

A Report on
Persecution of Ahmadis
in Pakistan
During the year 2018
(Summary)



Cover

Top: Blaze in an Ahmadiyya property after attack in Kala Gujran, Punjab

Bottom left: Nearly destroyed Ahmadiyya place of worship in Sialkot; town officials facilitated the attack

Bottom right: Ahmadiyya place of worship damaged by rioters in Ghaseetpura, District Faisalabad

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Abbreviations

AJK	Azad Jammu and Kashmir	JUI (S)	Jamiat Ulamae Islam (Samiul Haq group)
AMTKN	Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat	JUP	Jamiat Ulamae Pakistan
APC	All Parties Conference	KN	Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood)
ASI	Assistant Sub-inspector (of Police)	LeJ	Lashkar-e-Jhangvi
ASJ	Additional Sessions Judge	LHC	Lahore High Court
ATC	Anti-terrorism Court	MNA	Member of National Assembly
ATA	Anti-terrorism Act	MQM	Muttahida (formerly Muhajir) Qaumi Movement
CDA	Capital Development Authority	NA	National Assembly
CIA	Criminal Investigation Agency	NAP	National Action Plan
CII	Council of Islamic Ideology	NAB	National Accountability Bureau
CJ	Chief Justice	NS	Mr. Nawaz Sharif
CM	Chief Minister	PAT	Pakistan Awami Tehrik
CNIC	Computerized National Identity Card	PBUH	Peace be upon him
COAS	Chief of Army Staff	PEMRA	Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority
CPO	City Police Officer	PM	Prime Minister
CrPC	Criminal Procedure Code	PML (N)	Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz group)
CTD	Counter-terrorism Department	PML (Q)	Pakistan Muslim League (Quaid-e-Azam)
DC	Deputy Commissioner	PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
DHA	Defence Housing Authority	PPP	Pakistan Peoples Party
DIG	Deputy Inspector General of Police	PS	Police Station
DPO	District Police Officer	PTI	Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf
DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police	RAW	Research and Analysis Wing, India
ECL	Exit Control List	RPO	Regional Police Officer
ECP	Election Commission of Pakistan	SHO	(Police) Station House Officer
EDO	Executive District Officer	SC	Supreme Court
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas	SP	Superintendent of Police
FIR	First Information Report	ST	Sunni Tehrik
FIA	Federal Investigation Agency	TJP	Tehrik Jafria Pakistan
HC	High Court	TLP	Tehrik e Labbaik Pakistan
HRCP	Human Rights Commission of Pakistan	TLYR	Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulal Allah
HRW	Human Rights Watch	UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)	UNHCHR	United Nations High Commission for Human Rights
IHC	Islamabad High Court	UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council
IG	Inspector General (of Police)	USCIRF	United States Commission for International Religious Freedom
IK	Mr. Imran Khan		
IKNM	International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (End of Prophethood)		
ISPR	Inter-Services Public Relations		
JI	Jamaat Islami		
JIT	Joint Investigation Team		
JUI (F)	Jamiat Ulamae Islam (Fazlur Rahman group)		

Glossary

- aalami*: international
allama: great savant
aman: peace
amir: head; president
anjuman: association; union
auqaf: endowment
azan: Islamic call for prayers
Baiat: oath of allegiance
chak: village
Dajjal: The great Fraudster; Anti-Christ
Deeni sha'air: religious topics, practices
dharna: sit-in
Eid-ul-Fitr: Islamic festival after Ramzan
fatwa: religious edict
fiqha: jurisprudence
fitna: great mischief
gherau: siege
hadd: Islamic punishment
Hadith: tradition of the Holy Prophet
haram: illicit in Islam
hafiz: one who has memorized the Holy Quran
hajj: pilgrimage to Makka
Hazrat: title for respect
hilar: moon of first three nights
hizb: group
idarah: institution
iftar: opening of Islamic fast
ijtihad: Islamic term for finding a religious solution
ijtima: gathering; conference
imam: religious leader
ittihad: union
jalsa: conference; convention
jamaat: community
jamia: religious seminary
jamiat: community; group
ji had: holy struggle; holy war
kafir: disbeliever; infidel
Kalima: Islamic creed
khalifa: caliph
Khalifatul Masih: Ahmadiyya caliph
khatib: one who delivers Friday sermon
Khatme Nabuwwat: end of prophethood
khilafat: caliphate
khula: when a women asks for divorce
majlis: association
Masih Mauud: the Promised Messiah
maulana: senior Muslim cleric; scholar
maulvi: Muslim cleric; scholar
millat: closely knit society
minhaj: path
Mirzai: pejorative term for Ahmadi
mufti: one who has the authority to issue an edict
Muharram: an Islamic month
mujahideen: soldiers undertaking jihad
mulla: Muslim cleric
murabbi: Ahmadi religious teacher
muttahidah: united
Namus Risalat: honour of prophethood
nikah: Islamic announcement of marriage
Nizame Mustafa: Islamic system
pardah: Islamic veil
Qadiani: pejorative term for Ahmadi
Qadianiat/Qadianism: pejorative name for Ahmadiyya belief
qari: reciter of the Holy Quran
qurbani: Islamic ritual of offering cattle on Eid-ul-Azha
rabitah: alliance
Riasat Madni: State of Madina as formed by the Holy Prophet and as existed in the reign of first four Caliphs
Sadar: president
Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya: main body of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan
salam: peace
salaat: Islamic prayer
Seerat Nabi: attributes of the Prophet
Shura: Advisory
tafseer: commentary
tahaffuze: safeguard
tanzeem: organisaton
tahrik: movement
ulama: Islamic scholars, clerics
ummah: Islamic nation
wajib-ul-qatl: must be killed as per religious duty
wifaq: central; federal
zakat: Islamic charity for poor
zindah baad: long live

Foreword

The year 2018 was the 34th year after the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance promulgated by General Zia and 44th year after Mr. Bhutto's Amendment Nr. II to the Constitution of Pakistan. If the aim of the mulla and the state was persecution of Ahmadi citizens, they have succeeded amply. However this persecution has obviously done no good to the people and the country, and the overall state of the federation is much poorer than in 1974, and also 1984 when the state legislated and imposed hostile measures against the Ahmadi community. The mulla's advice and demands should have been discarded then; these should be discarded now - sooner, the better. It is time that the legacy of Bhutto and Zia should be dumped in the waste basket of history.

Year 2018, like most earlier years brought with it not only routine persecution like murders for faith, assaults, tyranny, attacks on places of worship, persistent hate campaign, deprivation of jobs, education etc, but also innovative and unprecedented moves, for example Justice Siddiqui's (IHC) verdict, destruction of a historic holy site in Sialkot and national elections under a new Act that effectively blocks Ahmadis' participation in elections 'forever'. These are described in essential detail in Chapters 1 and 6 of this report.

An executive summary is provided on the next page. A single-page list of Spotlights is available thereafter for a bird's eye view of the year's happenings.

This year 62 Ahmadis faced criminal charges based on their faith. They are listed in Annex I. A running total of main atrocities is provided in Annex II. Annex III provides texts of anti-Ahmadi laws and the Blasphemy laws.

A mention of a two-day moot on End of Prophethood organized by the new government of PTI is made on page 104. This initiative is rather 'original' in kind, and is indicative of the ample space to be provided to bigots and extremists by the PTI in the next few years. Some people complain about the lack of visible direction of the PTI government; however the direction on 'end of prophethood' and 'freedom of religion' for Ahmadis is quite clear.

Executive Summary

THE YEAR 2018 was a very bad year, in that human rights and freedom of religion of Ahmadis were blatantly violated. A number of major violations were committed by the state and a section of society, some of which might have a long term harmful effect. The cause could be the elections held this year, when political and religious parties aimed at getting more votes by playing the religion card.

PML-N was in power at the beginning of the year. Its leadership encouraged the ruling faction in Azad Jammu and Kashmir to move a bill in the assembly to declare Ahmadis non-Muslim in that territory as well. This action of toxic nature, pending since 1974, was undertaken in February this year. The PML-N's anti-Ahmadi policy was so visible and brazen that one of its provincial ministers Mr. Zaeem Qadri felt no shame in stating in a TV show that, "If any (Ahmadi) still distributes this Quran (*with Ahmadiyya translation*) I'll personally strangle him."

Ahmadis were denied not only the right to contest the elections as candidates but even to participate in these as voters, through an Amendment to the Election Act 2017. This was a political crime in which all political parties had a hand. During the election campaign, one felt at times that 'end of prophethood' was its main theme.

A major anti-Ahmadi event of the year was the verdict given by Justice Shaukat Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court. His 172-page Judgment Sheet was as if written by a mulla. He told the Parliament to "also take measures which will completely terminate those who scar this belief (*in end of prophethood*)."

He ordered that an affidavit regarding one's true faith should be obtained from every candidate applying for a job in Civil Service, Army or Judiciary. He told the parliament to ensure protection of Prophethood's finality. During the hearings, he remarked that "if they (*Ahmadis*) wish to stay in Pakistan, they should do so as Non-Muslim citizens, and not commit thievery against Islam." Human Rights observers called the verdict "very dangerous", "would enable and incite violence", etc. HRCP called on the government to appeal the verdict. It didn't; instead NADRA proceeded to implement the indecent judgment by introducing religion forms for Muslims and Non-Muslims.

The bigot-brigade specifically targeted Ahmadiyya place of worship and met great success, with the cooperation of the authorities. An historic Ahmadiyya Place of worship in Sialkot and a nearby venerated residence were attacked and nearly destroyed by a mob, in the presence of the police and the administration. The local Assistant Commissioner was awarded a certificate of commendation by the Chief Minister a week later. On August 23 a mob committed arson against an Ahmadiyya place of worship in District Faisalabad. Ahmadis put up resistance. The police booked both the parties, and subsequently 'arranged' a peace agreement. In all, fifteen Place of worships and prayer

centers were severely damaged or set on fire, sealed, closed for worship, defiled, or actively threatened.

Freedom of religion was further curtailed through obstructions to Ahmadis' sacrificial rites on Eid-ul-Azha. The police even booked two Ahmadis for this 'crime'. Earlier the Prime Minister had claimed: "All citizens of Pakistan, all over, regardless of their faiths, avail equal rights." Religious bigotry has become state policy in our country.

Blasphemy law was wrongfully agitated against Ahmadis. Two Ahmadis were arrested this year on fake accusations. They were denied bail by higher courts. Thus two 'Aasia Bibi' cases have been germinated – thanks to the administration and the judiciary.

Anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign continued throughout the year. The federal and the Punjab governments enabled the mullas to indulge in it. In November the PTI government held an international conference in Islamabad on theme: **"End of Prophethood (KN) and Muslims' responsibilities."** There a mulla Ali Siraj from Saudi Arabia openly suggested to the Prime Minister to shed blood on this issue if he was sincere to establish a *Riasat Madina* in Pakistan. Hate material was included in KPK text book containing derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community. In March, the Shahbaz government facilitated three major anti-Ahmadiyya KN conferences in Lahore. On such occasions, mullas propose death penalty for Ahmadis who do not become Muslim. Jamaat Islami held a similar hateful conference in Islamabad in September and named it Jurists Conference. The participants demanded that (*the monstrous*) anti-Ahmadi judgment of (*the later disgraced*) Justice Siddiqui should be implemented word by word. It is being implemented.

Ahmadis suffered discrimination in the field of higher education as before. For instance, Ms. Shahid, a gold medalist, M. Phil student at National Institute of Bio-technology was expelled by the administration in September for her faith.

The Constitution allows only Muslims to be the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan or sit on Sharia courts. However when mullas protested the appointment of Mr. Atif Mian, an Ahmadi, as member of the 18-member Economic Advisory Council, the PTI government, in unbecoming haste, asked Mr. Mian to resign. This was perhaps the first such visible action by any government.

Registration of criminal cases against Ahmadis, based on faith, went on throughout the year. Sixty two Ahmadis were booked in 13 cases. Some of the charges carry obligatory death sentence. State policy of persecution of Ahmadis on religion-based accusations continues unabated.

A national intelligence agency, despite being well-informed and 'intelligent', wrote to the federal government to put further "bans on Qadianis' social activities", and recommended blockage of Ahmadiyya website and Ahmadis' use of social media. Media reportage of such an advice is unprecedented, in addition to being most regrettable.

The trend in state institutions to remain in step with far-right's anti-Ahmadiyya stance remained in vogue. In November a team of high officials inspected Ahmadiyya printing presses in Rabwah to ensure that there was no printing of the Quran, Ahmadiyya literature, the monthly magazine for Ahmadi women or even the children's magazine etc. The inspection was undertaken in response to an order of a High Court judge.

In September the government sent the Electronic Crimes Bill (Amendment) to the Senate for approval. The draft includes a special mention that anti-Ahmadi laws are covered by this legislation. It calls for three-year imprisonment for "calling Qadiani a Muslim or preaching Qadianism." No reproach, no guilt, no U-turn even after 34 years of culpable conduct of the state and the society.

Two Ahmadiis were murdered and nine, including a woman, were attacked only for their faith. No arrests were made.

Mulla Ilyas Chinioti an MPA of the ruling PML-N had his following statement printed in the daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* of March 25, 2018: "I will not allow body-building tournament in Chenab Nagar: Maulana Ilyas Chinioti." The tournament had to be cancelled.

A few students of LUMS University in Lahore came over to Rabwah as a group to get informed on the community life in this town. Mullas came to know of this, and they launched a campaign against the visitors and the administration of the university. They called it "anti-Islam activity" and threatened "action" (*read* violence). This reaction violated Pakistani law, but the authorities made no move against the threatening thugs.

In June, mulla Khadim Rizvi, leader of TLP declared, "The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding Ahmadiis: Either recite the Kalima (become Muslims) or accept Death. There won't be anything else other than this. ..." The authorities took no notice of this blatant violation of PPC 153-A. The emboldened mulla, four months later declared that three Supreme Court judges were *wajib ul qatl* (must be put to death). The shaken authorities then had to take action against the big bigot.

In August, the shadow of Mr. Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister of the Punjab, eventually disappeared from the powerful seat. In his 10 years' rule Ahmadiis had a very rough time in the province. This decade will go down in Ahmadiyya history as replete with vicious persecution and tyranny. He has left behind a legacy whereby even children have been deprived of their monthly magazine and an octogenarian book-seller of Rabwah rots in prison since 2015. The town's library does not have a single volume of Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran in its shelves. Ahmadiis are not allowed to print even a flyer to rebut the false allegation that "they are the foremost enemies of Islam and Pakistan." Shahbaz is in prison these days, facing probe on other counts.

Five months have passed and not a single anti-Ahmadi legacy of Shahbaz Sharif has been overturned by the new government.

Spotlights – 2018

- Azad Jammu and Kashmir Parliament (PML-N majority) followed Pakistan to declare Ahmadis as non-Muslims, in February 2018. (p 64)
- Attack, gross desecration and severe damage to an Ahmadiyya in Sialkot, Punjab in May 2018. Officials engaged a mob to destroy a venerated site. Two Ahmadis booked by the police. Riot leaders thanked the district administration for substantial support. (p 24)
- Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court (IHC) delivered a very unjust verdict against Ahmadis, on the basis of End of Prophethood in March 2018. It had serious impact on Ahmadis' citizen rights and freedom of faith. (p 14)
- Hate material included in KPK text book containing derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community. (p 51)
- Provincial minister Mr. Zaeem Qadri threatened murder – personally, to any Ahmadi who peddles Ahmadiyya translation of the Quran. He brazenly refused constitutional rights to Ahmadis in January 2018. (p 67)
- Sixty-two Ahmadis were booked by the police while fifteen suffered arrest. (p 155)
- Ahmadis faced great hardships in sacrificial rites on Eid ul Azha; police booked two Ahmadis for this 'crime'. (p 47)
- Two Ahmadis were charged with the fatal blasphemy clause, on fake grounds. (p 34)
- Two Ahmadiyya Place of worships were demolished, four were sealed by authorities and two were set on fire or damaged. Five other centres of worship were ordered to be closed. (p 41)
- Brilliant Ahmadi, Professor Atif Mian was asked unjustly and indefensibly by the government to resign from Economic Advisory Council. His faith was the issue.(p 69)
- Two affidavits to states one's faith, one for Muslims and one for non-Muslims, were enforced by NADRA. Ahmadis are made to express 'non-Muslim' status imposed on them. These affidavits are the outcome of verdict given by Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court on March 9, 2018. (p 67)
- An intelligence agency recommended further restrictions on Ahmadis' Freedom of Religion and Human Rights in May 2018. (p 92)
- PTI government held sectarian moot in Islamabad in the name of Seerat conference with theme "Khatme Nabuwat and Muslims' Responsibilities ..."(p 104)
- Special mention of anti-Ahmadi laws in Electronic Crimes Bill (Amendment) moved by PTI, presented in the Senate on September 20, 2018. (p 74)
- 'Exploit religion' was the trend in election campaign 2018 of most of the political parties. Khatme Nabuwat was made the issue. (p 72)
- Two Ahmadis murdered for their faith and nine Ahmadis survived deadly attacks on them. (p 31)
- An infographic of persecution for 1984 – 2018 is provided at Annex X. (p.165)
- Pakistan added to US list of violators of religious freedom (The daily Dawn of 12.12.2018)

Summarized thematic info regarding the Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan during 2018

Ahmadis murdered for their faith

- Qazi Shaban Ahmad Khan was killed on June 25, 2018 at his house in Lahore.
- Mr. Muhammad Zafrullah was shot dead on August 29, 2018 in District Nankana.

Faith-based murder attempts and assaults

- Mr. Sajjad Ahmad survived an attack on his life on May 26, 2018 in Lahore.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ziauddin were shot at and injured on July 7, 2018 in Faisalabad.
- Mr. Jamil Ahmad was injured in an attack on September 29, 2018 in Sanghar.
- Dr. Manzoor Ahmad and Dr. Imran Ahmad were attacked by a youth carrying pistol on October 2, 2018 in Kotli, Azad Kashmir.
- Mr. Abdul Sattar, Mr. Nazir Ahmad and another Ahmadi were beaten up severely on April 23, 2018 in Sialkot.

Religion-based arrests and prosecution

Application of Ahmadi-specific laws, religion laws and registration of faith-based police cases was relentlessly undertaken by the state and society. This year 62 Ahmadis were booked by the police, while 15 suffered arrest or detention.

Attacks on places of worship, and worship

- Attack, gross desecration and severe damage to an Ahmadiyya Place of Worship in Sialkot, Punjab on May 23/24, 2018. Officials engaged a mob to destroy the adjacent venerated site. Two Ahmadis booked by the police. Riot leaders thank the district administration for substantial support.
- On demand of mischief mongers, the authorities sealed an Ahmadiyya Place of Worship on May 28, 2018 in Deryan Wala, District Narowal.
- Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Joharabad was sealed by the police in April 2018. The police demanded an NOC for the centre.
- Mob attack on Ahmadis and Ahmadiyya Place of worship on August 23, 2018 in District Faisalabad. Lies and disinformation on social media fan fire of anti-Ahmadiyya hostility. Places of worship set on fire. Six Ahmadis injured. Truce imposed by authorities.
- On demand of a local mulla, the authorities locked unlawfully Ahmadiyya Place of Worship in Goth Qamaruddin, District Noshehro Firoz, Sindh in October 2018.
- On demand of some mischief mongers, the police stopped Ahmadis' worship in their prayer centre in Sillanwali, District Sargodha in June 2018.

- On demand of mullas, the police stopped Ahmadis' worship in their prayer centre in Peelovains, District Khushab in February 2018.
- Hateful graffiti on Ahmadiyya place of worship wall in a cantonment area in District Rawalpindi on August 5, 2018.
- Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Johar Town, Lahore was at risk in October 2018 as the mullas demanded closure of the prayer centre.
- An Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Lahore under threat of closing down – in the name of security.
- Ahmadiyya place of worship in Qiyam Pur Saddey, District Narowal was under threat of take-over. The authorities were also threatened with law and order problem and bloodshed by Islamist bigots in June 2018.
- Ahmadiyya place of worship escaped desecration in Ghoghiat, Sargodha in March 2018. Mullas issued notices to demolish its minarets and niche.
- Ahmadiyya place of worship in Karachi was threatened on April 19, 2018. Mullas blocked the road; protested and staged sit-in. Ahmadi families had to flee from the neighborhood.
- Ahmadiyya Place of worship in Uwrah, District Sialkot was under threat of mullas in June 2018.
- Ahmadiyya Place of worships in Multan were under serious threat of extremists in February 2018.

Religion-based tyranny

- Mr. Almas Ayub Butt was charged under PPC 298-B&C in Pasrur, District Sialkot on July 21, 2018.
- Provincial minister Mr. Zaeem Qadri threatened murder – personally, to any Ahmadi who peddles Ahmadiyya translation of the Quran. He brazenly refused constitutional rights to Ahmadis in January 2018.
- The police registered a case under PPC 298-C against Mr. Muhammad Ahmad for undertaking *Qurbani* in Guldasht Town Gujjarpura, District Lahore on September 5, 2018.
- Special mention of anti-Ahmadi laws in Electronic Crimes Bill (Amendment) moved by PTI, presented in the Senate on September 20, 2018.
- Mr. Shahid Hussain was charged under PPC 298-C for undertaking *Qurbani* in Sadhokey, District Gujranwala in August 2018.
- The police booked two Ahmadis, Mr. Abdus Sattar Butt and Mr. Mumtaz Butt on May 12, 2018 under section 132(2) of Punjab Government Act 2013 with FIR 271/18 at police station Nikapur, Sialkot, on fabricated charge of 'unlawful construction' of a residence built a century ago during the Raj.
- Mr. Arfat Qadir was charged under PPC 298-C in Basti Punjab, District Rajan Pur on October 2018.
- Mr. Waqar Ahmad Bajwa, Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Mr. Nadeem Ahmad and 4 or 5 unnamed were implicated in a police case, Nr 283/18 under PPC 342 for wrongful confinement on June 3, 2018 in Rabwah.

- A police case was registered against three Ahmadis Mr. Abdus Salaam, Mr. Abbas, Mr. Muhammad Inaam and twenty-five un-named Ahmadis under PPC 295/354, 337 A, 337 L, 148 and 149 on June 22, 2018 in Rabwah.
- The police registered FIR Nr 363/18 at Police Station Mangtanwala, District Nankana against Messers Shamoon Ahmad, Nosheerwan Ahmad, Zeeshan Ahmad and Nawaz Ahmad under PPC 506, 337, 148, 149 on June 30, 2018.

Freedom of religion denied

- Ahmadis were not allowed to practice their religious ritual of Qurbani on Eid-ul-Azha in some locations in the Punjab.
- An intelligence agency recommended further restrictions on Ahmadis' Freedom of Religion and Human Rights in May 2018.
- Ahmadis were made to sign an agreement that violated their rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Police DSP became a party to deprive Ahmadis of their rights in Baidapur Virkan, Sheikhpura in August, 2018.
- Freedom of worship was denied or restricted in Districts Sargodha and Khushab of Punjab in April 2018. KN activists availed administration and police support to implement their designs.

Judiciary's role

- Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court (IHC) delivered a very unjust verdict against Ahmadis, on the basis of End of Prophethood in March 2018. It had serious impact on Ahmadis' fundamental rights and freedom of faith. Siddiqui quoted with great satisfaction Para 13 of Raja Zafarul Haq's Report: The new addition of Section 48A has resulted in making the previous Articles 7B and 7C which became operative 15 years ago on 20.06.2002 as perpetually operative. Raja Haq is a rabid anti-Ahmadi politico.
- Two affidavits to state one's faith, one for Muslims and one for non-Muslims, were enforced by NADRA. Ahmadis are made to express the 'non-Muslim' status imposed on them. These affidavits are the outcome of verdict given by Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court on March 9, 2018.
- Bail applications were mostly denied or hearings were repeatedly postponed.

Burial problems

- Mr. Hameed Ahmad was denied burial in the common cemetery in Rafiqabad, District Layyah on May 25, 2018.
- Mrs. Amina Bibi was denied burial in the common cemetery in Chak 5/3 Ahmad Pur Sial, District Jhang on September 30, 2018.
- Ahmadis were stopped to offer an Ahmadi's funeral prayer by his non-Ahmadi son and TLP activists in Chak 103/6R, District Bahawal Nagar in September 2018.

Torture

- Chaudhry Aslam, his son and nephews were beaten up by a mob in Chak 563 GB, District Faisalabad on January 7, 2018.

Blasphemy laws

- Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was falsely charged under PPC 295-C in Tandlianwala, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He is in prison.
- Mr. Javed Ahmad Ghuman was charged in a fabricated blasphemy case under PPC 295-C in Chak 368 TDA, District Layya on July 1, 2018. He is in prison.
- Ahmadis in Mirpur Khas narrowly escaped being charged under blasphemy law in March 2018.

Hateful propaganda

- Hate material included in KPK text book containing derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community.
- Windfall of hateful Khatme Nabuwwat conferences in Punjab. Three major anti-Ahmadi conferences were held in Lahore in March 2018, and numerous secondary ones. Official support visible throughout.
- ‘Exploit religion’ was the trend in election campaign 2018 with most of the political parties. Khatme Nabuwwat was made the issue.
- Extensive hate campaign against Ahmadis went on unchecked all across the country throughout the year. Rabwah remained vulnerable because of numerous conferences held in this town by anti-Ahmadi mullas; the participants were transported here and were incited against the Ahmadiyya community.
- In June 2018 Mulla Khadim Rizvi of TLP prescribed ‘Death’ for Ahmadis who do not become Muslim.
- Jamaat Islami held anti-Ahmadiyya ‘Jurists’ Conference’ in Islamabad in October 2018.

Ahmadi women

- Ms Atika Shahid, an Ahmadi young lady, a gold-medalist, an M.Phil. student at National Institute of Bio-technology and Genetic Engineering, Faisalabad was expelled by the administration from the course on September 26, 2018 for her faith.
- Ms. Ufaq Feroz, headmistress in Government Girls High School Jan Muhammad Wala, Tehsil Kot Momin, District Sargodha faced faith-based hostility in March 2018.

Threats

- Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, an Ahmadi received threats to his life and felt so disturbed that he stopped sending his children to school in Nankana on January 11, 2018.
- Mr Hamza Farooq an Ahmadi student faced hatred and life threat in Lala Musa, District Gujrat on August 6, 2018.
- Murder threat to Ahmadis in Mandi Bahauddin on August 20, 2018.

- Mr. Zahid Shafique an Ahmadi received a threat letter in Quaidabad, District Khushab on September 8, 2018.
- Extremists threatened LUMS university for its students' visit to Rabwah in October 2018.
- Mr. Khaleeq Ahmad is a technician, expert in repairing transformers. Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan sent threatening letters to this Ahmadi's fellows in profession urging his social boycott in Mardan in April 2018.

Official prop to persecution of Ahmadis

- Azad Jammu and Kashmir Parliament (PML-N majority) followed Pakistan to declare Ahmadis as non-Muslims in February 2018.
- Brilliant Ahmadi, Professor Atif Mian was asked unjustly and indefensibly by the government to resign from Economic Advisory Council. His faith was the issue.
- Move (by a JUI-F member) in the National Assembly to impose Death Penalty on Ahmadis in June 2018.
- Official encouragement, facilitation and even participation in Ahmadis' persecution remained rampant in numerous ways.

Civic discrimination

- Rabwah town's civic situation was deplored by a non-Ahmadi journalist in February 2018. Councilors and police were blamed.
- Plot against an Ahmadi-owned school in Kot Shera, District Gujranwala in September 2018.

Miscellaneous

- Incidents of religion-based severe harassment of Ahmadi businessmen were reported from different places.
- Ahmadis were denied sports activities on demand of Mulla Ilyas Chinioti, an MPA of PML-N, in Rabwah in March 2018.
- US declared Pakistan CPC in December.

An extract from Supreme Court judgment of June 19, 2014

“It requires a strong moral courage for an individual or a nation to apologize for having wronged a community. It is time for us as a nation and as individuals to have a moment of reflection, a moment of soul-searching and perhaps a moment of seeking to ask ourselves; have we lived by the pledges made in the Constitution and by the vision of the Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of this country who in his first address to the Constituent Assembly on 11.08.1948 (sic) said: “You are free; you are free to go to your temples. You are free to go to your mosques or to any other place of worship in this State of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion or caste or creed – that has nothing to do with the business of the state.”

Recommendations

Year 2018 has ushered in a new government in Islamabad and Lahore. The majority party PTI claims to uphold human rights and freedom of religion; reportedly, it shuns bigotry. It has a thin majority, so we shall make this year only those recommendations which are easy, very easy, to accept and implement. To implement these, the government need not seek approval from the Parliament nor ask any court. All they have to do is to issue letters by the concerned ministry or office. This is not even a day's work. Below is the short list:

- Ban on the Ahmadiyya daily (*Alfazal*) and monthly periodicals (*Anasarullah, Misbah, Khalid, Tasheez and Tehrik-Jadid*) should be lifted.
- The ban imposed on publication of books written by the Founder of Ahmadiyyat should be removed.
- Ahmadiyya Place of Worship in Dulmial, locked by authorities in District Chakwal, should be unlocked and made available for worship.
- Effectively stop anti-Ahmadiyya sectarian hate propaganda, as required by the National Action Plan.
- Return the nationalized Ahmadiyya schools and colleges, in accordance with Pakistan government's policy in this regard.
- Ahmadi women, youth and elders annual concourses (*Ijtema*) and the traditional annual gathering (*Jalsa Salana*) should be permitted as for other groups and organizations in the country.
- Direct the police and the administration to withdraw support and co-operation to the mulla in the implementation of anti-Ahmadi laws. Culture of impunity over attacks on Ahmadis' human rights and freedom of faith should end.

1. Special Reports

As it is not possible to put down the background, proceedings and the consequences of all incidents in a report of this kind, for lack of space, it is customary with us to choose three or four stories and report them in essential detail. These would give the reader an idea of most that is involved in every single incident. Consider the likely effect on near and dear ones, the neighbors and the rest of the local community of Ahmadis, and one would understand the extent of overall impact of each reported incident. The suffering to which the Ahmadi community has been exposed in Pakistan for decades will go down in history as extraordinary. Following reports are chosen this year for this chapter:

- 1A. Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court (IHC) delivered a very unjust verdict against Ahmadis, on the basis of End of Prophethood**
- 1B. Attack, gross desecration and severe damage to Ahmadiyya place of worship and a venerated site in Sialkot, Punjab**
- 1C. Ahmadis' plight in the Punjab during Mian Shahbaz Sharif rule – a brief resumé**

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1A. For joining Civil Service, Army, Judiciary, Justice Siddiqui of IHC declares faith affidavit compulsory

Parliament must ensure protection of finality of Prophethood

Justice Siddiqui in 'historic' verdict on March 9 tells Parliament to "also take measures which will completely terminate those who scar this belief (in end of prophethood)"

HRCP calls on the government to appeal the verdict

172-page judgment sheet issued in July 2018

The government fails to appeal the controversial judgment

Siddiqui meets disgrace on October 11 with removal with immediate effect on recommendation of Supreme Judicial Council, only three months after the promulgation of his detailed verdict

First, the Order Sheet

On March 9, 2018 Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court (IHC) announced his verdict on a case concerning some "controversial amendments" to the Khatme Nabuwwat

(KN, end of the prophethood) oath in the Elections Act 2017 and gave a judgment that carried a number of rulings on issues related to not only religion but also secondary religious affairs, their implications and applications in Pakistan's government and society.

In this story we intend to reproduce mostly quotes from independent sources, lawyers, intellectuals, journalists etc. so that a fair view of the judge's verdict and its impact is presented.

Before we reproduce the judgment, we put down first the pledge and assurance of the great founding father of Pakistan, Mr. Jinnah, on this issue of religion and the new state, so that the IHC rulings are seen and judged in the correct and apposite background.

"...you may belong to any religion or caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of the State. ... We are starting in the days where there is no discrimination no distinction between one community and another, no discrimination between one caste or creed and another. We are starting with this fundamental principle that we are all citizens and equal citizens of one State."

However Justice Siddiqui, the single judge bench of IHC had his own opinion and announced a verdict whose excerpts we reproduce below:

SHAUKAT AZIZ SIDDIQUI: For the reasons to be recorded later on, these petitions are allowed with following declarations and directions.

2. It is mandatory for every citizen of Pakistan, to get their identity with authentic particulars. No Muslim is permissible to disguise his/her identity as non-Muslim and no non-Muslim has the right to appear as a Muslim. Any citizen who does so, will betray the State resulting in exploiting the Constitution.

3. Definition of Muslims and Non-Muslims is written in Article 260(3)(a)(b) of the Constitution which is signified by nation's consensus. Unfortunately, according to this distinct standard vital legislation could not take place. Consequently, a Non-Muslim minority disguised as a Muslim Majority by hiding their real identity and betraying the State, due to which not only complications were born but also paves way to oppose extremely important Constitutional requirements. According to the report of the Establishment Division there is no data of any civil servant's record related to this, which is alarming and a major setback and also it is against the spirit and requirements of the Constitution.

4. Most of the minorities residing in Pakistan hold a separate identification in reference to their names and identity but according to the constitution one of the minorities do not hold a distinct identification due to their names and general attire which leads to crisis. Due to their names they can easily mask their belief and become part of Muslim majority. Also they can then gain access to dignified and sensitive posts resulting in accumulation of all benefits.

5. It is significant to prevent this situation because the appointment of a non-Muslim on constitutional posts is against our organic law and rituals. Similarly non-Muslims do not qualify to be elected on certain constitutional offices. ...

6. The matter of absolute and unqualified finality of prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him) the last of the prophets is the nucleus of our religion. In History, countless attacks were made in this. It is mandatory for every Muslim to guard and protect this nucleus. The parliament being a highly prestigious institution and a representative of Pakistan nation is the guardian of this religious core. In

this scenario, it is the right of Muslim majority to expect proper awareness and sensitivity. Other than the protection of the basic belief of Khatam-e-Nabuwat, the parliament should also take measures, which can completely terminate those who scar this belief.

8. It is mandatory for the State to safeguard the sentiments and religious beliefs and also protect the rights of minority according to the religion of the State of Pakistan "Islam" declared by the Constitution of Pakistan.

In light of above discussion court declares and directs as under:

1. In order to get CNIC, Passport, Birth certificate and entry in voter list, an affidavit must be sworn by the applicant based on the definition of Muslim and Non-Muslim provided by Article 260 (3) (a) (b) of the Constitution.

2. An affidavit mentioned above should be a requirement for appointment in all Government and Semi-Government institutions especially, Judiciary, Armed Forces and Civil Services, etc.

3. NADRA must fix time duration for any citizen who intends to make correction/change in the already given particulars, especially religion.

5. The Government of Pakistan, shall take special measure ensuring availability of correct particulars of all the citizens so that it should not be possible for any citizen to hide his/her real identity and recognition. Government shall also take immediate steps for conducting inquiry concerning alarming and visible difference in the population record of Qadianis/Ahmadis available with the NADRA and figures collected through recent census in this regard.

6. It is binding on the State to take care of the rights, feelings and religious beliefs of the Muslim Ummah and to also ensure the protection of rights of minorities in the light of teachings of "Islam" being the religion declared by the Constitution of the country. ...

This order is being issued in both English and Urdu versions.

(SHAUKAT AZIZ SIDDIQUI) JUDGE

It is rare in history that a people ignore their founding father's pledge in this manner.

Earlier during the hearing of this case, Justice Siddiqui issued a stay order (*hukme imtinahee*) regarding change of religion, ordering that no one can change his religion without authorization of a court.

Here it is relevant to quote Art. 18 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

"Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

Justice Siddiqui must have known that the state of Pakistan is a signatory to UDHR.

According to one legal opinion, if no appeal is made, the court's directives will have to be followed.

During the hearing of this case Justice Siddiqui came up with remarks which were quoted by the press as news items; these ought to be put down here for archives:

- If (Ahmadis) wish to stay on in Pakistan, they should do so as non-Muslim citizens, and to not commit thievery against Islam (*naqb na lagain*). (bbc.com/urdu/Pakistan-43288413)
- The Ulama should demand (of the government) that Pakistan be run as per its constitution. *The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 27, 2018*
- A committee of ulama should examine candidates' religious beliefs before their appointment. *The daily Pakistan; Lahore, March 2, 2018*
- (Here) People talk more about the rights of minorities than the majority. *The daily Jang; Lahore, March 1, 2018*

Justice Siddiqui's judgment was received with no mixed feeling by the intelligentsia; they, with a few exceptions, criticized it forthrightly. Below we mention some of these opinions:

- ✓ Ms. Zohra Yusuf, a board member at the Human rights Commission of Pakistan called the ruling "very dangerous".
- ✓ Mr. Saroop Ijaz of Human Rights Watch said:
The judge "is not only attacking everybody's religious freedom in Pakistan but he is also focusing on one particular sect, which is Ahmadis.
"A judgment like this would enable and incite violence."
- ✓ "The witch hunt of Ahmadis continues. Unfortunately the fundamental rights enshrined in the constitution are marred by the Zia era legislation that Pakistan's parliament is yet to review. These legal instruments have turned Pakistan into a state that practices religious apartheid against one community," said Raza Rumi, editor, political analyst.
"Sadly, the judiciary has upheld anti-Ahmadi constitutional provisions and laws time and again. The judges, however strongly they might feel about matters of faith, must desist from such a path."
- ✓ Mr. I.A. Rehman, a senior columnist said, "The court took up this matter unnecessarily. Such a judgment should not have been given. This will make it more difficult for Ahmadis to get jobs etc. Nobody has right to ask anyone about his personal matter – neither our faith nor our constitution allows this. The government should go into an appeal against this judgment."
- ✓ Mr. Waqar Gillani wrote in *The News* on March 18, 2018: "A recent judgment by the IHC, directing the government to adopt stricter measures in letting people declare their religion at the time of accepting government job and getting official identity documents, paves the way for religious persecution at the state level and more intolerance in society."

Extreme right-wing elements were delighted with Justice Siddiqui's verdict, and the vernacular press printed their remarks and rulings in headlines.

A mulla Naveed Hashmi wrote in the daily *Ausaf* on March 2, 2018: "Justice Siddiqui is the big name that is forehead ornamentation of our judiciary and the subject of Muslims' prayers. It is he, who casts deadly fear all the time in the hearts of the distorted, the unbridled freedom lovers, the enemies of Pakistan ideology and the honour of the Prophet and the rebels of End of Prophethood."

Capt. ® Safdar, an MNA (PML-N) and son-in-law of Mr. Nawaz Sharif, the former prime minister, was most impressed by Justice Siddiqui's rulings and demanded that IHC judgment as related to the end of Prophethood should be made a part of the Constitution of Pakistan. (*The daily Jang; March 16, 2018*)

Mullas of End of Prophethood faction was delighted with the IHC verdict. They demanded immediate action on its rulings in their meeting on March 11 at Evan-i-Iqbal presided by Maulvi Saeed Ahmad Inayatullah visiting from Saudi Arabia.

The very nature, content and impact of this trial and judgment deserve mention. Many from the realm of law, academia, press and H.R. took notice and aired their opinions on this unusual case.

Syed Mujahid Ali, a distinguished column-writer wrote in humsub.com.pk: "The question is whether IHC is sanctioned (*majaz*) to hold a one-sided examination of this sensitive issue of a small minority group that is most harassed. Unless an authorized court like the Supreme Court clearly rules, it is improper to collect information and then raise questions over any citizen's belief and personal pursuits.

"IHC is perhaps unaware that no state interferes in personal pursuits and belief of its citizens. All over the world such intrusion is considered improper and unacceptable. This issue is related to an individual's freedom and his right to have belief of his choice. A citizen's belief has no connection with a citizen's relationship with the state. If a state practices probe in its citizen beliefs, it will lead to accusing a minority of rebellion and deceit."

