodha. The conference began at 7 p.m. and lasted until 5 a.m. The same day a *Mehfil-e-Milad* was also held in 'Company Baagh' in which 2000 participated. The speakers targeted France and the Ahmadiyya community in their speeches and sought to inflame public sentiment against them.

Hostile conference in Rabwah

Rabwah; November 6, 2020: Opponents held a *Seerat* conference here in Muhammadiya Mosque at the railway station on November 6, 2020. Haji Ghulam Mustafa, *Khatib* of the Jamia Masjid Khatme Nabuwwat Muslim Colony Chenab Nagar opened it at 12:50. Approximately 270 men attended this conference. It ended at about 14:10.

Maulvi Allah Wasaya, Central Amir of Almi Majlis Tahafuz Khatme Nabuwwat, Multan addressed the crowd and said, "Qadianis were declared infidels in 1974. After declaring *Mirzais* as infidels, we offered our first Friday prayers in the courtyard of the Chenab Nagar Court. It was 45 years ago. Since then we have been offering Friday prayers at Jamia Masjid Mohammadiya at the railway station. After 1974, the madrassa of Alami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat was built at Chenab Nagar, and *Mirzais* slowly came down to their level. Now Muslims can freely hold their gatherings and conferences in Chenab Nagar."

"These Qadianis of Chenab Nagar persecuted Muslims; now they do not dare do that. Now people from all over the country participate in our conferences here. Our Jamaat is chasing Qadianis all over the world. Muhammadiya Mosque is in the midst of Qadiani population; let's fill it up. Those who want to wipe out Islam and Pakistan will be wiped out themselves, and neither can be wiped out," Maulvi Allah Wasaya said. This conference is being held every year in the mosque at the railway station to commemorate the 1974 Amendment to the constitution.

The plot of land for this mosque was provided by Pakistan Railways to the hostile mullas. Ever since its construction, it has been abundantly used to make hateful speeches on its loudspeakers to hurt the feelings of Ahmadis of the neighborhood.

Ahmadi's funeral interrupted

Trigri, District Gujranwala; November 25, 2020: After the death of an Ahmadi here, the grave was being prepared for his burial, but the

opponents called the police. They tried to disrupt the funeral and gathered miscreants on the spot. Police also arrived on the scene. The Ahmadi seniors informed the police that the burial would take place there, which later took place at the same place despite opposition.

Firebrand cleric Khadim Rizvi dies



Lahore:

According to the press report, some blamed his death on Covid 19 while others on heart attack. Thus reported the

daily *Dawn* on November 20, 2020:

“Rizvi, a Bareilvi cleric, had shot up to political prominence within a short span of only five years. Rizvi had cut off the federal capital — third time in the last five years — from the rest of the country... One of his followers, Mumtaz Qadri assassinated Punjab governor Salman Taseer in January 2011. He founded the Tehrik Ya Rasul Ullah for the protection of section 295-C, the blasphemy law. In Election 2018, his party did well and became the fifth largest in the country. His political influence waned when in late 2018, from TLP platform three Supreme Court judges were declared *Wajibul Qatl* and Muslim generals were urged to disobey the COAS. He remained locked up over this for next six months.”

Ahmadis will remember him for his use of the Khatme Nabuwwat theme to bad-mouth them. He said openly, “The day Islam comes to power, there will be only one decision regarding Ahmadis. Either recite the *Kalima* (become Muslim) or accept death. There wouldn’t be anything else other than this.” Rizvi was harsh on those who sympathized with Ahmadis. In a recent video (02:59) he said, “Those

who are friendly to Mirzais, should flee abroad with them...”

A lakh of people attended his funeral in Lahore. It was the largest ever such gathering in the city, according to some.

Ahmadis behind bars

1. A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Mr. Ghulam Ahmad, Mr. Ihsan Ahmad and Mr. Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. 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 was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for three years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for 6 ½ years.
2. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR Nr. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial for more than two and half years.
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 Crimes 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.

