

# **Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan**

## **Monthly Report**

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### **Ahmadis abused on Human Rights Day in procession led by Asstt. Commissioner**

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The Assistant Commissioner found it convenient to lead this rally—perhaps her local superiors told her to do that.

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## **Administration demeaned by the Mulla**

*Attock; December 10, 2019:* Administration and the Mullah, two important pillars of Pak society, presented their junior echelons in a bout, wherein the administration's rep. a lady assistant commissioner was routed, demeaned and debased by a group of bearded students speaking mulla's language of bigotry, hate and extremism — even terrorism. The unequal fight was video-recorded and got viral on social media. It deserves to be placed on record, as it is demonstrative of the state of Pakistani society and state in 2019.

It was on December 10, 2019 when International Human Rights Day was being celebrated. A seminar was held in Attock (Punjab) also, where the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBNB5gTZIsg> shows an audience being addressed by Assistant Commissioner (AC) Ms Jannat Hussain Nekokara. The young lady, in her zeal to promote human rights talked of mutual tolerance, care for the minorities, shunning sectarianism, etc. She advised that regardless of our denomination, minorities, be they Shia, Sunni, Ahmadi, etc should be given their rights and our identity should be simply Pakistan, Muslim.

This lecture on tolerance, unity, human rights, especially the mention of Ahmadis was not liked by some in the audience. They made it a big issue and protested in a big way. They fielded a group of aggressive students, bunch of extremists in their late teens, incited them and urged them to demand a sitting with the District administration, with the aim to worsen the audacious AC. The senior most officials of the District apparently got cold sweat. They invited the student gang to a meeting where all the top brass of the district were seated. The rest is available on another video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6XoAguEOIk>.

The video shows approximately 20 youth wearing school/college uniform in the big room. One of them can be seen at the rostrum, while some are seated on chairs and others are standing by the wall. One of the students rebukes the AC in loud voice for her remarks and tells the high officials, (*translation*), “She talked of ‘unity’, she proposes that we team up with the enemies of the Prophet.... There can be no compromise on the issue of end of Prophethood, at any cost....Blasphemers must be killed even if he is your own father....Simply chop off his neck and throw it away.... No unity... such people (as the AC) create...chaos in the country.... They are enemies of the country...”. At this, a senior boss assures him, “She’ll be told to apologize”. The goon shouted, “Yes, she should apologize in the presence of all; it should be then displayed in the entire media.”

It should be mentioned that during the goon's tirade, none of the officials (approximately a dozen seated there) dared interrupt him or differ with him. In the background were stretched the Pakistan flag and the Punjab pennant. The plight of the state was visible, expressive and distressing.

Someone who saw this drama on the video, tweeted, “They (high officials) rather than advising or educating the students are telling the Assistant Commissioner to apologize!” One can see that the seniors and colleagues of the lady official deserted her when she most needed and deserved their support.

Surely, soon afterwards a get-together was arranged where all the rabble-rousers were present. The good lady was marched in, more like a criminal escorted by a few constables. The scared-looking wide-eyed AC attempted an explanation and an apology, while the video-recording

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wulGPbTY0Xs> was underway, “We were talking about human rights and also of non-Muslim Pakistanis. I first talked about Kashmir, thereafter on human rights, then on human rights of minorities, non-Muslim Pakistanis. Well, I should not have mentioned the word ‘Ahmadis’ but then...I talked of mutual unity and shunning of

discrimination so that we can face the external enemy.” At this the brat addressed her in great anger, “Listen to me, if the 1973 Constitution calls them (Ahmadis) non-Muslim and *Kafir*, . . .” At this, the petrified AC quickly endorsed him, “Sure; they are *Kafir*, non-Muslim,” “Then why are you talking of Unity; why are you talking of Unity,” questioned the youth. The AC shook her head and tried to explain, “All that I am saying, is that we should mutually...” The youth again interrupted her, “What mutually! 1973 Constitution...” At this a male official pleaded him, “Listen to her, please give her a hearing.” The youth cornered her again, “According to you, are Ahmadis, Muslim or non-Muslim?” The AC replied, “In my opinion, well they are non-Muslim as per the Constitution as also to me. My own child is named Muhammad. So, that is not the issue. You had a misunderstanding; there is no issue, nor do I believe differently, nor is my faith any different (than yours).” The goon was not impressed and retorted, “It is not material to name your son Muhammad; they too name themselves Ahmad, but they are Qadianis!” The AC pleaded again, “My, my faith....sure, they are Qadianis; they are non-Muslims, *Kafir*, Qadianis are *Kafir*. Satisfied? There is no dispute.”