Rana Tanveer pointed out a serious lapse in the hearing of this case, in the Daily Times of March 11, 2018. He wrote, "The judgment has been passed without the fulfillment of legal prerequisites. A very famous and well-known principle of law is that no one can be condemned unheard. That is exactly what happened in this matter. Ahmadis, who are the major affectees of this judgment, were never made party in the petition nor were issued notice to give their point of view.

"...The court has also issued a translation of this order in Urdu, which will make it easy for anti-Ahmadi zealots, many of who cannot read English, to understand and implement, in their way."

Here we should reproduce a most relevant extract from a document of permanent standing, the original Pakistan (Lahore) Resolution of 1940: "Adequate, effective and mandatory safeguards should be specifically provided in the Constitution for minorities in these units and in the regions for the protection of their religious, cultural, economic, political, administrative and other rights, and interests in consultation with them; and in other parts of India where the Mussalmans are in a minority, adequate, effective and mandatory safeguards for them and other minorities for their religious, cultural, economic, political, administrative and other rights, and interests **in consultation with them.**" (Emphasis added) This was deliberately ignored.

The daily *The Nation* of March 10, 2018 pointed discerningly to another aspect: "The judgment derives its rule from Article 5 of the constitution, which demands loyalty to the state. The IHC here is doing an extremely purposive interpretation of the clause. To allow such a purposive interpretation and to go almost as far as to make a new law on it, it is prudent for the judges to look at the context of the situation, context which was badly missed in this case."

The daily *The Nation* highlighted the on-going trend of judicial over-reach: "In this context, it is not immediately clear why the Islamabad High Court felt it necessary to rule on this matter or direct the government to take any action given that the initial cause of offence had already been dealt with. It is certainly not clear why the court would go a step further, in what is arguably an instance of judicial overreach, to engage in such a questionable interpretation of the Constitution to justify a decision that, in addition to being deeply unsettling, also amounts to enacting new laws concerning the conduct of governance and the nature of citizenship in Pakistan."

The rulings regarding change of religion in identity documents will create problems. As regards the CNIC etc, a procedure was already in place and Ahmadis had learnt to deal with identity issues through NADRA etc. It is not uncommon that when processing a CNIC, an Ahmadi applicant or NADRA officials make a mistake and an incorrect entry gets incorporated in the card. Now to put that right, the applicant is required to go to a court (rather than NADRA) where the issue may be blown out of proportion by the judge or by a mulla who intervenes and agitates the change as act of apostasy which according to him calls for a Sharia penalty (according to the mulla: Death).

Justice Siddiqui's verdict broadly requires that citizens be identified as Muslims and Non-Muslims as per definitions given in the Constitution. Ahmadis, for day to day purposes, had accepted to call themselves 'Ahmadi' in place of 'Muslim' or 'Ahmadi Muslim'. Now, it is most likely that they will have to choose often between being a Muslim and a Non-Muslim. If they choose Muslim, they could be imprisoned for three years; the only other choice of Non-Muslim is imposition of a 'false' religious identity that Ahmadis would resent immensely. This is serious violation of Freedom of Religion. (In fact, already some government departments have implemented this Muslim/Non-Muslim terminology to deny Ahmadis their rights.) Justice Siddiqui's ruling will most likely create a great deal of unnecessary and mal-intended difficulties for many Ahmadis.

Jobs shall henceforth be affected more adversely for all marginalized groups. The daily *The Nation* foresaw this and observed: "Earlier this week, in a judgment that rests upon extremely questionable logic and a mind-bogglingly wide interpretation of the constitution, the Islamabad High Court has ruled that all citizens who aspire to work in the civil service, judiciary, or armed forces will first need to declare their religion, and that the religious affiliation of Pakistan's citizens must be recorded on all official identity documents, including national ID cards, passports, and birth certificates."

Ahmadis have repeatedly experienced that while seeking a government job, the interviewing officials and boards visibly change their attitude after they come to know of their religious identity.

Then there is the serious problem of security which is directly linked to such rulings issued by the executive or the judiciary. The editor of the daily *The Nation* foresaw the repercussion in this field and commented thus: "This provision would only make sense if there was no fear of violence against the Ahmadi population. With the various attacks on Ahmadi religious sites, even the most conservative hard liner today would not deny that there is significant danger to being openly Ahmadi. IHC should have the foresight to indicate the abuse and bloodshed such a law could open the doors to. Moreover, this order to make a sort of black list for Ahmadis, which is eerily reminiscent of concentration camps, is targeting of a religious group, and goes against the equality clause of the constitution." (*March 10, 2018*)

Justice Siddiqui emphasized display of religious identity. On this Mehr Tarar commented as follows:

"The honorable judge further stated that he found "alarming" that "one of the minorities" was "often mistaken for being Muslims" due to their names and general attire, that has the possibility to lead them "to gain access to dignified and sensitive posts, along with benefits." And that "citizens" failure to declare their 'true faith' was 'against the spirit and requirements of the Constitution'.

...

"In a country where Ahmadis now mostly live in self-defensive, survivalist anonymity, they are doomed either way. Hide what defines them. Or reveal their faith to qualify for governmental jobs, thus ensuring their exclusion from most areas. This court injunction to clearly state your faith on different forms is, to my utter sadness, a reminder of the Nazi-issued "Jewish badge". You don't need to be a student of world history to know the fate of the Jewish people who wore that badge: persecution, stigmatization, humiliation, segregation, monitoring and controlling of movement."

(<https://www.dailyo.in/voices/pakistan-ahmadi-muslim-islamabad-high-court-islam/story/1/22768.html>)

The mulla is on record repeatedly to insist that the Sharia penalty for apostasy is death, although this is baseless according to some high-ranking scholars. Encouraged by official verdicts like the instant, one mulla Qari Ayub Chinioti, a few days later, said unabashedly, "Those who adopted Qadiani religion should be punished for apostasy." (*The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, March 16, 2018*) These bigots are sensible enough to demand 'punishment for apostasy', and not mention 'death' openly.

It appears that Justice Siddiqui got tired of observing the demanding etiquettes and language of modern day judiciary and let it go with a bang: "... Other than the protection of the basic belief of Khatme Nabuwwat the parliament should also take measures which can completely terminate those who scar this belief." Reference to the Oxford Dictionary leaves one in no doubt that, in plain language, a legalized massacre is urged.

Ms. Mehr Tarar wrote a five-page article two days after Justice Siddiqui wrote his short order on March 9. She gave it the title: **Why Ahmadi Muslims are doomed in Pakistan?** (www.dailyo.in/voices/pakistan-ahmadi-muslim-islamabad-high-) After describing in essential detail Ahmadis' plight in the past 43 years, she came to the conclusion:

"The latest court verdict and its principal points are a mere legal whitewashing and authentication of the already existing persecution, ostracisation, and what I look at as a mostly corpse-less but an organized genocide of Ahmadis in Pakistan. Now it is an open season on Ahmadis in Pakistan. And now more than ever, Pakistan is no country for anyone who looks at himself and lives his life as an Ahmadi Muslim.

"And to me, as a human being, as a Muslim and as a Pakistani, this is not the Pakistan of Mohammad Ali Jinnah. And this is not in any way the true representation of Islam of Allah as delivered to and preached by my beloved prophet, Muhammad, peace be upon him."

There are some auxiliary elements to this case, which deserve a mention. Justice Siddiqui, in his short order artfully took care of guarding his flanks. He praised the parliament and even a leading politician Raja Zafrul Haq of the ruling party.

As for the parliament, he wrote: "This fact is applauseable, that soon after the emergence of legal default in the Election Act, 2017 the parliament by its collective wisdom and understanding displayed complete sensitivity towards the matter and brought it in conformity with the requirements. These matters demand such sensitivity and unity." It should be clarified that the parliament thereby effectively denied the right of vote to Ahmadi citizens.

For Raja Zafarul Haq, the judge had the following commendation: "Senator Raja Zafarul Haq is well known for his legal acumen as lawyer and experienced legislator as well who by chairing the committee made a very commendable report. Moreover, with his honesty and wisdom he handled all the points very comprehensively, which annulled all the negative impressions. Now, it is for the Parliament to further deliberate on the issue or not." (*Para 7*) Raja Zafar has been a senior office holder in the Saudi-financed *Motamar Al-Aalam Al-Islami* and has consistently played

anti-Ahmadi role in Pakistan as well as the *Wahabi* and *Sunni* world. He represents PML-N in Khatme Nabuwat rallies and conferences. He was known as the opening batsman in General Zia's political team. Last year in an 'All-Parties' conference in Islamabad on February 1, 2017, while seated next to Maulana Fazlur Rehman (JUI-F) and Sirajul Haq (Jamaat Islami) he stated, "... Qadianis were declared non-Muslims in 1974 but further legislation was delayed till 1984. If Qadianis think that I am responsible for that, I don't care." *Birds of the same flock!*

We place on record here the names of Amicus Curiae that Justice Siddiqui chose to help in arriving at his 'historic' verdict and rulings:

Religious scholars

Prof. Dr. Hafiz Hassan Madni

Prof. Dr. Sahibzada Sajid-ur-Rehman

Prof. Dr. Mohsin Naqvi

Mufti Muhammad Hussain Khalil Khel

Constitutional experts

Mr. Muhammad Akram Sheikh, Sr. ASC.

Dr. Muhammad Aslam Khaki, ASC assisted by Ms. Yasmeen Haider, Advocate

Dr. Babar Awan, Sr. ASC.

Siddiqui wrote down: ... the role of Mr. Arshad Mehmood Kiyani, learned Deputy Attorney General (representing the government) is also appraisable who with zeal and hard work successfully fulfilled/completed all the responsibilities/assignments given to him by the Court which has helped a lot in reaching right conclusions.

During the proceedings of this case, Justice Siddiqui countermanding the newly passed Election Act 2017 by the Parliament, restored all 8 laws concerning the end of prophethood. "If heavens fall, I don't care", he said. (*The daily Mashriq, November 15, 2017*) Thus he added singularly judiciary's share to denial of basic rights of Ahmadis, despite the fact that the Supreme Court had openly supported these rights in its verdict of June 19, 2014.

Also:

- ✓ According to Justice Siddiqui "the appointment of a non-Muslim on constitutional posts is against our organic law and rituals." Law experts have mentioned only three such posts: the president, the prime minister and seat on Federal Shariat Court. Justice Siddiqui is perhaps proposing to lengthen this list considerably.
- ✓ The existing law prohibits Ahmadis use of eight specified Islamic terms like *RaziallahAnhu, Masjid*. The mischief of this law brought no credit to Pakistan. Now Siddiqui requires the Parliament "to ensure that all the terms which are specifically used for 'Islam' and 'Muslims' are not used by the persons belonging to any of the minorities..." Between Justice Siddiqui and his four amicus curiae, this list could be a fair sized booklet of Arabic words.
- ✓ Justice Siddiqui requires true faith of a person to be recorded in birth certificate. People wonder how to know the true faith of a new born baby.
- ✓ Mulla Allah Wasaya of Aalami Majlis Khatme Nabuwat, the petitioner, at the time of approaching IHC perhaps never dreamt to obtain such a windfall from Justice Siddiqui. He has a judicial license for a lot now; for action, sky is the limit.

- ✓ In overview, one saw in Pakistan in 1974 a coalition between the mulla and the politician, in 1984 it was mulla-military alliance, now in 2018 it is the mulla and the single-bench judge. It is exigent that the Chief Justice Supreme Court takes *suo motu* notice to undo this undesired syndication.
- ✓ Last but not least, even the Awami Worker Party finds that “the decision sets a dangerous precedent” and that “the verdict could make non-Muslims more vulnerable to mob violence instead of trying to end their systematic persecution”. (*Dawn, March 15, 2018*)

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan termed the ruling as cause for serious concern and suggested that it should be appealed by the federal government. “This ruling has serious repercussions for all religious minorities, not least the Ahmadiyya Community. Requiring a faith declaration for Computerized National Identity Cards, passports, birth certificates and entry into voter lists will further choke the capacity of minorities to exercise their fundamental rights. These requirements will only enable and deepen institutional discrimination against minority communities,” the Commission added. “The consequences of this ruling could be deadly for members of this community, given their already precarious personal safety situation in the country. It is essential that the government act in aid of its minority citizens by appealing this ruling speedily and robustly,” said the HRC.

The talented Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School, Mr. Yasser Latif Hamdani has dived deeper to find the remedy to this judicial misadventure. He wrote: Justice Siddiqui’s short order on the Election Act of 2017 has referred to the Article 5 (Loyalty to the state):

“I submit that the judgment itself is in violation of Article 5, since it gives the impression of bias and partiality against a specific community. The oath of office taken by all judicial officers requires them to decide matters impartially and purely on the basis of law and constitution.

“It is time that the Supreme Judicial Council should look into the matter seriously. The Council should take requisite action over conduct unbecoming of a judicial officer and for attempts to provoke hatred and violence against Ahmadis in Pakistan akin to what happened to Jews in Nazi Germany.”

Government’s lack of concern with accesses against religious minorities This verdict is loaded with far reaching adverse effect on the plight of religious minorities of Pakistan in general and of Ahmadis in particular.

The judgment, in a nutshell, implied:

- For joining Civil Service, Army Judiciary, faith affidavit is compulsory.
- Parliament should take measures which “will completely terminate those who scar this belief” (*in end of prophethood*).
- It is mandatory that citizens of Pakistan get their religious identity with authentic particulars.
- Justice Siddiqui called lack of religious identity data of civil servants ‘alarming’ and ‘a major setback’.
- He declared that the minority members who do not hold a distinct identification due to their names and general attire, ‘leads to crises’.
- In his opinion, appointment of a ‘non-Muslim on constitutional posts is against our organic law and rituals.’

- It is mandatory for every Muslim to guard and protect this nucleus (belief in end of prophethood).
- In order to get CNIC, Passport, Birth Certificate and entry in Voters List, an affidavit must be sworn by the applicant based on the definition of Muslim and Non-Muslim.
- NADRA must fix time duration for any citizen who intends to make correction/change in the already given particulars, especially religion.
- It is binding on the state to take care of the rights, feelings and religious beliefs of the Muslim Ummah and to also ensure the protection of rights of minorities in the light of teachings of ‘Islam’ being the religion declared by the constitution of the country.

According to some pundits, decisions of such far-reaching social implications could only be taken by the Supreme Court and not single judge of a High Court. A member of HRCPC called the ruling “very dangerous”.

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, the leading NGO in this field, termed this ruling as ‘cause for serious concern’ and recommended: **“It is essential that the government act in aid of its minority citizens by appealing this ruling speedily and robustly.”**

The PML-N government remained in office in Islamabad for 11 weeks after this judgment, thus had plenty of time to appeal against this single-judge verdict, but failed to do so. An interim government was in place for approximately three months during the election campaign; its law minister voiced his concern over this verdict, but the cabinet decided to make no move to redress the wrong. The PTI has taken over, and has not even hinted that it finds the judgment faulty. The mullas, nevertheless, will not allow it to rule in peace.

As a result, officials have proceeded to implement the orders of this judge, as NADRA, an important department of the federal government drafted and implemented two fresh affidavits – one for Muslims, another for Non-Muslims – and required all its employees to submit those to the management. (See Annex IV)

Note: For reports and our comments on the proceedings of this case the reader is referred to the lead story of Chapter 6 “The Judiciary’s Role”.

IHC’s Justice Shaukat Siddiqui’s Judgment Sheet issued – its prefatory analysis

This Judgment Sheet was issued in the first week of July. Its shorter Order Sheet had been released on March 9, 2018.

Siddiqui issued his voluminous Judgment Sheet giving reasons etc for his verdict. He profusely quoted his *amici curiae* whose interpretation of Islamic religion and history was highly controversial and bigoted in essence, against non-Muslims. His own comments and observations were largely lies, distorted facts, half-truths, slander, vilification, conjecture and gossip. The judgment was as if written by a mulla, not a judge. No wonder he came to the conclusion, *inter alia*, that Ahmadis should be made to add the affix derogatory *Mirzai* or *Ghulam Mirza* to their names for self-identification.

The Judgment was so offensive and wrongful that Syed Ali Zafar, a caretaker federal minister announced in public that the government will challenge the judgment. It didn’t, for its own obvious reasons.

Our prefatory analysis of the 172-page Judgment Sheet is available in a Supplementary News Report for the month of July 2018. This can be frankly termed ‘recommended reading’.

Striking doom of the ‘untruthful’ and ‘unabashed’ judge

On October 11, 2018 Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui, senior puisne judge of the Islamabad High Court was recommended to be removed by the Supreme Judicial Council. The President “was pleased to remove him with immediate effect” the same day. Ministry of Law and Justice denotified this IHC judge immediately and TV stations broadcast the news the same evening.

Justice @ Siddiqui will be remembered for a number of cases, proceedings of trials, verdicts, *inter alia* his 172-page Judgment Sheet on the Ahmadiyya issue.

Ahmadis turned to Allah in their prayers against his very scandalous, malicious and hurtful judgment. Three months and 7 days later Siddiqui was sent home, never to return to preside over a court hearing, as the Supreme Judicial Council headed by the Chief Justice of Pakistan summed up their judgment on Siddiqui, in these words, in another case:

“Article-II of the Code of Conduct demands that the judge should be abstemious, truthful of tongue, wise in opinion, cautious and forbearing and always preserving calmness, balance and complete detachment.”*The daily Dawn; October 13, 2018*

SIDDIQUI WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR GROSSLY VIOLATING ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE IN HIS ANTI-AHMADI JUDGMENT THAT REMAINS EFFECTIVE AND IN FORCE NEVERTHELESS.

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1B. Attack, gross desecration and severe damage to Ahmadiyya Place of worship and a venerated site in Sialkot, Punjab

The dreadful outrage was undertaken in Sialkot on 23/24 May night by a mob with active assistance of state functionaries. As a result an Ahmadiyya place of worship was badly damaged and a revered historic residence destroyed.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the founder of Ahmadiyya denomination had stayed in this house and worshiped in this adjacent Place of worship. As such this complex is of great religious sentiment to Ahmadis, as a number of traditions and reports are associated with it.

Ahmadis had undertaken repairs and renovation of this house with permission from local authorities. Mullas came to know of it, and found it a useful tool to precipitate a riot and threaten law and order. Some sections of the civil society, a few bigots from the lawyers community, some careerist officials and a few self-serving politicians supported the mulla and demanded immediate action against Ahmadis for ‘outraging the religious feelings of Muslims.’ A few days earlier, the collaborating district administration proceeded to forbid Ahmadis further work, and sealed the house.

This effort to soothe the miscreants did not succeed, so the municipal authorities decided to join them to do what they demanded.

On May 23, at about 22:45 some officials arrived at the site and told Ahmadis of their intention to demolish the 19th century house for being 'unlawful'. Their choice of time to carry out this operation is noteworthy. Ahmadis asked them to show 'authorization' papers; they had none. The police also arrived in the meantime and they took the line that though legal written orders were not available, the demolition would nevertheless be undertaken 'as law and order is threatened'. Soon a mob, 600-700, arrived and all these joined in to demolish the house. Thereafter the miscreants attacked the adjacent Place of worship and demolished its minarets, domes, doors, etc.



Ahmadis in the interest of communal peace, decided not to respond to violence and not deter the miscreants with force, instead they left it to the authorities to handle the situation, who then used no means at their disposal and made no effort to disperse the vicious attackers.

It is obvious that after sealing the house earlier, it was under official custody, and the authorities were responsible for its security while awaiting judicial verdict; however in gross violation of this trust, the authorities not only initiated its destruction but also encouraged an unruly mob to participate in the heinous act.

These people were there till 03:00. Some of them came back at 04:30 and indulged in further vandalizing. This time the officials did not join them, and acted as mute spectators.

This entire incident happened with the collusion and participation of the administration and the police.

The police earlier booked two Ahmadis, the local Emir and the president on fabricated charge of 'unlawful construction'. An FIR was belatedly registered over the attack but it has been sealed.

Ahmadis have made a writ petition to the Lahore High Court against the sealing and destruction of the house by the TMA and the Police.

Ahmadis all over the world are very grieved and feel greatly hurt over this sacrilege.

Approximately ten days before this attack, at the demand of anti-Ahmadi elements, the district administration stopped Ahmadis repair and renovation of the historic house.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya denomination, had stayed at this house on his visit to Sialkot. The house was still there, but

its rundown structure needed repairs and renovation. The community undertook to restore it to its original form.

The mullas come to know of it, and as usual raised hue and cry. They alleged that a museum was under construction. The vernacular press gave boost to the propaganda. The mullas further alleged that the place would be used as a Place of worship. Ahmadis assured the administration that that was not the intention. The issue was agitated by opponents on the social media. A group of lawyers came out in support of bigotry and sectarian animosity.

In the run up to the riot, Mulla Khadim Hussain, the *Khatib* of the Lukabad Place of worship harangued his followers on the issue and agitated them intensely to prepare them for action. He uttered very bad names for the holy founder of Ahmadiyyat and called him “the greatest enemy of humankind”, “an enemy of Islam”, abominable (*Beyghairat*), shameless (*Behaya*), of bad character (*Bad Kirdar*), disgraceful (*Bezamir*). He called his residence a filthy place (*Ghaliz Jagah*), a bad location (*Ghatya Jagah*), abode of rogues (*Bad mashi ka adda*). He bad-mouthed his fellow Muslims too who had sold the property to Ahmadis, calling the former as despicable (*Kameeney*), shameless (*Behaya*), low (*Ghatya*), traitors (*Ghadar*), abominable (*Beyghairat*) Muslims. He did not spare even their mothers, and said, “Their mothers’ character was corrupt.” All this garbage is available on videos. He told the authorities to undertake the demolition of the structure, otherwise “we ourselves will do that.” He took the official informers in confidence and told them to convey all that to the authorities. “We are law-abiding people, we’ll not take law in our own hands; I give you eight days to do that (demolition), after that we ourselves will take the law (... ..),” he asked his audience to complete the sentence; and they did. “We’ll set the property on fire; I myself will do that,” the cleric thundered.



Municipal functionaries at desecration site

In this open hateful speech, the mulla repeatedly violated sections 153-A, 295-A, 298 of the Penal Code, for which he could be arrested and imprisoned for 5 years; but he was sure that the co-operative administration would not even require him to explain.

The mullas succeeded as they always do in the context of Ahmadis. The administration intervened and stopped the work. The daily *Ausaf* of May 13 splashed the headline triumphantly: “The birth place (*sic*) of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani sealed on order of Deputy Commissioner.”

The official sealing of the house did not calm down the mullas, because their object was heightened agitation and unrest, and assertion of their political clout. So they precipitated a riot.

The atrocity was so vicious and senseless that the news soon got viral on social media. Videos of vandalism and its perpetrators became available. According to Reuters, a social media video shows a crowd cheering a local cleric (Hamid Raza) who claims to have ransacked the Place of worship. “I want to thank the Sialkot administration, the DPO, the DC, the TMA from the bottom of my heart,” said the cleric from the majority *Sunni* community.

Mulla Hamid Raza is an activist of Imran Khan's PTI and can be seen close to the party chief in photos on the Internet. In a video at the destruction site he is seen leading the demolition gang. After the outrage he delivered a hateful speech and threatened the administration that if they registered a criminal police case against any one of the activists, he will turn the whole city into ashes. In his address he named *Jamaat Ahle Sunnat*, *Sunni Tehrik*, TLYR, *Al-Ghalibun*, *Jamia Al-Alim*, ATI etc. as collaborators. These are all essentially *Sunni* groups.



Although after two days, the PTI distanced itself from this criminal attack, through a statement, it is to be seen if and what action it takes against the villain who led the charge.

The print media and the electronic media in Pakistan mostly kept the news of this attack confidential but most who matter came to know of this atrocity. The news spread abroad and there was a fairly strong general condemnation both in Pakistan and abroad. Bilawal Bhutto of PPP condemned the attack in plain words. Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Murree of PPP took up the issue in the Senate where it was passed to a human rights committee for follow-up. Intellectuals and op-ed writers Marvi Sarmad, Bina Sarwar, Jibran Nasir, Iram Azeem, Yassar Latif Hamadani, and many others came out in support of religious freedom. The daily Dawn reported the attack and made editorial comment.

The incident received its due condemnation from foreign HR and Freedom of Faith activists and organizations. There was a statement of strong condemnation from USCIRF. Mr Knox Thames of US State Department also expressed sympathy for the victimized community. A number of British MPs denounced the attack. In addition the Ahmadiyya persecution was debated at length in the British House of Commons where MP Siobhain McDonagh led the debate, and Sialkot received due mention. Forum for Religious Freedom – Europe took note and issued a statement of concern. The High Commissioner of Canada in Islamabad issued the following statement:

"I am concerned at reports that a group of people damaged an Ahmadi place of worship in Sialkot last night. I trust that the relevant authorities will fully investigate these reports. All women and men have the right to freedom of religion or belief, including the right to worship in peace and security."

Perry Calderwood, High Commissioner of Canada

Inside Pakistan, the mulla unabashedly owned up the sacrilege and gloated over his 'great achievement'. He was seen on videos and social media doing that. Mulla Ashraf Jalali, a leader of TLYR expressed great satisfaction over the success of the riot and gave credit by name to Hafiz Hamid Raza, Hafiz Saghir Hussain Naqshbandi, Shoaib Dar and Hafiz Hasan Raza. Others who played a leading role in the attack were named as Amar Dar, Chaudhri Akhlaq and Tahir Hundli by sources. Hafiz Raza gave due credit to the district authorities, the DC and the DPO: "You have accomplished a great task (*Azeem kam*); bravo also to the team of the local Chairman (of the Council)."

The rulers from the PML-N chose to hold their peace and issued no statements. They were not guilty of hypocrisy. They had no sympathy for the victims, nor did they show any.

Ms. Irum Azeem, an MPA of Sindh Assembly complained that she lobbied to move a resolution of condemnation of the attack, but not a single legislator supported the idea.

As for the vernacular media, it made no mention of the incident as if it was not news worthy. The TV channels found it prudent to keep quiet. NEO TV channel raised the issue with a team of commentators, but they took the line that as they were not aware of the facts of the case, they were not in a position to comment. How meticulous and above board!

Humsub, an HR website was more frank and forthright to state: "The administration has refused to take the blame, and by destroying peaceful citizens' property through submission to the Mulla it calls the monstrous action 'legal'. It is posing as if it only demolished an illegal construction."

www.humsub.com.pak/13305/newsdesk-118

The Daily Times posted an appropriate headline on May 24, 2018: "Mob led by PTI leader rains down misery on Ahmadi community, desecrates worship site in Sialkot."

Following media houses also entered reports on this event: Reuters; channelnewsasia; BBC; VOA; Youtube; Times of India; Alaraby.co.uk; Pakistan Today; The Hindu; Anap.dw.com; and others.

The Sialkot administration mentioned above, in fact, means Mr Farrukh Naveed the Deputy Commissioner and Mr Asad Sarfraz Khan the District Police Officer. They, of course, followed the policy guidelines issued from Lahore by the then chief minister, Mr Shahbaz Sharif of PML-N.

The bureaucratic machine in the Punjab seems to be well lubricated and functioning as tasked. Thus it was only three days after this outrage that the local Assistant Commissioner Mr Shahid Abbas was awarded Commendation Certificate and a Rs 100,000 reward by the Chief Minister. Believe it or not!

In this Islamic Republic of the Pure, following has been achieved since the promulgation of the anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX:

Number of Ahmadiyya place of worship demolished	28
Number of Ahmadiyya Place of worships sealed by authorities	37
Number of Ahmadiyya Place of worships set on fire or damaged	24
Number of Ahmadiyya Place of worships forcibly occupied	17
Number of Ahmadiyya Place of worships construction of which was barred by the authorities	58

After this successful attack in Sialkot the mulla threatened further such attacks on Ahmadiyya places of worship.

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1C. Ahmadi's' plight in the Punjab during Mian Shahbaz Sharif rule – a brief resumé

Lahore; June 2013- May 2018: Mian Shahbaz Sharif (PML-N) took over the Punjab once again as Chief Minister in June 2013 after the elections. His elder brother ruled the country from Islamabad. The next five years of Shahbaz's rule in the province were rough and

gravelling for Ahmadis. It is appropriate to list briefly some important events of his tenure to draw some valid conclusions.

- Armed contingents of police were ordered to launch an unlawful, unwarranted, hideous raid on Ahmadiyya central offices in Rabwah on December 5, 2016. Such a raid was first ever against Ahmadiyya community; even General Zia did not undertake such atrocity during his rule.
- Authorities were told to raid the only book-shop in Rabwah where they arrested its octogenarian proprietor, booked him under anti-terrorism law, arranged a speedy trial for him and had him sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment. The decent old man is still in prison three years later.
- The provincial government banned more than 90 books and publications of the Ahmadiyya Community on the recommendations of a board of mullas. These include the entire written works of the founder of the community.
- Publication of all the Ahmadiyya periodicals, also the daily Al-Fazl was stopped. Even the children's and women's monthly magazines have been shutdown. Perhaps there is no country in the world where a democratic government has deprived a religious community of its periodicals in such a ruthless manner. Apparently the Home Office had orders to implement whatever recommendations the Board of mullas made concerning Ahmadis.
- Ahmadiyya Place of worship was targeted specifically. A number of these were attacked, destroyed, damaged, handed over to others or sealed. Earlier also in 2010, during his rule, two Ahmadiyya Places of worship in Lahore were attacked simultaneously and 86 worshippers were killed. This time the attacks on Ahmadiyya place of worship in Dulmial, Chakwal, Jhelum, etc all happened in Shahbaz's tenure. The Assistant Commissioner, in whose jurisdiction Ahmadiyya place of worship in Sialkot was almost destroyed in police presence, was awarded a cash prize by the Chief Minister, some days after the incident.
- Ahmadi-owned factory in Jhelum was destroyed in his watch. An anti-Ahmadi riot occurred also in Gujranwala where the police in uniform were among the spectators. There, three Ahmadi females including a 7-month old suckling were killed in arson attack. Eight homes and four shops were looted and gutted. All 125 Ahmadi residents of the neighborhood had to flee for safety.
- The Rawalpindi administration did not allow Ahmadis offer their Eid prayers in their own centre in the Satellite Town in 2013, because a mulla-type bully demanded that. The restriction has apparently become permanent, as; in the next five years Ahmadis could not assemble there even for weekly congregational prayers.
- Ahmadis also undertake *Qurbani* (sacrificial cattle on Eid ul Adha) as a religious rite, but mullas, supported by Lahore Police, made raids in some neighborhoods to deny Ahmadis their religious practice. In fact, during these five years Ahmadi residents of this provincial capital felt perpetually vulnerable and at risk of their lives and well-being. Earlier when 85 Ahmadis were murdered here in their Place of worships in a terror attack, Mr Shahbaz Sharif the CM did not have the courtesy to make a condolence visit to Ahmadis living in his capital.

- A delegation of senior Ahmadi community officials requested time from Shahbaz to call on him and talk to him on problems faced by the community. Shahbaz refused to spare time for them and told Rana Sanallah to receive the delegation. He did, but as expected, promised no relief.

Nevertheless Ahmadis have assurance of an open door and permission to call from a mighty being - Allah. So they turned to Him in prayers and surely enough:

- On July 25, 2018, the election day Mr Shahbaz Sharif lost majority in the provincial assembly, and on October 6, 2018, the daily Dawn reported in banner headline: NAB snares Shahbaz as grilling turns into arrest.
- Thereafter the daily Jang reported on September 25, 2018: Shahbaz Sharif's son-in-law Ali Imran Yusuf has fled abroad, he should be declared proclaimed offender: NAB prosecutor's request to Accountability Court
- Later on October 26, 2018, The Friday Times described Shahbaz's circumstances in a sympathetic report rendered in a light manner as follows:

The indignity of it

We've heard disturbing details of The Man of Steel's Talented Bro's (*Shahbaz's*) incarceration in the NABbers' slammer in Lahore. There are many in the Punjab (at least half of it, if the Election 2018 result is anything to go by) who feel that this sort of treatment is unwarranted. The former and successful chief executive of the province is kept in a cramped cell, with no windows and a barred padlocked door, which he has to rattle every time he needs to visit the washroom. This is particularly distressing at night, when a man who is a cancer survivor and battles with constant back pain, has to wait before his call can be answered. The indignity of it is something our current rulers should keep in mind, and alleviate. Talented Bro gets home cooked food, mercifully, and books to read. We hear he's made short shrift of Ibn-e-Khaldun's "Muqaddima", Hugo Chaves' autobiography, Dr Ayesha Jalal's account of the partition, and is currently reading Henry Kissinger. All this by the light of the single bulb which adorns his cell.

The above reminds one of Adolf Hitler's observation and his finale:

"I go the way that Providence dictates with the assurance of a sleep-walker.

"Why Ahmadi Muslims are doomed in Pakistan?"

Ms. Mehr Tarar wrote a five-page article two days after Justice Siddiqui wrote his short order on March 9. After describing in essential detail Ahmadis' plight in the past 43 years, she came to the conclusion:

"The latest court verdict and its principal points are a mere legal whitewashing and authentication of the already existing persecution, ostracisation, and what I look at as a mostly corpse-less but an organized genocide of Ahmadis in Pakistan. Now it is an open season on Ahmadis in Pakistan. And now more than ever, Pakistan is no country for anyone who looks at himself and lives his life as an Ahmadi Muslim.

"And to me, as a human being, as a Muslim and as a Pakistani, this is not the Pakistan of Mohammad Ali Jinnah. And this is not in any way the true representation of Islam of Allah as delivered to and preached by my beloved prophet, Muhammad, peace be upon him."

Fighting bigotry

... Our realist friends tell us that this isn't the time to pick a fight. Is there ever a good time? In the movie 'American President' there was a great response to such counsel: "You fight the fights you can win? (No) You fight the fights that need fighting." Fighting bigotry being peddled by Khadim Rizvis on the streets, the Orya Maqbool Jans on TV and our school buddies on WhatsApp groups is the fight that needs fighting. *An op-ed by Babar Sattar in The News International; September 8, 2018*

2. Murders in the Name of Faith; Assaults and Attempts

Ahmadis have been murdered for their faith since the promulgation of Ordinance XX. Till now hundreds have been killed, and not even 5% of the killers have faced justice. People are told by mullas that Ahmadis are Wajib ul Qatl 'must be killed'. All this encourages criminals to attempt murder. This year the casualties are fewer but not the attempts. It is sheer luck that the targets escaped inclusion in the list of 'murdered'.

Ahmadi murdered for his faith

Saroba Garden, Lahore; June 25, 2018: Qazi Shaban Ahmad Khan was killed by unknown gunmen, on June 25, 2018 at his house in Lahore. The assailant shot him three times. He died on the spot. He left behind a widow and three disabled daughters.

According to the details, at about 23:00 two men wearing face masks entered his house. Mr. Khan's wife was in the washroom when assailants barged into their bedroom. One of the gunmen took her to their daughters' bedroom on gun point. The other assailant fired three shots in the abdomen of Mr. Khan, and he died on the spot. The assailants fled away thereafter.

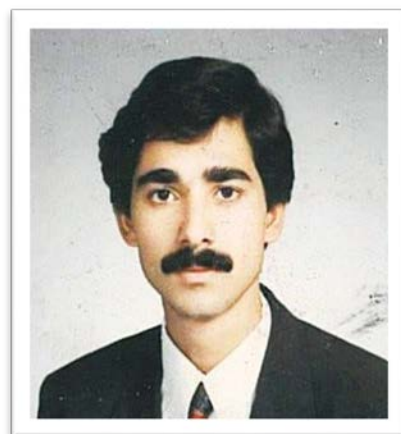
Mr. Khan had no personal enmity with anybody. He ran a school for special children, with the help of an NGO. Mr. Khan's widow said that he appeared under tension for some days as he was harassed and threatened by the nearby Madina Place of worship's mulla. So, he restricted his sorties from home as precaution.

There are three Place of worships in the area of Mr. Khan's residence. The clerics indulged in open hate speech against Ahmadis. The authorities did not admonish them for spreading sectarian hatred.

Murder of an Ahmadi jeweller

Syedwala, District Nankana; August 29, 2018: Six armed robbers, riding three motor-cycles came to Syedwala and proceeded directly to the jewelry shop of Mr. Basharat Ahmad, an Ahmadi. Some of these indulged in indiscriminate firing outside the shop as also inside, while the others looted the ornaments. Having taken what they wanted, they singled out Mr Muhammad Zafrullah son of Mr. Ahmad as target among others present in the shop. Mr. Zafrullah was hit with three bullets and he died as a result.

The police and the Elite Force chased the dacoits and shot dead three of them.



Ahmadi survives a deadly attack

Shahdara Town, Lahore; May 26, 2018: Mr. Sajjad Ahmad S/O Mr. Masood Ahmad was attacked on May 26, 2018 in Shahdara Town, Lahore at his house. Two shots hit Mr. Ahmad; one pierced his belly and the other hit his left leg.

According to the details, two youths aged early 20s came to Mr. Ahmad's house at 9:30 p.m. and knocked at his door. Mr. Ahmad opened the door and they asked about Sagheer. Ahmad told them that no Sagheer lived there, and closed the door. They again knocked at the door. When Mr. Ahmad opened the door, they opened fire at him. As a result one shot hit his belly and the second hit the upper part of his left leg. Mr. Ahmad was rushed to Mayo Hospital, Lahore where he was operated upon. The shot that hit his belly pierced through it but fortunately no surgery was needed. Only stitches were applied. His leg was operated upon and the bullet removed.

Mr. Ahmad is a salesman in Unilever. He is forty-five years old. The police registered an FIR. No reason was found behind this attack other than religion. The assailants were not identified. They identified Mr. Ahmad at their first knocking, and opened fire at the second. Religious hatred and extremism are at peak in this area; and Tehrik Labbaik and Khatme Nabuwat organizations are active here.

Assassination attempt at an Ahmadi couple for their faith

Jaranwala, District Faisalabad; July 7, 2018: Mr. Ziauddin and his wife, Ahmadi were shot at by unknown assailants at their house in Jaranwala on July 7, 2018. The attacker opened fire at Mr. Ziauddin and one shot hit his left thigh. After hearing the shot his wife rushed towards him and the attacker opened fire at her too and one shot hit her right thigh. The couple has three sons and a daughter. Both husband and wife underwent surgery.

According to the details, at about 9 a.m. someone knocked at Mr. Ziauddin's door. In answer to the call, two unknown armed men entered the house and a third one stayed outside. As Mr. Ziauddin is a jeweler, he thought they were robbers, so he offered them to take away whatever they wanted, but they didn't show any interest in the offer and one of them opened fire at him. After hearing the shot his wife rushed to help him. She was shot as well. Thereafter all the three assailants fled away. Both husband and wife were immediately shifted to the local Civil Hospital.

Mr. Ziauddin had to be shifted to Faisalabad Civil Hospital. His X-rays showed that his thigh bone was not damaged, however the doctors would like to monitor the case and if the shot did further damage they would remove the bullet through surgery.

Mrs. Ziauddin was treated at the local hospital and was discharged the same evening.

Ahmadi had to be appointed for security duties at Mr. Ziauddin's house and the hospital where he was admitted.

Mr. Ziauddin is a very decent fellow and a community worker.

Ahmadi doctors escape serious harm

Kotli, Azad Kashmir; October 2, 2018: Doctor Manzoor Ahmad and Doctor Imran Ahmad serve in DHQ Hospital, Kotli. On October 2, 2018 an unknown youth attacked them while they were on duty. The assailant was carrying a pistol and was saying that he was determined to not let the Qadianis remain alive. On administration's quick response his attack went amiss and both the doctors were saved from any harm. The assailant was caught on the spot and handed over to the police.