4. A fabricated police case was registered against Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana under blasphemy clause PPC 295-C. She was booked on April 30, 2020 in police station Sadr Sangla Hill with FIR Nr. 275/20, arrested and sent to Central Jail Shekhupura. Bail was denied to her. She is fifty-five years old.
5. Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad and unknown persons composer, proof reader, writer, computer operator and owners of phone no. 0333-6708729, 0322-4374750, 0333-6678820 were booked for sharing a WhatsApp message regarding essay writing and general knowledge quiz competition 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. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department that works under Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of Mr. Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore, arrested and tortured him. He is currently at Camp Jail, Lahore. If declared guilty, he could be imprisoned for life.

On September 29, 2020 Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, Malik Zahir Ahmad, Imran Ahmad Virk and Mudassir Ahmad were also arrested in this case. Mr. Imran Ahmad Virk and Mudassir Ahmad were released.

Malik Zahir Ahmad was booked under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, PECA-11 with FIR Nr. 77 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore on September 30, 2020.

6. Mr. Waheed Ahmad Butt was booked in a police case on August 15, 2020, under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C and the blasphemy clause 295-A, with FIR Nr. 309

at the Police Station Phalora, District Sialkot. He was arrested.

7. Mr. Abdul Majeed s/o Mr. Abdul Waheed resident of Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, District Peshawar, aged 20, was accused of blasphemy by a minor named Mr. Imran Ali. The police succumbed to the pressure of the mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 which carries sentence of death, on September 10, 2020 with FIR Nr. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. The police traced Mr. Abdul Majeed to his place of refuge, raided it on 13.09.2020 at 03:00 and arrested him.
8. Mr. Sharafat Ahmad, Mr. Akbar Ali and Mr. Tahir Naqash were booked under PPCs 298-B and 298-C at police station Mangatanwala, District Nankana on May 2, 2020. The Lahore High Court rejected their application for pre-arrest bail on October 2, 2020. They were arrested in the courtroom and sent to Shekhupura Jail.
9. Mr Tariq A. Tahir and Mr. Safwan Ahmad were booked in FIR 83/2020 under blasphemy clause PPC 295-B at P.S. Nagar Parker, Sindh on November 25, 2020. Mr. Tahir was arrested.

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The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2020

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The daily Jehan Pakistan; Lahore, November 9, 2020

- **Research finds biases against minorities**

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2020

- **Rights groups decry attacks on Ahmadis**

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 27, 2020

- **Chenab Nagar: Garbage dumps all over; sewage system not functional; residents upset**

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 17, 2020

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The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 8, 2020
- **Qadianis are more dangerous than Hindus and Jews; Speakers (at KN conferences, Gulshan Ravi)**
The daily Islam; Lahore, November 23, 2020
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- **We'll shed last drop of blood to protect End of Prophethood: Saad Hussain Rizvi (TLP)**
The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 26, 2020
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The daily Islam; Lahore, November 12, 2020
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The daily Nation; Lahore, November 20, 2020
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 5, 2020
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2020
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 16, 2020
- **No tolerance for insulting any faith.... Decision to form a Commission against extremism, violence: PM**
The daily Jang; Lahore, November 11, 2020
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The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 10, 2020
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 4, 2020
- **Extremists (Islamist) in Mozambique chop off heads of 50 persons**
The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, November 11, 2020
- **Five persons extradited from Belgium for planning to burn the Holy Quran**
The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, November 14, 2020
- **12 indicted in Germany for planning attacks on Muslims and mosques**
The daily Pakistan; Lahore, November 16, 2020
- **110 farmers killed in Nigeria by armed groups (Bokoharam)**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2020
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- **Scathing report on Lord Nazir**
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Express RSS, November 12, 2020
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- **Research finds biases against minorities in text books**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2020
- **Senior TV journalist (A Waheed Chaudhry) dies of Covid-19**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2020
- **Student booked on charges of hurting religious feelings (PPC 295-A)**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2020
- **ISI, Rangers men removed over IG issue**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 11, 2020
- **Faisalabad, Lahore surpass Delhi as most polluted cities**
The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 14, 2020
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2020

Op-ed: Descent into fanaticism

If we have come to the point of venerating premeditated murder, where are we truly heading?

(On murder of the bank manager in Quaidabad on November 04, 2020)

... As word spread, a throng of people gathered around the killer. But, rather than decry the fact that he had taken another life, they showered him with admiration and praise.