Student: “OK, but your DSP has not arrived yet, the DC?”

Question (by someone else): “Well Madame, can you repeat what you said in the speech there?”

AC: “Yes. All that I said was that we should not indulge in our differences; only then shall we be able to face our external enemy....”

Someone interrupted: “Did you use the word, ‘Ahmadi?’”

AC: “I said, we should not practice ‘discrimination’ among ourselves.”

Interruption: “Madame, please clarify that there is a difference between Ahmadis and other non-Muslims.”

AC: “Yes. Ahmadis are non-Muslim; others too are non-Muslim, but Ahmadis are more (*ziadah*) non-Muslim, for they...deny...Khatme Nabuwwat.”

Student: “Describe your faith in Khatme Nabuwwat.”

AC: “I believe that Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is the last Prophet... Prophethood has ended for ever...

Anyone who claims to be a Prophet now or ever, even by a hint, will be a liar.”

On seeing this video, a “disgruntled Pakistani” tweeted: “Best bit is, all seemed so utterly helpless. I’ve never seen such abject helplessness.”

Some Indian@Kumarnau315088 fittingly tweeted, “This is real Pakistan.”

The BBC found these theatrics noteworthy and composed a lengthy pictorial description of its proceedings, including a number of brief comments expressed on Twitter, on BBC Urdu News on December 13, 2019. For example:

One Ateeq Ahmad, @ani-rajpool tweeted, “Where an Assistant Commissioner is not safe at the hand of these clerics, what would be the security for a common citizen? And what greater level of extremism if the protectors of the public themselves are unsafe and where a man has to prove himself to be a Muslim by proclaiming it repeatedly in presence of others?”

BBC quoted a tweet by someone Ifkikhkar: “If in a country an Assistant Commissioner has to defend herself before religious bigots and wretches and rascals, for promoting better treatment of minorities, that country has no right to criticize and condemn the Indian RSS, Hindutva bodies and state actions.”

One Bilal Farooqi, @ bilalfqi retweeted Iftikhar as, “According to some reliable sources, Attock Assistant Commissioner Jannat Hussain Nekokara, a very competent officer, 3<sup>rd</sup> position holder in CSS-2014, winner of President’s Gold Medal and her family facing threats because she spoke about Ahmadis. Govt must ensure her safety.”

The well-known and out-spoken Ziauddin Yousafzai, father of the Nobel laureate Mallala Yousafzai did not hide his contempt for the perpetrators of this incident, and tweeted, “This shameful hooliganism and public harassment of a civil servant is highly condemnable.”

@ZiauddinY on December13, 2019

Before closing this narrative it is worthwhile, even essential, to go a little deeper into this incident that unfolded in Attock. Not

that it happened in Attock only, it happens almost every week all over, if not every day—in Attock, it only got recorded on videos that went viral and are available to all. Also, occasionally it explodes in a big way and sends shock waves all over the country and makes people think. For example, what happened in Oct/Nov 2017, only two years ago, was a mega version of this interaction between the mulla, the authorities and the politician. The issue even then was *Khatme Nabuwwat*. We refer to that episode here briefly.

Immediately prior to the so-called Faizabad riots/*Dharna* of November 2017, the politicians had passed a law that facilitated Ahmadis in a limited way to exercise their basic right of voting in general elections, although they could still not stand as candidates. The mulla found in this a great opportunity to reap political harvest and he raised a huge cry of protest against the fair new law. Mr. Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister found it convenient to immediately step back, and got the new law amended to push Ahmadis back to square one. However, the mulla would not loosen his teeth dug in PML-N's neck without drawing some blood. He demanded that the entire cabinet should resign and those who had played a role in drafting the law to facilitate Ahmadis' voting right should be punished. To enforce their will, mullas blockaded Islamabad and beat back police efforts to raise the blockade. The army refused to use force against the clerics. The government thus had to lick the earth, fired its law minister, paid damages to the blockaders, and allegedly presented a big purse to Mullas Rizvi and Qadri. These mullas went home in triumph as celebrities who had made huge political impact on the public and were very hopeful of a big vote in the forthcoming Elections 2018.