Ahmadis beaten up severely for faith

Ban Bajwa, District Sialkot; April 23, 2018: Opponents have been trying their best to make life difficult for Ahmadis in Ban Bajwa. The local mulla participated in the Islamabad sit-in (of Khadim Hussain Rizvi) and was arrested there. After his arrest, anti-Ahmadiyya sentiment increased in the village. The locals invited Qari Afzal Qadri, a leader of Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulullah. He announced a social boycott of Ahmadis.

Another mulla came to the village in February, gathered some youths and agitated them against Ahmadis. This hateful training went on for three days. The mulla also distributed a hateful book '*Radd e Qadianiat*' in the village.

These opponents were in search of an opportunity to implement their training. So, one day when Mr. Abdul Sattar and Mr. Nazir Ahmad, Ahmadis were bringing fodder for their cattle, a non-Ahmadi youth, with a fodder cutter on bike, passed by them so close that they narrowly escaped hurt from the cutter. Ahmadis told him to change the side of the cutter, but the youth got angry and bad-mouthed them. Ahmadis did not respond in kind. After that the youth's father came to their farm to apologize for his son's conduct, but soon, his son also arrived there. He spoke harsh and insulted his own father.

The next day when Mr. Sattar and Mr. Ahmad were working in the fields, the offending youth arrived there in company of seven men and attacked them with rods. Ahmad fled to a nearby farm but the attackers overtook him and beat him up and rendered him unconscious. The local president of the Ahmadiyya community came to know of this and went to the site. On seeing him an attacker shouted, "Look, here is another *Mirzai*", and they attacked him as well. As a result his wrist bone was broken. Meanwhile the police arrived at the scene, but they said nothing to the attackers who sat in their car and drove away.

Ahmadi hurt in attack

Goth Ahmadpur, District Sanghar; September 29, 2018: Mr. Jamil Ahmad was going to his farm on his motorcycle on September 29, 2018. On the way two persons attacked him with rods and axe. Mr. Ahmad's arm was fractured. The attackers tried to snatch the bike but were unable to start it. They had to leave the bike, but in their anger they hit him with axe and left him badly injured in leg. Mr. Ahmad was taken to a hospital for treatment where he received eighteen stitches on his wound.

The police was informed of the incident. Mr. Ahmad recognized one of the attackers, so the police registered a criminal case against one known and one unknown person.

3. Imprisonments and Prosecution on Religious Grounds

Ahmadis continue to be booked, arrested and sentenced to imprisonment terms under Ahmadi-specific laws, blasphemy laws and other laws, for their faith. PPC 295-C has been imposed fraudulently with criminal intent to create Aasia Bibi scenarios. Anti-Ahmadi laws and PPC 295-A are likewise agitated with malafide intentions. Bails are often denied, even in higher courts. Imprisonment sentences are doled out by the judges. Following stories provide essential details.

Ahmadi faces deadly blasphemy clause

Tandlianwala; District Faisalabad: Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was falsely charged under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station on January 20, 2018. He was taken into police custody before the registration of the case.

In fact Mr. Waraich had an argument with a local shopkeeper over an anti-Ahmadiyya sticker. Both parties made peace. However, later a mulla intervened, he went to the police station, fabricated a long story and insisted that the police register a case under PPC 295-C. This was followed by street agitation. The police obliged the bigots.

The complaint made in the FIR is a bunch of lies. It registers the statement of the complainant as, “The accused was openly making blasphemous comments against the King of Khatme Nabuwwat. He even said that their prophet Mirza Ghulam Qadiani is superior to Muslims’ Prophet. He stoned the sticker on the door on which the sacred writing King of Khatme Nabuwwat – Zindah Baad was written, and said, “Go ahead. Do what you can to me.” While he said that he kept abusing the Holy Prophet. This incited the sentiments of Muslims and promoted severe agitation.” This is utter nonsense as the alleged statements are against the Ahmadiyya faith, belief and practice.

Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich is a brother of Mr. Dawood Ahmad the president of the local Ahmadiyya community. There are only three Ahmadi families in the village. The mullas agitated the public, so an angry mob tried to attack the local Ahmadis’ houses, but on intervention of some elders, no harm ensued. Ahmadi families had to be relocated to avoid further exposure to violence and harm.

The Sessions Judge of Faisalabad assigned this case to the Additional Sessions Judge of Tandlianwala. The president of the Ahmadiyya Community Faisalabad requested the Sessions Judge that the case was registered under 295-C, and the situation in Tandlianwala was not suitable for its hearing, so it should be heard in Faisalabad. At this, the judge retrieved it from Tandlianwala and assigned it to the Additional Sessions Judge, Faisalabad city.

Mr Waraich has been denied bail. His trial goes on.

It seems that now if an Ahmadi protests against an anti-Ahmadiyya hateful sticker, he runs the risk to his life at the hand of the state, and his family suffers major dislocation. Reminds one of Rohingyas!

Fabricated blasphemy case under PPC 295-C registered against Ahmadi in District Layya. Police submits to mullas.

Chak 368 TDA; July 1, 2018: The police registered a case under PPC 295-C against Mr. Javed Ahmad Ghuman in police station Chobara, on July 1, 2018 in Case Nr 288/18. The complainant alleged that the accused had tempted with money a Muslim, Muhammad Nasim, to become a Qadiani, and when approached, the accused blasphemed the Holy Prophet.

Facts of the case are different.

Sufi Ahmad Hasan, a local mulla had a dispute over some agriculture land with Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad, an uncle of the accused. A court gave verdict against the mulla who then felt angry over it.

Another uncle of Mr. Ghuman died on May 25, 2018. The mulla opposed his burial in the common graveyard and created an ugly situation. The police therefore forbade Ahmadi to bury the deceased there. So Ahmadi had to take the dead body away to a distant location for burial.

One of the local non-Ahmadi Muslims was put off by such conduct of the mulla. In disgust he told the mulla that he would have nothing to do with him in future. Also, he joined Ahmadi for prayers and community interaction.

The mulla and his friends were very upset over this.

For this reason they agitated and approached the police to register a case against Mr. Ghuman over fabricated allegation of blasphemy. The police obliged, although no blasphemy whatsoever was even remotely involved.

The police were unable to arrest Mr. Ghuman; instead they detained his brother Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Ghuman and conveyed that he would be released only if the accused were presented. This is an unlawful act, thus criminal, on part of the law-enforcers.

This incident, symbolizing teamwork of the mulla and the police, precipitated by misconduct of a mulla, became known abroad and was circulating on *Twitter* worldwide.

Later the police released Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Ghuman after the accused got an interim bail from the court.

The complainant had alleged that the accused had tempted with money a Muslim, Muhammad Nasim, to become a Qadiani. Mr. Nasim told the court that he did not convert nor anybody had tempted him.

On July 4, 2018 a higher police official sent for both the parties for inquiry. There he intimated that there was a threat to the lives of Mr. Ghuman and Mr. Nasim, so he kept them in police custody.

On July 9, at a hearing, about 600 opponents were present outside the court. They took out a procession, blocked the road and demanded arrest of the Ahmadi.

On July 14, the date of next hearing, the court decided to cancel Mr. Ghuman's interim bail. He was arrested and sent to Layya jail.

On August 6, Rai Yasseen Shaheen the Additional Sessions Judge Layya refused Mr. Ghuman's post-arrest bail.

It seems that this is the most effective way with Pak authorities to protect Ahmadi's lives – send them to prison for long duration.

On October 2, 2018 his bail application was refused in High Court (Multan Bench) also by Justice Sarfraz Ahmad.

It is most likely that the state and the mulla would turn all such fake Ahmadiyya cases into 'Aasia Bibi case'.

Another fabricated police case against an Ahmadi

Pasrur, District Sialkot; July 21, 2018: Mr. Almas Ayub Butt an Ahmadi was charged under PPC 298-B&C with FIR Nr. 230 at police station Pasrur on July 21, 2018. The police arrested Mr. Butt and shifted him to the Sadr police station.

The case was registered under the complaint of divisional president of Muslim Students Federation Gujranwala on false charge of preaching.

Accused of blasphemy

Och Sharif, District Bahawalpur; August 2018: Mr Muhammad Inaam Nasir, Ahmadi had got the sewage repaired in front of his house. The mason used papers on the gutter cover; on these papers religious inscriptions were written. Years later when the cover broke, the writings showed up.

Opponents came to know of this and they mounted a group attack on Mr Nasir's home, calling him a blasphemer. They knocked at his door, raised slogans and threatened him. In the meantime, the police arrived, took Mr Nasir in custody and drove him away. His family was also shifted for security.

Mr Nasir had recently been told by locals to shift, and had received threats. The sewage repair work had been undertaken 12 years ago, while the papers found on the slab are fresh. So this could be a deliberate plan against the Ahmadi. He narrowly escaped being charged under PPC 295-B that prescribes life imprisonment for one declared guilty.

A police case against 8 Ahmadis in Rabwah

Rabwah, June 7, 2018: On June 3, 2018 a fabricated FIR was registered against employees of the security department of the local community. Of these three were named as Mr. Waqar Ahmad Bajwa, Mr. Waqas Ahmad and Mr. Nadeem Ahmad, while 4 or 5 were unnamed. A police case, Nr 283/18 was registered under PPC 342 for wrongful confinement.

In fact the security workers had only stopped a few loafers, interrogated and handed them over to the police.

The case was registered on the complaint of one Usman Ali from Daska, now living in Rabwah. He is a hireling of mulla Hassan Muaviya of Lahore who is a full time anti-Ahmadi activist.

Another police case, against 28 Ahmadis of Rabwah

Rabwah; June 22, 2018: A police case was registered against three Ahmadis Mr. Abdus Salaam, Mr. Abbas, Mr. Muhammad Inaam and twenty-five un-named Ahmadis under PPC 295/354, 337 A, 337 L, 148 and 149 on June 22, 2018 in police station Chenab Nagar.

According to the details, one Mr. Muhammad Liaqat who had reneged from Ahmadiyyat lodged a complaint with police alleging threats and harassment by Ahmadis.

In fact all that happened was a motorcycle incident that resulted in a verbal exchange. As no serious damage had occurred, the parties made peace. Later, some mullas agitated the issue and urged Mr. Liaqat to approach the police to register an FIR against dozens of Ahmadi.

The mulla helped the complainant to fabricate a story accordingly. The police had to register the case.

Police case against two Ahmadi seniors for undertaking repairs and renovation of a historic residence

Sialkot; May 12, 2018: Ahmadis, after due permission, had undertaken repairs and renovation of a historic house adjacent to the Ahmadiyya , in which Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the founder of the Ahmadiyya Community had stayed on his visit to Sialkot. The finishing phase was in process when opponents started an agitation against the work. The local administration joined hand with agitators and forbade Ahmadis from further work. Later the administration sealed the house in response to the mullas' agitation.

The police booked two Ahmadis, Mr. Abdus Sattar Butt the city president and Mr. Mumtaz Butt on May 12, 2018 under section 132(2) of Punjab Government Act 2013 with FIR 271/18 at police station Nikapur, Sialkot, on fabricated charge of 'unlawful construction'.

In fact, Ahmadis had undertaken repairs and renovation of the house with permission of local authorities. The house was over a century old and it is ridiculous to accuse the owners that its design violated local rules.

Section 132(2)(b) of Punjab Government Act 2013 provides:

If a person commits an offence specified in—

“...such person shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees or with both.”

Twelve days later, the council authorities and a mob jointly destroyed this revered building. (*For details, see Chapter 1B*)

A 'convert' faces criminal charges for his faith

Basti Punjab, District Rajan Pur; October 2018: Mr. Arfat Qadir s/o Mr. Qadir Baksh, aged 20, recently embraced Ahmadiyyat. He is a government employee in a local office. After his switch over to Ahmadiyyat his opponents started victimizing him. They reported him to his boss. They also started a hate campaign against him on social media. Mr. Arfat remained steadfast. As last resort they complained to the DPO that Mr. Arfat was a Qadiani but acted like Muslims. The DPO inaptly told the DSP to attend to the issue. The DSP sent for Mr. Arfat and said, “You are a non-Muslim according to the constitution of Pakistan, and you can't use *Sha'air* Islam (Islamic practices).” The police thereafter registered a case against him under PPC 298-C, the anti-Ahmadiyya law and sent him to a lock up. The opponents accused him of “preaching Ahmadiyyat, denying the Khatme Nabuwat which amounts to blasphemy and posing as Muslim when applying for the job.”

Poor Mr. Arfat was locked up only for his faith.

Police case against a local Ahmadi president for undertaking *Qurbani*
Guldasht Town Gujjarpura, District Lahore; August/September 2018: On August 22, 2018 on Eid ul Azha festival Mr. Muhammad Ahmad, president of the local Ahmadiyya community, undertook *Qurbani*. It was planned to sacrifice two goats and one cow, but while undertaking the *Qurbani* of the first goat, eight mullas accompanied by police arrived at the site. The police took Mr. Ahmad and the meat of the *Qurbani* to the police station, where 25 mullas waited for the raiding party. The police also had taken away with them the other two sacrificial cattle. At the police station the mullas tried their best to pressurize the police. After a two-hour discussion with opponents, the police let Mr. Ahmad go, on the assurance of a local person; however they kept in their custody the sacrificial cattle of Mr. Ahmad, and released them after three days.

On September 5, 2018 the police registered a case under PPC 298-C against Mr. Ahmad for undertaking *Qurbani*.

It should be pointed out that the law does not forbid Ahmadis to undertake *Qurbani*.

Another police case against an Ahmadi for undertaking *Qurbani*
Sadhokey, District Gujranwala; August/ September 2018: Mr. Shahid Hussain undertook *Qurbani* on Eid ul Azha on August 22, 2018. His neighbor reported to the police that Mr. Hussain had undertaken Islamic rituals. For this the police registered a case against the Ahmadi under PPC 298-C.

Mr. Hussain's pre-arrest bail had been obtained; however on September 11, 2018 the additional sessions judge cancelled his bail. Later, his denial of bail was appealed in the Lahore High Court, and the High Court accepted it on October 11, 2018.

Under PPC 298-C Mr. Hussain could be imprisoned for three years.

An Ahmadi elder arrested

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

An ordeal comes to end

Lahore; February 26, 2018: A Lahore High Court Bench of Justice Sadaqat Ali Khan and Shahram Sarwar acquitted two Ahmadis, Mr. Sabah uz Zafar and Mr. Idrees Ahmad of the charges for which they were undergoing 3-year prison sentence awarded by an Anti-terrorism Court. They were released from jail on March 5, 2018.

More than a year ago, an armed police contingent of the Counter-terrorism Department carried out an unprecedented raid on Ahmadiyya central offices and Zia ul Islam Press on December 5, 2016 and arrested four Ahmadi community officials in a spurious and entirely unwarranted case. Of these four, Mr. Zafar and Ahmad were not granted bails. An ATC judge later awarded three years' imprisonment to each of them.

In fact both the accused had committed no act of terrorism whatsoever. Mr. Zafar worked for the monthly Tehrik Jadid in which no material even remotely promoting terrorism

was published, while Mr. Ahmad supervised the press that printed Ahmadiyya publications. Ahmadiyya historical stance against terrorism and violence on the basis of religion is known all over the world. This raid was baseless, futile and cruel.

For fifteen months these two peaceful men suffered incarceration, harassment, mental torture, denial of family life, financial hardship etc for no valid reason, while the authorities indulged in wasteful effort, and the mulla rejoiced.

Bail granted – eventually

Lahore; March 29, 2018: Mr. Amjad Iqbal Salooni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi, Ahmadis' accused in a religion-based case were released on bail after more than a year in prison. They still have to face the trial. The long delay in granting bail in this case of highly doubtful validity deserves a mention on record.

On March 13, 2017 these two gentlemen of Lahore allegedly violated anti-Ahmadiyya law by defending the Ahmadiyya position to some non-Ahmadis. A mulla Hasan Muaviya, a younger brother of Maulana Tahir Ashrafi, the well-known cleric close to the official circles in Islamabad, is a full time anti-Ahmadi activist; he made sure that the police registered a case against these two Ahmadis, although the former were reluctant to do that. In fact, Muaviya obtained the help of a court to get the FIR registered.

The police registered the case not only under a clause of the anti-Ahmadiyya law, PPC 298-C, but also under a blasphemy law PPC 295-A that could be tried in an anti-terrorism court, and is punishable with 10-year imprisonment.

The accused were arrested, and the case ended up in an anti-terrorism court. The ATA judge gave the opinion that anti-terrorism clauses were not applicable in the case and it should be taken to a normal court.

In the meantime, the accused applied to the Lahore High Court for release on bail. On July 11, LHC sent the case back to a magistrate for routine handling. The magistrate sent the case to the civil judge. After a few court appearances the civil judge sent the case to the Additional Sessions Judge. The ASJ Mr. Khizr Hayat Minhas heard the case on 19 August 2017, and refused the plea for bail in the first hearing.

The accused applied to the High Court for release on bail; it had to wait in a long line of cases, for its hearing.

On March 26, 2018, Mr. Justice Anwar ul Haq of LHC ordered the accused's release on bail. So, it was after more than a year that these two gentlemen joined their family, having committed the 'crime' of telling some people that Ahmadis are not 'the worst enemies of Islam and Pakistan' as alleged frequently in the vernacular media. The guilt of this tyranny can be shared by the Punjab government, the mulla and the lower judiciary.

Other Ahmadis in prison for years

Apart from Ahmadis who were arrested this year mentioned in above stories, four Ahmadis are languishing in prison on unjust grounds. A brief description of their situation is given below:

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 on May 16, 2014 Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision has been made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them in over a year.

2. Officials of Punjab's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) accompanied by a contingent of the Elite Force raided Shakoor Bhai's book shop, arrested him and Mr. Mazhar Abbas the shop assistant, a Shia, on December 2, 2015. A speedy trial in an Anti-terrorism Court dispensed 5 years' imprisonment to each of the two accused, while octogenarian Mr. Shakoor was sentenced in addition to three years' imprisonment under the anti-Ahmadiyya law. He appealed against the verdict and has sought release on bail from the Lahore High Court which has not spared time for nearly three years to hear his plea.

Hate speech by leader of a political party

Allama Khadim Hussain Razvi, chief of Tehrik Labbaik (TLP) openly indulged in hate speech against Ahmadis. The mulla told the police as well to provide no protection to Ahmadis. Extracts (English translation of his Punjabi):

"... I want to advise police officials that job is not everything, faith also does matter...Tell (your superiors) clearly that we can't protect them (Ahmadis)... Had you said this, Mirzais would have been dead the day they were born... Offer no protection to the rebels of the Prophet (PBUH)... Leave the job and be assured that the Master will take care of your livelihood... I also quit the job of Imam of the Pir Makki because they stopped me from making speech on the honour of prophethood, but I left the job and God gave me money in one year that was equivalent to my income from twenty years' service ... This is our country... There is no pardon for the rebels of the Prophet here. Those who love Mirzais, they should take them to their homes and mansions... High police officials should be Muslims, as also the lower ones... also the army personnel, the DCs, judges, advocates, all should be Muslims; non-Muslims may stay here, we have no problem with their stay, but the honor and prestige should be due only to Muslims... Muslims should be above and all others below (them) ... Yes non-Muslims can be a subject, not in authority over us. Non-Muslims may stay here, surely but as sweepers ... No objection to that, but there is no leniency for one who would talk against our Master (pbuh)." *(On Youtube)*

As per law PPC 153-A, this speech would earn this mulla 5-years' prison sentence. But the authorities postponed any action till the TLP became rabid and mounted a devastating attack on the judiciary and the army a few weeks later.

4. Place of worships under Attack; Worship Denied

The state and the society did not relent this year as well in targeting Ahmadiyya places of worship. In fact they indulged in a hype in this atrocity. This is very hurtful to the religious sentiments of the community. The authorities refuse permission to Ahmadis to build . They are quick to yield to mullas to destroy their minarets and niches. The authorities look for an excuse to hand over Ahmadi Place of worships to their opponents, or to seal them. The bigots use force to occupy them or put them to torch. The police conveniently and most wrongfully order Ahmadis to stop worship in their prayer centers. Samples of such enormities are mentioned below.

Gross desecration and severe damage to Ahmadiyya Place of Worship in Sialkot

Sialkot; May 2018: A mob severely damaged a place of worship and destroyed historic Ahmadiyya property here. The mob was led by political mullas; the administration and the police provided support – direct and indirect. This story is available in Chapter 1B.

Mob attack on Ahmadis and Ahmadiyya Place of worship in District Faisalabad

Ghaseetpura, District Faisalabad, Punjab; August 23, 2018: Ahmadiyya head office issued the following press release on August 24:

Press Release

An Ahmadi Place of Worship in Ghaseetpura Faisalabad attacked by a mob on the basis of a minor personal dispute

After physically attacking the place of worship and the assailants set it on fire. 5 Ahmadis injured during gun fire.

This attack is highly condemnable and the authorities need to take swift action against the perpetrators.

Chenab Nagar (PR) On 23 August 2018, an Ahmadi place of worship in Ghaseetpura, Faisalabad was attacked on the basis of a minor personal dispute between two parties, by a mob of 300-400 people. A number of the attackers were armed. The assault began at the time of the *Maghreb* prayer when armed men began firing at the place of worship. Five people were injured by gun shots.

According to details, extremist elements in the town took advantage of a minor personal dispute to whip up enmity against the local Ahmadi population and gathered together a mob which went on to attack the place of worship by pelting stones and firing at it. The Ahmadis inside the building managed to get out and escape with their lives. The mob then vandalized the main prayer hall before setting fire to the things that were in the place of worship. An Ahmadi home situated next to the place of worship also suffered some damage.

The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan condemned this attack in the strongest possible terms. He said that attacks against Ahmadi places of worship were now becoming

far too regular an occurrence. In May of this year an Ahmadi Place of Worship in Sialkot was attacked and yet nothing has been done to bring the perpetrators of the assault to justice. Rarely is action taken against those who commit crimes against Ahmadis and this has resulted in a climate of impunity. The spokesperson also said that after the attack in Ghaseetpura the assailants took to social media to make false and hateful accusations against the local Ahmadis that means that the situation continues to be volatile and further attacks against the community are possible. He called on the authorities to take full and requisite measures to bring things under control and take swift action against the perpetrators of the attack. End

Additional information and subsequent developments in this case are summarized below:

- In the circumstances leading to this event, social media displayed videos showing clerics of Tehrik Labbaik (TLP) agitating the people against Ahmadis. The agitating mullas were not held accountable by the authorities.
- Mulla Ilyas Chinioti (a PML-N MPA) visited Ghaseetpura to assure support to the perpetrators of the attack on the Ahmadiyya Place of Worship. Thereafter he called on the DIG Police of Faisalabad and informed him of the excesses against Muslims in the police case (sic). This mulla unabashedly supported rioters who attacked others' places of worship.
- When Ms. Sheerin Mazari the Federal Minister of Human Rights and the Federal Minister of Information were informed of the happenings at Ghaseetpura, they took notice and sought reports. However Minister Fawad Chaudhry described the incident as mere personal dispute between two groups, as a case of law and order, and with no religious dimension. Many in the print and social media asked him that if that was so, what is the explanation for a mob to assemble and attack a and indulge in arson.
- The daily Dawn of August 27 published a wholesome report on how fake social media posts spurred violence in Ghaseetpura. Some of these claimed that seven Muslims had been killed by Ahmadis' firing. In fact not a single person from both sides died of firing or physical attack.
- A few from the vernacular press played up false propaganda as before. For example they printed: 1) Ahmadis themselves set their worship place on fire to pose as victims. 2) AIG Abu-Bakar Khuda Bux's appointment as the Enquiry Officer has upset the Muslims greatly. 3) No Qadiani property has suffered any damage. 4) Qadianis reacted because they had been denied permission to build a new Place of worship. Etc.

The leading Urdu language daily 'Jang' published the news of this very painful event in a one-column bit on page 15.

- Ahmadis mentioned hereafter were injured as a result of rioters' action: 1) Mr. Mubeen Ahmad was wounded by an axe. 2) Mr Tahir Alam was shot and hit in the leg. 3) Mr Shaukat Qamar was hit in the right arm. 4-6) Mr Sarfraz, Mr. Muhammad Waqas, and Mr Qaisar Daud also received fire arms wounds. Of these six injured, four Ahmadis were put under arrest while admitted in hospital.

- The police registered a criminal case against the Ahmadi defenders as well as the attacking mob. Thirteen Ahmadis, namely Messers Rashid Ahmad, Shakeel Ahmad, Shaheen, Mubeen Ahmad, Talha, Bilal s/o Jamil, Bilal s/o Ejaz, Zain, Sarfraz Ahmad, Tahir Ahmad, Aamar, Waqas and Shaukat Qamar were named in FIR Nr. 278/18 dated 24 August 2018 under PPC 295-A, 7 ATA, 324, 436, 427, 148, 149 at P.S. Balochni, District Faisalabad. Six of these accused were arrested, four were hospitalized with injuries inflicted by attackers.
- The authorities arranged a recconciliation between the two parties. According to the truce, both sides would promote peace and desist from provocative action. Ahmadis themselves had to bear the cost of repairs to the damage done to their Place of worship by the rioters.

Another Ahmadiyya Place of worship sealed by authorities

Deryan Wala, Narowal; May 28, 2018: The authorities sealed an Ahmadiyya Place of Worship on May 28, 2018 on demand of some mischief mongers, without talking to Ahmadis. This has a background.

Mr Nizam ud Din was one of the first among residents of Deryan Wala to join Ahmadiyyat. He had built a Place of worship on his land and bore all the expenses. He was the guardian and caretaker of the Place of worship. After his death, an Ahmadi lady Ms. Ghulab Bibi donated her 4-acre land to this Place of worship for its expenses. This continues to-date.

All the children of Mr Nizam ud Din are Ahmadi except one son. This defector made some attempts in the past to take over the Place of worship and its annexed land but did not succeed.

The other day, two neighbouring families of the Place of worship requested the Ahmadi caretaker of the Place of worship for its keys to offer their prayers. He gave them keys in courtesy.

Next morning, when Ahmadis came to the place of worship for prayer they saw some non-Ahmadis assembled there for congregational prayers. This was over-stepping the courtesy. Ahmadis carefully handled the situation, and non-Ahmadis left the place of worship after their prayer. However, a little later a heavy police contingent arrived at the Place of worship and sealed it without asking any questions. The two parties were told to report to the district police office. Obviously the entire event was a product of conspiracy in league with the police.

The opponents enjoy full support of mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi of Faizabad sit-in notoriety.

The grabbers are apparently more interested in the 4-acre agricultural annexed land than the small Place of worship itself.

Another Ahmadiyya Place of worship locked by police unlawfully

Goth Qamaruddin, District Noshehro Firoz (Sindh); September/October 2018: The local mulla Saeed Chandio targeted the village Ahmadiyya Place of worship and succeeded in getting it locked unlawfully by the police.

Mulla Chandio had been agitating the local population against Ahmadis for weeks in his Friday sermons. The situation was getting sensitive so Ahmadis met a senior police officer at the district level and made a written complaint. The officer directed the DSP who in turn told the SHO to investigate and report.

The mulla came to know of this and he agitated the issue still further on Facebook. He met mullas of other denominations and sought help. He also approached the Bar Association and obtained assurance of support from lawyers.

The mulla's activism scared the local police into compliance. The SHO was seen accompanied by the mulla's father when the former visited the Place of worship and its approaches.

The SHO was informed by Ahmadis that the Place of worship is an old construction and was built before the anti-Ahmadi ordinance was promulgated. In any case, the place of worship had been wrongfully locked from outside, but an internal entry was available to enter the Place of worship for worship.

The police were informed that Mulla Chandio is in fact interested in the Place of worship's plot as property. He is a distant relative of an Ahmadi elder and is keen on taking over this plot, although neither per law nor per Sharia is he entitled to it.

The police were, however, unduly concerned with unrest over the issue. They locked the interior entry to the place of worship as well. On what authority and on whose orders, Ahmadis do not know.

It is relevant to mention that the Constitution and the law do not forbid Ahmadis to have minarets on their places of worship.

It appears that the authorities govern this ungovernable state on the writ of the mulla, and not of the Constitution and law.

Police closes down Ahmadiyya prayer center, in contravention of constitutional rights

Ichra Colony, Lahore; September 10, 2018: Pakistan Constitution provides for freedom of religious practice in its Article 20. However for some time opponents have been agitating against the Ahmadiyya prayer center in Ichra Colony, Lahore. They prevented Ahmadis from undertaking *Qurbani* on Eid festival. After this, they were looking for mischief to spread more unrest in the area. So the mullas started getting signatures from the locals to close down the Ahmadiyya prayer center.

The police were informed by Ahmadis of the situation. The SHO sent for both the parties. Three Ahmadis went to the police station while 15 opponents turned up for the occasion. Opponents put great pressure to have the Ahmadiyya prayer center closed down, and falsely accused the Ahmadis of using it for preaching. They also objected to Ahmadis writing the word 'Muhammad' with their names. They demanded that Ahmadis be charged for this 'defiling'.

The police imposed an agreement on Ahmadis that they will wind up their prayer center. The police had no answer to providing them an alternative place for worship.

Obstacles in worship and freedom of faith

Sillanwali, District Sargodha: A year ago Ahmadis built a residence for their missionary in this small town. They use the place as a prayer centre as well.

Later, some people wrote an application to the DPO that Ahmadis were congregating there in secret to worship. This was a cause of concern to them and could lead to a religious dispute, they said. The DPO sent the application to the SHO for further action.

The SHO sent for Ahmadis and demanded that they give in writing that they would not assemble there for prayers. Ahmadis told him that the place was not a Place of worship but only a house where they get together for worship.

The SHO told Ahmadis that if they wanted to assemble anywhere for prayers they should first seek DC's permission and get the place registered.

Special verbal rules for Ahmadis – to deny them freedom to practice their religion.

Ahmadiyya prayer centre under scrutiny

Peelovains, District Khushab; February 2018: Ahmadis inaugurated their newly-built prayer centre and started worship in it. This was intolerable for local mullas. They complained to the police that Ahmadis had built a . The police arrived to investigate and asked for a No Objection Certificate for the . They were told that this was not a Place of worship, only a room where Ahmadis assemble for prayers. Moreover the government does not issue such NOCs to Ahmadis, nor was it needed under such circumstances. The police went back and reported the matter to the Deputy Commissioner.

An Ahmadiyya Place of worship escapes desecration

Ghoghiat, District Sargodha; March 10, 2018: Mullas have been busy in mechanizations against Ahmadis in Ghoghiat, Sargodha in the recent past. A conspiracy came to light. Mullas had made a plan to demolish the niche and minarets of the Ahmadiyya Place of worship built in 1905. Ahmadis informed the DPO in writing, as this posed a serious threat to the sanctity and security of their Place of worship.

On March 3, 2018 Qari Khalil-ur-Rehman and Muhammad Saqib Jalali (*Markazi Ameer Tahafuze Islam*) uploaded provocative ads with anti-Ahmadiyya sentiments on the Facebook. This caused the local administration concern over sectarian peace. The police took steps to ensure security to the worship place.

On March 4, the SHO sent for both the parties. The SHO told the mullas that he could not let them demolish the niche and minarets. If they wanted to demolish them, they should apply to a court and get a decision. In that case the police will help them in demolishing the niche and minarets of the Ahmadiyya .

Ahmadis have been living in this village for over a century, and in the past there were no communal problems. The new environment is a consequence of faulty state policies in the field of religion.

Freedom of worship denied

District Khushab; April 22, 2018: Problems of worship were faced by Ahmadis in District Khushab where the police visited Ahmadiyya prayer centres. Previously they sealed the prayer centre in Peelovains. The police gave the reason that Ahmadis cannot pray at any place unless an NOC is obtained. The same excuse was reported from Quaidabad. Ahmadis

pray in a house in Joharabad. The police arrived there too and told Ahmadis to close it down and get an NOC for praying there. The police also arrived at the main Ahmadiyya Place of worship in Khushab city and directed that it be closed down. They said that Ahmadis needed an NOC to pray somewhere. In reality no such NOC is issued to Ahmadis, nor were such NOCs demanded in the past.

It was learnt that the DC Khushab was behind all this activism and agitation against Ahmadis.

Attempt against another Ahmadiyya Place of worship

Uwrah, District Sialkot; June 2018: Subsequent to a successful attack on an Ahmadiyya place of worship in Sialkot, some mullas of village Uwrah got encouraged and started planning demolition of the local Ahmadiyya . This Place of worship was built almost 70 years ago.

It should be mentioned that Pakistan law does not forbid Ahmadis construction of minarets, or niche in their.

Ahmadis, having come to know of the evil intentions of the bigots informed the district authorities and the local police. As a result the inspector of the police post sent for the reps of the two communities. Four Ahmadis went for the meeting, while the mullas came along with approximately 70 men who acted rowdy. The inspector had a word with four men of each party. The mullas took the line that they were angry as Ahmadis had named some of them in their complaint. Ahmadis said that they had named none. The inspector told Ahmadi delegation to give in writing that they named nobody. Ahmadis did that.

A few days later the area revenue clerk (Patwari) visited the village, as rep of the Assistant Commissioner, and sent for a non-Ahmadi applicant and accompanied by a few Ahmadis, visited the place of worship. He remarked that the place of worship was old and no repair work was going on (as alleged). In reply to his question, Ahmadis told him that the place of worship was built prior to the Partition. The clerk took a photo of the participants of the talk, obtained their signatures and departed.

Some days later, the SHO sent for the two parties. He heard both the sides and remarked that neither the police, nor Ahmadis, nor the opponents will demolish the minarets. "I shall personally visit the site," he said.

On May 22, a number of miscreants assembled in the vicinity of the Place of worship. The police were informed and the SHO came over. He took one man each of the two parties and went inside. He remarked that it was an old place of worship and he would inform the Deputy Commissioner accordingly.

Note: After the attack on Ahmadi properties in Sialkot and at the onset of elections campaign, anti-Ahmadi campaign picked up and Ahmadis were confronted with higher level of threats, harassment and agitation.

Take-over attempt against another Ahmadiyya

Qiyam Pur Saddey, District Narowal: A non-Ahmadi sent applications to the DC and DPO Narowal to order handing over the local Ahmadiyya Place of Worship to Muslims.

According to him the place of worship was built prior to the Partition. It was jointly used by the two communities. Later, with the passage of time, Qadianis took its possession. These people threaten us Muslims. They are supported and funded by foreign elements. The Place of worship should be recovered from Qadianis. Muslims' rights should be protected and a criminal case be registered against Ahmadis. Otherwise there shall be a law and order situation that may end up in bloodshed, they threatened.

The police and administration took up this case, heard both the sides and the issue seemed settled.

However, later with the election campaign in full swing, and a change in senior police and administration officials, the miscreants raised this issue once again, took out a procession and threatened takeover of the Ahmadiyya Place of worship.

Ahmadiyya prayer centre under threat of closing down – in the name of security

Wapda Town, Lahore; June 3, 2018: For some time the personnel of Special Branch had been visiting the Ahmadiyya Centre in Wapda Town, Lahore. On May 16, the police SHO sent for Mr. Nadeem Virk a member of the Ahmadi security committee. The SHO was newly posted. So two members of the Ahmadi security committee went to the police station and met the new SHO. The SHO told them that he had received a negative report regarding Ahmadis. According to the report Ahmadis do not have legal documents of this property, and the area is heavily populated with *Ahle Sunnat* and *Ahle Hadees* sects, so there was a risk that someone could agitate the people against Ahmadis. “So, for the sake of peace and to prevent any attack you should close your community centre; otherwise I would lock it myself”, the SHO said. At this the committee members told the SHO, “Our centre is in the police record. The previous SHO used to visit our centre; he also appointed personnel for its security. We have good relations with neighbors, and pose no threat to security or public peace.” The SHO appeared not to agree, and decided to postpone his action till a personal visit to the centre.

Later the SHO visited the centre. Members of the Ahmadiyya security team answered his questions and explained their position. He seemed to be satisfied.

Ahmadis face great hardships to practice their faith on Eid ul Azha

Various locations in the Punjab; August 2018: Mullas now create problems for Ahmadis at the festival of Eid ul Azha in their ritual of sacrificial cattle (*Qurbani*). They tell Ahmadis to refrain from this practice, and, in league with police, attempt to get criminal cases registered against Ahmadis under anti-Ahmadi laws. These incidents are on the rise with every passing year.

This year, mullas hung banners in different locations with inscription that Ahmadis are not allowed to indulge in cattle sacrifice under PPC 298-C; if they do they should be reported to the police. In fact, PPC 298-C makes no mention of sacrificial cattle (*Qurbani*) whatsoever.

A few days before the Eid, following was posted in social media: “All Muslims are hereby informed that in response to an application by Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Forum I.G. Punjab has issued orders to all DPOs to take legal action against Qadianis indulging in

Qurbani. It is thus your Islamic and national duty to inform the police as Qurbani and Eid Prayers are Islamic rituals (*shaair*), and Qadianis are forbidden to practice these. Safeguard your Islamic *shaair* by reporting violations to the police.” A fake notification was also posted to support the announcement.

On inquiry it came to light that the I.G.P. had not issued any such orders and the notification was fabricated. The police discovered that two clerks of the I.G. Office had produced this fake notification, added fake letter number and signatures and handed over the forged document to mulla Hasan Muaviya, a committed activist against Ahmadis. He is brother of the known mulla Tahir Ashrafi who is close to official circles in the national capital. Reportedly, a criminal case has been registered against Hasan Muaviya and the two clerks.

In view of the announcement on the social media and mullas’ activism, Ahmadis were very cautious and discreet in exercising their right to practice their religious rites at this occasion. Despite all this care a number of Ahmadis were harassed by the local mullas and the police.

Four such cases of police intervention were reported from Lahore, two from Sheikhpura, one each from Districts Gujrat, Gujranwala, Okara and Narowal. At these locations Ahmadis faced one or more of the following hardships:

- Police cases were registered against Ahmadis in Sadhokay District Gujranwala and in District Narowal.
- Ahmadis were made to report to police stations, a few were detained for a while.
- Ahmadis’ cattle were taken to the police station, kept there but released later on.
- Ahmadis were made to sign undertaking that henceforth they will not undertake Qurbani.
- A policeman took down the name plate of Mr Muhammad Hafiz, an Ahmadi and took it away, for ‘Muhammad’ was written on it.
- Mullas of TLP took out a procession in Guldasht Town against the Cartoon Competition in Holland, but they availed the occasion to promote agitation against Ahmadis on Qurbani issue.
- It should be mentioned that at places, the police acted fairly and dismissed the objectors or dispersed the unruly elements agitating against Ahmadis’ Qurbani, for instance in Samnabad.

It is disturbing to notice that the attitude and policy of the PML-N government, especially in the Punjab, during the past five years encouraged the mullas to become more demanding and they expanded their regime of bigotry, which encouraged sectarianism and extremism that has led to acts of terrorism inside the country and abroad.

Ahmadis denied freedom of faith

Baidadpur Virkan, Sheikhpura; July/August, 2018: Ahmadi youths sat in their Place of worship with the missionary when a non-Ahmadi fellow came there and asked them to accompany him to meet someone. There approximately 25 men and a visiting mulla were present. They told the Ahmadiyya missionary that from now onward Ahmadis should stop saying *Azan* (call for prayers), their Place of worship should not have minarets; their

graveyard should be separate and they would not undertake *Qurbani* (sacrificing cattle on Eid). The Ahmadiyya missionary replied that he would call the local Ahmadiyya president and they could talk to him. They said no to that and told him to simply convey the message.