Videos made shortly after the incident depict the murderer not being taken into custody but marching to the police station, boldly and defiantly. And he does not march alone. Escorting him is a whole coterie of fans. They are in thrall, it appears. One kisses his cheek, overwhelmed by emotion. Another caresses him, almost in awe, as though he is an object of reverence. As for the rest, they rally behind and around him, making videos and snapping pictures and chanting slogans.

More ominously, even after their arrival at the police station, the guard and his devotees were given carte blanche to do as they please, and so, they clambered onto the rooftop of the building, where the self-confessed killer was allowed to take one final stand — like a gallant hero basking in the glory being heaped upon him. One is compelled to ask: if we have come to the point of venerating premeditated murder, an egregious crime in law and an egregious sin in religion, where are we truly heading?

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2020

Op-ed: High drama in Islamabad

.... It is therefore time the government seriously considered the desirability of pursuing Quaid-i-Azam's ideal of a democratic polity and allowed all citizens to adopt and practise whatever religious belief appeals to their mind. Any other course will put the state at risk of dangerous attacks from what in fact are seekers of political power in religious garb.

IA Rehman in the daily Dawn of November 19, 2020

Op-ed: Rejecting hate

.... Adopting a right-wing stance and discriminating against minorities may win Macron some election popularity, but it will not help France's vulnerability to terrorist attacks. A better approach would be to try to make amends to those whose sentiments have been constantly

offended and singled out, and build tolerance. Freedom of speech has its limits in every legal system; the kind of speech which leads to violence or discrimination must be rejected.

Editorial in The Nation; Lahore, November 01, 2020

Tweet: Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi



Assassination of the people of the people of Qadiyadi community is condemnable. All Islamic scholars are unanimously agreed this that as per commandment of Al-Quran, killing of an individual is alike killing of the entire humanity.

If anyone commits any crime and sin, it is responsibility of the Government and court to punish that individual not the mandate of any person, group and Organization to punish anyone for his sin and crime.

As per instructions of Prime Minister Imran Khan, investigations will be held to probe killings of Qadiyanis in Peshawar and Nankana Sahib and justice will be prevailed.

Any individual, group or Organization in the country can't be allowed to make extrajudicial killings and make chaos in the country.

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Spate of murders

Editorial 22 Nov 2020

THE bloodletting in the name of faith continues, and the silence from official quarters on this needless loss of life is deafening. On Friday, Tahir Ahmed, a 31-year-old Ahmadi doctor was shot dead inside his home in Nankana Sahib, Punjab, by a teenager armed with a pistol. The attacker had knocked on the front door and started firing when the young man opened it. Other members of the family who were gathered there for prayers were also wounded, including his father — who remains critically injured in hospital — and two uncles. This is at least the fourth faith-based murder of members of the Ahmadi community since July. Last month, Prof Dr Naeemuddin Khattak was gunned down in a targeted attack in Peshawar; in August, Meraj Ahmed, a trader was shot dead in the same city; and in July, an American national named Tahir Naseem was slain by a 19-year-old in a Peshawar courtroom. Mr Naseem was an under-trial prisoner accused of committing blasphemy. Also, in September there was a near lynching in the same city; the targets of the mob were rescued by police, though one of them was later charged with having committed blasphemy.

In a country where preachers spewing hate and bigotry can acquire the status of superstars, where shrines are raised to venerate those who commit murder in the name of religion, minorities cannot but live in a perpetual state of fear. Certain minorities even more so. Prejudice against them is so deep, so visceral, that acting on it is celebrated as a virtue by sections of society. As Friday's killing shows, it pursues them even into the privacy of their homes. However, murder is but the most extreme manifestation of this hatred; every day must doubtless bring with it a myriad indignities, too many to count — in the marketplace, in educational institutions and in the workplace. In fact, it would not be an exaggeration to say that our society has dehumanised the Ahmadi community to a point where they are defined only by their religious belief, rather than being seen as what they are: citizens of Pakistan who have an inalienable right to the protection of the state. But the state has been found sadly wanting, indeed absent. Until every minority community, without exception, has confidence that the state will punish those who incite and commit violence against them, Pakistan cannot be considered a safe place for minorities.

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