These mullas over-assessed their power and crossing the red-line next year, viciously attacked the judiciary and the army in October 2018. That was not acceptable to the powerful

establishment, and the two mullas were neutralized.

The politicians did not learn their lesson even after the demeaning Faizabad episode; they leaned on mullas and made *Khatme Nabuwwat* (KN) the major issue for Election 2018. As they all raised the KN flag, one wonders, if in the final analysis, it made any difference. However, the KN issue and the mulla's importance in national politics remains high—thanks to politicians and seniors of all state institutions.

Everyone who is conversant with Pakistan's history knows that this poisonous crop was sown in 1974 when Mr. Bhutto, in league with mullas, introduced anti-Ahmadi Amendment Nr. II to the Constitution. This crop is now yielding its copious bitter fruit all over the country. The mulla has been facilitated and has succeeded in creating a hard corps of fake Sunni supremacists. The issue of KN, which any smart analyst would quickly assess to be essentially semantic in essence, has been raised to the status of the Number 1 national issue. This republic initially became an Islamic Republic, now it is de-facto a *Khatme Nabuwwat* Republic.

One need not be a genius to conclude from the three Attock videos that the youth involved in the incident are no longer serious students; they are potential terrorists. Their spokesman who asserted that the deniers of end of prophethood "must be killed even if he is your father...Simply chop off his neck and throw it away..." must be the most sought after rascal by organizations like the *Khatme Nabuwwat*, the TTP, the LT, Je M, etc, all ready to offer him a leadership position.

Due credit can be given to Mr. Naseer Khan for choosing the right words in his worthy tweet of December 12, 2019 @ LHA#4 n:

"It is not the students' fault really. Politicians decided to use the support of extremist *maulvis* for political gain; now this is the kind of conditioning kids grow with. They become hate-mongering despots. Satanic reality."

These days Mr. Ali Annan Qamar is the DC and Syed Shehzad Bukhari is the DPO in Attock; Mr. Usman Buzdar (PTI) is the chief minister of the Punjab, while Mr. Imran Khan is the prime minister.

## **Ahmadi educationist in line of fire. Writ-petition against 14, mostly Ahmadis, and the SHO police**

**Dera Ghulab Khel Rodah, District Khushab; December 2019:** Mr. Muhammad Yunus, Ahmadi is running here a private school, Shad Academy since 2012. Approximately 170 students are studying in it. In September Lashkar-e-Taiba Khatme Nabuwat wrote a letter to the authorities conveying, "A Qadiani is managing the school, lot of students are studying here, children are sexually abused here, it should be closed forthwith. In case of non-compliance the whole responsibility will be that of the SHO and the civil administration if it is attacked or any child is abducted or any teacher or student comes to harm." The authorities took notice and took some follow-up action. Then the emboldened mullas spread a wider net. They took numerous steps to harass the Ahmadiyya Community.

More recently on December 4, 2019 an anti-Ahmadi mulla Hafiz Aziz ur Rehman made a writ-petition to the sessions court against 14 persons, mostly Ahmadis, and the SHO police station Mitha Tawana. The 12-page petition is noteworthy for its contents.

The petition papers show that:

1. The Principal of the academy is a 'Muslim'.
2. Two teachers are Ahmadi while five are Muslim.
3. Among the students 83% students are Muslim while 17% are Ahmadi.
4. The Principal has made written statement that Ahmadi teachers have never talked of Ahmadiyyat in the class. Teachers teach only the prescribed syllabus.

Ahmadis do not offer their prayers in the Academy.

Despite the above, mullas and the complainant demanded closure of the academy and complained, *inter alia*:

- 1) Quranic and Islamic inscriptions are displayed in the building.
- 2) Respondent Ahmadis have built mosques for worship at their farms. It is in violation of law (sic).
- 3) Two of the respondents are Ahmadi religious teachers appointed from Rabwah. (Note: These two do not teach at Shad Academy. Ed.)
- 4) SHO was requested to register an FIR against the respondents, but he refused to do that; hence this petition.

It should be mentioned that the complainant's petition and his earlier request to the SHO contain lies, fabrications and unsupportable assertions. For example he wrote that words Ya Allah and Ya Muhammad are written on latrines; people are extremely angry with the Academy; etc.