On July 31 a Khatme Nabuwwat conference was held at the same location. They decided to lay siege to the Ahmadiyya Place of worship the next Friday. Ahmadis informed the police of the plan. The police then heard both parties. The opponents presented three demands: 1) Erase the *Kalima* (Islamic creed), 2) Separate the graveyard, 3) Agree not to undertake *Qurbani*. On August 1 the DSP sent for both the parties to discuss these demands. He gave time to both the parties to solve the issues by mutual consultation; otherwise he would himself give the verdict.

Both parties met to solve the issue. Non-Ahmadis agreed to withdraw their demands. They had some questions over the writings of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community; Ahmadis gave answers which were to the satisfaction of the other party. This apparently solved the communal problem.

After some days mullas intervened and reignited their mischief, and threatened agitation. So, the DSP once again sent for both the parties on August 13; the opponents arrived with approximately 40 mullas. Ahmadis were put under great pressure with the help of police, and the following agreement was imposed upon them:

- Ahmadis will perform their worship inside their worship place and will never use loudspeakers.
- Ahmadis will not preach their belief to the villagers.
- Ahmadis will not undertake *Qurbani* and other rites in the days of Eid ul Azha.
- Ahmadis will arrange for a separate graveyard for them and will not bury any of their dead in others' graveyard. Within seven days they will inform the local police and administration about the land of new graveyard.
- If any of the party is in breach of the pact it will pay Rs. 10,00,000 as penalty to the other party and will also face the legal consequences.

Obstacles in worship

Qambar Ali Khan, District Larkana; September 2018: It was learnt by the local Ahmadi community that some people took photographs of Ahmadi worshippers who had congregated in their Place of worship for the Friday congregational prayers. Photographs were taken from a neighbor's house. On inquiry, the neighbor stated that a few Deobandi mullas had done the photography in his absence.

These mullas approached the police with these photos. The police found this 'complaint' a welcome source of unworthy interest. Ahmadis felt harassed wrongfully.

Ahmadis had to approach people whom the police pay attention.

Mullas demand change in the design of Ahmadiyya worship places

Sargodha; September 28, 2018: Excerpt of a news report from daily Jang of September 28, 2018 is reproduced to place on record still another vulgar demand of mullas of the Khatme Nabuwwat faction, aimed at restricting Ahmadis' freedom of religion:

“Designs of Qadianis’ worship places should be changed: *Khatme Nabuwwat Conference*
A mischief is underway to amend the Blasphemy law. There shall be terrible consequences.

Sargodha (correspondent)... “So long as Qadianis are not removed from key posts, terrorism will continue in the country, as officials at key posts are using Ahmadiyya funds in anti-Pakistan conspiracies.” This was stated by (long list of ulama)... At this occasion a number of resolutions were moved that Qadianis should be removed from key posts and the design of their worship places should be changed.”

Another Ahmadiyya Place of Worship at risk

Johar Town, Lahore; October 2018: Opponents of the Ahmadiyya community are always on the lookout for an excuse to hurt them. are their favourite targets. Mullas are active to close down Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Johar Town, Lahore. Ahmadis have been praying there for years but now some locals led by mullas have started making complaints against this prayer centre. Approximately two dozen locals signed an application against Ahmadis accusing them of doing unlawful activities in their prayer centre built illegally. They sent their application to the Lahore High Court and the Deputy Commissioner. The application to Lahore High Court was sent by Ihsanul Haq who is an activist of Jamaat-ud-Dawa, an organization banned for its terrorist activities. LHC sent the application to the DC for follow up.

The issue ended up with police. The SHO of the local police station came to the site one evening and acted hostile. He accused the Ahmadis of creating problems through worship and assembly for prayers.

Thereafter a mob of approximately 100 men came to the site and agitated against Ahmadis’ worship centre.

If the state provides no protection to Ahmadis’ Place of Worship they will lose still another Place of worship to the activism of bigots and extremists.

Bringing religion into politics (*op-ed*)

...The PML-N decided to appease the preachers of hate by making Zahid Hamid a fall guy. **As if this was not enough Captain ® Safdar launched a virulent tirade against the already persecuted Ahmadi community in the National Assembly.** Party leaders vied with one another in declaring Ahmadis non-Muslim. The PML-N government in Punjab and at the center allowed the Tahrik-e-Labbaik (TLBR) speakers at Faizabad sit-in to continue their vitriolic harangues against the community day after day.

The PTI has also decided to make use of religion to advance its politics. The result is that as we approach the elections, the two parties have introduced a non-issue into the political discourse. Instead of seeking votes on the basis of their social and economic programme and performance, each one is trying to underline its religious credentials.

Recounting PTI’s services at the Difa-i-Pakistan rally in Peshawar on Sunday, KP CM Pervez Khattak said he had made a chapter relating to the finality of prophethood compulsory in text books. Also recitation and translation of the Holy Quran till grade 12. Both measures he said were aimed at producing good Muslims. What is more his government had provided solar system to Place of worships and fixed honorarium for prominent prayer leaders. He criticized liberal forces for interfering in religious matters. PTI’s ally Samiul Haq maintained that Jihad was compulsory for every Muslim in the prevailing situation, adding that the DPC was formed to counter Christian and Jewish lobbies.

The PML-N and PTI candidates fighting for a Chakwal provincial seat PP-20 have reduced the campaign to who is more opposed to the Ahmadis. The highest bidder so far is PML-N's candidate who called for expelling the Ahmadis from Pakistan. The PTI candidate on the other hand asked the voters to decide whether they stand with those who changed the Khatm-i-Nabuwwat law or with the lovers of the Prophet (PBUH).

The Punjab government meanwhile convened a gathering of spiritual leaders where both Shahbaz Sharif and Rana Sanallah reiterated their belief in the finality of Prophethood. And still we wonder why the US has placed Pakistan on watch list for violations of religious freedom."

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/01/09/the-degeneration-of-political-discourse/>

5. Problems in Education and Jobs

Work, business and jobs mean interaction with other people as colleagues, customers, competitors. In Pakistani third world economy where resources, jobs, production of wealth are limited, people tend to thrive or make a living by overstepping others – by hook or by crook. Ahmadis are easy targets for their faith-based identity. Whenever convenient, a competitor raises the religion issue against an Ahmadi colleague, superior, subordinate or competitor and makes an easy ‘kill’. Life at work can be precarious, for most Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Education is another sector that has been specifically targeted by anti-Ahmadi bigots. Ahmadis have been denied higher education on petty excuses. School children and teachers are harassed out of their schools. Some sample incidents are reported below. Not all incidents get reported to the Ahmadiyya head quarters for various reasons.

Hate material in text book

Peshawar: In 2016 Mr. Asad Qaisar (then Speaker of the KPK provincial assembly) of PTI made a special effort to have the precept of ‘end of prophethood’ (KN) included as part of school syllabus in Islamiyat. He knew very well that mullas use the KN as a theme and an excuse to bad-mouth Ahmadis. However Mr. Qaisar, now Speaker of the National Assembly, called an official meeting in October 2016 of ulama and officials of the Education Department, and directed them to proceed with the task of inclusion of KN in school syllabus and also produce text for inclusion in the prescribed text books.

This was done. As apprehended by Ahmadis, the text includes hate material and derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Also, only one-sided aspect of this dogma is shown, other arguments put forward by past ulama of great standing that support the Ahmadiyya view have been deliberately denied to the students.

The sub-chapter Khatme Nabuwwat is placed at pages 43-46 of a book titled “Islamiyat for classes IX and X”, issued by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Textbook Board Peshawar. This book is published for academic year 2018-19 and is approved by the federal Ministry of Education (Department of Syllabi) Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

On page 45, it is mentioned in this context that Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian “made a fake claim in 1901 to be exactly the same person (*aine*) Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah,” and has termed his claim to be a great mischief (*fitna*). Also, it is asserted that, “Anyone who, after the Holy Prophet (pbuh) claims to be a prophet, is a liar, a great liar (*kazzab*), an apostate and outside the pale of Islam, according to the Quran, Hadith and the Consensus of the Ummah.” Here the sources have been falsely quoted, as according to the Holy Prophet the future messiah, Isa, to appear in latter days, will be a Prophet of Allah (*Sahih Muslim*).

The text also mentions violent moves against historical figures like Aswad Ansi and Musailma who claimed to be prophets; however it fails to mention that these individuals had rebelled against the nascent Islamic state, raised armies and undertaken slaughter of Muslims

(See Annex VIII). So the reason of fighting them was not religious, it was the political revolt involving bloodshed.

At the end, on page 46, the article quotes Imam Abu Hanifa as, "One who asks a proof from a fake claimant to Prophecy, will himself be expelled from the Islamic community (*Dairah Islam*)."

We are not sure if the Imam is correctly quoted because he left behind no self-written text, however it is bizarre that KPK children are being taught to be deaf to arguments and proofs of competing theories.

Ahmadi student faces hatred and life threat

Lala Musa, District Gujrat; August 6, 2018: Mr Hamza Farooq is an Ahmadi from Lala Musa. He is a student of BSIT in Superior University, Kharyan. His university fellow Ali turned hostile for his faith. He propagated hatred against Hamza for being an Ahmadi; whosoever sat with him would be outcast from Islam. Many students opposed Hamza.

Ali issued life threat to Hamza and said that he would kill him by the end of the semester. He sought assistance from mullas for this purpose. He told people that killing Ahmadi was a rewarding act. He sent Hamza's photo to different people.

Hamza and his father were advised to meet the university administration and ask for action; if necessary also report the situation to the police.

Denial of right to higher education on fabricated grounds

Faisalabad; September 26, 2018: Ms Atika Shahid, an Ahmadi young lady, an M.Phil. student at National Institute of Bio-technology and Genetic Engineering was expelled by the administration from the course on September 26, 2018 without formally giving a reason. The Institute is linked with Pakistan Atomic Energy Council.

On Ms Shahid's insistence, she was told verbally by the staff that she had not been cleared by the security agencies, and they had not intimated the reason to the Institute. It was however mentioned that she had visited her relatives in Qadian (India) in 2014. She had gone there, in fact, to attend the traditional annual gathering of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

The above is a poor excuse to deny higher education to an Ahmadi. A human right has been denied to a bright student for her faith. Ms Shahid has done her M.Sc in Bio-technology and was awarded Gold Medal.

Pakistani bigots seem to know how to deprive the country of its brilliant and gifted scholars.

Harassment of an Ahmadi university lecturer

Mustafabad; Faisalabad, January 18, 2018: Mr Adnan Adeel is a lecturer in University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. On January 11 the university administration called him and conveyed, "We have come to know that you are a preacher of Ahmadiyyat. Previously fifty per cent people knew your religious identity, but now almost hundred per cent know it. We have orders from the management to restrict your activities. You should immediately change your mobile ringtone with something else. Delete everything related to Ahmadiyyat from your WhatsApp and Facebook accounts and stay clear of this kind of activities in future." Mr Adeel promised to exercise caution in future.

Earlier Mr Adeel was once questioned by the admin office on matter related to his belief, on a fake excuse.

Mr Adeel has to exercise caution over something which never bothers other lecturers. Being an Ahmadi is being vulnerable.

Disturbing problems for an Ahmadi lady teacher

Kot Momin, Distt. Sargodha; March 2018: Ms. Ufaq Feroz is serving as headmistress in Government Girls High School Jan Muhammad Wala, Tehsil Kot Momin, Distt. Sargodha. She is facing faith-based hostility in this village. Mulla Mukhtar Qadri of Rattapur Rehan, the neighboring village is very active against her. He persistently incites the locals against her. He has put up hostile banners and posters against Ahmadiyya community in the village. This has affected the staff as well. Ms. Feroz is very upset over this. Her deep concern and worry is shared by her family. It is a difficult situation for her.



“One, who is friendly to Ahmadis, is a traitor, a traitor.” A banner in Kot Momin

Anti-Ahmadiyya activism in schools

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

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

Similarly a Khatme Nabuwwat walk was organized in The Arqam School on November 28. Students participated in it. Different charts and digital flexes were displayed regarding Khatme Nabuwwat.

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

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

Ahmadi loses job for his faith

Mardan; October/November 2018: Mr. Nasim Ahmad was working as Secretary in the Industries Association Small Industrial Estate, Mardan for the past 15 months. He was good at his job, but he lost the job for being an Ahmadi.

There are two groups in this company; one is that of its president and his team while the second is that of the opposition. The opposition accused the president of having a 'Qadiani' as the secretary. It went on for a few months, however the president assured Mr. Ahmad of his support.

On October 28, a member of the opposition group telephoned Mr. Ahmad and told him, "You are an Ahmadi, and you preach the same in the Estate." The next day Mr. Ahmad spoke to the president in his office and informed him of the incident. The president intimated him that for the last one week the management was under great pressure as the opposition has acquired the support of mullas and Khatme Nabuwwat activists.

In reply to Mr. Ahmad's question regarding the follow-up, the president said, "In view of your good work, we do not ask you to leave, but we would not like you to come to harm." This obviously meant that he would like Mr. Ahmad to resign. And Mr. Ahmad handed over the office keys and the company's mobile phone.

Later, the president released a message to his WhatsApp group that Mr. Nasim Ahmad had left for personal reasons. In response, the opposition held a protest rally and recounted president's failures. The president rebutted with a count of his achievements; one of these he mentioned was the removal of Mr. Nasim Ahmad.

Ahmadi's job at risk

Rabwah; April 2018: Mr. Asad Ahmad Sufiyan from Rabwah has been serving in the prison department since August 2017. He was appointed in the district prison at Jhelum. Some employees of the prison came to know of his visits to the Ahmadiyya Place of worship for Friday prayers; this aroused their hostility. Meanwhile Mr. Sufiyan was sent to Attock for training. On his return, all the staff had come to know of his belief. So, they boycotted him, stopped talking to him, would not eat with him and forbade him to say his prayers in the prison's Place of worship.

Someone complained to the DSP prison that Sufiyan was a *Mirzai*, a non-Muslim who got his job illegally and was a blasphemer. The DSP sent for Mr. Sufiyan and after preliminary inquiry, told him to report to DIG office in Rawalpindi. He did that, where the superintendent told him of DIG's order to proceed on one month's leave. Mr. Sufiyan had to obey the orders.

Job at risk for belief

Sargodha: The proprietor of Liaquat Hospital here has been warned by mullas to fire Dr Mahmud Ahmad, Ahmadi, or face consequences.

Dr Ahmad is a gastroenterologist. He has been working in Liaquat Hospital for long and enjoys very good reputation. Sometimes back, a few mullas of a Khatme Nabuwwat faction told the proprietor to present Dr Ahmad before a committee of clerics to explain his set of beliefs. Dr Ahmad refused to comply, stopped going to the hospital and told the

proprietor to lay him off. As the hospital benefitted a great deal from Dr Ahmad's reputation, the proprietor refused to let him go. At this, Dr Ahmad resumed work in the hospital.

Again this issue raised its ugly head. Dr Liaquat, the proprietor was contesting the elections as a PML-N candidate. The mullas like Akram Toofani and Aslam Kachhela approached him again and told him that if he fired Dr Ahmad, they would vote for him and support him. They demanded again that Dr Ahmad appear before a committee and spell out his set of beliefs to facilitate a decision on his continuity with his job. In the meantime they obtained a *fatwa* (edict) from the local Darul Ifta that Qadianis should be completely boycotted and not employed.

In view of this Dr Ahmad informed the hospital administration that he would not be attending office for the time being.

Ahmadi faces hardship at job, for his faith

Layya; September 8, 2018: Mr. Muhammad Imran Mukhtyar is a resident of Layya city and has been working in Layya Sugar Mills as a senior store keeper for last five years. In September his head of department called him to his office and told him that his faith had become a problem in the Mills. The boss elaborated his remarks, "We cannot impose anything regarding faith on you; however your faith in Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani as a prophet hurts our feelings. We believe the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to be the last prophet, and for this we can give our lives and also we can take the lives of others, as Mumtaz Qadri did with (Governor) Salman Taseer. Your community financially supports its members, so you should arrange another job for yourself to forestall any unhappy incident." Mr. Mukhtyar replied, "We also believe the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to be the last prophet. The livelihood is in the hands of Allah. You can take action against my inefficiency, if any, but to fire me for my faith is not correct. For this, you are accountable to Allah the Almighty."

Subsequent to this interview Mr. Mukhtyar was told by the Admin Manager that he would not return to the main store but then onward he would join the Admin Office.

In view of the veiled threat of his previous boss, Mr. Mukhtyar took additional security precautions for his personal safety.

Ahmadi loses job for his faith

Mirpur, AJK; October 2018: Mr. Khursheed Alam had been serving in a medicine company for the last fifteen years. He is 60. He was a devoted worker and his managers spoke high of him. Recently a man got service in the company; he knew that Alam was an Ahmadi, he disclosed that at the work-place. Three mulla-type workers started a hostile campaign against Alam. The situation did not take long to worsen. Mr. Alam talked to his superiors; they expressed their helplessness as according to them the whole department had turned against him. They advised him to resign or change his belief. So he had to resign from his job in the face of religion-based hostility. He became jobless.

Livelihood and food deprived over faith

Khoski; Badin, January 18, 2018: Mr Suleman Ahmad is an Ahmadi resident of Khoski, Badin. Two years ago he worked in Dairy Land Company, Karachi as a supplier of milk. He

availed a month's leave for his wedding. On return he found another man working at his place. That person acted hostile to Ahmad and incited the owner against him for his faith. As a result, the company laid him off.

After remaining jobless for some months, Mr Ahmad came to know of a Chinese company. He applied and got a job there. On his first day, the clerk told him that the army office had sent for him. When he appeared before the army officer, the following conversation took place between them.

Officer: Who are you? Where are you from?

Mr Ahmad: I am a Muslim.

Officer: What kind?

Mr Ahmad: I am an Ahmadi.

Officer: What does that mean?

Mr Ahmad: Ahmadi are those whom you call *Qadiani* or *Mirzai*.

Officer: Whom do you believe?

Mr Ahmad: We believe in Allah the Almighty, His messenger Muhammad (pbuh), and the *Mahdi* prophesied by Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh).

After this he returned home. The next day his CNIC, identity card was taken. The clerk told him that they did not hire even a Christian there, and the army office would like him fired from the job. "As such you should leave or enter another form with faith as *Sunni*," he said. Mr Ahmad refused his offer and said that he would not tell a lie for a job. He could not depart as they did not return his CNIC. When they returned his CNIC, they stopped his meal from the canteen. They told the canteen owner that he was a *Mirzai* and was to be refused food from there. Mr Ahmad had got his CNIC back; he quit.

Ahmadi deprived of livelihood and residence for faith

Shahkot, Nankana Sahib; February 17, 2018: Mr. Maqbool Ahmad of Shahkot had been working in the local textile mill for a long time. He was given a house in the mill's residential colony. He has a son and three daughters. Soon religious enmity simmered against him. The opponents became openly active against him with a plan.

One day some people visited his house, beat him up and told him, "Vacate the quarter and shift elsewhere, otherwise we will kill you." His son was also beaten up and given the same warning. Earlier Mr Ahmad son's head was hit by them and injured. This boy was in 8th grade and was to appear in exam soon. The mill owner fired Mr Ahmad from the job. He was the only Ahmadi there.

Conspiracy against an Ahmadi-owned school

Kot Shera, District Gujranwala; September 2018: Ahmadiyya community is running G.A. Girls Middle School here; it enjoys good reputation. The school is serving the locals for the last 25 years. Recently the local mulla conspired against this educational institute, and thereby posed a threat to the peace of the locality.

The mulla wrote the names of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community and his successors on a piece of paper and made it public that Ahmadi had thus included the preaching of their faith in the syllabus. He incited the locals against Ahmadi over this and

made a plan to attack Ahmadis' houses and loot them. In this he obtained the cooperation of Tehrike Labbaik party.

The president of the local Ahmadiyya community came to know of this dangerous plan of the mulla. He approached an influential member of the locality Mr. Salahuddin who had been a counselor in the past and informed him of the situation. The latter went to the Place of worship to meet the mulla. There he convinced the worshipers that the mulla was misguiding the locals, and the Ahmadis did not teach any such thing in their school. "I know that, as my own daughters go to the same school", he said. He also told the mulla, "You'll go away leaving behind enmities. Refrain from such activities and don't disturb the peace of the locality."

The issue got defused for the time being.

Threat to Ahmadi's fellows in profession

Mardan; April 2018: Mr. Khaleeq Ahmad is a technician expert in repairing transformers. He has trained many, and some of them are now running their own workshops. Mr. Khaleeq also acts as a contractor. Occasionally he helps his former students in their repair work. Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan took notice of his contacts and sent them the following threatening letter (*translation*):

"We've received complaint that you sit with Qadianis. You are requested by Pakistan Tehrik-e-Taliban not to trade with a Qadiani as it is forbidden in Islam. We'll act if you would not desist. Neither your shop will survive nor you. Your house will be targeted by us. Commander Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan."

From the media (a few picks)

Punjab: Video from Sialkot appears to show local administration aiding extremists in destroying Ahmadi property. The apartheid goes on.

Newsweek, Pakistan May 26 - June 2, 2018

Qadianis' citizenship should be annulled and their properties be confiscated: Khatme Nabuwwat (Lawyers Forum) Conference

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 10, 2018

We've sacrificed hundreds of thousands of lives for the End of Prophethood law; we can permit no amendment: Maulana Rafiq Jami of AMTKN (in conference in Vehari)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 19, 2018

From 25 July onward this country will be Quaid-i-Azam's Pakistan: Imran Khan (address in election rally at Lahore)

ARY news at 21:35 on July 19, 2018

Secular extremists have no right to participate in Pak politics: Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (from Saudi Arabia)

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, July 27, 2018

There is no religious extremism in Pakistan: Maulana Fazl ur Rahman

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 18, 2018

Safeguarding the End of Prophethood and Blasphemy issues were exploited for political gain in the country: Farooq Ahmad of PML-N (Ulama and Mashaikh Wing)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, March 22, 2018

6. The Judiciary's Role

The judiciary's role in the treatment which Ahmadis received at the hands of the state would deserve a wholesome analysis and comment at some future date. In this foreword we reserve our opinion, and let the essential details of a few cases mentioned below for this year highlight Ahmadis' exposure to 'justice' in Pakistan.

The judgment announced by Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court on Ahmadiyya issue will go down in history as a highly unbecoming verdict. It is remarkable that the offending judge met disgrace at the hand of the Supreme Judicial Council soon thereafter for some other transgressions.

A High Court Judge in action on End of Prophethood (KN) front

Islamabad: Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court (IHC) was in the news and mentioned in dispatches prior to March 2018 on various issues including Khatme Nabuwwat (KN). During the hearings leading to his verdict the media reported his directions, observations and actions; these are reported here without any comment.

1. The daily Dawn reported the following in its issue of February 22, 2018 (extracts):

IHC asks scholars to assist in identifying non-Muslims

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has appointed four Islamic scholars as amicus curiae and sought their assistance on six questions regarding the identification of non-Muslims.

IHC Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui during Wednesday's hearing of a petition filed on the identification of non-Muslims in government, semi-government and autonomous organizations, who have not identified themselves as non-Muslims, posed six questions to the amicus curiae....

The court has appointed Prof Dr Hafiz Hassan Madni from Punjab University, former Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) member Dr Mohsin Naqvi, CII member Prof Dr Sahbzada Sajidur Rehman and Mufti Mohammad Husain Khalil Khel.

The questions are: 'Whether an Islamic state could evolve a law to determine identity of Muslims and non-Muslims', 'Whether non-Muslims should be allowed to introduce themselves Muslims,' 'Whether such concealment falls into the ambit of fraud', 'What is the responsibility of the state in such a situation', and 'Whether it is a violation of fundamental rights if the state inquires about the religion or religious beliefs of citizens'.

The court also directed the scholars for their availability from February 26 onwards.

2. The daily Pakistan reported the following in its issue of February 21, 2018 (extracts):

Islamabad High Court orders separation of Khatme Nabuwwat and Faizabad Sit-in (Dharna) caseKhatme Nabuwwat case will be heard on daily bases

Islamabad (Online, NNI, INP): ...The Constitution of Pakistan does not recognize Qadianis as Muslims. If Qadianis are to stay in Pakistan, they should do so as citizens and not indulge in thievery (*naqab*) in Islam. We'll not make any compromise on the issue of End of Prophethood. Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of IHC made the remarks in court when the other day Deputy Attorney General could not present Raja Zafrul Haq Committee Report, that he was playing a strange game with the court, why he should not require the Prime Minister to present himself.... No compromise shall be made on this issue;

'You are not even aware of the sensitivity of this issue; there is no issue more important than the amendment to the Election Act,' the judge said....

3. ARY published the following on February 23, 2018 in Urdu: *Arynews.tv/ihc-hearing-Khatme-e-Nabuwwat-case*

No one can change his religion without court permission (*Hukm*)

Islamabad: Islamabad High Court while hearing a case of Khatme Nabuwwat in relation to Election Act issued a stay order (*Hukme Imtinaee*) regarding change of religion, ordering that no one can change his religion without authorization of a court.

As per detail, a plea was heard in Islamabad High Court on Khatme Nabuwwat with reference to Election Act. The hearing was held by single bench of the High Court, Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddique....

NADRA, on court orders, presented a record of registered Qadianis.... Important disclosures were made regarding Qadianis through NADRA records.

NADRA report stated that there were 1,67,473 registered Qadianis in the country. 10205 Muslims switched over to Qadiani status with change in their CNIC. Their data was presented in a sealed envelope.

Justice Shaukat Siddiqui asked the Acting Chairman of NADRA whether NADRA can change religion of a Pakistani Muslim. The Acting Chairman NADRA told the court that NADRA system had no such option; those who change their religion to present a false oath (*Half Nama*) at the time of application for a CNIC, (sic).

Justice Shaukat Siddiqui remarked that all this was the biggest fraud with the state and the Muslim Ummah. Qadianis in order to join government service tell a lie and pose as Muslim, and they revert to their real faith on retirement.

The court issued a stay order on change of religion and ordered that no one can change his religion without court order; after the stay order now NADRA cannot change anyone's religion (entry in records).

Subsequently the judge held hearings in presence of amicus curiae and state witnesses. A few reports from the media are copied below (sources are mentioned at the end of this story):

- Earlier the National Data Base Registration Authority (NADRA) submitted a report before the court according to which 10,205 persons had changed their religious status from Muslim to Ahmadi. The (Single) bench then directed NADRA to provide details on how many got new passports after changing their religion. (*Pakistan Today*)
- During the hearing, Justice Siddiqui directed Nadra to provide name, father's name, age and details of foreign trips of those persons in a sealed envelope to the court. (*Nation 27 Feb*)
- The FIA on Wednesday sought time from the Islamabad High Court to provide travel history of 6,001 persons who changed their religious status from Muslim to Qadiani on their CNICs. (*Nation, 01-March 2018*)
- Justice Siddiqui remarked that there were several youth who changed their religious status to get foreign citizenship. (*Nation, 01 March, 2018*)
- Mohsin Naqvi (a.c.) added that law for apostates in Pakistan is not clear and that it should be properly implemented. To this Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui responded that

proper “amendments have not been made in the Constitution regarding Ahmadis”.(*Pakistan Today*)

- “What will be status of people converting to the Ahmadi faith after retiring from public service? Aren’t these people fooling the state?” Siddiqui asked, adding that to fool an Islamic state is tantamount to treason. He said that the biggest problem of Pakistan is that instead of majority rights, there is more focus on minority rights.(*Pakistan Today*)
- Both the bench (Siddiqui) and the amicus curiae expressed that the September 7, 1974 legislation through which Qadianis were declared non-Muslim has several lacunas in it. The bench said that this exercise is aimed at providing the legislature with recommendations to cover those lacunas. Sajid ur Rehman (a.c.) said the non-Muslims could not be allowed to participate in the matters that are related to the interests of Muslims. The collective wisdom should decide that what official posts and authorities should be reserved for Muslim, and non-Muslims should not be appointed over these.(*The News*)
- Prof. Dr Hafiz Hassan Madni of the Institute of Islamic Studies, the University of the Punjab assisted the court as amicus curiae and said, “A person who converts from Islam to another faith is an ‘apostate’ and deserves a penalty prescribed for this.” (*Death, according to this mulla*)

He said Ahmadis were more dangerous than non-believers as they were neither Muslims nor Christians and, in fact, they had covered themselves under Islam. (*Nation 27 February, 2018*)

- He (Mulla Madni a.c.) said the oath of Khatme Nabuwwat was an essential part of oath for president and prime minister. This oath should be duly included in the amended law, besides making part of the oath of federal ministers, Senate Chairman and other officials.

Justice Siddiqui asked Madni if there was a condition for a judge to be a Muslim. He replied Prophet Muhammad (SAW) has said that a judge should be a learned person both in terms of religion and worldly affairs. A recommendation should be made that a non-Muslim should not be appointed a judge, he said. (*The Nation/27-Feb*)

- Sajidur Rehman (a.c.) said that if a Qadiani pretends himself to be a Muslim for getting a job, it amounts to cheating and fraud with the state and also tantamount to treason. Referring to the incidents from Islamic history, Sajidur Rehman said that for concealing the real faith, major penalty could be imposed on such persons. Sajidur Rehman said the state should include into its list when scrutinizing particular posts. To a question by the court that there were instances when fingers were pointed at some persons that they changed their religion for some benefit, Sajidur Rahman said that there should be a board of Ulema who should decide about the faith of a person. (*The News*)

In a subsequent hearing Judge Siddiqui directed the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) to provide details on the Muslim Television Ahmadiyya International TV Channel. (*Pakistan Today 2018/03/02*)

Advocate Akram Sheikh was assisting the court as amicus curiae. He was of the view that Ahmadis could not be permitted to adopt Islamic ways and teachings.

In reply to a question whether to install filters and checks, acquiring knowledge about personal faith of citizens can be termed as infringement to any fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, he replied that as installation of filters and checks requires knowledge about the personal faith of individuals, which may become a tool in the hands of the administration and is capable of being misused, with this note of caution, and with the intent to protect minorities, such data could be collected by making declarations necessary....

He further said, “Hence neither a member of a majority group nor a member of a minority group can change sides, to avail benefits accorded to sects other than its own; and if this is done, it tantamount to a plain fraud on the law, liable to be visited such penalties provided under the law. It should be clearly understood that Qadianis, Ahmadis and Lahori group are admittedly a distinct and separate religious (minority) sect, having been declared as such by the Second Constitutional Amendment, followed by corresponding changes brought about in the law. They themselves consider and declare members of other sects of Islam as non-believers/non-Muslims,” the lawyer added. (*Nation*, 03-March-2018)

Also, “Addressing the court the lawyer suggested a strict action” against those who changed their religious status from Muslim to Ahmadi.”...Sheikh being concerned over the revelations in the government report said that “Ahmadis can’t be allowed to exercise Islamic rituals as it could “hurt the religious sentiments of Muslims.”... The lawyer suggested that one should submit an affidavit on the finality of prophethood mandatory for issuance of a CNIC (Identity Card). (*Pakistan Today*, 2018/03/02)

Notes: 1) Judge Siddiqui invited no Ahmadi scholar or advocate to present a different view on issues under consideration of the court.

2) Siddiqui finally issued his Order Sheet on March 9, 2018. The Order and our comments on it are available in Chapter 1A. In July this judge made public his 172-page Judgment Sheet. Our comments on this sheet are available in our Supplementary Monthly Report for July 2018.

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Quotable quotes by the Chief Justice of SC Pakistan`

Islamabad; February 20, 2018: Mr. Saqib Nisar the Chief Justice of Pakistan described the Parliament as supreme but said the Constitution was above that and had set the limits. This and other comments on law-making powers of the Parliament are very relevant to the anti-Ahmadiyya laws and the Constitutional Amendment Nr. II. We reproduce below the quotes as reported in *The News International* on February 21, 2018 (extracts):

Constitution above parliament: CJ

Says document sets limits; any legislation against fundamental rights can be struck down; given powers will be used with full authority

Any legislation found in contravention of the fundamental rights of the citizens could be struck down, he added....

The chief justice said it was conveyed the other day that the court could not intervene in the process of legislation. "But I reiterate in front of senior media persons that the Parliament is supreme but there is a Constitution above it, which has prescribed our limits", the chief justice said.

The chief justice said any legislation made by Parliament and found in contravention of fundamental rights of the citizens could be struck down in accordance with law.

"We will not transgress our authority unless any provision of the Constitution relating to fundamental rights of the citizens is violated," the chief justice remarked.

The petitioner, Hamid Mir, however, submitted that the chief justice had not named anyone, saying some people were bent upon making it an issue and hence the chief justice should not take that into account. "By no mean, we are giving any explanation nor are we bound to give explanation. We are also not scared but the power given to us by Allah and Constitution will be used with full authority," the chief justice remarked.

One accused of fraud imposes un-Islam on Ahmadi witness

Canal View Township, Lahore; May 22, 2018: Mr Abdullah Gill, an Ahmadi is a drug inspector. He registered a case against a local medicine manufacturing company for supplying non-standard ORS to the government.

On May 22, 2018 he went to the drug court in official capacity to follow-up the case. When about to record his statement on oath, the defense lawyer told the judge that the inspector was a *Mirzai* so he should take the oath of a non-Muslim. "I belong to the Ahmadiyya denomination. I call myself a Muslim but we are non-Muslim vide the Constitution. You can administer me whichever oath you want", said Mr Gill. At this the state attorney told the defense lawyer that Ahmadis also believe in Allah.

It seems that the defense attorney wanted to assert to his advantage that the prosecution witness was a 'non-Muslim' while the accused was a 'Muslim'. On insistence of the defense lawyer the judge administered Mr Gill the oath, "I solemnly declare that I will tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth". The wording of oath for Muslims is slightly different: "I swear by Almighty God that I will tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth".

Ahmadi denied release on bail

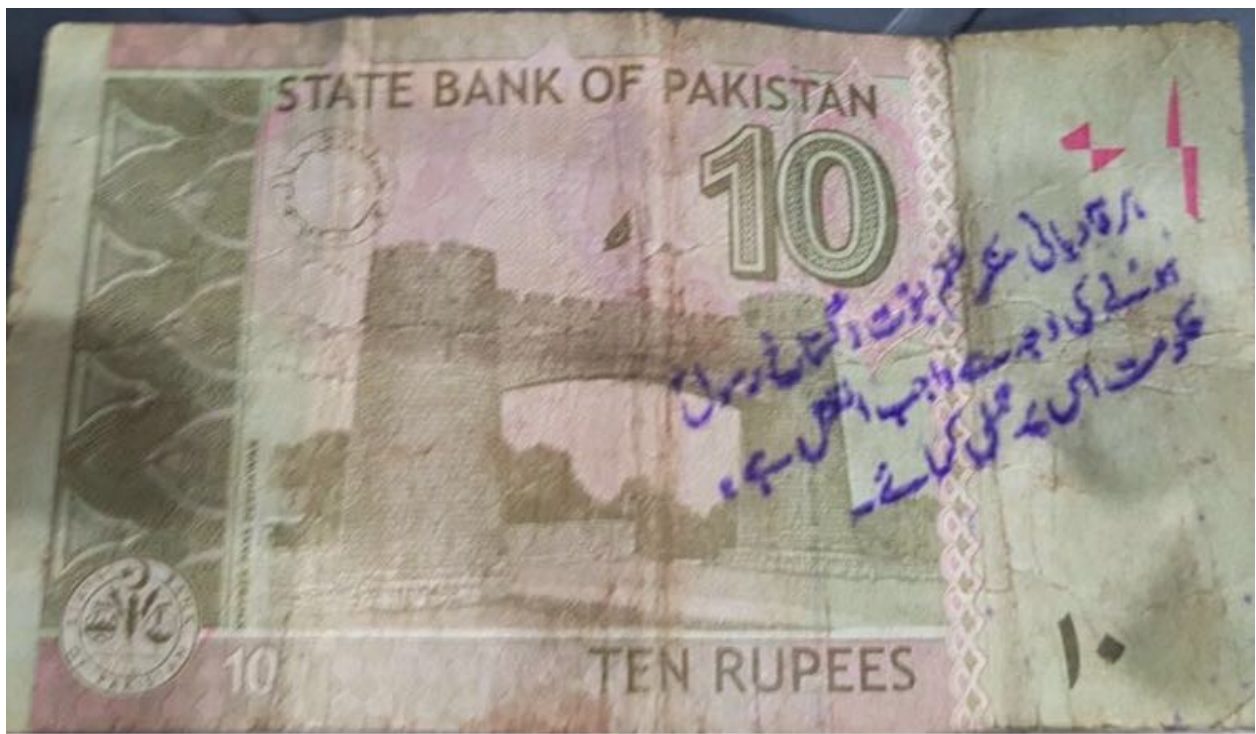
Chak 368, District Layya; October 02, 2018: Mr. Javed Ahmad Grumman was charged in a fabricated blasphemy case under PPC 295-C in police station Chobara, District Layya on July 1, 2018 in FIR Nr 288/18. His interim bail was cancelled on July 14, 2018, he was arrested and sent to Layya Jail. On August 6, Rai Yasseen Shaheen the Additional Sessions Judge Layya refused his post-arrest bail.

His bail application was submitted in the High Court (Multan Bench). Here also Justice Sarfraz Ahmad refused him release on bail. He is still behind bars only for his faith.

Lahore High Court reserves decision on anti-Ahmadi plea

Lahore; October 16, 2018: The daily jang reported that the Lahore High Court reserved its decision regarding a writ, worthy of hearing or not, about the implementation of the Khatme Nabuwwat law. Justice Shahid Waheed heard the plea, of one Abid Hussain, who took the position that the 'end of prophethood' law was not being implemented strictly which gives rise to blasphemy incidents; so the court should order the government to mention non-Muslim status of Qadianis in their ID cards.

Imprint on a 10-rupee note in circulation



Translation

Every Qadiani is liable to death for being a denier of Khatm-e-Nabuwwat and a blasphemer of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). The government should enforce this.

7. Politics and Religion

The grave issue of persecution of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan is essentially a product of politics. Mr. Bhutto initiated it for his own political objects, and brought about Amendment Nr. II to the Constitution. His party stalwarts in subsequent years candidly confessed that this issue is not religious but political. Subsequently, General Zia followed it up, again for political self-interest. This provided ample space to mullas to wield their clout, and for the last three or four decades, politicians and mullas have tried to outdo one another in exploiting the Ahmadiyya issue in promoting their self-interest. The PTI is no different.

2018 was an election year. All sections of the society except Ahmadis were facilitated to take part in it. Elections Act 2017 was specially amended to ensure that Ahmadis not only not become candidates but also are unable to vote. These stories are briefly mentioned below.

Azad Jammu and Kashmir Parliament also declares Ahmadis as non-Muslims

Mirpur (AJK): The AJK Parliament unanimously passed Azad Jammu and Kashmir Interim Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Bill 2018, on February 6, 2018, declaring Ahmadis as non-Muslims.

The joint session of both the houses of the AJK Parliament – Legislative Assembly and AJK Council – met with speaker AJK LA Shah Ghulam Qadir in the chair. Minister for Law Raja Nisar Ahmad tabled the bill. Raja Farooq Haider Khan, the prime minister and the leader of the house, steered this consequential bill and got it cleared the same day. The PM is from PML-(Nawaz) party that controls the majority in the legislative assembly.

The ultra-right wing daily *Islam* of February 8, 2018 celebrated the occasion in an op-ed mentioning that 'this historic milestone was passed at 47 second past 3:52 p.m.'