It is relevant to mention that despite the above facts, the Assistant Commissioner Khushab sent a report to the DC that; "Based on a report of the revenue officer, I, undersigned am of the view that under the given circumstances, the situation can deteriorate at any time and an unfortunate incident can occur. In my opinion it will be appropriate to order CEO (DEO) Khushab to cancel the registration of this Academy forthwith, so as to avoid any sectarian situation."

This AC reminds one of Ms. Jannat Hussain, AC Attock. One may ask him that if marginalized communities' human rights are to be denied on every complaint of a few mullas of the majority community and the administration and the police are unable to maintain law and order, then what is the point of having 'writ of the state' as opposed to the 'writ of religious bigots from the majority community'?

## **General ® Musharraf—a page from Ahmadiyya history**

*Islamabad:* General ® Musharraf ruled Pakistan for nearly nine years (1999-2008). The rough treatment Ahmadiyya Community was meted then in Pakistan was mostly attributable to him. In view of some recent developments, here we mention only one incident, as sample.

Separate Electorate system had been going on in the country for 23 years. Saner elements of civil society kept on telling President Musharraf that this system made no sense in a modern democratic republic. Musharraf got somehow convinced and introduced Joint Electorate in the country in early 2002. The mulla got upset to find that Ahmadis would thus get a right to vote as normal citizens, so he protested. The commando president found it convenient to get cold feet and told his Ministry of Religious Affairs to appease the mulla.

A *Seerat* (Life of the Holy Prophet) Conference was organized by the government at Islamabad on May 25, 2002. The Ministry of Religious Affairs invited a large number of Ulama, and asked the President to attend and address the assembled mullas. The proceedings of the conference were telecast live by Pakistan Television. After the President had spoken, a Mulla Saleemulla of Nifaze Shariat Group (same type as the horde whose leader Sufi Muhammad had led thousands into Afghanistan in support of the Taliban) stood up and demanded of General Musharraf to reinstate Separate Electorate and openly declare Qadianis as infidels. As on similar occasions during the past regimes, Saleemulla assured the general that by doing so he would win the gratitude of the Ulama and the support of the people. At this, President Musharraf readily offered his opinion that those who did not believe in the End of Prophethood were Non-Muslim. The mullas cheered him profusely. The President then advised them to be large-hearted as they live in the world that is more like a global village; however he asked

them to have faith in the government and reassured them that he would consider their demand. The general asked the minister Dr. Ghazi to come to the microphone, who came and reassured his guests that the constitutional provision to treat Ahmadis as non-Muslims will be maintained (more cheers), reported the dailies *Nawa-i-Waqt*, *Jang* and *Insaf*, of May 26, 2002. Some people are of the opinion that the entire incident was stage managed.

Sure enough, the general did not wait for October when elections were to take place; he issued his Chief Executive Order No. 15 of 2002 only a fortnight later to comply with the mulla's demand.

The new law enforced, “7B. *Status of Ahmadis etc. to remain unchanged.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in.... .” It provided mechanism to demand the Affidavit concerning the “unqualified Finality of Prophethood” etc from all voters claiming to be Muslim. According to the amendment, in case he (an Ahmadi) refuses to sign the given declaration, he shall be deemed to be a non-Muslim and his name shall be deleted from the joint electoral rolls and added to a supplementary list of voters in the same electoral area as non-Muslim.

Ahmadiyya head office in Pakistan issued a formal protest on the issue in following words:

"As consequences of this revision only Ahmadis have been excluded from the common list and their names have been transferred to a list designated as a non-Muslim list. This strange measure has resulted in a ridiculous situation in which there is a common list of voters which contains the names of all the Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Parsi, Christian and Buddh voters and a second list termed as non-Muslim list comprising Ahmadis only. This procedure adopted by the Election Commission is directed against Ahmadis alone and is flagrantly discriminatory and against all principles of justice and democracy."

Some election-watchers did not get the full implication of the mulla's drive and the government's compliance. They argued that Ahmadis were being placed only on a

supplementary list, they can still vote. Little did they realize that the mulla knows that Ahmadis, as a matter of principle, would never vote as non-Muslims, as such, by implication they would get effectively disenfranchised. Some liberal and secular elements voiced their concern over this turn of events. Mr. Ayaz Amir, a leading columnist wrote his column for the *DAWN* and titled it 'Back to the future'. His opening remark was: EVEN in a land renowned for silly edicts, the most recent addition to the statute book, Chief Executive's Order No. 15, takes the prize for silliness.

Silly, yes, but a more objective analyst could call it absurd, injurious and outrageous. What Musharraf ordered in his Chief Executive's Order 15 has been made a part of the Elections Act, 2017, and a minister claimed that its provisions are now operative 'for ever'.

President Musharraf, like a number of his predecessors thought that his anti-Ahmadiyya posture and tactics to keep the mulla happy would help perpetuate his rule. He had learnt no lesson. He was wrong like all those who preceded him and those who followed him. We tabulate below briefly what happened to him in the next few years:

**2006-2008—President Musharraf was severely reviled and even abused in print and electronic media.**

**2008—Resigned and went into self-exile**

**March 2013—Returned to Pakistan and faced intense hostility from political lobbies**

**November 2013—Charged with high treason for imposing Emergency and Suspending the Constitution**

**March 2016—Intensely harassed by judicial pursuit, fled to Dubai. Declared proclaimed offender.**

**Later his properties in Pakistan were confiscated for not appearing in the Court to face trial.**

**2019—Press reports about his failing health and hospitalization**

**December 17, 2019—Special Court awards him hanging on five counts.**

There is a lesson to learn here, for those who are willing to learn from failings of others.

## **Hostility prevails in Mardan**

**Mardan:** Ahmadis of Mardan are facing threats and feel at risk in public reaction to a complaint filed on Pakistan's Citizen Portal. The Ahmadi complainant asked for NOC for Ahmadiyya mosque.

Mr. Naseem Ahmad received a letter from Tehrik-e-Taliban Mardan. "*We are warning you to either embrace Islam or leave Mardan. Otherwise it will be disastrous for you and your family*", the letter conveyed.

Also the business community is being pressurized to stop dealing with Ahmadis. Shopkeepers are told in mosques to take the oath of implementing the boycott. An Ahmadi businessman has been told by his shop-owner to vacate the premises, as he is under pressure to throw him out.

Holy Prophet's birthday celebrations were organized by the Beacon House School in which they invited some outsider mullas who took the liberty to change it into a Khatam-e-Nabuwat event, in which they curse Ahmadis. There is a female Ahmadi teacher in the staff who now feels insecure because of the incident.

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slogans like “**Countless curses on Qadianis.**” This shows human rights for all except Ahmadis in Pakistan.

The Assistant Commissioner found it convenient to lead this rally.



## **Punjab Assembly’s resolution on eve of new year**

*Lahore; December 31, 2019:* The daily *Dawn* published the following as 4-column lead story in its Metro Section on January 1, 2020 (extracts):

### **PA resolution seeks most stringent anti-blasphemy laws**

By Intikhab Hanif

LAHORE: The Punjab Assembly on Tuesday unanimously passed a resolution asking the federal government to make new or improve existing laws to sternly punish blasphemers and set up a Saudi Arabia like central screening or filtration system to intercept blasphemous material on social media. ...

The resolution was presented by Mines Minister Ammar Yasir. It said there existed anti-blasphemy laws in the country but they were not being enforced in letter and spirit, allowing some people to commit blasphemy in the garb of freedom of expression and hurt feelings of Muslims.

It said blasphemous content was available on social media and also in the international print and electronic media. Some importers too were importing books containing such material, hurting the feelings of Muslims not only in Pakistan but also abroad.

“Therefore, this house demands the immediate establishment of a Saudi Arabia-like

central filtration and screening system to prevent blasphemous content. Laws should immediately be made to prevent printing and sale of local or foreign religious books without the certification of Muthidda Ulema Board and the federal religious affairs ministry, also disallowing presentation of such material in regular and social media.

“The books containing blasphemous material should immediately be confiscated and their import be disallowed. The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2016 and PP’s Sections 295 and 298 should be improved and enforced to award deterrent punishment to the blasphemers.”

The above Resolution is beyond our comment. We only quote here the steely human rights activist YL Hamdani:

“Instead of religion being the personal faith of an individual, it is currently the business of the state in Pakistan, indeed its only business.”

*Op-ed: Pakistan is a theocracy*

*@the Real YLH – Dailytimes.com.pk/529370/*

## **Anarchy**

*Lahore; December 16, 2019:* Yasser Latif Hamdani, the reputed intellectual wrote an op-ed titled 'Anarchy' for the Daily Times. It primarily deals with lawyers’ attack on Punjab Institute of Cardiology, but is expressive of the socio-political environment in which Ahmadis and other minorities are maltreated by the society and the state of Pakistan. This op-ed is reproduced as Annex to this report for its enduring value.