According to the PM, five members of the Opposition (Peoples Party) abstained from voting.

This legislation has a history. It is claimed by anti-Ahmadi activists that the credit of first proposing imposition of non-Muslim status on Ahmadis goes to Major ® Ayub 'Shaheed', who moved a resolution to that end in AJK assembly on 28 April 1973. It was adopted, but the government of Pakistan did not allow the AJK assembly to legislate further thereafter. Instead, Mr. ZA Bhutto the prime minister of Pakistan proceeded to implement the same in Pakistan on September 7, 1974. On February 6, 2018, most speakers paid glowing tributes to Major Ayub, the pioneer of this idea, although all of them were careful to avoid the mention that the major later perished in an earthquake. Mulla Allah Wasaya disclosed in his column that the idea had occurred to Major Ayub when he was on a visit to Harmain Sharifain (Saudi Arabia).

This report is primarily based on vernacular press reports, as no Ahmadi was present in the AJK parliament during its proceedings. The source newspapers are the *Ausaf* (4, 7, 8 and 9 February), the *Islam* (3, 8, 9 and 10 February), the *Nawa-i-Waqt* of 7 February and the

Insaf of 8 February 2018. As this legislation will be mentioned in dispatches and history in future, it will be useful to mention some essential details here.

The committee assigned the task of preparing the bill comprised MLA members Syed Iftikhar Gilani minister of education, Mr. Ahmad Raza Qadiri, Malik P Akhtar Awan, Raja M Siddique Khan and Syed Ali Raza Bokhari. (*Islam of February 8, 2018*)

In the parliamentary session there was no debate, but there were speeches and statements. Some of these were highly inappropriate, abusive, and even false; and these came not only from mere members, but also the prime minister and ministers. For instance:

Mr. Farooq Haider Khan the PM (from PML-N) said the following in his speech.

- Hypocrites are being set apart through this legislation. Qadianis lay their net in a special way.
- Now, mischief will come to end. Qadianis will not be able to play the role of serpent up the sleeve (*Fitney khatm; Qadiani ab aasteen kay sanp wala kirdar ada nahin kar sakain gay*). *The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; February 7, 2018*
- It was essential to move this Bill to differentiate between a Muslim and a Qadiani.
- No permission has been given in this law to kill any person of any faith.
- The suggestion to make changes in (school) syllabus is a good one. We'll add a few elements to the syllabi regarding religious education, end of prophethood and guidance and character building of the new generation.
- This amendment will not affect the freedom movement nor the UN resolution. It will also have no bearing on the demography of Azad Kashmir and the (Indian) Held Kashmir. We'll see who is what, after Kashmir becomes independent.

Note: While Mr. Haider called Ahmadis as hypocrites, he did not miss the opportunity to give an earful to the members on unity and kinship (*Ittehad wa yagangat*).

Also, Mr. Haider could not help referring to the death of Mr. Bhutto, the PM of Pakistan who had passed a similar law. "ZA Bhutto got hanged, not because he declared Qadianis to be non-Muslim, but because of a murder; if he is a martyr (*shaheed*), then Nawaz Sharif is also a martyr", he said. *The daily Ausaf; February 7, 2018*

Raja Nisar A Khan, the law minister was more covetous; he tried to kill two birds with one stone;"It is a great honour that this Bill of effective legislation concerning the repute of the Prophet is being moved", he said. According to the daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* (7 Feb, 2018) he also said, "We'll have to put an end to the role of these snakes up the sleeve." He accused Ahmadis of doing harm to Islam, for lack of definition of a non-Muslim in law.

Noreen Arif, minister of trade was of the opinion that, "The credit (of this law) goes also to the voters of (PML) N-League."

Sardar Atiq A Khan, a former AJK PM was delighted at the move, congratulated everybody at the occasion, and blamed Ahmadis for being busy in conspiracies to remove the craving of Love and Jihad (*Jazba Ishaq* and *Jazba Jihad*) from the hearts of Muslims.

The press quoted some other MLAs as well:

- This law (now) is the most sacred part of the (AJK) Constitution: Faiza Imtiaz
- The deniers of end of prophethood (KN) deserve no sympathy.
- Qadianiat is a great mischief (*fitna*).
- I send a thousand curses on those who do not believe in KN.

The members excelled one another in patting each other's back with profuse congratulations and paid tributes to their leadership. They called the day 'memorable', 'historic', 'of utmost importance', 'history making' and 'immortal (*Amar*)'. One minion expressed the opinion, "The entire Muslim Umma feels overwhelmingly proud (*sarfakharseybaland hogia*)." Raja Siddique was overjoyed, "This honour excels the sum total of all my honours earned in the past."

This event received hardly any mention in Pakistan's English press or even the TV. It seems that on account of the absurdity and narrow political motive of this legislation of doubtful value and its relevance to the sensitive international issue of Kashmir, the authorities had advised the media not to play it up. A mulla even protested against the negligent attitude of Pakistani electronic media. However, the ultra-right extremist Urdu papers were happy over this law and expressed their satisfaction and sense of victory:

- We demand from the Azad Kashmir government that as the next step they should have a Blasphemy law approved in the Assembly so that all those wretched people who attack the honour of prophethood should be appropriately punished.

Editorial in the daily Ausaf, February 8, 2018

- Surely this legislation has shown a mirror to the few liberal activists who see some national future in the darkness of liberalism.

Editorial in the daily Islam, February 8, 2018

- This move has shut the door for ever in Azad Kashmir for the great Qadiani mischief.

Op-ed in the daily Islam, February 10, 2018

Note: The daily *Islam* of February 10, 2018 also reported, "In a statement issued in Hermain Sharifain (Saudi Arabia), the leaders of End of Prophethood have stated that this unanimous amendment to the Constitution after 45 years, by the AJK assembly, by declaring Qadianis to be non-Muslim, has hammered the last nail in the coffin of Qadianiat." It is interesting that consistently where there is talk of end of prophethood in sectarian or political circles in Pakistan, the relevance of petro-dollars always shows up.

If history has been made; it is only fair to make history-makers a part of the record. The press mentioned the following:

Mullas who played a role: Muhammad Ilyas (AMTKN), Mufti Awais Khan (JUI), Qazi Mahmud (*Sawad Azam*), Nazar Hussain Gilani, Zahid Asari, Waheed Qasmi

Attendees in Special Sitting with the PM prior to presenting the Bill:

Raja Farooq Haider, Raja Nisar Ahmad, Pir Raza Bokhari, Raja Siddique, Saleem Chishti, Abaidulla Farooqui, Irshad Qureshi, Raza Ali Khan, Shakoore Mehravi, Raja Hanif, Mushtaq Janjuha, Zahid Rajput, and Mullas Saeed Yousuf, Kafayat Naqvi, Hamid Barkati, Mahmud Ashraf, Shahid Hameed, Shabbir Bokhari, Imtiaz Siddiqui, Danial Madni, Manzurul Hasan, Hussain Chishti, Major ® Shabbir, Waheed Qasmi, Shabbir Ahmad, Mahmud Chaudhry

Mentioned in press reports for their role:

Messers Farooq Haider, Raja Nisar, Shah G Qadir, Raja Siddique, Raza Bokhari, Noreen Arif, Iftikhar Gilanee, Shaukat Shah, Chaudhri Aziz, Waqar Noor, Sardar Ateeq, Raza Qadir, Malik P Akhtar, Sardar Akbar, Mushtaq Minhas, Majid Khan, Raja Qayyum, Yasin Gul, Chaudhry Rukhsar, Saghir Chughtai, Farooq Tahir, Faiza Imtiaz, Raja Naseer, Rafaat Aziz, KhaliqWasi

Provincial minister threatens murder – personally

Lahore; January 24, 2018: On 24th January 2018, in Urdu current affairs talk-show on TV Channel 24, Mr Zaeem Qadri, Punjab Minister of Religious Affairs asserted that he will personally strangle (*gala dabaunga*) any Ahmadi who peddles the Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran.

Among other participants in this program in which Dr Danish was acting as anchor, one was Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi, the chair of the Pakistan Ulama Council. With reference to his brother (who is a full time anti-Ahmadi activist, and has been investigated by the police for criminal conduct), Ashrafi demanded Mr Zaeem Qadri to take action against Ahmadi who were marketing the Holy Quran with Ahmadiyya translation. This was a false complaint, as, because of the law, this Quran is no longer available in the market in Pakistan.

In reply to Maulvi Ashrafi's allegation, the minister said, "The mentioned Quran has been banned, police raids have been undertaken, presses have been sealed and people have been booked (by the police). ... If someone still distributes this Quran, I'll personally strangle him."

He further elaborated upon this theme and said, "... As for me, I am not prepared to give the Ahmadi even their rights granted by the Constitution to Non-Muslims."

This hate-filled dialogue was not interrupted by the anchor, who even encouraged it, and the channel management decided not to delete this content. This was serious violation of the declared state policy on sectarian issues.

New affidavits of faith and belief

It is reliably learnt that some authorities in the government are in the process of introducing affidavits of faith for their employees and recruits etc. A sample pair, one for Muslims and another for non-Muslims, is attached at the Annex IV. This step is fraught with serious, long lasting and damaging consequences. It deserves analysis and comment, even if brief in a report like this.

These affidavits are the outcome of a verdict given by Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court on March 9, 2018 on the issue of *Khatme Nabuwwat* (finality of prophethood).

The fact that there is one affidavit for Muslims and another one for all non-Muslims shows that the human resources in the departments/organizations are being divided in two groups based on their commitment to Islam as understood officially. These divide one Pakistani identity into two distinct and divisive categories: Muslims and non-Muslims.

While holding hearings in this case, Justice Siddiqui was reported in the media to have remarked:

1. If they (Ahmadis) wish to stay on in Pakistan, they should do so as non-Muslim citizens, and not commit thievery against Islam (*naqb na lagain*). (bbc.com/urdu/pakistaan-43288413)
2. IHC restores all 8 laws concerning the end of prophethood. "If heavens fall, I don't care": Justice Siddiqui (*The daily Mashriq; November 15, 2017*)

The language of the affidavits is bizarre – particularly for 'non-Muslims'. A negative statement is unnecessarily imposed on the deponent. He is told to state 'that I am a non-Muslim.' Why should he say what he is not? He could be simultaneously non-Jew, non-Sikh, non-Ahmadi, non-Bahai as well as non-White, non-European, non-Punjabi etc. Also, an

Ahmadi is required to add, ‘and belong to Ahmadi’. This makes no sense, as ‘Ahmadi’ is not a religion. An Ahmadi is a person who considers himself a Muslim and believes Mirza Ghulam Ahmad to be the Messiah promised in Islam.

People with no religion have no place in either affidavit. Will they be disowned by Pak bureaucracy?

The mulla insists that Ahmadis must accept the ‘non-Muslim’ identity and status imposed on them, and distance themselves from Islam; this is not acceptable to Ahmadis, as it violates their fundamental belief. The mulla’s wish was granted and implemented by Justice Siddiqui. These affidavits not only serve as tools to open the door of discrimination against Ahmadis, but also would thereby facilitate all sorts of social, political, professional and financial hardships and deprivations against them. This judge, in order to worsen Ahmadis, has imposed a procedure on the administration that will make millions sign unnecessary and iniquitous affidavits. The entire exercise is in fact Ahmadi-specific, and the single-judge bench did not hide his motivation.

These affidavits will trigger still more criminal charges and litigations against Ahmadis, ranging from apostasy allegations to civil suits concerning marriage, inheritance, etc. and deprivations from jobs, hardships in careers, difficulties in businesses etc. As per the mulla’s understanding of Sharia the penalties could range from stoning to death, lashings in public, loss of eligibility to inherit from even parents, etc. This is not mere speculation; this is demanded incessantly by the mulla in his rallies and open conferences. Justice Siddiqui has discretely, even unabashedly, hinted the need for such discrimination in Para 4 of his judgment, objecting against Ahmadis’ *“access to dignified and sensitive posts resulting in accumulation of all benefits”*, etc.

These divisive affidavits are being imposed through departmental rules; they are not a requirement of the Constitution, even if the definitions are derived from a controversial amendment to the Constitution.

It is not only the higher social and political values that are at risk, these affidavits will directly and effectively affect the lives of millions in offices, in the field – everywhere. These will affect their social relations, dining together, lodging, career development, job environment – everything. Religion and belief will become the top factor in formulating human resources policy and its implementation. Soon, the belief factor will discriminate among Muslims for being Deobandi, Barelvi, Shia, Ahle Hadith, Ahle Quran, Muqallid, non-Muqallid etc. This would make the state non-functional.

NADRA has already implemented these affidavits for its personnel. Reportedly it is considering imposition of these affidavits on all citizens for various purposes dealt with by NADRA.

The affidavit for Muslims requires the deponent to sign the given statement that he believes ‘in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him) the last of the Prophets and do not believe in, or recognize as Prophet or religious reformer, any person who claimed or claims to be a Prophet, in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Muhammad (Peace be upon him).’

It may be noted that mere faith in the ‘Finality of Prophethood’ is not enough; it is the official detailed given meaning and interpretation that is equally incumbent upon the deponent to accept.

In the second affidavit everyone has to state, right in the beginning, that he is a Non-Muslim. As such, for an Ahmadi, it is not enough to declare that he is an Ahmadi; he must declare the non-Muslim status imposed upon him. This is absurd.

Brilliant Ahmadi asked to resign from Economic Advisory Council (EAC) for his faith

Islamabad; September 7, 2018: Professor Dr Atif Mian, an Ahmadi, member of EAC was asked by the government to resign his membership. It is an interesting but pathetic story that foretells the malevolence of the course of the Pakistani state in years ahead. The report was published by the daily Dawn of September 8; its extracts are reproduced below:

“Under-fire govt asks minority community economist to quit EAC

ISLAMABAD: Within three days of its rhetoric about the rights of minorities, the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government bowed down to pressure from religious groups and asked a renowned economist belonging to the Ahmadi community to step down from the Prime Minister-led Economic Advisory Council (EAC) only to lose another EAC member from the private sector hours later over the controversial move.

The government decision to withdraw Dr Atif R. Mian's name from the advisory council was made public through a tweet by Senator Faisal Javed, who is also chairman of the Senate standing committee on information, on Friday morning.

“Atif Mian was asked to step down from the Advisory Council and he has agreed. A replacement would be announced later,” Senator Javed tweeted at 8.49 a.m. Over half an hour later, information minister Fawad Chaudhary, who had strongly defended the appointment earlier this week, confirmed the development declaring that the government decided to withdraw his nomination from the EAC to avoid any controversy.

However, the controversy deepened further when another EAC member, Dr Asim Ijaz Khwaja from the Harvard Kennedy School, on Friday evening also stepped down from the council over the withdrawal of Dr Atif's name.

Explaining the circumstances that led to his resignation, Dr Atif said the government was facing tremendous pressure over his appointment from Muslim clerics and their followers. “For the sake of the stability of the Government of Pakistan, I have resigned from the Economic Advisory Council, as the Government was facing a lot of adverse pressure regarding my appointment from the Mullahs (Muslim clerics) and their supporters,” he tweeted.

Earlier on Tuesday, the government spokesman had strongly defended Dr Atif's appointment to the EAC on the grounds that Pakistan belongs to majority Muslims as well as non-Muslim minorities. “What is wrong with the appointment of a professional economist as a member of the EAC?” said Mr. Chaudhary while talking to the media. “He is a member of the Economic Advisory Council and not the Council of Islamic Ideology,” he remarked.

Three days later the government apparently succumbed to the pressure generated by the call attention notice submitted in both houses of parliament against the appointment of a person belonging to the Ahmadi faith and a petition filed in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) challenging his appointment.

The call attention notice was led by Maulana Asad-ur-Rehman, son of JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, in the National Assembly and by Maulana Ata-ur-Rehman in the Senate. The notice was signed by parliamentarians belonging to the Muttahida Majlis-i-Amal, Pakistan Muslim League-

Nawaz and even liberals belonging to the Awami National Party, National Party and Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party. The Pakistan Peoples Party, however, did not support the call attention notice.

Explaining reasons for the government decision to withdraw the name, the information minister tweeted: "The government wants to move forward alongside scholars and all social groups, and it is inappropriate if a single nomination creates an otherwise impression."

In another tweet, Mr. Chaudhary elaborated that the ideal state, according to Prime Minister Imran Khan, was of Madina and that the premier and members of his cabinet held Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in high esteem.

... Later Dr Atif, a professor of Economics and the only Pakistani to be considered among International Monetary Fund's (IMF) 'top 25 brightest young economists', tweeted: "Nevertheless, I will always be ready to serve Pakistan as it is the country in which I was raised and which I love a great deal. Serving my country is an inherent part of my faith and will always be my heartfelt desire.

"Moving forward, I now hope and pray that the Economic Advisory Council is able to fulfill its mandate in the very best way so that the Pakistani people and nation can prosper and flourish.

"My prayers will always be with Pakistan and I will always be ready to help it in any way that is required."

...

Meanwhile, Jemima Goldsmith, former spouse of PM Imran Khan, criticized the government decision in her tweet and stated: "The founder of Pakistan, 'Quaid-i-Azam' appointed an Ahmadi as his Foreign Minister."

She said: "Indefensible & very disappointing. New Pak government asks renowned & respected Prof of economics to stand down because of his Ahmadi faith."

In the same issue the Dawn wrote an editorial under the heading 'Jinnah's Pakistan' on this issue and commented as follows:

"A meritorious appointment has been undone for reasons that have nothing to do with professional competence or qualification.

... The political class will try and put the latest capitulation behind it quickly, but the effects will surely linger.

The historical record incontrovertibly demonstrates that concessions to religious zealots further erode the space for rational discourse and decision-making. ... But as security policymakers debate the political mainstreaming of some extant militant networks, there has been a question whether it is, in fact, extremism that is being mainstreamed in Pakistan.

The religious far right in the country has been mobilized in a manner that ought to worry all right-thinking citizens: short-sighted concessions and manipulations by the state will have far-reaching consequences for society.

...

A brilliant mind has been prevented from serving his country; what hope is there for the average citizen in the face of intolerance and organized hostility? Jinnah's Pakistan is tolerant, progressive, inclusive and democratic. Will Pakistan's leadership return to the vision of the founding father?"

The next day, the Dawn reported: Another jolt for EAC as London-based economist quits in protest. Dr Imran Rasul resigned the membership stated: "If there was one academic on the EAC that Pakistan needs, it was Atif Mian.... Basing decisions on religious affiliation goes against my principles, of the values I am trying to teach my children."

The mullas reaction was different and interesting. Mulla Rab Nawaz who is also an advocate and the president of Khatme Nabuwwat Lawyers' Forum, said in a conference; "Mian Atif has been expelled from the EAC, but the government should explain why was he taken in the first place..." *The daily Jang; September 10, 2018*

At this occasion Human Rights Commission of Pakistan issued a press release expressing 'serious concern' over this decision of the government. Its copy is placed at Annex V to this report.

Civil society and Awami Workers Party held a demonstration outside Press club in Islamabad on September 10 and protested against exclusion of Dr. Atif from EAC.

Ahmadis and Pak politics

Pakistan Today; January 9, 2018: Ahmadiyya issue is greatly politicized in Pakistan with reference to the belief in End of Prophethood. The trend is uncommon and a cause of concern to many well-wishers of this country. The daily Pakistan Today made an editorial comment on this on January 09. We quote it below in full.

"The degeneration of political discourse

- Bringing religion into politics

The PML-N decided to appease the preachers of hate by making Zahid Hamid a fall guy. **As if this was not enough Captain ® Safdar launched a virulent tirade against the already persecuted Ahmadi community in the National Assembly.** Party leaders vied with one another in declaring Ahmadis non-Muslim. The PML-N government in Punjab and at the center allowed the Tahrik-e-Labbaik (TLYR) speakers at Faizabad sit-in to continue their vitriolic harangues against the community day after day.

The PTI has also decided to make use of religion to advance its politics. The result is that as we approach the elections, the two parties have introduced a non-issue into the political discourse. Instead of seeking votes on the basis of their social and economic programme and performance, each one is trying to underline its religious credentials.

Recounting PTI's services at the Difa-i-Pakistan rally in Peshawar on Sunday, KP CM Pervez Khattak said he had made a chapter relating to the finality of prophethood compulsory in text books. Also recitation and translation of the Holy Quran till grade 12. Both measures he said were aimed at producing good Muslims. What is more his government had provided solar system to and fixed honorarium for prominent prayer leaders. He criticized liberal forces for interfering in religious matters. PTI's ally Samiul Haq maintained that Jihad was compulsory for every Muslim in the prevailing situation, adding that the DPC was formed to counter Christian and Jewish lobbies.

The PML-N and PTI candidates fighting for a Chakwal provincial seat PP-20 have reduced the campaign to who is more opposed to the Ahmadis. The highest bidder so far is PML-N's candidate who called for expelling the Ahmadis from Pakistan. The PTI candidate on the other hand asked the voters to decide whether they stand with those who changed the Khatm-i-Nabuwwat law or with the lovers of the Prophet (PBUH).

The Punjab government meanwhile convened a gathering of spiritual leaders where both Shahbaz Sharif and Rana Sanaullah reiterated their belief in the finality of Prophethood. And still we wonder why the US has placed Pakistan on watch list for violations of religious freedom."

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/01/09/the-degeneration-of-political-discourse/>

Another report in greater detail, on this election in District Chakwal was published by the daily Dawn on January 8 under headline: **Political parties playing the religion card to**

woo voters in Chakwal. It quotes the PML-N candidate Mr. SHA Khan, who was speaking in a Sunni Place of worship: "As my brother Zulfikar Ali Khan highlighted that Ahmadis are currently holding key posts, I feel proud that our party's Capt (retired) Safdar Sahib talked about this issue on the floor of the National Assembly for the first time. ... If Allah gives me an opportunity to reach the assembly, I would also raise this issue.

"The need of the hour is to remove Qadianis from public posts; rather, they should be banished from the country," Mr. Khan added." (*Emphasis added*)

Exploit religion – trend in election campaign

Politicians do not forget that Pakistan is an Islamic Republic. They know that people generally are proud of their Islamic identity and love their religion even if their practice of it is discretionary. Political leaders themselves are of the same type. They think, perhaps with some justification, that playing religion card in elections is kosher. This perhaps could be justified to an extent if the aim and the practice is positive and in the long-term interest of public.

These elections were preceded by two major events in the last quarter of 2017. The first was the passage of the Election Act 2017 and its Amendment and the second was the rise of the extremist Bareilvi faction called Tehrik Labbaik (TLP) that subsequently blockaded the capital to the great embarrassment of the ruling party PML-N. These events spotlighted the Ahmadi issue, and while the politicians of the bigot brigade raised high the anti-Ahmadi flag, the mainstream parties, both in the government and the opposition decided to outdo one-another on this theme unbecoming of elections.

People were extensively exploited in the name of religion. Sectarian issues were highlighted knowing well that this would lead to extremism, even terrorism. This time, some politicians and a few political parties banked upon gaining votes or depriving their political adversaries of votes, in the name of End of Prophethood. They also availed of the weeks leading to the election date, in persecuting Ahmadis in numerous ways. A short list is given below:

- The PML-N government declared that year 2018 will be celebrated as the Khatme Nabuwat (KN) Year.
- The TLP, a fresh entrant in elections as a politico-religious party, invested a great deal of political capital in Faizabad sit-in in the name of KN.
- The PTI blamed the PML-N of disturbing the KN rules at the time of passage of the Election 2017 Act. It knew that the Act, prior to the later amendment, facilitated voting rights to Ahmadis. However PTI repeatedly held PML-N responsible for the attempted 'improvement' and declared the latter accountable.
- Imran Khan asserted that none who does not believe the Holy Prophet to be the last prophet can call himself a Muslim.
- The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Parliament declared Ahmadis in February this year to be a non-Muslim minority. The AJK prime minister is an affiliate of PML-N.
- Three major KN conferences were held in Lahore in March, with more than a mere nod from the PML-N provincial government.

- Ch. Pervaiz Ilahi of PML-Q issued a statement in support of the ‘end of prophethood’ in March.
 - Ahmadiyya property in Sialkot was destroyed by mob and a Place of worship was severely damaged. The mob was led by political mullas, while the administration and the police provided support – direct and indirect.
 - Freedom of worship was denied and restricted to Ahmadis in Districts Sargodha and Khushab of the Punjab in April 2018.
 - Ahmadiyya in Karachi was threatened and the community members had to shift their households to avoid harm in North Karachi (April 19, 2018).
 - Ahmadiyya in Deryan Wala, District Narowal was sealed by authorities.
 - After a threatening agitation by a mulla, the police booked an Ahmadi on fabricated charge of blasphemy in District Layya on July 1, 2018.
 - TLP and AMTKN held pre-polls *Iftar* parties in Lahore to agitate the guests.
 - Capt. ® Safdar of PML-N ranted again against Ahmadis in an electoral meeting. He leaned on the usual blasphemy and end of prophethood themes.
 - Subsequent to a mulla-led agitation in District Layya, the police booked an Ahmadi for blasphemy in a fabricated accusation.
 - An Ahmadi was murdered for his faith, in Lahore on June 25.
 - A couple was shot in Jaranwala on July 7.
- Etc. Etc.

The above was indicative of the ugly trend in the election campaign, in violation of election rules. This could have got out of hand and resulted in an uncontrollable law and order situation, particularly if one or more parties, who were afraid of defeat in elections, had decided to throw up the chess board.

By mid-July it seemed that the End of Prophethood and the Ahmadiyya issue had become an important theme of the 2018 Elections. Political leaders, senior as well as junior, took up this issue in their rallies, and the vernacular media spared plenty of space for their statements.

For example, Mr. Pervaiz Ilahi of PML-Q falsely accused the PML-N government of efforts to repeal the law on End of Prophethood. Fazlur Rahman of JUI-F accused Imran Khan of “promises to Qadianis of a change in Khatme Nabuwwat law”. *The daily Din, July 10, 2018*. PakistanToday.com.pk/2018/07/08 reported: “Imran Khan vows to defend blasphemy law. PTI Chief draws ire for exploiting Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) issue for political gain.” The ‘ire’ of the few was apparently ignored by the Captain because for his support to the KN issue the Pir of Golra Sharif offered his support to the PTI. *The daily Dawn, July 3, 2018*. Mr. Imran Khan repeatedly raised the issue of Raja Zafrul Haq’s report on who brought about the KN changes to the Election Act 2017. This was Khan’s tool to worsen the PML-N, and in using it he failed to see his involvement in a religion-based issue which should not have gained the importance it did. It is indeed deplorable that not a single politician raised the question, “Why and on what basis you want to deny Ahmadis their right of vote?”

During those campaign weeks, PML-N repeatedly fired its unguided missile, Captain ® Safdar to press home strikes against Ahmadis. He pushed *inter alia* for changing the name of National Physics Centre in Islamabad from Abdus Salam to someone else. Mulla Rizvi of TLP issued a dreadful threat in a public rally to Ahmadis: “The day Islam comes to power, there

will be one decision regarding Mirzais – either recite the Kalima (Islamic Creed) or accept death. There won't be anything else other than this..."On YouTube (Translation). In May, after the destructive attack on Ahmadiyya Place of worship in Sialkot, a PPP MPA proposed a motion in the Sindh Assembly to condemn the attack, but the senior leadership of PPP did not permit her to move the resolution. In this charged atmosphere of religious intolerance, a man shot Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, the Federal Interior Minister, on his election campaign trail. He survived luckily but according to him he still carries the bullet of hate in his body.



Amir Liaquat – Muhafiz KN



Sh. Rashid Ahmad – Mujahid Khatme Nabuwwat

Mr. Imran Khan's conduct deserves a bit more space on record. In one of his election rallies he proudly announced that in his government merit will be the criteria for ministerial appointments; he would not appoint any 'relative' as the finance minister, but a competent man like Professor Atif Mian. Later, when there was a rumor of some reaction, the Captain hurried to take back his commitment, saying, "Oh, I did not know that Atif Mian was not a believer in the end of prophethood."

Anyway in the elections numerous PTI nominees used the title of *Mujahid-e-Khatme Nabuwwat* (Warrior of End of Prophethood) in their election campaigns to attract the voters. PTI nominated Dr. Amir Liaquat Hussain from NA-245 as their candidate. He printed his publicity poster calling himself *Muhafize Khatme Nabuwwat*, (Savior of End of Prophethood). Sheikh Rashid Ahmad, an ally of PTI, also mentioned himself on his publicity poster as *Mujahid-e-Khatme Nabuwwat*. Many nominees expressed their faith in Khatme Nabuwwat in a show of commitment to orthodoxy in Islam and opposition to Ahmadiyyat.

Three years imprisonment for "calling Qadiani a Muslim or preaching Qadianism"

Electronic Crimes Bill (Amendment) presented in the Senate

Lahore; September 20, 2018: The daily *Ausaf* published a news report with the above headlines (extracts) today. An extract of the report is translated below:

"Islamabad (News Agency): Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2018 has been moved in the Senate. According to the Bill, desecration of copy of the Holy Quran on social media invites life

imprisonment, death for those guilty of blasphemy against the Prophethood (*Risalat*) and the false accusers of blasphemy, and three years' imprisonment for those who insult religious personalities. The bill has been passed on to the relevant standing committee for perusal. The bill was presented by state finance minister Mr. Hamad Azhar on Wednesday. ... A Qadiani, calling himself a Muslim or preaching his belief will be punished with three years' imprisonment and fine. The bill proposes death for one who falsely accuses another of Blasphemy. ... The bill proposes 4 years' imprisonment and three million fine for one guilty of posting or selling pornographic (*fohsh*) material...."

Note: It is noteworthy that the state rather than curbing and restricting the laws on blasphemy etc. is taking further steps to enlarge the scope of application of these laws that have already pulverized the Pakistani society in many ways. Also, the fact that they chose to repeat specifically the anti-Ahmadi laws as well, confirms the PTI's indirect support to bigotry and sectarian prejudice.

Penalty of death should be laid down for deniers of End of Prophethood:
Siraj-ul-Haq (Amir Jamaat Islami, Pakistan)

Lahore: The daily *Ausaf* quoting its correspondent in Chenab Nagar reported the following in its issue of October 1, 2018 (extracts):

Penalty of death should be laid down for denier of Khatme Nabuwwat as well: Siraj-ul-Haq
The youth should turn to madrassas to escape Qadiani designs

Chenab Nagar (Ausaf correspondent): Siraj-ul-Haq Amir Jamaat Islami while talking to Mian Abdul Qayyum Hunjra stated that as per Constitution, Qadianis the deniers of Khatme Nabuwwat are outside the pale of Islam. Penalty for treason against the Constitution is death, so a denier of Khatme Nabuwwat should also face penalty of death (*sazae maut muqarrar ki jai*)... .

Note: The above is indicative of the level of bigotry, religious intolerance and political corruption of the emir of a front-line Islamist party in Pakistan.

This demand is perhaps the 'first ever' made this way by a leading mulla.

Mulla Rizvi of TLYR prescribes 'Death' for Ahmadis

Maulvi Khadim Hussain Rizvi of TLYR (Faizabad notoriety) spoke at a Khatme Nabuwwat conference; its clip is available on YouTube. While talking about Ahmadis on the issue of 'end of prophethood', he expressed his anger over talking 'peace', and said, "...And here are we – talking about peace in Pakistan. About peace! This is the same thing (sic); that is why Islam is not allowed to come to power (here). The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding *Mirzais* (Ahmadis): Either recite the Kalima (become Muslim) or accept Death. There won't be anything else other than this. ..."

(Translation) <https://youtu.be/pa-g8jY10d8>

Move in the National Assembly to impose Death Penalty on Ahmadis

Islamabad: We have received copy of an Adjournment Motion under signature of a JUI-F women member of the National Assembly, signed on March 26, 2018 asking for debate on the issue of people who become Ahmadis. Extracts from the applications are translated below:

Adjournment Motion under Rule 259

I put forward this Adjournment Motion on an extremely important and utmost momentous matter:

...

And these people (re-converted Ahmadis) proceed abroad and bring bad reputation to Pakistan. They blemish this country and nation, and obtain benefit in foreign countries, as Ahmadi/Qadiani. In fact, the apostasy laws apply to them. As such under what rules NADRA changes their religious identity? How many individuals' identity cards have been modified? This important issue should be debated in the parliament.

Sd –

Mme Naeema Kishwar Khan

N.A-327

Member National Assembly

200/26-3-2018

(**Note:** It is relevant to mention that according to JUI-F (the party of the applicant) penalty of apostasy is 'Death'.)

Statement by a former chief minister of the Punjab

Lahore; March 10, 2018: The daily *Express* of March 10, 2018 published a news-report about the conference held under the title of Amir Shariat Conference in Lahore. Mr. Pervaiz Ilahi, a former chief minister of the Punjab addressed the conference. He spoke against the beleaguered Ahmadiyya community in the name of 'end of prophethood'. Extracts from the report are given below:

Some elements in the government still active to repeal the law on Khatme Nabuwwat: Pervaiz Ilahi

Immunity given to those who altered the affidavit proves that it was conspiracy of the N-League

...

Lahore (News reporter): Chaudhary Pervaiz Ilahi, a senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League-(Q) warned that some elements are still trying to abolish the law on Khatme Nabuwwat (PBUH); vicious attack on this law was undertaken in the guise of alteration in the Khatme Nabuwwat affidavit. It failed due to national resistance but the elements involved in this disgusting action are being protected by the government and their names have not been made public yet. This clearly proves that the present leadership of N-League was behind the sordid conspiracy, and they did that to please the West. While addressing the Amir Shariat Conference held in Evan-i-Iqbal by Ahrar e Islam, he said that whole nation should resolve firmly to protect the Tehrike Khatme Nabuwwat so that the like of the failed attempt made by the present government would not be repeated in future. He said that it is to the credit of the Pakistani people that they are the first who legislated measures to safeguard the Khatme Nabuwwat. Almighty Allah honoured Chaudhry Zahur Ilahi Shaheed to move the first privilege motion in the National Assembly in this regard. ...

It is noteworthy that after the elections, the PTI in the Punjab offered Speakership of the Assembly to Mr. Ilahi, who now is a coalition partner of the government.

Federal government proceeds with implementing the Agreement made with *Dharna* mullas of the TLYR

Islamabad; January 16, 2018: The mullas of TLYR lifted the sit-in (*Dharna*) at Faizabad, Islamabad after an agreement with the government, that the daily Dawn assessed as ‘surrender **so object that the mind is numb and heart sinks**’ of those who uphold the writ of the state. The agreement comprised half a dozen terms. We expressed our concern in December 2017 report as, “Ahmadis are worried. They think that while the contending parties could well renege on various clauses of their ‘agreements’ both will happily comply with those terms that will further curb the human rights and freedom of religion of Ahmadis.” Our concerns were not misplaced; the follow-up events prove.

Soon after the signing of the agreement, the federal ministry of religious affairs announced that year 2018 would be celebrated as one for ‘Awareness of End of Prophethood.’ While the mullas are accusing the government of reneging on some of its important undertakings in the agreement, the ministry of religious affairs is proceeding full speed ahead with the Khatme Nabuwwat agenda. It advertised in the press ‘holding of a competition in writing thesis’ on the subject of: **End of Prophethood and Muslims’ responsibilities – in the Light of Teachings of the Holy Prophet P.B.U.H.**

The ad lays down basic terms and conditions for the competitors, and requires them to submit their thesis to the ministry by March 20, 2018. It advises that for further details official websites www.mora.gov.pk and www.ppra.org.pk may be downloaded.

The title of the theme of the thesis is noteworthy for its goading and aggravation. It came from a government that expressed commitment to National Action Plan!

Copy of this ad is reproduced at Annex VI to this report.

KPK government extends help to mullas

Noshehra; January 11, 2018: The daily Dunya published this report from its representative in Noshehra, (extracts): Mr. Pervez Khattak, the chief minister, while addressing a get-together at Manki Sharif on the occasion of Khatmal Quran under Jamaat Ishaat al Toheedwal Sunnat, said that the provincial government is not only determined to revive Islamic tradition and to promote Islamic teachings, but also has taken firm steps in this regard. The provincial government has made Khatme Nabuwwat a part of school syllabus so as to fortify this belief in the younger generation. As compared to other sectors, Ulama who serve the cause of religion have greater claim on our services, he said.

Punjab government nominates two mullas of TLYR on Text Books Board

Lahore; December 19, 2017: The daily Jang reported that the Interior Department of Punjab has appointed two leading figures of Tahrik Labbaik Ya Rasulullah, Usman Afzal Qadri and Noor Muhammad members of the Curriculum and Text Books Board and issued a notification.

The appointment of leading figures of TLYR on the Review Committee for school syllabus is a part of the reconciliation policy of the Punjab government with the Tahrik, the paper added.

Present day rulers and politics of religion

Lahore; January 7, 2018: The PML-N Government of Punjab held a special Mashaikh (Scholars and Custodians of Prominent Shrines) Convention at the *Aiwan Wazir Alaa* (Chief Minister House) on January 7, 2018. Its main themes according to press advertisement were: 1) Eternal Devotion for the Holy Prophet (PBUH), 2) Faith in Finality of Prophethood (KN). It was presided by the chief minister, Mr. Shahbaz Sharif. Rana Sanaullah, the provincial law minister also addressed it. According to a press report (*the daily Jang; January 8, 2018*) more than 150 Mashaikh and a number of high government officials attended the convention.

This convention deserves special mention in our report as its themes were closely related to the Blasphemy law and the persecution of Ahmadis in the country. Ahmadis were very recently deprived of participation in elections through an amended Election Act 2017 on the basis of ‘end of prophethood’, as a bargain in the infamous Islamabad sit-in (*Dharna*). The repercussions of the *Dharna* continue to disturb the provincial and the federal governments. In fact, one of the main leaders of the protest campaign is Pir Sialwi. Holding of this convention at public expense in the CM House is of politico-religious significance. Its noteworthy proceedings are mentioned below.

The chief minister said, “End of Prophethood (KN) is fundamental to our faith; we are its guardians. We have strengthened the law further on the KN and even if someone intends, he can make no amendment to it till the doomsday (*Qiyamat*).

“... Every Muslim is ready to sacrifice his life on the issue of Honour of the Prophet and the End of Prophethood. There are no two opinions about it that one who has no faith in KN is outside the pale of Islam. ...”

Rana Sanaullah, in his address, emphatically said, “Belief in KN is part of my faith, and I sincerely think that one who does not believe in the Latter Day Prophet (*Nabi Akhar al Zaman*, PBUH) is outside the pole of Islam. Qadianis are Non-Muslim. The leadership and the government of PML-N is playing its full role in safeguarding the belief in KN. The great Mashaikh are the captains of KN and we are their foot soldiers; hence there is no question of possibility of any harm to the KN.”

The speakers spoke on international relations and internal politics as well. National cohesion and social justice was emphasized. Mr. Shahbaz Sharif said, “We should examine as to what extent we have followed (Islamic) guidelines on fair distribution of wealth.” He said that it was an honour for him to attend that blessed get-together in which the greats (*Azim hastian*) had assembled. Rana Sanaullah told the Mashaikh that they (the PML-N) would continue to seek guidance from them.

At this occasion, the government of Punjab got published large size paid ads in almost all newspapers.