## **Ahmadis behind bars**

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. 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 two years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for over 5 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.
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 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

- **KN affidavit compulsory for enrollment in Islamabad Bar—otherwise membership will be cancelled**  
*The daily Jahan e Pakistan; Lahore, December 12, 2019*
- **(AMTKN's) Decision (in Lahore) to hold conferences, courses, training sessions etc**  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, December 5, 2019*
- **Attock AC lands in trouble for calling for equal rights for minorities**  
*Pakistan Today; Op-ed on December 12, 2019*

- **Conspiracy to upload corrupted translations of the Holy Quran foiled. (Ahmadi) Accused held.**

*The daily Aman; Faisalabad, December 1, 2019*

- **Gujranwala: AMTKN arranges questions/answers Prize Show**

*The daily Islam; Lahore, December 5, 2019*

- **Chenab Nagar: Stray dogs' population soars. Residents in distress.**

*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, December 2, 2019*

- **Gas load-shedding wide spread in Chenab Nagar. Residents upset.**

*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, December 1, 2019*

- **Deniers of Khatme Nabuwat were Kafir in the past; they are Kafir in the present – none can declare them Muslim: Nurul Haq Qadri (Fed. Minister of Religious Affairs)**

*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, December 27, 2019*

- **American charges against Pakistan on religious accusations are condemnable: (Mulla) Tahir Ashrafi**

*The daily Express; Faisalabad, December 28, 2019*

- **Qadianiat in death throes heading for demise worldwide: (Mulla) Aziz ur Rehman**

*The daily Jinnah; Lahore, December 6, 2019*

- **Ahrar Seminar to be held at Evan Ahrar, 69-C, New Muslim Town, Wahdat Rd Lahore on December 29, 2019 to celebrate 90<sup>th</sup> Founding Day. Zahid ur Rashidi, main speaker.**

*Ad in the daily Islam; Lahore December 27, 2019*

- **Two cops escorting polio team martyred in KP attack**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 19, 2019*

- **Operation in North Waziristan: 2 terrorists, 2 officials die**

*The daily Express; Faisalabad, December 6, 2019*

- **Religious leader gunned down in Lakki Marwat**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2019*

- **Policeman among 11 injured in Peshawar rickshaw blast**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 17, 2019*

- **London Bridge attacker laid to rest in AJK**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 7, 2019*
- **Hafiz Saeed indicted for terror financing**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2019*
- **PU suspends nine students (of Punjab Council and Islami Jamiat Talabah) over clash**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 1, 2019*
- **Militant outfit's media cell in Gujranwala busted**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 27, 2019*
- **Religious minorities facing issues today not highlighted by media: Peter Jacob of CSJ**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 9, 2019*
- **Former Chief Minister (Mr. Shahbaz Sharif) used official means in his loot**  
*Dawn News strip at 19:50hr on December 5, 2019*
- **Islam is the only religion in the world that shuns coercion: Shabbir Usmani**  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, December 1, 2019*
- **Army dismayed as Musharraf gets death for high treason**  
**Opposition parties hail 'historic' verdict**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 18, 2019*
- **Imran Khan becomes first Ahmadi to be elected to British Parliament**  
*Rabwah Times on Twitter on December 13, 2019*
- **Saudi student's attack on US naval base; three killed**  
*The daily Aman; Faisalabad, December 8, 2019*
- **Attack on Jewish store in US leaves six dead**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2019*
- **Kuala Lumpur Conference: 22 out of 57 Muslim countries attended**  
*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, December 20, 2019*
- **UN condemns human rights abuses against Rohingya**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 29, 2019*
- **Truck bomb attack rocks Mogadishu, kills 78**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 29, 2019*
- **Assam (in India) is under a Genocide Alert**  
*Tweet by @ Arjun Sethi on December 13, 2019*
- **US Ambassador Sam Brownback on Twitter**  
**One of India's great strengths is its Constitution. As a fellow democracy, we respect India's institutions, but are concerned about the implications of #CAB Bill. We hope the government will abide by its constitutional commitments, including on religious freedom.**  
*@IRF-Ambassador on December 14, 2019*
- **Protests rage in northeast India over citizenship bill (for being discriminatory against Muslims)**  
**Imran says legislation is violation of international human rights law and bilateral agreements with Pakistan**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 11, 2019*
- **US names Rao Anwar as 'global violator of rights'**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 11, 2019*
- **15 Pak-origin elected (MP in UK elections)**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, December 14, 2019*
- **Don't call OIC 'dead horse'; we cannot displease our friends: Foreign Minister**  
*The daily Jang; Lahore, December 5, 2019*
- **Riyadh forced Islamabad to skip Malaysia moot: Erdogan**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 21, 2019*
- **Trump seeks rapid exoneration in Senate after impeachment**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 21, 2019*
- **No plan to amend Islamic sections of Constitution: minister (Interior; Brig Ijaz Shah)**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 14, 2019*
- **NAB freezes 23 properties of Shahbaz, relatives**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2019*
- **IHC grants bail to Zardari on health grounds**  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2019*