General Elections 2018 – from Ahmadiyya perspective

As the 2018 general elections approached, there was a continuous effort by most political parties to justify discrimination against the Ahmadiyya community to maintain or improve upon their vote bank. In this effort it became a norm with most politicians to assert their support to the blasphemy laws and the anti-Ahmadi laws. The only exception was Mr. Jibran Nasir, who refused to talk about religious affiliations during his campaign. In this process of reclaiming Islam, many politicians including PTI leader Mr. Imran Khan uttered

unsympathetic statements against the Ahmadiyya community. This atmosphere, riled with opposing political stances, has seriously impacted the day to day lives of Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Some of the leading politicians' statements are mentioned below as example:

- “We are standing with Article 295-C and will defend it,” said the leader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) at a gathering of Muslim leaders in Islamabad. (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jul/09/imran-kahn-accused-over-defence-of-pakistan-blasphemy-laws>)
- Maulvi Khadim Rizvi of Tehrik Labbaik (TLYR) spoke at a Khatme Nabuwwat conference and said:“The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding *Mirzais* (Ahmadis): Either recite the Kalima (become Muslim) or accept Death. There won't be anything else other than this. ...”(On YouTube – translation)
- PML-N president Shahbaz Sharif proudly stated, “None involved in (KN) affidavit change was given (party) ticket.” (*The daily Islam; Lahore, July 23, 2018*)
- It will be beneficial for interim ministers to not touch the issue of Khatm e Nabuwat: Fazal Ur Rehman (*The daily Din; Lahore, July 19, 2018*)
- Imran wants Zafar's report made public (*The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, July 8, 2018*)
- Election campaign is being run through religious beliefs: Fawad Chaudhary (of PTI) (*The daily Jang; Lahore, July 3, 2018*)

Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan dissociated itself from the general elections. The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan issued a press release giving reasons. The daily *Abtak* published its advertisement version on July 17, 2018. English translation of the press release is given below:

Ahmadiyya Community disassociates from the General Elections 2018

A separate voters list prepared for the Ahmadis alone based on religious consideration is stark discrimination

Chenab Nagar (PR): The Spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan Mr. Saleem ud Din announced disassociation of the Community from the upcoming general elections set to take place in Pakistan on 25 July.

He said that although the elections are ostensibly being held under a joint electoral system, there is, however, a separate voters list for Ahmadis. The process for the registration of voters and the preparation of the voter-lists has been finalized by now. The forms issued for the registration of voters include the religion box and the related oath.

He expressed the view that under the current circumstances for Ahmadis to cast a vote, they first have to distance themselves from the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and this is something to which no Ahmadi can agree.

Currently there is one voter list that includes all religious groups including Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Zoroastrians and Sikhs, whereas in the case of Ahmadis, a separate voter list has been prepared bearing the title 'Qadiani men/women'.

This discriminatory treatment on the basis of religion is a deliberate attempt to disenfranchise the Ahmadis of Pakistan from the electoral process to all intents and purposes denying them their right of vote. Such prejudicial behavior is an open violation of Pakistani Ahmadis as citizens of the state, and

goes against the vision of the founding father of the country, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, and contravenes both the constitution and the very essence of the joint electoral system.

The Spokesperson said that under these circumstances the Ahmadis consider participation in the elections against their faith. And if anyone contests these elections as an Ahmadi, he cannot and should not be seen as a representative of the Ahmadiyya community, nor will any Ahmadi accept him as such.

Therefore, in view of the prevailing circumstances, the Ahmadis of Pakistan will once again not participate in the Pakistani general elections. *(Ad published in the daily Abtak; Lahore, July 17, 2018)*

It should be made clear that the Elections (Amendment) Act, 2017 reintroduced General Musharaf's Chief Executive's Order No. 15 of 2002 Articles 7B and 7C regarding Ahmadis, thereby asserting *the status of Ahmadis etc to remain unchanged* and also *requiring a voter to sign the given affidavit of faith in the end of prophethood as and when required by the Revising Authority* (See Annex IX). The affidavit in vernacular requires such a voter to state: "Affidavit on oath: I affirm on oath that, I believe completely and unconditionally in the finality of the Prophethood of the Khataman Nabiyeen Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), and that I am not a follower of any person who claims Prophethood after Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) on the basis of any interpretation of this word, neither I believe such a claimant to be a religious reformer or a prophet, nor do I belong to Qadiani or Lahori group or call myself Ahmedi." A similar declaration on oath is required from a Candidate who considers himself a Muslim.

EU Election Observation Mission stated in their Preliminary Statement that, "Ahmadis are still registered on a separate electoral roll, a clear disenfranchisement of the 167,500 Ahmadi voters in an environment of widespread sectarian violence. Pakistan is yet to fulfill its international obligations regarding equality of electoral rights to all minority citizens." *(EU Election Observation Mission Preliminary Statement Islamabad, 27 July 2018 Page 13)*

Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN), a non-profit NGO issued a report declaring General Elections 2018 of Pakistan better than elections of 2013. According to the FAFEN report, despite complaints about vote counting process the elections were free, fair, transparent and accountable, in accordance with the requirements laid out in the Elections Act, 2017. *(<https://dunyanews.tv/en/Pakistan/449847-General-Elections-2018-comparatively-better-2013-polls-FAFEN-repor>)*

Some interesting facts about the general elections 2018:

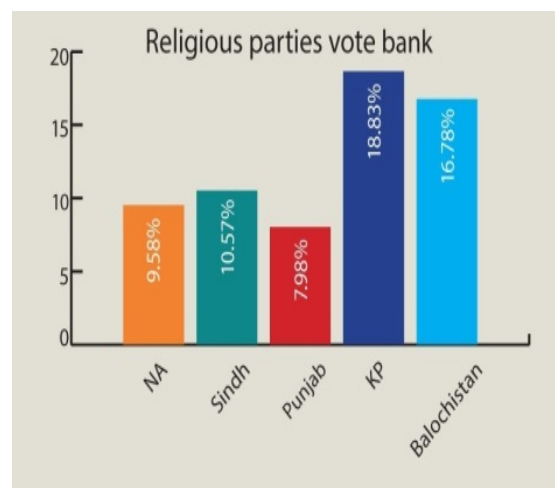
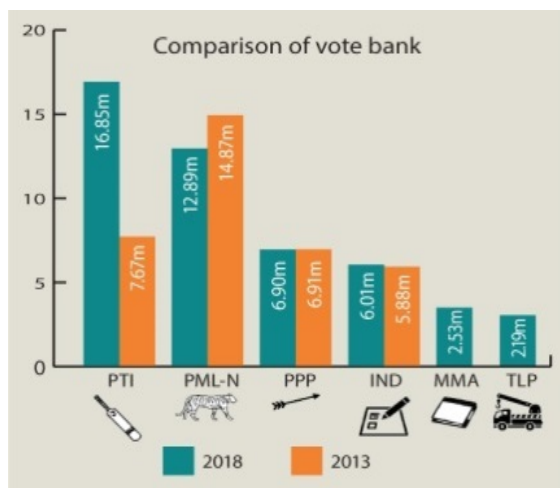
- Religious groups jump into electoral fray in a big way. TLP fields over 150 candidates for NA across country. *(The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2018)*
- The JuD, a front for the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terror group launched its political wing Milli Muslim League (MML) and contested the elections.
- Another extremist sectarian outfit Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ), which was banned in Pakistan, has fielded dozens of candidates including one of its top leaders, Aurangzeb Farooqi, who is on Pakistan's terrorism watch list. *(<https://www.thequint.com/news/world/pakistan-elections-extremists-election>)*
- The Jamaat-i-Islami, that was routed in the July 25 elections, has expelled several (20) senior members of the district *Shura* (executive council) and terminated their basic membership for violating its constitution. *(The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 7, 2018)*

A few noteworthy election results in the Ahmadiyya context are as follows:

- Following important members of Mian Sharif family could not return to the National Assembly:
Nawaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz, Captain @ Safdar, Ishaque Dar
- Maulvi Fazlur Rahman (JUI) and Sirajul Haq (JI) failed to win seats in NA.
- Zaeem Qadri was badly beaten in the contest.
- Extremist TLP won only 2 seats in Sindh.
- A Hindu won National Assembly general seat and two won provincial seats in Sindh.
- Jibran Nasir who refused to indulge in religious polemics could not win.
- Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti comfortably won provincial seat from Chiniot.
- Zia ul Haq's son met defeat.
- Ch. Nisar lost the NA seat.
- Election Commission postponed NA election at Sh. Rasheed's constituency.

The 2018 general elections followed, for the first time in Pakistan's history, two elected civilian governments completing their full terms. The elections took place against a background of allegations of interference in the electoral process by the military-led establishment and the role of the judiciary as a political actor. Media outlets and journalists suffer from severe restrictions and curtailment on freedom of expression. (*EU Election Observation Mission Preliminary Statement Islamabad, 27 July 2018 Page 1*)

Some interesting statistics of the general elections 2018:



Plight of a political Pir

Sahiwal, District Sargodha; February 19, 2018: Khawaja Hamid ud Din Sialvi of Aastana Alia Sial Sharif was in the political news extensively on the issue of End of Prophethood. He led his own faction on this issue against Rana Sanaullah and the Punjab government early this year and demanded that Sharia be imposed in the country within one week or there shall be consequences. This agitation added greatly to the pressure on the beleaguered Ahmadiyya community. In these circumstances the daily *92 News* published the following news on February 19, 2018 (extracts):

Paralysis attack on Khawaja Hamid ud Din Sialvi. Shifted to Lahore unconscious.

Sahiwal/ Sargodha, Aminpur Banglah (reporter, correspondent, news agencies)... Pir Sialvi alongwith his cohorts was on his way to a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Aminpur Banglah, Chiniot. He departed from Sial Sharif at about 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. When close to Jhang his blood pressure shot up. Not well, he was taken to a private hospital in Sargodha. After examination and first aid, the doctors stated that he suffered an attack of paralysis on account of high blood pressure; he should be moved to Lahore for (extensive) medical treatment. Then Khawaja Hameed ud Din Sialvi was shifted to Lahore in an unconscious state. After an hour's attention in an 'emergency' section of a private hospital he was shifted to the ICU. ...

According to a spokesman of a private TV channel, the Pir was perturbed over the government's breach of faith on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat; this caused the attack. ... According to Khuda Bux Tiwana, a spokesman, the Pir considered Shahbaz Sharif (CM) a very good friend. Sharif made a number of promises to the Pir on the issue of End of Prophethood but did not honour them. He was very distraught over the breach of faith by the government. This put immense pressure on him, which resulted in his ailment. Pir Sialvi has never made a compromise on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat.

The reality about Captain ® Safdar

Captain ® Safdar become very relevant to the Pakistani Ahmadi community when he indulged in a malicious attack against Ahmadis in the National Assembly on October 9 last year. The daily Dawn commented on it, "It was a diatribe both repugnant, not only in what was said but also in terms of the wider ramifications...."

Captain Safdar is an MNA of PML-N. He is married to Ms Maryam Nawaz, and is thus son-in-law of Mr. Nawaz Sharif, former prime minister.

In February National Accountability Bureau wrote a letter to the federal Ministry of Interior, No. 3-1(1)(14)L/NAB/D. Dir(ECL) dated 14th February 2018 regarding five accused including Captain ® Safdar, as follows, (extract):

Subject: Placement of Names on ECL – Investigation against Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Hussain Nawaz Sharif, Hassan Nawaz Sharif and Capt® Muhammad Safdar relating to Avenfield properties, United Kingdom

The undersigned is directed to convey that the Competent Authority while considering the equal treatment in the eyes of law for all accused has recommended placement of following five accused persons on ECL. (ECL Placement proforma, duly filled are enclosed).

Name and father's name: Mohammad Safdar S/o Mohammad Ishaq

CNIC No.35200-7820163-6

Address: Mohallah-H, House No. 180-181

Model Town Lahore Tehsil Lahore Cantt

District Lahore

Allegation: In compliance of the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 28.7.2017 in Constitution Petition No. 29/2016, investigations, on the allegation of corruption and corrupt practices and amassing assets beyond means, against the subject accused were conducted and references filed in the Accountability Court at Islamabad, which are pending adjudication. Further investigations are

under process while the accused persons did not join the proceedings at NAB despite service of summons and there is every likelihood that they can flee abroad to avoid the process of law.

This bigot was most impressed by Justice Siddiqui's rulings (reported at some length in chapter 1A) and demanded that IHC judgment as related to the end of Prophethood and Ahmadis should be made a part of the Constitution of Pakistan. (*The daily Jang; March 16, 2018*)

A few weeks later, In follow-up of his corruption scandal the daily Mashriq reported in following headlines:

Follow-up of corruption scandal. Decision taken to open up fresh reference against (Capt.) Safdar.

Nawaz Sharif gave Rs 9 billion to his son-in-law, in violation of rules. NAB obtains record of 9b worth transactions: Sources

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 2, 2018

During the election campaign weeks, PML-N repeatedly fired this unguided missile, Captain ® Safdar, to press home strikes against Ahmadis. He leaned on the usual blasphemy and end of prophethood themes. Column-writers took note of his conduct and commented, for example:

The bigots of politics

...Among all the members of mainstream political parties who have expressed bigoted views about the faith of political opponents or religious minorities. Nawaz Sharif's son-in-law, Captain Safdar, tops the list. From paying homage to Mumtaz Qadri's bravery and extolling the virtues of vigilantism against alleged blasphemers to venting outrage against Ahmadis in parliament, he has never shied from flaunting his bigoted views....

Ali Arqam in Monthly Newslines: <https://newslinesmagazine.com/magazine/the-bigots-of-politics>

Eventually Safdar was sentenced to 1+1 year of imprisonment by an accountability court over corruption and fraud. He went into hiding to avoid arrest. Couple of days later he decided to emerge. Prior to arrest he is seen in a video on internet addressing his supporters, "... I am a political prisoner. I am going to be imprisoned for the honour of Prophethood (*Namus Risalat*). I am proud of this. I would have been ashamed if...."

Now after his pre-arrest statement offering his arrest for the sake of honour of Prophethood he was severely and most harshly taken to task by TV commentators for his deceit, villainy and depravity to use religion for political gain.

Ulama board to help amend school curriculum – and a great deal more in the Punjab

Lahore: The daily *Dawn* published the following story in its issue of January 26, 2018: **Ulema board to help amend school curriculum**

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to empower the Muttahida Ulema Board to help the government amend the curriculum.

Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan told a meeting of the board here on Thursday that the government would amend the relevant law(s) to formally empower the clerics' board helping the education authorities in preparing school curriculum.

The education secretary has also been asked to get clearance from the board in case of adding or deleting any text regarding Islamic injunctions, he said.

The minister also directed the secretary to consult the clerics before induction of reading material in text books regarding creating awareness among the children about their physical safety. The board meeting had been convened to reset the requirements of education of children in the light of Quran and Sunnah, a press release said.

It was attended by board chairman Sahibzada Fazalur Raheem, Dr Raghav Hussain Naeemi, Allama Zubair Ahmad Zaheer, Dr Muhamamd Hussain Akbar, additional chief secretary (Home) Azam Suleman, secretaries of auqaf, special education and Textbook Board.

Mr. Sanaullah urged the clerics to help the government raise awareness in society on crimes against children and bringing a positive change in accordance with religious requirements in the academic curriculum of children.

This is the same Ulama Board at whose call the provincial government has already banned all the written works of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Community. The board has been instrumental in banning the Holy Quran published with translation by Ahmadis. The chairman of the Ulama Board mulla Fuzlur Raheem had all the Ahmadiyya periodicals banned even those meant for Ahmadi children and women. This gagging is blatant violation of the Constitution and is against the federal policy of free press and freedom of religion, even though very limited, of Ahmadis. The provincial Home Department most probably has instructions to do all that these mullas of the board 'recommend'. Now the Education Department is told to follow suit.

It is noteworthy that the law minister promised the mullas that the government would amend the relevant law(s) to formally empower the clerics' board in this regard. This amounts to handing over to them the education text books policy and implementation. This was more than even what the KP government had done where Jamaat Islami was part of the governing coalition.

After entering into a dishonorable agreement with Mulla Khadim Rizvi of TLP at the Faizabad sit-in, some bigots and timorous elements in the government went beyond the requirements of the imposed agreement. They declared that the year 2018 will be celebrated as one of Awareness of End of Prophethood. The ministry of religious affairs initiated a competition in writing thesis on the subject of 'End of Prophethood and Muslims' responsibilities in the light of teaching of the Holy Prophet PBUH'.

The Punjab Government entered into its own peace with the dissidents of the TLP of Faizabad. The sit-in and the government's inability to handle its lifting completely made them faint-hearted and compliant. The chief minister in Punjab held an End of Prophethood conference on 7th January at CM House in Lahore where a large number of even petty Mashaikh and mullas were invited, assured and feted at great public expense.

Mulla Allah Wasaya of a Khatme Nabuwwat organization had gone to the Islamabad High Court on the issue of end of prophethood. There the pious judge, finding the government on the defensive and on the run, issued his moot judgment even telling the Parliament to "also take measures which can completely terminate those who scar this belief (in end of prophethood)." Sky is the limit.

Since long a section of the local intelligentsia and majority of the international community have noticed with concern that all is not well with educational syllabi in Pakistan

as some of its content promotes inter-communal hatred, even violence. Past federal governments had reluctantly acknowledged the need for the revision and steps were taken discreetly to revise the most unacceptable parts. However, the Punjab government (the biggest province) has decided to take a major leap backward to worsen the present position regarding curriculum and text books.

Some political analysts expressed the view openly that the PML-N, particularly its disqualified prime minister were prepared to go to any length to maintain and perpetrate their political hold on the country. Rana Sanaullah's homage to the Ulama Board was a part of that policy.

Believe it or not: Orya Maqbool Jan was proposed by PTI as Punjab Caretaker CM

Lahore; May 31, 2018: TV channel ARY flashed, and the press reported the next day that the Punjab Leader of Opposition, Mr Mahmood ur Rashid of PTI put up a new list of their candidates for the post of caretaker Chief Minister of the Punjab, and it contained the name of Mr. Orya Maqbool Jan as well. Rashid must have obtained endorsement of the proposal from party chief, Imran Khan.

Orya is known as an ultra-right wing brain. He has some following in the country and among the expatriate community. Sometimes ago he assessed the Taliban rule in Afghanistan as an Islamic model for this era. He is also seen in a video supporting the practice of wife-beating, on grounds that 'women like it'. He also forcefully recommended death for anyone who claimed to be a prophet, or while claiming to be a Muslim followed such a person after the Holy Prophet. In his video he asserts (translation):

"...We are of the opinion that anyone who professing to be a Muslim declares himself to be a Prophet, he commits robbery against the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet. There is only one way (*Sunnat*) with us , it is the way of our mentor Abu Bakr Siddique i.e. chop off his neck (*gardan uraa do*) like that of Musailma, the Liar; chop off his neck like that of Aswad Ansi.... There is no other way." He was referring to Ahmadiis in his passionate style.

People who know Islamic history know that Orya here twisted facts and misquoted history to suit his purpose. Musailma and Ansi, both raised armies and indulged in armed attack on the nascent Muslim regime. Abu Bakr (R.A.) had no choice but to defend the state by defeating them. Their claims to Prophecy had little to do with these battles.

The Holy Prophet of Islam is on record to have foretold:

"[A time will come when] there will be nothing left of knowledge. People will make the ignorant their leaders and will seek guidance from them in matters of religion. These leaders will issue Fatwas without any knowledge. They will themselves be misguided and will lead others astray.

(Mishkat, Kitab ul Ilm, chap.3 p. 38)

However, it is noteworthy that the attack on Ahmadiyya Place of Worship in Sialkot was also led by a PTI activist, Hafiz Hamid Raza. Although subsequently the PTI distanced itself from the grave sacrilege, the party took no action against the lead miscreant.

Prior to elections PTI leader, Imran Khan made a number of moves that belie his liberal credentials. In fact, these betrayed his very shaky commitment to liberal values. His 5-year partnership with Jamaat Islami in KPK government, his participation in Khatme

Nabuwwat conferences organized by extremist mullas, KPK government's award of huge purse to Mulla Sami ul Haq's madrassah, and then after PTI's hews and how's over Punjab CM nominee the proposal to install Orya as the chief minister of the country's largest province was perhaps the last nail in the coffin of expectations of PTI being a party of higher liberal and secular values that would retrieve Pakistan from the clutches of religious bigotry and hate.

The learned and undaunted Aysha Siddiqua wrote in her op-ed for The News in December 2017:

"A historic overview of the country where religious groups of one hue or the other have played their role with the state to turn it into a hybrid theocracy of today.

"...Now it does not matter anymore if Shariah is formally applied or not. But between Khadim Rizvi and Orya Maqbool Jan, the state is theirs to claim."

PTI spared these fellows the effort to claim the state; it offered them on a platter.

TLP (TLYR) uses religion card in election campaign

July 2018: TLP *aka* TLYR remained very active against the Ahmadi community in the election campaign. This politico-religious party is led by Maulvi Khadim Hussain Rizvi. Rizvi stated: "The day Islam comes to power here, there will be only one decision regarding the *Mirzais* (Ahmadis): either recite the *Kalima* or accept death."

Rizvi visited Karachi on July 1. Although he himself was not a candidate, his party fielded numerous candidates in the mega city. Rizvi addressed a number of corner meetings and rallies wherein he targeted the Ahmadiyya community and made hateful speeches. His disciples followed the policy and they agitated the audience against Ahmadis through hateful speeches.

A TLP mulla from An-Noor Society excelled others in using bad language against Ahmadi elders. He said that if TLP came to power in Pakistan, it will annihilate the Ahmadiyya community.

On June 30, activists of TLP in Nishat Colony Lahore spray-painted hateful sketches on the outer walls of the house of Mr Israr Ahmad, Ahmadi. Mr. Ahmad reported the incident to the police. As a result, during the night someone partly effaced the hateful sketches. It is not known what action the police took, if any.

On July 17, TLP held an election rally at Mughalpura, Lahore. The candidate, Muhammad Yusuf and other speakers asked the people to vote for TLP in order to crush Qadianis and shield Muslims from their influence. They declared their object of uprooting Qadianism. They shouted slogan: One who is a friend of Mirzais is a traitor, a traitor.

Penal action by Ahmadi-bashers subsequent to Ahmadiyya boycott of elections

An 'announcement' was published in the dailies Abtak and the Frontier Post declaring that as Ahmadis had been placed on a separate electoral list despite Joint Electorate and also to be eligible for voting they were required to sign an affidavit delinking themselves from the Holy Prophet, they would boycott the elections.

Subsequent to this, mullas made efforts to implicate Ahmadiyya leadership in the country in a criminal case. Two writs were moved in courts at Lahore and Lalian in District Chiniot.

Mullas applied to the police as well to register criminal cases against Ahmadi leaders, but as there was no justification for that, the police refrained from the requested follow-up.

The opponents subsequently moved a writ petition against Mr. Saleemuddin, the Ahmadiyya director of public affairs, in the court of Addl. Session Judge Lahore Mr. Azhar Iqbal Ranjha. The judge initiated preliminary hearings. Similarly a writ petition was moved with the Addl. Session Judge Chiniot for registration of a case with police.

Hafiz Saeed's statement concerning Ahmadis

Lahore; September 10, 2018: Hafiz Saeed is a known figure from Pakistan. He is emir of his politico-religious party, Jamaat ud Dawa which is banned, and he is accused of indulging in acts of terrorism. His views on Ahmadi Jamaat were published in the daily Ausaf on September 10, 2018. Extract:

"Qadianis are open enemies of Islam and Pakistan, their appointment on important posts is intolerable.

Qadianis, by masquerading as Muslims are bringing a bad name to Islam and Muslims: Amir Jamaat ud Dawa

Publishing blasphemous sketches is a daunting conspiracy. Muslim rulers should pressurize UN to legislate against blasphemy against prophets.

Lahore (Political reporter): Professor Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, Amir Jamaat ud Dawa said that Qadianis are open enemies of Islam and Pakistan. Their appointment on important posts is not at all acceptable. They should be removed from important posts forthwith and should be barred from anti-Islam and anti-Pakistan activities. Faith in the End of Prophethood is fundamental to the faith of all Muslims. He was talking to delegations of workers and officials. He said that Qadianis were nurtured by the British and this plant of great mischief was planted by them. Ahmadis intend to accomplish their conspiratory plans through influence in the government. Qadianis have accelerated their activities with the incoming of the new government. The government should take cognizance of foreign interference and it should take effective action to block Qadianiat.

Hafiz Saeed added that by posing as Muslims, Qadianis are bringing a bad name to Muslims. The entire Muslim Ummah will have to take united stand to fight back conspiracies against Islam and Muslims...."

Hate speech by leader of a political party

Allama Khadim Hussain Razvi, chief of Tehrik Labbaik (TLP) openly indulged in hate speech against Ahmadis. He accused them of blasphemy for denying the Khatme Nabuwwat, although they also believe in the finality of prophethood, with slightly different interpretation. The mulla told the police as well to provide no protection to Ahmadis. Extracts (English translation of his Punjabi):

“... I want to advise police officials that job is not everything, faith also does matter...Tell (your superiors) clearly that we can't protect them (Ahmadis)... Had you said this, Mirzais would have been dead the day they were born... Offer no protection to the rebels of the Prophet (PBUH)... Leave the job and be assured that the Master will take care of your livelihood... I also quit the job of Imam of the Pir Makki Place of worship because they stopped me from making speech on the honour of prophethood, but I left the job and God gave me money in one year that was equivalent to my income from twenty years' service ... This is our country... There is no pardon for the rebels of the Prophet here. Those who love Mirzais, they should take them to their homes and mansions... High police officials should be Muslims, as also the lower ones... also the army personnel, the DCs, judges, advocates, all should be Muslims; non-Muslims may stay here, we have no problem with their stay, but the honor and prestige should be due only to Muslims... Muslims should be above and all others below (them) ... Yes non-Muslims can be a subject, not in authority over us. Non-Muslims may stay here, surely but as sweepers ... No objection to that, but there is no leniency for one who would talk against our Master (pbuh).” (On Youtube in October 2018)

As per law PPC 153-A, this speech would earn this mulla 5-years' prison sentence. But the authorities postponed any action till the TLP became rabid and mounted a devastating attack on the judiciary and the army a few weeks later.

Jamaat Islami holds anti-Ahmadiyya 'Jurists Conference' in Islamabad

Islamabad; September 27, 2018: Jamaat Islami, one of the leading politico-religious parties, held a so-called Jurists Conference in Islamabad, in which the main themes were the Khatme Nabuwwat laws and the Blasphemy law. Many days later, its detailed reports were published in the far-right vernacular newspapers, the daily Ausaf of October 14 and the daily Insaf of October 19, 2018. It can be presumed that these reports were compiled by the conference organizers. We reproduce here a few extracts of these reports and add our brief comment at the end.

“Under the auspices of Jamaat Islami and under the chairmanship of its Amir Senator Sirajul Haq a conference was held in Islamabad over Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) and the Honour of Prophethood (Blasphemy). It was attended by retired chief justice Iftikhar Chaudhary, Ahmar Bilal Sufi, retired justice Manzoor Gilani and a number of retired judges, advocates and civil society activists. It was decided in the Conference to hold international jurists conferences in Geneva and London in January 2019 to lobby for framing international laws on Blasphemy and End of Prophethood.

“Sirajul Haq stated that the Senate should clear no bill that proposes any change in the existing PPC 295-C, also the recommendations of Raja Zafarul Haq Committee as well as the verdict of the (*dismissed*) Justice Siddiqui of IHC should be implemented word by word.

“The conference was addressed by “highly regarded international jurist Mr. Ahmar Bilal Sufi” among others.

“Pakistani constitution has clarified the position of Qadiani mischief (*fitna*), but they have not accepted this constitutional amendment and remain busy asserting their Muslim identity,” said Sirajul Haq.

“Former chief justice Iftikhar Chaudhary (*now accused of corruption through his discredited son Arsalan*) said that Jamaat Islami has done well to hold this Jurists Conference. He applauded the 1974 National Assembly for being first to provide definition of a Muslim to the Islamic world. He rejected the proposal to award death penalty to false accusers of Blasphemy. He supported the move that Justice ®

Siddiqui's verdict regarding Qadianis should be implemented. "We should not let international conspiracy against KN laws succeed; we have no right to be alive if we are unable to safeguard the end of prophethood law," he asserted.

"The post-conference declaration included, *inter alia*, that the participants condemned any changes to the Blasphemy law and its implementation procedure, and resolved to resist powerfully any such attempts. The speakers demanded that the definitions of Muslim and Non-Muslim should be widely publicized to remove any doubts, and till the Qadianis accept their non-Muslim status they should be denied all key posts and membership of policy-making bodies."

Note: Jamaat Islami is a far-right political party with Islamist agenda to grab political power. Its founder Maududi was known for his fascist and extremist views, as also for his frequently changing expressed opinions on important religious and political issues, in efforts to adjust to ground realities to attain his goal of political Islam wherein he would be the Supreme Jurist.

A brief note on this party and its founder is available in our monthly report for October 2018.

Thrashed Jamaat Islami turns its guns on Jamaat Ahmadiyya

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

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

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

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 26, 2018

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

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 26, 2018

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

The daily 92 News; Faisalabad, November 26, 2018

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

The daily The News, November 28, 2018

- **The society would not accept Qadianis, until and unless they accept their constitutional status.**

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 28, 2018

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

The daily The News; Lahore, November 28, 2018

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

Graffiti in a public urinal



Translation

Come and let's pee on the face of Qadianis

8. The Administration; the Mulla

A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP between the Pakistani state and the mulla was General Ziaul Haq's idea. He had no constituency except the Army. He needed a collaborator from the public, however unbefitting, he chose the mulla. To get him on his side the dictator imposed an Islamist state on Pakistan. Anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX was a part of that policy. It is unfortunate that even after the general's death in an air crash in 1988, no regime, democratic or military, has been able to rid itself of General Zia's malevolent legacy.

A major portion of what is mentioned in this annual report is the handiwork of this unholy pairing. Incidents that do not fall under any other heading, and are manifestly the output of this duo, are reported in this chapter.

Ahmadis are forced to declare non-Muslim status

December 2018: National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has implemented a policy after the decision of Justice Shaukat Siddiqi (now disgraced) in which he told the Government to ensure recording the religious identity of all applicants of CNICs. NADRA got this policy approved by the Federal Ministry of Interior.

According to this policy now there are two declarations, one for Muslims and other for non-Muslims. Previously there was only one declaration for Muslims in which all who declared themselves Muslims had to sign a declaration in which rebuttal of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community was essential. Now, one who opts not to sign the declaration for Muslims has to sign the affidavit in which he declares himself to be non-Muslim in addition to stating his faith or denomination. To state what an individual is not, is superfluous and bizarre. It is a malicious move to severely hurt Ahmadis.

This creates a major problem for Ahmadis who consider themselves to be Muslims but now have to declare themselves to be non-Muslims for obtaining or renewal of national identity card and other legal documents.

NADRA has introduced a column no. 38 on Form for obtaining a CNIC; it requires declaration:

“I declare on oath that I am not Muslim and I belong to Qadiani/Ahmadi religion.”

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

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

Accordingly, the DC, the DPO and the Chairman of Quran Board, Punjab accompanied by a number of mullas came to Rabwah on November 29 and inspected the

printing presses. The team was escorted by a sizeable contingent of police. Muaviya demanded his own presence as well, but rightly was not allowed by the police for his hostile and malicious attitude.

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

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

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

Next hearing of this case was scheduled for December 24, 2018 when this inspection report was to be presented by the high government officials to the LHC judge.

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

A bizarre move by an 'agency'

Lahore: The daily 92 News published the following story in its issue of May 16, 2018. As 'agencies' are normally well-informed on such issues, a report such as this is indeed surprising. As such, we reproduce below a translation of the newsreport without comment:

Intelligence agency demands ban on Qadianis' social activities

Their website and use of social media should be immediately blocked: A letter to Ministry of Religious Affairs

Islamabad (Qasim Nawaz Abbasi): A civilian intelligence agency recommended in its letter to Ministry of Religious Affairs to play their role to stop heightened activities of Qadianis on social media in the country and ban their special website. According to a letter by an intelligence agency to Ministry of Religious Affairs, Qadianis are running a website containing blasphemous material; its published content violates religious and constitutional restrictions. According to a copy of the letter held with 92 News, false proselytization continues through the usage of Islamic terms like *Khalifa*, *Masjid*, *Messiah* and *Sahabi*. In the letter, the Interior Ministry is also requested to ban all Ahmadiyya publications and their use of social media in the country. Also, the Ministry of Commerce is requested to ban import of similar publications in Pakistan. According to the sources, immediate instructions have been issued to the Interior Ministry and Ministry of Commerce to ban all such publications and the informative websites in Pakistan with immediate effect. Moreover the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has raised the issue with Ministry of Religious Affairs concerning books which Qadiani community sent as a gift to the prime minister some time ago during the Commonwealth meeting (in London). The prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi was also invited for the program by Qadianis, but he didn't attend. After the session the two books containing Qadiani viewpoint were distributed as gift to each attendee. These books are

writings of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani and Mirza Masroor Ahmad. The Pakistan High Commissioner in UK received those gifts at the session. The Foreign Office handed over these books to the Ministry of Religious Affairs and has asked for their comment on them. According to the sources, Ministry of Religious Affairs has received these books and will soon send a reply to the Foreign Office.

Note: Other press reports named the ‘agency’ as Intelligence Bureau.

Attack on Ahmadi’s residence

Chak 563 GB, District Faisalabad; January 7, 2018: Opponents of the Ahmadiyya community held here a *Mehfile Milad* (a religious gathering). Approximately 150 men came from Ganga Pur, and when in front of the house of Chaudhry Aslam, an Ahmadi, they raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans. After no response from the house, they started abusing the residents of the house. At this Mr. Rafi son of Ch. Aslam came out and told them to stop. The miscreants grabbed him and precipitated a quarrel. His son and nephews also came out to rescue him. The miscreants then started pelting stones on their house. In the face of worsening situation three shots were fired in the air to disperse them. At this they ran away. The Ahmadiis informed the police who arrived the next day to compile their report. No follow-up action was taken.

Opponents announced holding another *Mehfile Milad* on January 14. Ahmadiis informed the police.

Unlawful demands of police

Ghatyalian; Distt.Sialkot, January 13, 2018: A police ASI and an ISI official came to Ghatyalian and asked the local president of the Ahmadiyya community for security check of the Ahmadiyya Place of worship. Inside they saw a dais with Islamic creed (*Kalima*) written on it. The ASI said that he would take that dais with him to the police station. The president refused him his demand. At this, he ordered, “For the time being, place it somewhere else and come to the police station in the evening.” After that, these officials went to Data Zaidka. There, construction of outer walls of the Ahmadiyya prayer centre was going on, and the *Kalima* was written inside. At that, they ordered the acting president of the Ahmadiyya community Data Zaidka to, “Stop the work and come to the police station in the evening.”

In the evening, both Ahmadi office holders visited the police station and met the SHO. The SHO told them to demolish the niche, minarets and Islamic creed (*Kalima*) from both the prayer centres. They replied, “We will not do this”. At this he said, “Leave the niche and minarets, but erase the Islamic creed (*Kalima*)”. Ahmadiis replied again the same and added that if the police wished to do that, they will have to do that themselves. The SHO gave them some days to reconsider, and added, “The police will not do this; you will have to do it yourselves”.

Thereafter, there was no repeat call, nor follow-up.

It should be mentioned that the law does not forbid Ahmadiis constructing minarets, niche or writing *Kalima* in their places of worship.

Demands of the religious lobby and a comment on their essence

Chenab Nagar; December 15, 2017: Markaz Khatme Nabuwat (KN) Jamia Usmania, Chenab Nagar held its 15th annual conference on 15 December 2017. It was organized by International Khatme Nabuwat Movement. A mulla from Makka (Saudi Arabia) Asad Mahmud Makki presided over the first session. Mullas of KN organizations and politico-religious parties like JUI-F spoke at the conference.

A detailed report of this conference was published in the daily Islam of December 22, 2017. It mentioned that the amendment to the Election Act 2017 that denied voting rights to Ahmadis was welcomed in the conference. The speakers spoke extensively on foreign affairs and condemned those who violated Palestinians' rights.

The press reported a long list of demands and resolutions passed in the conference. Here we translate and reproduce only those that were relevant to the Jamaat Ahmadiyya.

1. This conference demands of the Government to take notice of activities that violate PPC 295-C. It should unambiguously declare its commitment to uphold the law on honour of the Prophet; and reject demands of foreign powers, as these demands are an open interference in our national and religious affairs.
2. Despite orders from courts, blasphemous material is available on social media, while hundreds of Qadiani websites are operative freely in Pakistan, that violate Pakistani constitution. This gathering demands that Qadiani websites be shut down. Provocations on social media should be taken note of and those who blaspheme and their supporters should be arrested forthwith and given befitting punishments.
3. Contents of Qadiani channels should be vetted and those violating the country's constitution and laws should be shut down.
4. This convention demands from authorities that they ought not revert nationalized educational institutions to Qadianis thus causing loss of millions to the national treasury affecting careers of hundreds of teachers and placing thousands of students at the mercy of Qadianis.
5. *Sharia* punishment of apostasy (*death*) should be imposed, as recommended by CII.
6. Column of religion should be added to the national identity card so that Qadianis are identified and Muslims' rights are not usurped.
7. Qadianis have established their own civil court, sessions court, high court and supreme court in Chenab Nagar. These measures amount to 'a state within state; hence government writ should be imposed in Chenab Nagar. Qadianis should be made to submit to the national law; their parallel courts should be disbanded and the national judicial system should prevail.

Comment: The above demands have been craftily worded to justify them. In fact all these grossly and maliciously violate Ahmadis' human rights and freedom of religion. Through these demands, the Islamist lobby desires to deprive Ahmadis of whatever little HR and freedom of religion they are left with. Below we paraphrase these demands in simple language and expose briefly their essence, numberwise.

1. This demand requires preservation of country's existing blasphemy laws. It is relevant to mention that these are not found in the Holy Quran nor in the Sunna.

2. This demand requires Ahmadiyya websites to be shut down in Pakistan. It would violate Ahmadis' freedom of expression.
3. Closing down Ahmadiyya TV channels would severely violate freedom of religion.
4. This demand is counter to national policy. Reverting Ahmadiyya schools and colleges would in fact save the national treasury a lot of money.
5. This demand is a coded version of mulla's drive to implement death for change of religion – in violation of even Quranic injunction. Mulla's understanding of *Sharia* requires that an apostate should be killed.
6. This demand is plainly for the purpose of discriminating against Ahmadis. The aim is to facilitate denial of rights to them.
7. Ahmadis do have a community system of resolution of disputes through arbitration. It is permitted and it functions under the national law. The mulla's demand is baseless and simply displays his ill-will against the persecuted community.

In conclusion, the mulla's campaign is in serious violation of human rights, freedom of religion, social justice and universal norms of good governance. His vision of the *contrat social* is medieval, bigoted and condemnable.

Maulana Zafar Ali Khan, a prominent Muslim journalist and leader in the Sub-continent in the 20th century wrote:

"I myself am one of the Maulanas, so I am well aware of their essence. I boldly advise Muslims to not allow them even a minute, and push them out of their politics and religion, as they are ignorant of both politics as also of the first principles of religion; they are only experts in deceit (*fraib*) and fraud (*dajal*) and are self servers. They are not guides, they are robbers."

The daily Zamindar, April 15, 1929

Asia Bibi's acquittal and TLP's violent response

In June 2009, Asia Bibi was accused of blasphemy after an argument with Muslim co-workers while collecting fruit in a farm. She was subsequently arrested and imprisoned. In November 2010, a session court sentenced her to death. The verdict was upheld by the Lahore High Court.

On October 31, 2018 the Supreme Court of Pakistan acquitted Asia Bibi of the charges. She had spent more than nine years in prison on death row. The decision sparked protests led by Islamist parties especially Tehrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) in major cities of the country. Radical Islamists of TLP mounted rallies against the verdict, blocked roads and burned vehicles in protest as they demanded Asia's execution.