- **UK agency accepts tycoon's £190m offer after investigations. PM's aide on accountability says Hasan Nawaz was previous owner of Hyde Park property before it was sold to property tycoon Malik Riaz's family.**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2019*

- **Ahsan (of PML-N) held in Narowal sports city project case**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 24, 2019*

- **Academic Junaid Hafeez sentenced to death on blasphemy charges by Multan court.**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 21, 2019*

- **Rampaging lawyers storm govt hospital**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2019*

- **16 students held over IIUI (International Islamic University, Islamabad) clash, (one of IJT dead), varsity closed for three days**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 14, 2019*

- **Pakistan ranked 151<sup>st</sup> out of 153 countries in gender report**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 18, 2019*

- **"...If found dead, his (Musharraf's) corpse be dragged to D-Chowk Islamabad, Pakistan, and be hanged for 03 days," ruled Justice Waqar Seth, the presiding judge.**

*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore,*

*December 20, 2019*

- **Lahore again rated second most polluted city in the world**

*The daily Jang; Lahore, December 7, 2019*

- **Minister condemns violence and threats by protesters outside Dawn office**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 8, 2019*

- **11-year old girl accused of fornication, stoned to death on order of Jirga in Dadu (Sindh)**

*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, December 2, 2019*

- **15 passengers burnt alive in collision between coach and oil tanker in Qila Saifulla**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 8, 2019*

- **(Girl) Student kidnapped in DHA returns home after a week**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 8, 2019*

- **PM (IK) laments people shower on looters and corrupt people**

*The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 10, 2019*

## **Statement: By Jannat Hussain, AC Attock**

"I talked about minority rights, I spoke about rights of non-Muslim Pakistanis, maybe I should have not even mentioned the word Ahmadi in that, then I spoke about how we should stay united and not discriminate against anyone so that we can protect against external enemies," she said.

"They (Ahmadis) are non-Muslim according to the constitution and non-Muslim in my view as well," she added.

Attock Assistant commissioner Jannat Hussain Nekokara lands in trouble for mentioning #Ahmadis while speaking at an event where she called for unity among all Pakistanis. She is forced to clarify her statement before a bunch of extremists. Imagine being an Ahmadi in Pakistan.

December 12, 2019

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2019/12/12/attock-ac-lands-in-trouble>

## **Op-ed: Anarchy**

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which now awaits the assent by the Indian president.

*YL Hamdani in The Daily Times of December  
16, 2019*

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They think without repealing 1974 (anti-Ahmadiyya) amendment they can fix Pakistan. I'm sorry YOU CANNOT.

*Twitter at 0830PST on December 14, 2019*

**Editorial: Rao Anwar's listing**

Rao Anwar is a man whose reputation precedes him. The former police officer, known infamously as 'encounter specialist', is accused of involvement in nearly 200 phoney encounters, in which around 400 people have reportedly died. ...

*Editorial in the daily Dawn, December 12, 2019*

**Annex:** Op-ed 'Anarchy' by Yasser Latif Hamdani

## Op-ed: **Anarchy**

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As a lawyer my head hangs in shame at what my colleagues were up to at Punjab Institute of Cardiology. It is as simple as this: Central to the profession of law is the idea that you should only use legal and constitutional means. That does not mean that you never protest but the protest should never entail breaking the law. The so-called gentlemen ceased to be lawyers when they attacked a hospital, something that is not even done during war. It does not matter who started it. The fact is that a lawyer just does not break the law. A lawyer can never be an anarchist. A lawyer does not even engage in civil disobedience. A key example of this is the founder of this nation who we have reduced to a picture on the wall. He never even broke colonial laws that he was working to change. As a lawyer he understood that when law ceases to exist, there is only anarchy. The purpose of law is to protect life, liberty, property and the religious belief from the mob. Pakistan has never done that and in essence it is a lawless state.