We produce here only two quotes from Mr. Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa's concurring opinion in the SC Judgment:

"20. The glaring and stark contradictions in the evidence produced by the prosecution It is equally disturbing to note that the courts below had also, conveniently or otherwise, failed to advert to such contradictions and some downright falsehood. All concerned would have certainly done better if they had paid heed to what Almighty Allah has ordained in the Holy Qura'n: ..."

"25. It is unfortunate that It appears that after an altercation taking place in the field of *falsa* a feast of falsehood had followed and the Muslim members of the complainant party led by Qari

Muhammad Salaam complainant had paid little heed to the following command of Almighty Allah in the Holy Qur'an:..."

The TLP leader Pir Afzal Qadri addressed protestors in Lahore and spoke the unspeakable against the Supreme Court, the Army and the Government. Extract: "These three (SC) judges, according to Sharia are *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed). [The audience responded 'of course'.] If (our) workers cannot have access to them, their drivers should kill them or their security (guards) should kill them. (Now) Gen. Bajwa is in no way acceptable to us. Such a big decision cannot come through without his approval. All generals who are Muslim are responsible to rebel against these generals. There should be a rebellion against Bajwa in the Army. Imran Khan has proved that he is a Jewish child. Imran Khan's government should be overthrown immediately, and these three (SC) judges be kicked out, and a criminal case should be registered against them. They have defiled the Quran-e-Kareem and Hadees-e-Pak, as also the Namooos-e-Risalat. Khosa is the judge who martyred Hazrat Ghazi Mumtaz Hussain Qadri. At that time, the Ummah committed a lapse; otherwise this judge should have been killed that very day. Do not accept Imran Khan at all. Do not accept Gen. Bajwa at all. Do not accept these three judges at all. We may be jailed for this; of course, we are ready to be locked up. Even if we are shot, we are ready to get shot."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pYOISikQic>

The daily Jang of November 4 assessed the damage to national economy approximately Rs. 150bn. On November 2, 2018 the government signed an agreement with Tehreek-e-Labbaik which according to some commentators amounted to 'surrender'. This was undertaken while the prime minister was away in China. Prior to departure, he had warned the protesters that the state will be tough with those who indulge in rioting.

It is noteworthy that a woman accused of blasphemy, eventually acquitted of the charge, had to wait for nine years in prison on death row to have justice, in our land of the pure.

Persistent harassment through the cooperative Punjab government
Various Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (Protection of End of Prophethood) organizations are active in the country to promote their sectarian and extremist anti-Ahmadi agenda. One such group calls itself Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Forum. It is run by mulla Hasan Muaviya alias Tuti, who is a brother of Maulana Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman of Pakistan Ulama Council, a circle close to the officialdom in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in the name of fighting extremism and sectarianism.

Mulla Tuti's Forum avails of Punjab government's consistent policy of supporting the mullas including doing their wish in every possible way. As such, recommendations of the Motahidda Ulama Board are implemented by the Home Department without question.

It was under this policy arrangement that the CTD and Elite Force of the Punjab raided the only book store in the main Bazaar of Rabwah two years ago, arrested its octogenarian proprietor Mr. Shakoor and his Shia salesman, and got both of them imprisoned for years through an anti-terrorism court. In 2016, the counter-terrorism department mounted unprecedented raid on Ahmadiyya central offices in Rabwah and made arrests.

This *modus operandi* goes on. A member of Tuti's Forum sent an application to the Home Secretary Punjab that Ahmadi continue to violate the restrictions imposed upon them

by the provincial government. In this he named Ahmadiyya theology schools, press, etc. and demanded that the authorities close down these facilities.

In fact, as a result of the government's unfair and wrongful bans, availability and sales of Ahmadiyya publications in the open market is completely forbidden. Even the central library of the town stocks no Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran. This imposed deprivation on Ahmadi population is dreadful and brazen.

Despite the above, the Forum's application is being followed up by the provincial agencies and departments. The officials have made visits to Rabwah and carried out investigations and inspections. This does no credit to the governance in Pakistan. Even the international community is now aware of this. Last year US Secretary of State stated: "Religious freedom is under attack in Pakistan". *The daily Dawn; August 17, 2017*

'Hundreds of thousands' sacrificed for Khatme Nabuwwat!

Vehari; February 19, 2018: The daily *Ausaf* of February 19, 2018 reported the following from Vehari, Punjab, dispatched by its correspondent:

Hundreds of thousands sacrificed their lives for Khatme Nabuwwat law; amendment will not be tolerated: Maulana Rafiq Jami (of AMTKN)

Mullas of the end of prophethood factions seem to admire an observation of Adolph Hitler from his book *Mein Kampf* : "The broad masses of the people... will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one."

It is true that during the 1953 riots on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat, the authorities had to resort to tough measures to control the riots. As a result some rioters succumbed to police and army firing.

The prestigious document Munir Inquiry Report, long out of print, is again available in the market. It is published by NIAZAMANA PUBLICATIONS, Lahore. Soon after the riots were brought under control by the martial law authorities, the government, appointed Punjab Disturbances Court of Inquiry, Lahore with M. Munir (Chief Justice LHC) as its president and M.R. Kayani (Judge LHC) as member. This Court of Inquiry submitted a detailed report after almost a year of hard work and inquiry. It also recorded all the deaths of rioters in different cities at the hand of law enforcement agencies that included the army and the police. The judges recorded the following deaths:

Lahore – 23; Sialkot – 5; Rawalpindi – 1; Faisalabad (Lyallpur) – 7; Sahiwal (Mintgomery) – 1. These add up to a total of 37. The mullas have quoted in the past different figures on different occasions, the highest being 30,000 dead, but they seem to have generally settled on the figure of 10,000 – i.e. 26,900% increase over the actual total. However, now they have taken a huge leap forward and quoted the figure as "hundreds of thousands" (*lakhon janon ki qurbanian deen*).

Undeserved influence of a non-descript mulla

Lahore: Mulla Hasan Muaviya is based in Lahore. He has little standing in the realm of religious knowledge. His only qualification is being a brother of Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi who wields some influence in official circles in the federal capital. Muaviya makes a living from his anti-Ahmadi activism in a Khatme Nabuwat forum.

He keeps himself busy in sending applications to various state offices to take action against Ahmadis. He also approaches the police to register cases against them.

Muaviya sent a petition to Lahore High Court taking the plea of a government notification whereby various Ahmadiyya publications and Ahmadiyya translations of the Holy Quran were (wrongfully) banned. He accused Ahmadis of continuing the publication, marketing and owning these publications. He accused state agencies of colluding with Ahmadis in violating this notification.

Justice Ali Akbar of Lahore High Court held a hearing of this case on June 1, 2018. Among those present in the court were representatives of high provincial officials like the I.G. Police, Addl. IG Counter-terrorism Department (CTD), Regional Officer CTD Faisalabad, Secretary Home Department, Chairman Quran Board, Secretary Auqaf, Chief Secretary Punjab and Secretary Ministry of Religious Affairs.

It is amazing that mulla Muaviya *aka* Tooti succeeded in effectuation of such a huge assemblage of officialdom in Lahore High Court.

These officials told the judge that they had repeatedly carried out checks and were satisfied with the state of affairs. Muaviya's advocate interrogated them extensively and asserted that the officials were not telling the truth and were supporting 'Qadianis'. The judge told these officials to check further and submit a fresh report by the next hearing on June 6. The urgency and priority accorded to Muaviya's petition is noteworthy, particular in view of the fact that the mulla was essentially trying to re-ensure denial of freedom of religion to a marginalized group.

The CTD, the police and all concerned submitted their reports to the Home Secretary by due date.

Subsequently, over the fresh reports, the judge gave 12 June as the date of hearing, while the mullas led by Muaviya made the Police and the CTD as the second party, and excluded the Ahmadis. This arrangement raised some concern with Ahmadis, that by excluding them from the case Muaviya had maneuvered to obtain a judicial ruling in their absence. As such, the Ahmadis' attorney applied that Ahmadis be made a party to the hearing.

Later, on June 13 the judge decided to hear the case in his chamber rather than in open court.

In the chamber, the Ahmadis' attorney joined the proceedings to which Muaviya's attorney objected strongly. Ahmadis replied that the case primarily is anti-Ahmadiyya and they have not been made a party; that was unfair, that is why they had applied to be made a party to the case.

At this the judge told Ahmadis' attorney to use his head (*Aap log aqal sey kam lein*) and file a separate appeal. The attorney took exception to this remark and 'advice', and

requested instead a ruling on his plea. In response the judge stated that he would not hear this case and would send it back to the Chief Justice to reconsider its allocation.

Reality about leading mullas of TLYR

Supreme Court takes action

Islamabad; March 19, 2018: It would be recalled that the leadership of Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasoolullah (TLYR) had undertaken a sit-in (*Dharna*) at Faizabad (entry to Islamabad) in November last year. The protestors were semi-violent and had partly choked public entry to the capital. The leading mullas Khadim Hussain Rizvi etc had taken up End of Prophethood as the *cause célèbre* for their agitation. The sit-in caused great hardship to people of the twin-cities and eventually succeeded in imposing total surrender on spineless government over Ahmadiyya right of vote, denied through the tool of Khatme Nabuwwat. Nearly four months later, the real face of agitators was exposed in the Supreme Court and an Anti-terrorism Court. We produce below only the headlines from the daily *Jang* of March 20, 2018:

Arrest and present Khadim Hussain Rizvi: Orders Anti-terrorism Court

What are his sources of income? Why the (Intelligence) Agency has not written that he lives on others' money? Supreme Court

Khadim Rizvi is corrupt. He amassed Rs 10 million prior to the sit-in. Asif Jalali is implicated in extremist activities. Punjab government made no effort to stop the protestors: ISI Report

Orders issued to arrest Pir Afzal Qadri

According to a vernacular press report (extract):

Court expresses displeasure over incomplete challan against the accused

It was difficult to create Pakistan; it is easy to destroy it. Properties worth billions destroyed. These people do not know what this guy does. I feel scared to learn of the competence of the leading secret service of the country: Justice Qazi Faez's remarks.

The ISI report categorized (Mulla) Asif Jalali as 'opportunist', 'manipulator', and 'dubious on principled stance'. The report described Khadim Rizvi as one who usually violates rules and regulations, with the capability to instigate or mobilize youth for a religious cause. Reportedly he was the mastermind behind torturing the participants in a ceremony held at Liberty Chowk Lahore to commemorate the death anniversary of Governor Taseer, it stated.

It is relevant to mention that the government had undertaken an Agreement with these mullas; most of its terms and conditions were anti-Ahmadiyya, and the authorities have already implemented some of these, including the denial of voting right, celebrating 2018 as the End of Prophethood Year, etc.

A fresh agreement between the government and TLYR

Lahore; April 14, 2018: The daily The Nation reported the following story:

TLYR calls off protest after deal with govt

LAHORE- The government signed five-point agreement with Tehreek Labbaik Ya Rasoolallah (TLYR) in the wee hours of Friday that paved way for ending countrywide protests which practically brought the life to a standstill.

Addressing a press conference, TLYR leaders said that the government has provided a sealed copy of Raja Zafar-ul-Haq report which would be opened after the orders of Islamabad High Court hearing case of 21-day sit-in at Faizabad, Rawalpindi.

The government also provided copy of FIR registered with Sadiqabad Police Station Rawalpindi on deaths of protestors.

The government had already agreed to the demand of allowing four speakers at a Place of worship for Azaan and sermon.

The government has also constituted an Inquiry Board/JIT to probe the causes of Faizabad tragedy. Two members of TLYR would be part of the JIT.

The government has also agreed that Law Minister Rana Sanaullah would appear before a panel of seven Muftis of TLYR on an agreed time for explaining his controversial interview in which he allegedly violated the Constitutional status of Qadianis in the country.

According to the agreement, Rana Sanaullah would abide by whatever the Fatwa issued by the panel of Muftis on the matter.

After approval of the agreement by *shoora*, TLYR announced calling off protest that returned normalcy at inter and intra city roads across the country.

Nation.com.pk/14-Apr-2018/tlyr-calls-off-protest-after-deal-with-govt

Note: A similar agreement had been signed by the government with TLYR in November last year. On that the Dawn of November 15, 2017 made the following editorial comment: **The capital under siege**. It is apparent that the country's civil and military leadership has never taken counter-extremism policies seriously. That may be either out of political expediency or a fear of backlash or both. It may be true that the situation is not yet completely out of control, but continuing with the current state of inaction could create a very dangerous situation and reverse the gains made in the battle against terrorism....It is a tragic commentary on our state policy which gives such leeway to a group that glorifies a murderer and exhorts its supporters to follow his example. The siege of Islamabad gives some insight into the shape of things to come.

However, the authorities surely took some steps to implement the agreement, including declaring the year 2018 as the 'Year of Awareness of the End of Prophethood.' This agreement signaled further the strangling of the state and society through bigotry.

Ahmadi community on 'hit-cum-action list'

Lahore: Security squads carried out a successful anti-terrorism operation in the second week of May in Railways' zone in Lahore. They made a few arrests including facilitators, and recovered arms, munitions and suicide jackets. The terrorists disclosed *inter alia* that Qadianis were their targets, and they had carried out the needed reconnaissance. They planned their attacks in the month of Ramadan, it was learnt.

Women mobilized on anti-Ahmadi front

Chiniot; February 2018: Having sufficient funds (in petro-dollars) and enjoying permissive policy of the government the sectarian Khatme Nabuwat Centre in Chenab Nagar held a one-week course for women only, on the issue of End of Prophethood (read anti-Ahmadiyya). The daily Pakistan reported on the course on its termination, in its issue of February 23, 2018. Following was reported in this story, *inter alia*:

- 46 women participated in the course.
- The concluding ceremony was addressed by:
 1. Qari Rafiq Nafeesi, Chairman Anwaar Khatme Nabuwwat Trust
 2. Haji Mehboob Ahmad, of IKNM
 3. Qari Abdul Karim Naqshbandi
- The speakers said:
 - The belief in End of Prophethood (KN) is life and death issue of the Muslim Ummah.
 - Defense of KN is not of intellect, it is (of heart) related to love and devotion to the Holy Prophet.
 - Any change in KN laws is playing with fire and blood.
 - Die-hard Qadianis in government service exploit self-serving faithless politicians. These politicians who pride in befriending Qadianis should know that their friendship is more dangerous than their enmity.

No evil power, including the US, can make any change to constitutional position of Qadianis.

Deadly attack on the Interior Minister, and the Tehrik Labbaik

Lahore: Federal Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal was seriously injured in murderous attack in District Narowal on May 6, 2018. The assailant was arrested on the spot.

Two days later, the daily Mashriq reported the following on May 8 in a follow-up report (Translation):

“The accused attacked after getting motivated by speeches of Tehrik Labbaik: Report

“The accused is linked with Tehrik Labbaik. Abid targeted the Interior Minister over controversial amendment (to Khatme Nabuwwat rules): Deputy Commissioner.

“We do not support violence. The government should hold judicial inquiry: Khadim Hussain Rizvi, Pir Afzal Qadri”

Ahmadis harassed by TLYR – avoid being attacked

Lathianwala, Faisalabad; June 9, 2018: On June 9, 2018 Ahmadi youths of Lathianwala, Faisalabad undertook voluntary work at the Ahmadiyya graveyard. On conclusion while returning home, Muhammad Asif a worker of Tehrik e Labbaik Ya Rasul Allah (TLYR) hit an Ahmadi youth with his bike intentionally. They exchanged hot words. Asif, on reaching the village, mustered a number of sympathizers and attacked the Ahmadi’s house. Fortunately some decent fellows intervened and the brawl did not worsen.

The police were informed of the incident and they reached the scene with a heavy contingent. The police called both parties to the police station the next day. There the SHO heard both the parties and gave his decision against Asif and his fellow mobsters. At this Asif sought pardon, and Ahmadis were happy to oblige.

Sectarian tension in District Khushab – cause of great concern

District Khushab, Punjab: Members of the Ahmadiyya Community are facing extreme hostility in District Khushab in general, and in Quaidabad in particular.

Miscreants, led by mulla Athar Hussain, continue to severely harass Ahmadis individually and as a community. They have compiled a list of all the Ahmadi men with their workplace addresses and circulated it urging the locals to socially boycott them. Mullas have been requested to mention them by name in their sermons and speeches for follow-up action. Ahmadis have been declared *Wajib ul qatl* (must be killed) through *fatwas* (edicts) of extremist ulama.

Such speeches were subsequently made and published in the local vernacular press. A special Khatme Nabuwwat conference was also held.

These activists have contacted proprietors of houses and shops rented by Ahmadis and urged them to tell them to evacuate. School-owners have been asked to expel Ahmadi children. Stickers have been put up in restaurants and business centres to not admit Ahmadis. Ahmadis face problems at times in buying essential items like vegetables, fruits and miscellaneous items of daily needs. They feel their lives are at risk.

It should be pointed out that mulla Athar Shah resided at Takht Hazara in District Sargodha prior to settling in Quaidabad. There he precipitated a riot in which five Ahmadis were killed and numerous injured. The mulla and his colleagues were booked by the police and punished by a court on findings of guilty.

This mulla's hostile activities succeeded in depriving Ahmadis of their Place of worship in village Chak 2/TDA, District Khushab.

This mulla, in league with his acolytes Shamsul Arifeen, Tahir ur Rehman, Zain ul Abideen, Allah Bux etc is busy in their anti-Ahmadiyya provocative and harmful activities. This could lead to violent agitation with frightful consequences. Apparently no action has been taken by the administration to deter him from such activities; hence the hype.

Ahmadi harassed by mob for reporting to the police

Adda Loharan Wali Khoi, District Pakpattan; August 24, 2018: The local mulla bad mouthed Ahmadiyya community in his Friday Sermon. He called Ahmadis *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed), urged their boycott and incited the worshippers against them. The DPO Pakpattan was informed and he told the SHO to intervene. The police arrested the mulla.

Over this arrest, a crowd of approximately 1000 people assembled and took out a procession in protest. They blocked the road in front of the house of a local Ahmadi Mr Tariq Mahmood and burnt tires, etc. According to the participants of the procession, Mr Mahmood informed the police about the Friday sermon of the mulla for which he was arrested; so they would not let him live there. The procession stayed on and offered their *Maghrib* prayer there. The police arrived at the spot and dispersed the procession. The processionists demanded that Mr Mahmood be handed over to them or the person be named who reported the mulla to the police. The police controlled the situation.

Mullas promote disturbance

Bhera, District Sargodha; September 2018: An Ahmadi, Mr. Tariq Javed made a business deal with his cousin Mr. Mazhar Iqbal who is not an Ahmadi. The former bought Iqbal a few

cattle for production of milk etc. to eventually share the profit between them. Mr. Iqbal sold away some cattle and did not reimburse any amount to Mr. Javed. When Javed asked for the money and the cattle, Iqbal refused to give him anything and gave a religious twist to the dispute. He turned to local mullas for help from the pulpit. Mullas were happy to oblige and agitated the public.

Mr. Javed got upset and approached the authorities with facts of the case. They were helpful and registered an FIR against Mazhar Iqbal to restore law and order. The mullas were impressed by the firm administrative action and decided to distance themselves from their fellow Iqbal.

Peace returned to the village in no time.

A senior mulla exposes another senior mulla

Chiniot; October 2018: Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti, a PML-N MPA from Chiniot was confronted by authorities about an issue of land-grab for his madrassah. We do not go into that, but reproduce here only an extract from a statement issued by Maulvi Khalil Ahmad Ashrafi, manager of the madrassah Jamia Arabia Chiniot challenging Ilyas Chinioti and blaming him of telling lies, and exposing the latter's normal operating procedure, (*translation*):

"Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti MPA Chiniot is bent upon telling lies. He uses an excellent tool to blackmail officials by calling them pro-Ahmadi. Also, he dubs his opponents as pro-Ahmadi. Maulana Muhammad Ilyas, for how long will you persist in telling lies, and will continue to blackmail officials by dubbing them pro-Ahmadi? A day will come when you will be presented in Divine court where you will be exposed fully. I say it again; if you are truthful, have a prayer duel with me. This is an open challenge. Also, stop blackmailing officials and the public in the name of Khatme Nabuwat (end of prophethood). Allah hits hard without making a sound (*Lathi bey awaz hai*)."

Unfortunately the above is not applicable only to Mulla Ilyas Chinioti; it is applicable to a vast number of ulama and others who play politics in the name of end of prophethood.

Ahmadis wrongfully accused of blasphemy by a mulla

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

A dutiful upright police officer

Lathianwala, District Faisalabad; January 2018: We are happy to learn and report that there are surely dutiful and efficient officials in the administration and police in the country. One such person is Mr. Khalil Ghuman SHO Khurarianwala Police Station in District Faisalabad.

One, Malik Faisal arranged a religious sitting *Mehfil Milad* in Lathianwala. Ordinarily such get-togethers are held to mention and praise in poetry, the attributes of the Holy Prophet PBUH. However in that sitting the Ahmadis were bad-mouthed extensively by one invitee mulla Tanwir ul Hasan Madni and another from Lahore. Mulla Madni is named by the police in Fourth Schedule.

An Ahmadi reported the hateful proceedings to the police. The SHO promptly sent for the organizers of the *Mehfil* and the local *Aman* Committee. In the meeting he expressed his anger over the proceedings. In the meeting, it was agreed by all that:

- In future no *Mehfil* shall be held without SHO's permission.
- Permission will be granted on recommendation of the *Aman* Committee.
- The organizer Maulvi will affirm on oath that no sectarian propaganda will be done.
- Loudspeakers will not be used in the *Mehfil*.
- Anyone who violates these terms will be severely dealt with under the law.

The SHO undertook that he will further investigate the conduct of the miscreants involved in this incident and will take appropriate follow-up action.

If there were more such officials, there would be more peace and harmony in society, and the National Action Plan would not be termed a failure.

9. Anti-Ahmadiyya Rallies; the Hate Campaign

The hate campaign against Ahmadis continued unabated throughout the year despite the National Action Plan and Paighame Pakistan. The mullas told the government to make anti-Ahmadiyya activism an exception in these undertakings, and the authorities yielded. So this evil persisted with consequences well outside the Ahmadi parameters. The Quran had ordained: "... Whoever killed a person – unless it is for killing a person or for creating disorder in the land – it shall be as if he had killed all mankind..." 5:33; but the bigots fail to understand or they deliberately ignore the commandment.

It is rather upsetting that the authorities not only fail to put a stop to the blatant hate campaign, they even provide facilities to perpetrate it. Permission to take out rallies in Rabwah for this purpose is indefensible. The federal government organized a seminar in the capital on the theme of Khatme Nabuwwat. A Pakistan origin mulla based in Saudi Arabia exhorted the prime minister to mount an armed operation in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat. He falsely quoted the action of the first Khalifa Rashid as precedent.

PTI government holds a sectarian moot

Islamabad; November 21, 2018: The daily The News International in its issue of November 8, 2018 published a news in the following headline:

Govt to hold two-day Khatme Nabuwwat moot

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



Mr. Imran Khan presiding over the moot

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thereafter, another notorious mulla, Tahir Ashrafi, disputed chairman of Pakistan Ulama Council took the stage and fed the audience with unadulterated falsehood and fabrication. He authoritatively told the audience that Ahmadis while reciting the *Kalima* (Islamic creed) consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be the Muhammad of the wording “*Muhammad ur Rasul ullah*”. He asserted that the Mirza, in all his books, had told his disciples to always bear that in mind. This was a news to Ahmadis, as no Ahmadi goes by this fabrication attributed to Ahmadis and their founder. This mulla availing this expensive

state function and celebration misguided a vast crowd and millions who were watching the PTV, to believe his assertion that was false, fabricated, sectarian and hateful.

Also noteworthy is the fact that the leading mullas attending this conference, while Aasia Bibi's acquittal was a hot issue, asserted that it was the duty of the state to put blasphemers to death. Nobody suggested that a judicial verdict on the guilt of such an accused should be respected. Also, nobody in this 'Mercy for the Universe Conference' had the courage to suggest that the country's Blasphemy law should be revisited by this Islamic state in the light of the Holy Quran and the Sunnat of the 'Mercy for the Universe'.

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

Ulama board to help amend school curriculum – and a great deal more in the Punjab

Lahore: The daily *Dawn* published the following story in its issue of January 26, 2018:
Ulema board to help amend school curriculum

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to empower the Muttahida Ulema Board to help the government amend the curriculum.

Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan told a meeting of the board here on Thursday that the government would amend the relevant law(s) to formally empower the clerics' board helping the education authorities in preparing school curriculum.

The education secretary has also been asked to get clearance from the board in case of adding or deleting any text regarding Islamic injunctions, he said.

The minister also directed the secretary to consult the clerics before induction of reading material in text books regarding creating awareness among the children about their physical safety. The board meeting had been convened to reset the requirements of education of children in the light of Quran and Sunnah, a press release said.

It was attended by board chairman Sahibzada Fazalur Raheem, Dr Raghav Hussain Naeemi, Allama Zubair Ahmad Zaheer, Dr Muhammad Hussain Akbar, additional chief secretary (Home) Azam Suleman, secretaries of auqaf, special education and Textbook Board.

Mr. Sanaullah urged the clerics to help the government raise awareness in society on crimes against children and bringing a positive change in accordance with religious requirements in the academic curriculum of children.

This is the same Ulama Board at whose call the provincial government has already banned all the written works of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Community. The board has been instrumental in banning the Holy Quran published with translation by Ahmadis. The chairman of the Ulama Board mulla Fuzlur Raheem had all the Ahmadiyya periodicals banned even those meant for Ahmadi children and women. This gagging is blatant violation of the Constitution and is against the federal policy of free press and freedom of religion even though very limited for Ahmadis. The provincial Home Department most probably has instructions to do all that these mullas of the board 'recommend'. Now the Education Department is told to follow suit.

It is noteworthy that the law minister promised the mullas that the government would amend the relevant law(s) to formally empower the clerics' board in this regard. This amounts to handing over to them the education text books policy and implementation. This is more than even what the KP government had done where Jamaat Islami was part of the governing coalition.

After entering into a dishonorable agreement with Mulla Khadim Rizvi of TLYR at the Faizabad sit-in, some bigots and timorous elements in the government went beyond the requirements of the imposed agreement. They declared that the year 2018 will be celebrated as one of Awareness of End of Prophethood. The ministry of religious affairs initiated a competition in writing thesis on the subject of 'End of Prophethood and Muslims' Responsibilities, in the light of teaching of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)'.

The Punjab Government entered into its own peace with the dissidents of the TLYR of Faizabad. The sit-in and the government' inability to handle its lifting made them faint-hearted and compliant. The chief minister in Punjab held an End of Prophethood conference on 7th January at CM House in Lahore where a large number of even petty Mashaikh and mullas were invited, assured and feted at great public expense.

Mulla Allah Wasaya of a Khatme Nabuwwat organization had gone to the Islamabad High Court on the issue of end of prophethood. There the pious judge, finding the government on the defensive and on the run, issued his moot judgment, even telling the Parliament to "also take measures which can completely terminate those who scar this belief (in end of prophethood)." Sky is the limit.

Since long a section of the local intelligentsia and majority of the international community have noticed with concern that all is not well with educational syllabi in Pakistan as some of its content promotes inter-communal hatred, even violence. Past federal governments had reluctantly acknowledged the need for the revision and steps were taken discreetly to revise the most unacceptable parts. However, now the Punjab government (the biggest province) has decided to take a major leap backward to worsen the present position regarding curriculum and text books.

Some political analysts have expressed the view openly that the then ruling PML-N, particularly its disqualified prime minister were prepared to go to any length to maintain and perpetrate their political hold on the country. Rana Sanaullah's homage to the Ulama Board was a part of that policy.

Extremists threaten LUMS University of consequences

Lahore; October 21, 2018: Pakistan Today reported the following (*Extract*):

Lahore: After the Beaconhouse School System, the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) has also come under threat from the extremist elements.

A message, circulating on social media and SMS, warns the management of LUMS that a campaign will be launched against the varsity for its supposed 'anti-Islam' activities.

The warning message, which is making the rounds in social media, mentions a recent extra curricular visit by students of LUMS to the city of Rabwah, the headquarters of the Ahmadiyya community, as the reason for the threat.

According to the details, LUMS Assistant Professor of Political Science Taimur Rehman took one of his classes to Rabwah and to interact with the Ahmadiyya community in a bid to know the persecuted community better.

"In an environment where religious groups are spreading hate against the persecuted Ahmadiyya community, me and my students decided to go to Rabwah to express solidarity with the community" explained Prof Rehman in response to the criticism on social media.

The trip involved students interacting with the residents of Rabwah and trying to get to know and understand the community, their beliefs and problems.

However, after the local news agency of the town 'Rabwah Times' reported the incident, a great hue and cry was made with a number of people saying that the visit was a conspiracy meant to mainstream the Ahmadiyya movement.

This was followed by the circulation of threats against Prof Rehman, his students, and the LUMS administration. ...

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/10/21/after-beaconhouse>

A hostile conference in Rabwah by KN mullas

Rabwah; September 7, 2018: International Khatme Nabuwat Movement (IKNM) was allowed again to hold a hostile and provocative conference in Rabwah on September 7, 2018. We do not repeat here its proceedings in detail, as these were no different and no milder than in past years, however we reproduce below extracts from an op-ed/report compiled by one of their media-men, Mulla M. Salman Usmani, published in the daily Islam on September 24, 2018.

31st Annual International Khatme Nabuwat Conference, Chenab Nagar

... In (1953) a movement in support of these fair demands got underway from the platform of All Parties Action Forum Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat. The rulers of the time pierced the breasts of more than 13000 sons of *Toheed* (Unity of God) and Lahore's Mall Road was flooded with the holy blood of KN martyrs. (A high level judicial inquiry, however concluded that in all 37 rioters were killed by security forces in the entire Punjab to restore peace)... The Conference, ... was held in the Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar with great pomp and show (*shan o shaukat*), under the patronage of Hazrat Maulana Dr Saeed Ahmad Inayatullah Central Amir IKNM, while presiding honors went to IKNM Secretary General Maulana Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (from Madina Munawwarah), Deputy Amir Fazilatu Sheikh Maulana Abdul Rauf of Makka (*Saudi Arabia*), Fazilatu Sheikh Maulana Umar Abdul Hafeez Makki (of Makka Mukarama) and the sons of Hazrat Maulana Abdul Hafeez Makki (*Saudi Arabia*). ...

The participants included Maulana M. Ilyas Chinioti MPA(PML-N) Amir IKNM (Chiniot), Sahibzada Zahid Mahmud Qasimi Secretary General IKNM Pakistan (Faisalabad), Pir Tariqat Maulana Sadiq ul Amin (Faisalabad), Maulana Hafiz M Tahir Mahmud Ashrafi Chairman Pakistan Ulama Council (Lahore), Allama Shah Nawaz Farooqi (Gujranwala), Maulana M Mughira of Majlis Ahrar Islam (Chenab Nagar), from Bareilvi school Maulana Syed Saifullah Shah Farooqi (Lahore), Hafiz Binyamin Abid of Jamaat ud Dawa (Faisalabad), Jamaat Islami's Deputy Amir Dr Farid Ahmad (Lahore), JUI F's Ch. Shahbaz A Gujjar (Jhang), SH Mufti M. Tayyab (Faisalabad), Maulana Ismatullah Bandialvi of Jamiat Isha'at (Sargodha), etc. etc.

... Slogans of KN – Zinda Baad, Martyrs of KN – Zinda Baad were raised sky high. Arrangements for the conference were ideal. The ulama and the participants were treated to fabulous meals and drinks. Security was strict in view of the sensitive law and order situation in the country...

Rescue 1122, ambulance, mobile dispensary and fire brigade were present to handle any emergency. Municipal Committee Chenab Nagar made excellent provisions for cleanliness. Street lights, water tanks, water spray on dirt paths were made available. The entire district administration deserves congratulations and thanks....

Maulana Shabbir A Qadri, the general administrator of the conference moved various resolutions which were supported by participants by show of hands. (One of these was a demand to enforce change of design in Ahmadiyya places of worship)....

The above report betrays:

1. Support for the conference in petro-dollars
2. Presence of guests of honor from Saudi Arabia
3. Participation of Jihadists from parties banned for terrorist activities
4. State support and expenditure to what was a sectarian and extremist activity

Extremists throng at Rabwah to hold another rally

Rabwah: A two-day Khatme Nabuwat conference was held here on October 25, 26 2018. It was attended by thousands, 11,500 in the last session. In almost every way it was a replay of such conferences held in Rabwah in the past. So we shall not mention all that in any detail; we produce here only the English translation of the gist of mullas' speeches to show what the mullas say on these occasions with the consent and permission of authorities:

First Session

- Mulla Aziz-ur-Rahman Jalandhari said that those who defend the Blasphemy and End of Prophethood laws are divinely appointed servants of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). Pakistani Muslims are duty bound to persevere against the enemies.
- Maulvi Amjad Khan said that Qadianis are agents of Zionists, imperialists and Israel. Dr Salam stole Pakistan's atomic secrets and passed them on to the West.
- Maulvi Ehsan Ahmad used filthy language against the founder of Ahmadiyyat; so did mulla Abdul Wahab of Bahawal Nagar.
- Maulvi Mahmud Riaz Chinioti said that the Qadianis are the greatest mischief of the present age; stop all dealings with them and boycott all their products.
- Qari Yasin of Faisalabad told Qadianis that they were *Kafir*, he invited them to the prophethood of the Holy Prophet to save themselves.
- Maulvi Mazhar spoke very hostile against the Ahmadiyya community, while Arshad Madni declared to confront them worldwide.
- Maulvi Soomro of Larkana asserted that there was no greater *Kafir* and rebel on the face of the earth than Qadianis. Be tough with them, don't be lenient, he advised.
- Maulvi Ghulam Hussain of Jhang told the audience that Qadianis are not allowed to say '*Salaam*' in public; if they do, get them booked under PPP 298-C. Also do not permit their burial in your graveyards.

Second Session (2:15 p.m. onwards)

- Its presiding mulla Mehtab of Madrassa Khatme Nabuwat Chenab Nagar spoke venomously against Ahmadis.
- Mulla Abdul Qayyum Haqqani from KPK disclosed to his audience that the Holy Prophet is awaiting for a crazy fellow to rise and shut up these *Kafirs* and put an end to their blasphemous practices.
- Maulvi Jamil ur Rehman Akhtar accused Qadianis of living off Pakistan and still speaking against it. These people have no right to stay here, he concluded.
- Maulvi Ayub of Daska told the participants to shout the slogan in support of the truth (*Haq*) so boldly that Qadianis are unable to sleep peacefully.
- Maulvi Jamil Ahmad of Sukkur stated that Qadianis flee abroad from here in search of peace, but we'll continue to pursue them there to show that there is no hiding place for them anywhere (*in the world*).
- Maulvi Munir Mahmud accused Ahmadis as a group of committing blasphemy against the Holy Prophet. This group is openly an enemy of Islam, he said.
- Maulvi Rizwan Aziz used grossly unspeakable foul words against the founder of Ahmadiyyat.

Third Session (7:45 p.m. to 01:50 a.m.)

This session was attended by high ranking mullas from Punjab, Sindh and KPK. Maulvi Fazl-ur-Rahman (JUI-F), Sajid Mir and Awais Noorani were also there to speak.

All these mullas said the same sort of things as said earlier by others, adding a novelty occasionally. For instance:

- Qadianis' life has become hell (in Pakistan).
- If anyone commits dacoity (*Dakah dalna*) against the Holy Prophet's 'end of prophethood', we shall destroy the government (*eent sey eent bajadein gay*).
- If End of Prophethood law is disturbed, the end result will be 'bad'.
- Pakistan Army is the best army in the whole world.
- No Muslim can join the Israeli Army except Ahmadis.
- Qadianis are agents of Christians and Jews.
- Pakistan is not for Qadianis; they have been declared *kafir*.
- Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was a false prophet, and he is an enemy of Pakistan.
- Pakistan Army is an excellent army; (but) its high posts are filled by enemies of Islam and End of Prophethood.
- Qadianis hold the life-line of Pakistan; they aim at paralyzing us, but we shall uproot them altogether.
- Maulvi Fazlur Rehman's focus was politics – in the garb of religion. He said that the Qadianism was planted by the British. Now with the installation of a new government, Qadianis assembled to devise a new strategy. Karachi is the centre of their network. Imran is pro-Jews (*Yahudiat nawaz*). Foreign powers want Islamic laws to be revised; we shall not let that happen. Imran Niazi is a nephew of his uncle General Niazi who surrendered to India, in Dhaka (*Haath milaya*).

Fourth Session (9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.)

In this session Mufti Ahmad Khan and mulla Abdul Razzaq represented Balochistan.

Following was also said:

- Qadianis should be nose-stringed. If they do not desist, they have no right to live here.
- We are the finest people (*on earth*); as we have been assigned the task of safeguarding the end of prophethood.
- We shall sacrifice our lives to protect the end of prophethood.
- Qadianis' base is treason. Etc.

Last Session (2:10 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.)

This session was presided by Qari Haroonur Rashid of Rawalpindi.

Five mullas spoke in this session. They used extremely foul language against Ahmadiyyat in their speeches. Hafiz Zulfiquar Naqshbandi indulged in slander and ridicule against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

Resolutions

Resolutions to the following effect were moved and passed at this rally:

- Visit of students from the LUMS Lahore to Rabwah was termed a robbery against the faith of the youth and the worst pro-Qadianism.
- The cursed Aasia is planned to be freed; this is unbearable to *Islamiane Pakistan*.
- To defang the Blasphemy law is unacceptable. The bill should be removed from the Senate agenda.
- Pakistan Army's motto is Jihad; therefore Qadianis should not be granted commission in the Army.
- The penalty of apostasy as recommended by CII (*death*) should be implemented.
- Gohar Shahi was a blasphemer; it should be banned forthwith.
- Anti-encroachment drive in Rabwah is hunting Muslim vendors (*Rehri ban*); it is Qadiani conspiracy, it should be stopped.

Etc. Etc.

(Note): Within a week of this event, violent demonstrations by another group of mullas did vast damage to property (Rs. 150bn by one estimate) and brought great distress to the people of Pakistan – to protest imagined Blasphemy. **You reap what you sow.**

Holy Prophet's birthday celebrations by extremists in Rabwah

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

The first processions led by Mulla Umair Arshad sortied from Masjid Bokhari (of Allah Yar Arshad) at 09:45. It moved from the Bus Stand to Aqsa Chowk where a group of

mullas took their turns to severely bad-mouth Ahmadis. Many of the participants carried banners of TLP.

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

The third procession came from the direction of Chiniot. It was led by mulla Umair Nizami. It comprised approximately 250 men. It paraded on the main streets of Rabwah. Before dispersing at the Bus Stop, they indulged in anti-Ahmadiyya slogan-raising.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A noteworthy conference in Lahore

Lahore; January 28, 2018: The press reported a sizable conference in the provincial capital. It was held in the state-owned Alhamra Hall and was presided by Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Chairman of the Pakistan Ulama Council, well-connected in official circles. Following was reported by the press (for instance *The News; January 29, 2018*):

- The conference was named Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (safeguarding the End of Prophethood) and Istehkam-i-Pakistan (Pakistan Stability) Conference.
- Approximately 1000 ulama and Mashaikh attended.
- Participants condemned US President Donald Trump's tirade against Pakistan, placing Pakistan on U.S. Watch List over religious freedom, etc.

- The joint declaration condemned bid to remove column of religion for CNIC, endorsed the fresh national narrative ‘Paigham e Pakistan’ and demanded that Raja Zafarul Haq Report on KN issue in Election Act 2017 be published by 20th February.
- The conference decided to celebrate Khatme Nabuwat Day on February 7.