The truth is that Pakistan is precisely in the kind of anarchy today that William Dalrymple speaks of in his wonderful book “The Anarchy” which is about the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Indian subcontinent plagued by competing interests. Pakistan too has multiple power centers who instead of working like institutions of the same government are often involved in intrigue and complex power plays—country be damned. It is always about institutional interests. Then you have the professional castes. Lawyers think they are a caste or a ‘biradari’ rather than professional officers of the court. Similar thinking prevails amongst doctors and so on and so forth. I dare say that our military also assumes itself to be one. The much maligned caste system of ancient India was about professions and the power play between them. The Brahmins, Kashatriyas, Vaisyas, Shudras and the untouchables were all organized around professions. It is a tragic reduction for the country that was supposed to be a rebellion against that age-old tradition which exists as a cultural lag for us.

In this state of anarchy the minorities are the worst sufferers. Almost buried in the lawyer-doctor standoff is the story of a young assistant commissioner who was forced to repent after a mob was baying for her blood. Her crime? She had mentioned Ahmadis as a persecuted community in Pakistan and spoken for their human rights. This is tribalism and majoritarianism of the worst kind. Given our treatment of minorities, is it any wonder that majoritarian fascists in India and elsewhere use it an excuse to bring about bad laws like the Citizenship Amendment Bill 2019 in India, which now awaits the assent by the Indian president.

This rise of professional caste system, tribalism and violent majoritarianism leading to the mobs threatening life liberty and property of individual citizens is not just the lack of education. This much should patently be clear after the events at PIC. A clear timeline for this exists since Pakistan banned student unions. Student Unions were a forum for the airing of grievances by students in a democratic manner. Since they were banned in 1984, you have seen an increase in ethnic and sectarian violence on our campuses. It started in Karachi but

the fire has engulfed all of Pakistan. The lawyers and doctors of today are products of universities and educational institutions, which did not have student unions. All they have learnt is to achieve their ends through violence and blackmail. This then translates into professional associations, which aim at disruption rather than forwarding the goals of professional development.

Returning the issue of lawyers, the politics of the bar have been dominated by groups that are more interested in personal interests rather than any real benefit for their members. What happened at the PIC was partly because of the ongoing election campaign. Even the more moderate and cooler heads got swept aside or were forced to join the fray. It was equally upsetting to see members not just of Pakistan bars but those had been called to the bar in England and Wales engaging in this violent protests. Many lawyers love to put the prefix barrister before their name or claim to be a barrister otherwise but when it comes to following the ethics of the English bar, they are found wanting. This is because technically they are not practicing barristers and therefore not under the jurisdiction of the Bar Standard Board in London. Had they been though, they would all have core duties of the Ethics handbook that they have breached. Pakistani bar also follows a similar code of conduct but it is seldom applied. This is because of the regulatory capture. For example, the Bar Councils have no locus standing in politics but are there to regulate professional conduct of lawyers. Yet because the Bar Council members are elected in the same way, they too are forced to bend the knee to popular sentiment.

We saw the clearest example of this when 60 lawyers were ousted from the Islamabad Bar Association with the recommendation that their licenses be cancelled. Their crime? They dared to appear before the High Court on the day Islamabad Bar Association had called for a strike. A strike is a matter of conscience. Whether a lawyer heeds the call to strike or not is ultimately a matter of his and her conscience and to be made to strike by force goes against the very idea of protest. Doctors also strike (and maybe they shouldn't because they are an essential service) but imagine never has the now defunct PMDC ever been asked to cancel their medical licenses for not heeding a call to strike. My humble appeal to the Bar Councils is to instead of focus on reprimanding and disbaring those lawyers alone who have engaged in acts of violence.

I know that by writing this article, I may well have invited the wrath of the powers that be in the legal profession, but I feel that it is the clearest duty on my part as a lawyer to point out where we have gone wrong. I believe in the ideals of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and therefore I cannot hold my silence on the issue.

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