Any assemblage of 1000 ulama in Lahore is a huge and expensive undertaking. Who footed the bill? – not Maulana Ashrafi!

Provocative rally in the heart of Rabwah

Rabwah; November 30, 2018: Rabwah is the Ahmadiyya first city in Pakistan; more than 95% of its population is Ahmadi. Pakistan Railway provided its land at its centrally located station to a Khatme Nabuwat organization who built a big Place of worship where only a few worshipers come for prayers. However the resident mulla has installed a powerful sound amplifier in the Place of worship, it is often used to deliver insults against Ahmadis living in the area.

On November 30, 2018 mullas held a Seerat conference in the Place of worship. Approximately 150 men attended the event. Mullas Ghulam Mustafa, Saifullah and Ghulam Rasul addressed the participants. A Seerat conference is normally welcomed by Ahmadis, provided it sticks to the theme of highlighting the attributes of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). However this time, mulla Saifullah Naqshbandi from Chiniot shifted his speech to malign and insult Ahmadis and their founder. He said, for instance, “Look at our Prophet; how handsome he was – but also look at the figure of Qadianis’ fake prophet.”

He openly violated Pakistan law PPC 153; however the authorities took no notice – as usual.

Hateful anti-Ahmadiyya conference and rally in Lahore

Mullas are free to indulge in anti-Ahmadi sectarian and extremist activities in the provincial capital of the Punjab. These violate government’s policies under the National Action Plan and Paigham e Pakistan. Only two of such events are reported below.

1. Ahle Hadis Youth Force, (a Wahabi group) Lahore organised an ‘end of prophethood seminar’ on January 14, 2018. This lasted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mullas Abdul Ghaffar, Tariq Mehmood Yazdani, Hafiz Naeem ud Din and Ibtisam Ilahi Zaheer spoke in this. They said, “The belief in the end of prophethood is always truly secured by the Ahle Hadis. We will not let Qadiani mischief prosper. This country was founded in the name of Islam; Qadianis have no business (to stay) here. The biggest threat to our country is from Qadianis. We all should get together and confront them. Remember the sacrifices of your elders, and be united. If we die tomorrow, how can we face the Holy Prophet (pbuh) while Islam is in severe danger? Qadianiat is a cancer. Be united and take wholesome action against them. We all should unite and take a grand action against Qadianis. We are planning accordingly and will let you know of it very soon. You are to act accordingly and stop the Qadianis.”

2. On January 20, 2018 a visit and conference at Data Ganj Baksh shrine, Lahore was called by Majlis Dawat Islamia Qamariya Lalamusa, under the leadership of Pir Hameed ud Din Sialvi. Approximately ten thousand people attended. The caravan departed from Lalamusa at 9 a.m. and reached Lahore in the evening. Addressing the crowd Pir Sialvi said,

“We do not accept this government. These people are impudent to the Holy Prophet (pbuh). We will not tolerate an attack on the belief in Khatme Nabuwwat.” Other mullas made similar speeches, and targeted the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and the government.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

Rabwah; November 30, 2018: Anti-Ahmadiyya, Aftab-e-Nabuwwat conference was held in Madrassa Usmania, Muslim Colony Rabwah on November 30, 2018. It was organized by Qari Shabbir Usmani. It started at 12:30 p.m. and lasted until 4:15 p.m. Attendance was approximately 120.

Following mullas spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community. Maulvi Hanif Mughal of Chiniot, Qari Abdul Rahman Tabassum of Lahore, Sahibzada Muhammad Qadri of Multan, Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, Maulvi Asad Mahmood Makki of Islamabad, Muhammad Ismail Kazmi of Lahore and Maulvi Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti.

These mullas spoke rabidly not only against Ahmadis, they indulged in malicious gossip against others also. For instance they mentioned that Imran Khan was a man of Qadiani lobby. Also, while the ulama are alive they will not let the government and the Qadianis do any harm to Islam. Imran Khan cannot even pronounce the word *Khatam-an-Nabiyyeen* correctly; these atheists have been imposed on us, said a mulla.

Several resolutions were adopted by the conference; some of these are as follows:

- Kartarpur corridor should not be allowed to Qadianis.
- Asia Bibi’s acquittal should be reversed, she should be hanged and her name be put on ECL.
- Khatme Nabuwwat should be included in school syllabi of public and private schools.
- Punishment of apostasy should be implemented according to Sharia (death); as recommended by CII.
- We demand that the government immediately implement the *Nizame Mustafa* and establish *Riasat Madina* effectively.

Another hostile conference

Gorgajj, District Larkana; May 12, 2018: Jamiat Ulamae Islam (JUI) held an anti-Ahmadiyya Khatme Nabuwwat conference here. Speakers badmouthed the Ahmadiyya community and spoke rabidly. They mentioned the local Ahmadis by names, called them to the ‘right path’ and threatened them with grave consequences if they would preach their faith. They took pledge from the audience by show of hands that they would make life unbearable for Ahmadis, so that they leave the village.

Some time ago the opponents disturbed the civic peace by making an issue of the Ahmadiyya prayer centre and the missionary’s house. Ahmadis continue to exercise great caution in day to day life.

Hateful graffiti on Ahmadiyya Place of worship’s wall

Wah Cantt, Rawalpindi; August 5, 2018: An unknown person sprayed ‘Countless curses on Qadianis’ on the outer wall of the Ahmadiyya Place of worship in Wah Cantt, Rawalpindi.

At about 09:00 an Ahmadi passerby saw a message sprayed on the outer wall of the Place of worship. He informed local Ahmadi elders who informed the police. The police arrived, took photographs and checked the CCTV recording. The wall was cleaned under the supervision of the police.

The police has registered an FIR of the incident. No arrests have been made yet.

Hateful action against the founder and the present head of the Ahmadiyya community

Chiniot; September 4, 2018: On September 4, 2018 some mischief mongers spread banners on road next to Umer Hayat Mahal, Chiniot. These banners carried sketches of the founder and the present head of the Ahmadiyya community; along with these, flags of the U.S. and Holland were also painted. People trampled over the banners, and bad-mouthed. The police were informed of the incident, and they removed these banners from the road.

Social boycott imposed by mulla

Gulshan Jami, Karachi; May 2018: Mr. Muneeb Ahmad Khan went to the local market for some shopping. At a shop, a mulla with a mask arrived and told the shopkeeper, “He is a Qadiani; do not deal with him.” Accordingly the shopkeeper refused to sell him anything. Then Mr. Khan went to a vegetable shop. The mulla arrived there as well and forbade the shopkeeper to sell him vegetables. The vendor cared little for the bigot and sold Khan some vegetables.

Earlier, the mulla had good rapport with Mr. Khan but when he came to know that Khan was an Ahmadi, he turned hostile. Once when Mr. Khan said *Salam* to him, he got infuriated and told him, “I will get you arrested in two minutes; you are an apostate and *Wajibul Qatl* (must be killed).”

Ahmadi-owned businesses publicized in press for boycott

Lahore: The daily *Islam* published in its issue of July 8, 2018 a list of businesses etc owned allegedly by Ahmadis. This list was compiled by one, Dost Muhammad Baluch of Dera Ismail Khan (KP).

The list comprises in all 39 brands etc. it included industrial products, services, jewelers, pharmacy products, homeopathy medicines, educational institutions, private hospitals, TV channels etc. The list was published under the title Takht-o-Taj Khatme Nabuwwat Zinda Baad (Long-live the throne and crown of the end of prophethood).

The list was preceded by the following appeal:

“Those who buy or sell Qadiani products are appealed that the status of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him) is higher than our parents, our children, even ourselves. It is our duty to fully boycott these Qadiani products and urge other Muslims to do the same.”

Apparently, the authorities have taken no notice of this hateful message published in the daily that calls itself ‘Islam’, the religion of 95% population of Pakistan.

10. Miscellaneous; Reports from all over

Reports that do not fit in any category of previous chapters are placed here in the following sections:

- a) *Reports from cities*
- b) *Reports from towns and villages*
- c) *Media*
- d) *Disturbing threats*
- e) *Diverse*

a) Reports from cities

Agitation in Karachi – Ahmadis and their Place of Worship under threat

Karachi; April 19, 2018: On April 19, 2018 some unknown person(s) wrote down the names of ‘Allah’ and ‘Muhammad (pbuh)’ with paint on the track of the main road of North Karachi. At about 11:00 a.m. people started gathering there from nearby areas – blocked the road, started protest and staged a sit-in. Most of them belonged to Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulullah. The police came to know of the incident, came to the spot, and stopped the sit-in participants from aggravating the situation. At first the participants were few but their numbers increased gradually. Most of them were young. They made speeches and demanded from the administration to find the culprits, arrest them and register a case against them.

In their speeches some miscreants availed the occasion to accuse the Ahmadiyya Jamaat of this outrage. The nearby walls were chalked with anti-Ahmadiyya slogans and provocative language. The police and Rangers present at the spot tried to persuade the sit-in leaders to disperse, but all in vain. In the evening, some high rank police officers came and had talks with them – assured the protestors full support, and the sit-in was called off at the time.

Ten Ahmadi families who were living in the neighbourhood had to be shifted elsewhere for security reasons. The local Ahmadiyya Place of worship was also locked by the police. Ahmadi youths on duty stayed inside the Place of worship for its security.

Societal abuse faced by Ahmadis

Choburji, Lahore; November 26, 2018: Mr. Waqar, Ahmadi lives here in a house on rent. His neighbor who is also a lawyer abused him for his faith. He lodged a false FIR against him accusing him of robbery. The police arrested Mr. Waqar on November 26. Mr. Waqar tried to make peace with his neighbor to which he agreed on the condition that he would recant from Ahmadiyyat and became a good Muslim. Mr. Waqar did not accept that. At last the lawyer reconciled after payment of a fine that was initially demanded at Rs. 200,000 but later settled at Rs. 30,000.

Life threats to Ahmadi family over faith

Nankana; January 11, 2018: Mr. Mubashir Ahmad, an Ahmadi has been receiving threats to his life for some time. He went to a stationary shop to buy some books for his children. The same guy, who had been threatening him in the past, came to the shop and told the shopkeeper not to sell anything to Ahmad as he was a *Mirzai* (Ahmadi). The shopkeeper took his books back and returned him the money. He again threatened Mr. Ahmad of murder. Mr. Ahmad returned home immediately and felt so disturbed that he stopped sending his children to school.

Ahmadis under serious threat in Multan

Multan; February 2018: It was learnt from official sources that Ahmadis and their worship places in Multan were under threat. Extremists had plans to kidnap two well-known Ahmadis Rana Nadeem Ahmad, Rana Fareed Ahmad and their families. They had carried out recce for this purpose both of their residence as also of schools of their children. The police appointed guards at Ahmadiyya Place of worships. Ahmadis felt unsafe in the city and were advised to take extra precautions.

Agitation in District Mirpur Khas

Mirpur Khas; March 6, 2018: On March 2, near Tharparkar Motors (a business location on Mirpur Khas –Hyderabad road) some mischief mongers wrote down the names of ‘Allah’ and ‘the Holy Prophet (pbuh)’ with red colour on the road, at the occasion of ‘Holi’, a Hindu festival. The same sacrilege was undertaken near Sultanabad.

Mullas and local Muslims were very angry over the incident. Rallies and processions were taken out against this, and a strike was called in the city. The procession attacked the Press Club. Some miscreants availed the occasion to accuse the Jamaat Ahmadiyya of the outrage and tried to agitate the public against Ahmadis. However, the local administration rejected the allegation against Ahmadis, and disallowed the strike the next day.

Mughalpura, Lahore – a hub of anti-Ahmadiyya activities

Mughalpura; November 2018: Mughalpura is often mentioned in dispatches for the rallies, processions, seminars etc held there against the Ahmadi community. For these the mullas avail the permissive attitude of the provincial government and the careless concern of the capital’s police to sectarian activism. Following two incidents happened here in the last week of November.

On November 23, Jamaat Islami held a Hurmat Rasul (pbuh) Conference in the Children Park. Mullas Zikrulla Mujahid, Muhamamd Ali Karimi and Mufti Imtiaz attended the occasion. Rather than highlighting the noble character of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) these mullas wasted everybody’s time in making hateful remarks against Ahmadis. “The government is supporting Qadianis. It is busy in changing the constitution, while the constitution terms these Qadianis *kafir*. They mislead the people through proselytisation. They are in league with Jews and Christians, who provide them financial support. Qadianis are *Kafir* and they have no right to live here. Jamaat Islami will exterminate them. You have to help us in this. Join us under the leadership of Siraj ul Haq. United, we’ll put an end to these Qadianis,” the speakers exhorted the crowd.

A day later Anjuman Eid Miladun Nabi took out a rally to celebrate the birthday of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). For setting up a grand-stand they chose the front of Ahmadiyya place of worship as location. A few youth recited poems, while the procession stopped there at about 10 p.m. There was a great deal of slogan mongering. The police had to be present there on duty. Ahmadis felt concerned in view of the hateful rhetoric of the Jamaat Islami the previous day.

Ahmadi harassed for faith

Model Colony, Karachi; July 17, 2018: Mr. Numan Basit an Ahmadi lives in Model Colony, Karachi. Some ex-colleagues stopped him at the road, bad mouthed him and called him an apostate. They blamed him for having meals with them and not disclosing that he was a *Mirzai*. Mr. Basit decided not to respond and went away.

It has a background. Mr. Basit had left that job two years ago. Lately his ex-colleagues saw him doing security duty on Eid day at Bait-ul-Sana, an Ahmadiyya Place of Worship in Model Colony. They came to know that Mr. Basit was an Ahmadi; hence the angry but bigoted protest.

Innocent Ahmadis harassed even after their acquittal by High Court

An armed contingent of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) carried out a raid on Ahmadiyya central offices and Zia-ul-Islam Press, Rabwah on December 5, 2016 and made unjustified arrests. Mr. Sabah ul Zafar and Mr. Idrees Ahmad were awarded three-year prison sentence by a special court. An appeal against the judgment was made in the Lahore High Court which acquitted them of the charges on February 26, 2018. They were released from jail on March 5, 2018.

The CTD filed no appeal against the judgment. However, Suleman Bin Abdul Rehman from the anti-Ahmadi lobby filed an application in Lahore Registry of the Supreme Court in which he appealed against the judgment passed by Lahore High Court calling it 'impugned judgment'. A notice from the opponent lawyer Mian Ghulam Hussain Advocate on Record (Supreme Court, Lahore) was sent to the victims.

An Ahmadi's store set on fire

Jinnah Town, Quetta; June 30, 2018: Mr. Fazl ur Rehman is president of Ahmadiyya chapter in Jinnah Town, Quetta. He is a wholesale dealer of cosmetics. He uses the first floor of his house as depot of this stock. He faces opposition and hostility in business for being an Ahmadi.

On June 16, 2018 Mr. Rehman and his family went out for dinner. At about 22:30 his neighbor informed him that his store was on fire. He rushed back and found that the store was engulfed in flames. Thereafter a fire-brigade party arrived and the fire was extinguished eventually. The entire store and its stock was destroyed.

The store had no electric or gas connection. It seems that someone deliberately set the first floor on fire, as no damage was done to the residential ground floor.

Ahmadis made to flee for their faith

Abbottabad; September 2018: Ahmadi families of Mr. Shuaib Ahmad and Mr. Luqman Ahmad are residents of Abbottabad. They started facing difficulties as soon as their neighbors came to know of their faith. This hostility increased over time and they were socially boycotted in their area. They were denied purchase of daily use items from nearby shops. Later on the owner of Mr. Luqman's flat told him to vacate the flat immediately. When asked the reason, he said, "Approximately a dozen men of Khatme Nabuwat organization came to me and told me to get the flat vacated of Qadianis or be prepared for arson in the block."

Ahmadis had to shift to a far off location at short notice.

Social boycott imposed by mulla

Gulshan Jami, Karachi; October 2018: In May a mulla here became hostile to Mr. Muneeb Ahmad Khan, Ahmadi, harassed him severely and called him *Wajib-ul-Qatl*.

In October, Mr. Khan called an electrician to his house for some repairs. He asked for water. The same mulla happened to come there and he started abusing the founder of Ahmadiyyat. He told the workers there that these people are Qadianis and eating and drinking with them is forbidden. Mr. Khan did not respond in kind and stayed calm. The mulla went away after creating that scene.

Rabwah town's civic situation – described by a non-Ahmadi journalist

The daily *Islam* published a report on Rabwah (official name Chenab Nagar) the Ahmadiyya headquarters town in Pakistan, on February 16, 2018, prepared by its reporter, Qari Salman Usmani. Extract of the same is translated below.

Chenab Nagar is located in district Chiniot. For a long time roads in Chenab Nagar have broken down due to the negligence of its elected representatives. It has become difficult for pedestrians to walk due to the rush of push-carts. They are all over the roads, and the administration sits idle. Riazabad road has become dilapidated very badly, although it is the only link road with suburbs. It got ruined due to lack of repairs and through negligence. Uncompleted water supply system has failed to supply water to (all) citizens. Nobody asked where the money had gone; why the work was not completed. Everyone took his share and kept silent. Crimes are common because of no street lights in dark streets, while the councilors and police do not act. Sewerage water pools dot the streets for lack of a drainage system. This produces mosquitos and deadly diseases. Excess of encroachments has become a big problem for citizens. Traffic jams, as the railway crossing closes, remain for hours, after it opens. Teenage rickshaw drivers stop their rickshaws for passengers wherever they want while the traffic police is busy collecting bribe. The problems remain even after a passage of over sixty years. ...

Similarly Chani Qureshian is an old village of Chenab Nagar but it is receiving step-motherly treatment. The MPAs of this area spend its grant somewhere else. Its condition makes one cry. There is no sewerage system. Three times a grant was provided for the sewerage but nobody knows where it was spent. Drains spill over dirty water.

Many young rickshaw drivers in Chenab Nagar cause frequent accidents in the town, they make it difficult for citizens to walk. The police seem to be helpless. These numerous drivers are the cause of accidents, and many people get their legs broken, causing big loss. Most rickshaw drivers do not have a

driving license; they are ignorant of traffic rules, and they upset the traffic system. This causes frequent accidents, and passengers, mostly women and children, get hurt. The traffic police has failed to control and check the teenage rickshaw drivers who cause frequent accidents.

The state of the health department is the same. The slaughter house has a leaking roof, broken floor, damaged taps and no electricity. The meat of sheep is sold at the rate of goat meat. Slaughter the animals, put the stamps and go ahead – butchers enjoy open permission from doctors. This is obvious negligence of the slaughter department. Floors (of the slaughter house) are dilapidated. Holes are plenty and are lined with offal. This offal reaches the humans through animals, and diseases spread. An uncovered water tank supplies dirty water to wash the cattle; this is injurious to health. Eight of the installed water taps are damaged, the only one functional is insufficient for the entire slaughter house. Electricity wiring has burned out, only one bulb is operative. Butchers face great difficulty while slaughtering the cattle in darkness. Its roof leaks badly; it can come down any time and cause loss of life. Bricks of its boundary walls and its door have been taken away. Now, wild dogs sit there day and night and spread filth. Butchers slaughter animals at will, stamp it themselves and move on, due to the negligence of the department. With doctor's negligence sheep are slaughtered and sold as goats.

Encroachment mafia has spread its tentacles. Citizens are wary of traffic jams. Students, women who come for shopping, and office goers have become hostage to the encroachment mafia, while no responsible official takes notice of the consequences. With rascals present in every street, ward, market, squares and crossroads one feels sorry for the district administration. Had they exercised their authority, the public would have been at peace and the mafia set aside. Pity, alas! there is no official who has the courage to act. Citizens have requested the divisional officers and the chief minister to pay attention to these problems.

Ahmadis denied holding sports activities

Chenab Nagar; March 25, 2018: Mulla Ilyas Chinioti, MPA of PML-N is a spirited anti-Ahmadi activist. His statement was reported in the daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* of March 25, 2018:

I will not allow body-building tournament in Chenab Nagar: Maulana Ilyas Chinioti

Chenab Nagar (Reporter *Nawa-i-Waqt*): A Qadiani resident of Chenab Nagar, Ahmad Abdullah is preparing to hold a body-building tournament in a marriage hall on April 6 so that Muslim youth could be misled by giving them cash and precious prizes. I will not let this happen in the name of the tournament, said Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti, the Amir of International Khatme Nabuwat Movement Pakistan in a press conference. He further said that the administration was being contacted in this regard.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference scheduled in Ahmadiyya headquarters town, Rabwah

Rabwah, August 2018: According to press reports, a Khatme Nabuwat conference at Jamia Usmania Muslim Colony Chenab Nagar is scheduled on September 7, 2018.

Mullas have been holding this Khatme Nabuwat (end of prophethood) conference annually for the last 31 years in Rabwah. Participants are brought from different areas and cities to Rabwah. In this conference, speakers through loudspeakers use foul language against Ahmadis. They agitate the audience and prompt them to take extreme actions against the Jamaat. This seriously disturbs the peaceful environment of the city.

It is noteworthy that the opponents of Jamaat Ahmadiyya are always permitted to hold this provocative program in Rabwah. Its participants are transported here from outer cities. Contrary to this, Ahmadis are not allowed to hold their traditional peaceful conference in their own town.

This year also an application was made to the authorities by the Ahmadiyya head office to the effect: "It will be appropriate in view of the national sensitive political situation to not grant permission for such a conference that causes serious threat to peace. This conference is part of an organized, bigoted and gruesome drive against Jamaat Ahmadiyya; through this, baseless allegations and harmful edicts of *Wajib ul Qatl* are issued against Ahmadis. That is why, so far 265 Ahmadis have been murdered and hundreds have faced arson attacks. Now if this conference causes any untoward incident, then its entire responsibility will be that of its participants and the Administration.

"It is hoped that you will choose proper modus operandi to maintain the peaceful environment and disallow the conference. This sensitive and immediate issue demands your special intention. If permission of the conference is unavoidable then in the interest of security video recording of the program should be undertaken to expose its reality to you."

Authorities, nevertheless, allowed and even facilitated the conference.

A few more reports from the provincial capital, Lahore

- TLYR arranged an *Iftar* party inviting people from Mughalpura, Baghbanpura and Gulshan Park. They used the occasion to agitate the invitees on the issue of end of prophethood, and told them to be prepared to make sacrifices for this cause. They were told that TLYR is committed to bring a revolution in society, and as the country belongs to Muslims, no Non-Muslim will be tolerated here.

The election campaign of Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi was run by him in the name of religion and end of prophethood.

- Aalami Majlis Tahafuzz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held an *Iftar* party at their centre in Lahore. Leading mullas, based in Lahore, attended it. These included Azizur Rahman Sani, Jamilur Rehman Akhtar, Qari Abid, Maulvi Tahir etc. They made anti-Ahmadiyya speeches at the occasion. Their main theme was total social boycott of Ahmadis as that would hurt them most in their opinion. The mulla insisted that such a boycott would please the Holy Prophet greatly. The leaders urged guests to beware of Qadianis, strengthen their bonds with the KN centre and work harder in the service of end of prophethood.

b) Reports from towns and villages

Ahmadi denied burial

Rafiqabad, District Layyah; May 25, 2018: Mr. Hameed Ahmad S/O Pir Muhammad of Chak no. 368, District Layyah died on May 25. Opponents opposed his burial in the cemetery claiming that it was a Muslims' graveyard and Qadiani would not be allowed to be buried there. In fact Ahmadis intended to bury the deceased in their own section of the graveyard. The opponents raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans at the site. The police came to the site, but the mullas refused to cooperate. The deceased had to be buried at a faraway location.

Ahmadi denied burial in common cemetery

Chak 5/3, Ahmad Pur Syal, District Jhang; September 30, 2018: Mrs. Amina Bibi w/o of Mr. Maqbool Ahmad died here on September 30, 2018. Arrangements were being made for her burial in common cemetery when opponents of Ahmadiyya community decided to oppose it. They made announcements from loudspeakers of the local Place of worship and gathered a crowd. Police arrived at the spot. Opponents insisted to disallow burial of the Ahmadi deceased in the common cemetery. Approximately 30 Ahmadis are already buried in the same cemetery. Ahmadis had to bury her in a private land to avoid confrontation.

Social peace disturbed by a mulla

Kachelu Chak 270A, Distt. Mir Pur Khas; March 2018: Kachelu Chak was a peaceful abode of approximately 3000 inhabitants. Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis lived peacefully. The local mulla took to sectarianism against the Ahmadiyya community at the occasion of funeral service of a local. He followed it up with a Friday sermon on March 2 in which he urged the worshipers to implement a social boycott of Ahmadis. As a result the village split into two groups, pro-mulla and pro-harmony.

Ahmadis felt concerned and approached some influential persons of the area to intervene. These nobles met the mulla and advised him to refrain from destroying the village peace. The mulla retracted from previous stand and made amends. The situation improved.

Dispute over an Ahmadi's burial

Chak 103/6R, District Bahawal Nagar; September 2018: An Ahmadi died here. Ahmadis came to offer his funeral prayers but his son who is not Ahmadi stopped them doing so. The locals sought cooperation of TLP, Mulla Rizvi's party. They created hue and cry, cut off water supply lines to Ahmadis' homes and socially boycotted them. Ahmadis contacted the police who called both the parties and attempted reconciliation.

Ahmadis remain on guard.

Faith-based hostility forced Ahmadi to shift household

Renala Khurd, Distt. Okara; April 2018: Mr. Ehtisham Ahmad is an Ahmadi who works in Mitchell Fruit Company as Research and Development and Quality Assurance Manager.

Previously an activist of TLYR published a pamphlet against him that agitated the readers accusing him of proselytizing. This issue was resolved with the help of authorities.

In April pamphlets against Mr. Ahmad were again distributed. The police took action and detained a worker of the company, but released him later on the demand of TLYR mullas. The mullas threatened to take out a procession against the SHO and the DSP, and revive the previous issue against Mr. Ahmad. Meanwhile the Imam of Masjid Faizan-e-Madina, Hameed Town, Renala Khurd got registered an FIR of theft in the police station. Some books of the Rebuttal of Qadianiat course, a USB and some memory cards were stolen, according to the FIR. It accused Ahmadis of doing that. The FIR mentioned the possibility of great harm to the local Imam in this incident. They tried to implicate Mr. Ahmad in this incident.

The management of the company told Mr. Ahmad to contact the local SHO. The SHO advised transfer of Mr. Ahmad elsewhere to avoid the agitation. The company transferred him to their head-office in Lahore. Mr. Ahmad joined the Lahore office on April 23, 2018. Mr. Ahmad has to shift his whole family to the new station, a great hardship for him indeed.

Ahmadi woman is refused burial

Budha Kot, District Mir Pur Khas; November 27, 2018: Ahmadi have been living here for long in harmony with locals. Mullas disturbed the social balance recently when Master Riaz's wife died here on November 27, 2018. Her grave was prepared in the common cemetery as per previous practice. At the time of funeral prayers a man arrived and told the president of the local Ahmadiyya community that some youth were planning a mischief and would not allow the burial in common cemetery. The report posed a serious threat. Ahmadis decided to bury the deceased in their private land to avoid any mischief.

Ahmadi told to dislodge – for his faith

Wandhar; Balochistan: Mr Ittefaq Ahmad, resident of Wandhar for over 35 years told here to vacate his business and leave.

Mr Ahmad runs a shop in the main bazaar. This shop is owned by a local madrassah and Place of worship.

For the last two or three years, Mr. Ahmad experienced a muted anti-Ahmadi propaganda that would surface off and on, but it was countered with the help of the mayor and the local chief. This time, in May 2018, Mr Ahmad received a notice to vacate the shop within three months.

It is learnt that a mulla had come from Karachi and had met the Place of worship Committee. He spoke against Ahmadis and gave *fatwa* that the rent collected from an Ahmadi was *haram* (illicit) for the Place of worship and the madrassah. He further asserted that Ahmadis were *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be put to death). The president of the Place of worship Committee expressed his compulsion in the light of the *fatwa*.

Mr. Ahmad told the Committee that he was a resident of Wandhar for long, and had business obligations and loans to clear; this was not possible to do within three months. Also his children were going to school, so he should be provided relief till the end of the academic session.

The president told Mr. Ahmad to write him an application.

c) Media

Gutless media and politicians

Geo TV; February 6, 2018: Hamid Mir of Geo TV interviewed the foreign minister Khawaja Asif, and the session was broadcast. Kh. Asif, among other things, mentioned the great role a former foreign minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan (an Ahmadi) had played in the UN for the independence of Tunisia. In support, Asif mentioned the admission of the 91-year old Tunisian president who was a witness to the great advocacy by Sir Zafrullah. Asif also referred to the role of Sir Zafrullah in the UN in securing the independence of Algeria. He mentioned

Zafrullah's competent championship of Palestinians' rights, and of course, his success in obtaining a UN resolution in support of the right of self-determination for Kashmiris.

Geo announced that the interview would be aired again the next day at 11:30 to 12:00 a.m. It did that, but the part related to Sir Zafrullah had been effaced.

This was most probably done to please the bigot-brigade. The pusillanimity of the powerful media and the ruling elite defies description.

'Dr' Aamir Liaquat, TV anchor, exposed in a court petition filed by a non-Ahmadi

Islamabad: January, February 2018: Dr. Aamir Liaquat has been mentioned in Ahmadiyya dispatches in the past. For example on 7th September 2008, a day prior to the murder of Dr. Siddiqui who was the Amir of the Ahmadiyya Community of District Mirpur Khas in Sindh, GEO TV aired a live discussion on its 'Aalim online' program, commemorating the 34th anniversary of Ahmadis being given 'non-Muslim' status by the government of Pakistan. Two mullas participated in that discussion via a live phone link. It was chaired by Aamir Liaquat, the anchor man. The three participants used highly provocative and slanderous language against the holy founder of Ahmadiyyat and promoted hatred against the Ahmadiyya community. They used the words "**blood, Jihad and Duty to kill (Wajib-ul-Qatl)**" etc. in this context, thereby openly violating the country's law.

Encouraged by the lack of attention paid to his offense on GEO by the authorities, Dr Aamar Liaquat wrote an article, which was published in the daily *Jang* on September 12, 2008. In it Aamir Liaquat not only admitted his sectarian vitriol against Ahmadis, he also wrote that he was proud of it. He based his argument on his 'love for the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.)' and insisted that he would persist in his crusade against Ahmadis.

Ardeshir Cowasjee of the daily Dawn wrote a very apt op-ed in the issue of Sept. 28, 2008:

Lastly, friend Irfan Hussain, again writing eminent sense, reminded us of the damage that a free and independent media can do if it is allowed to do so by those who operate channels and by a government that sits idly by and observes without comment or action. An unstable participant, a doctor of sorts, in one of the endless talk shows incited the public to murder those of the Ahmadi faith, all in the name of the religion which guides this country. And subsequent murders there were. Such is the national mindset.

However the state and the society took no notice of this spoilt child – till this year when a citizen took him to the court for judicial scrutiny.

The daily The Nation published on January 12, 2018 a report on this court case against him. We reproduce extracts from that press report:

IHC upholds ban on TV anchor

The Islamabad High Court Wednesday upheld its verdict to put ban on anchor Dr Aamir Liaquat Hussain by turning down the petitioner's appeal to withdraw his request for ban on him.

The petitioner stated in the petition that Dr Aamir appeared as a television personality in 2006 and over a decade conducted religious shows, one of them was "Aalim Online" and also claimed to be a scholar of Islamic Studies but subsequently it was revealed that he possessed no such certification or

degree in Islamic Studies and his claim of being a scholar of Islam was nothing but a hoax in order to further his personal gains in the name of Islam and under the disguise of a religious scholar.

He added that Aamir Liaquat hosted different programs on television such as morning show, game shows, talk show and special transmissions on different media channels wherein, he conducted defamatory media trial of certain individuals in the media industry, politicians and other personalities, mocking, ridiculing and directing severe allegations on them using religion as a weapon to harm them and a shield at the same time to protect himself.

“At many occasions he used Quranic verses against certain individuals that illustrate how a blasphemer may be punished and as we all know as Muslims, the penalty is death in a severe manner. A lot of citizens were extremely disgusted and disturbed due to his misusing religion, most importantly to the extent where he attempted on several occasions to endanger lives of certain individuals using Islam and Quran without any fear of Allah (SWT) using Islam to his own gain and advantages,” maintained the petitioner.

He continued that Dr Aamir stooped so low while conducting a show concerning MQM leader, Altaf Hussain and various individuals of the party using unacceptable and highly objectionable language, that he accused party leaders of illicit relationship with party workers, while taking the names of the women who were involved in the so-called alleged acts and apparently one of the lady worker had to get an abortion done in a local hospital in London, United Kingdom.

According to the petitioner, Hussain also referred to the party leader, Altaf Husain with degrading names and ridiculing him and made several allegations. It is unfortunate that the noble profession of journalism is being destroyed every single day, by his indecent and unacceptable journalism at his hands.

Therefore, he prayed to the court to declare that Dr Aamir has committed gross violation of code of conduct, 2015, and PEMRA Ordinance 2002, and chairman PEMRA has failed to stop and act against his violations.

He requested the court to declare that Aamir is using religion as a sword and shield at the same time to further his own gains at the cost of the safety and well-being of various individuals by conducting repeated hate speech amounting to incitement to violence due to which people have been killed while others receive death threats.

Petitioner also requested the court to declare that Dr Aamir has used electronic media and social media for hate speech, incite, abet, glamorize or justifying violence, commission of crime, terror and leads to serious public disorder and therefore he is liable to be banned lifetime on all medium including print media, electronic media and social media.

He further prayed to the court to direct the chairman PEMRA to take serious action against him and ban him from hosting, appearing in any manner, including but not limited to, as a guest, analyst, reporter, actor, in audio, video, beeper, promo/advertisement in any electronic media.

He prayed to the court to direct the chairman PTA to immediately delete/block all social media accounts of Dr Aamir on internet.

Annual Report 2017 – Pakistani Media and the Ahmadiyya Community

Pakistan is increasingly descending into a sort of chaos and is becoming a place where members of the Ahmadiyya community are grossly discriminated. It has become very difficult for Ahmadis to live their lives and practice their faith in peace. There is an organised campaign underway to deprive members of the community of their basic rights, such as the

right to worship and work or receive education. The hate-mongers seem to have an extensive support network and funding to publish hate material and organise conferences and events to spew hatred. State institutions responsible for HR and freedom of religion often play in the hands of opponents of the community while private sector also plays to the gallery in self-interest and participate in persecution of Ahmadi individuals as well as the community. Vernacular press leads in this atrocious behavior.

Pakistani Urdu press has big role in giving the hate-mongers a vast platform from where to spread hate far and wide. During 2017 Pakistani Urdu press continued to publish one-sided and provocative anti-Ahmadi news stories. The Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan publishes an annual report in Urdu that gives a glimpse of this world of hate-mongering and hostile propaganda against the Ahmadis. The report provides facts and figures of Urdu press and its contribution in instigating hatred against Ahmadis. This report was launched by the Ahmadiyya central office in May 2018 along with the annual persecution report.

In 2017, as many as 3936 anti-Ahmadi propaganda news-items and 532 articles were published against the Ahmadiyya Community. It is the responsibility of the media not to spread hate against any particular group in society, and if there is a negative report or an article published against one party, the viewpoint of the targeted party should also be obtained and published. But, no newspaper spares space for the Ahmadiyya response or viewpoint. The daily *Ausaf* (editor: Mehtab Khan) stood first by publishing 572 anti-Ahmadiyya news and 154 hateful articles while the daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* (editor: Rameeza Majeed Nizami) stood second by publishing 410 news items and 65 articles.

Translation of a few hateful anti-Ahmadiyya news is produced below as sample:
Qadianis are a great threat and a cancer in the country: Mian Abdul Kareem

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, October 9, 2017

Qadianiat means rebellion and hostility against Islam: Yusuf Ansari

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, October 27, 2017

Ahmadis are more dangerous to Islam than any other minority: Rana Sana

The daily Din; Lahore, October 15, 2017

Change in 295-C (Blasphemy law) is not acceptable, Qadiani (TV) channels should be banned: AMTKN

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 16, 2017

Qadianis are agents of the enemies of Pakistan; Ilyas Chinioti (a PML-N MPA)

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 10, 2017

Religious freedom for minorities cannot be given to Qadianis: Rana Sana (a provincial minister)

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, October 15, 2017

Qadianiat is not religion or belief; it is only enmity and rancor against the Holy Prophet: Khatme Nabuwwat Conference

The daily Ausaf; Lahore January 1, 2017

14 secret Qadiani educational institutions disclosed in the country

The daily Ummat; Karachi, March 22, 2017

Conspiracy to evict Muslims from Chenab Nagar

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, January 2, 2017

etc. etc.

It is a 30 page report. It is candid and incriminating. No wonder, AMTKN, a Khatme Nabuwwat organization, declared and the daily *Din* printed in its issue of May 7, 2018: "Qadianis' annual report is a conspiracy to bring bad name to Islam and Pakistan." Another lie.

d) Disturbing threats

Murder threat to Ahmadis in Mandi Bahauddin

Mandi Bahauddin; August 20, 2018: Ahmadiyya community in Mandi Bahauddin has been receiving threats for some time. After the month of Ramadan, every Friday the police provided security at prayers in the Ahmadiyya Place of worship. In August, Mr. Ijaz Ahmad, president of the local Ahmadi community received a threat letter in red ink, **"You and your family will be kidnapped and killed. Decided – consider it blood, not red ink Thirsty for your blood: Righteous man"**.

After this letter some Afghan youths were seen in the vicinity of the Ahmadiyya Place of worship. The police was informed of the whole situation, and the higher authorities instructed the SHO City for appropriate action and security.

Ahmadis upgraded safety measures.

A threat to Ahmadi's life

Quaidabad, District Khushab; September 8, 2018: We have reported in the past the deteriorating anti-Ahmadi situation in Quaidabad. Ahmadis have been facing extreme hostility there for some time. Mr. Zahid Shafique an Ahmadi received a threat letter in which it was written: "Entry of *Mirza (Mirzaion)* is forbidden. Leave this area; it will be good for you. If you do not, you will not know where you will end up at night. Remember – by midnight. You will find it better to leave the area; otherwise you will be killed. It is better for you. Entry of *Mirza (Mirzaion)* is forbidden; you will be attacked at night." (sic)

Mr. Shafique is a senior Ahmadi community functionary. He has now adapted special security measures.

e) Diverse

Paigham e Pakistan (Message of Pakistan) – an excellent document launched in the capital

Islamabad; January 16, 2018: A narrative and decree against terrorism and extremism (Paigham e Pakistan) issued by Muftis and religious scholars of all schools of thought with the efforts of Islamic Research Institute of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IUI) was launched at Aiwane Sadar in a ceremony chaired by the President of Pakistan, Mamnoon Hussain.

Unanimous fatwa by 1829 scholars condemning extremism and terrorism declared the supporters of suicide bombing as traitors, the religious decree defined jihad as being the purview of the state and disallowed the use of force to compel obedience to Islamic laws.

The declaration said the soil of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan should not be allowed to be used by any group for promoting terrorism. It also called for offering protection to the

life and property of non-Muslims in Pakistan. It called for tolerance and promotion of justice and fair play in Pakistan.

According to the declaration the use of force and waging armed struggle in the name of enforcing Shariah and also acts of terrorism and sabotage in any shape, exploiting linguistic, regional, religious and sectarian differences were against Shariah and un-Islamic and amounted to rebellion against the Constitution and the law.

It noted that imposing one's views and ideology on others was against the teachings of Shariah and was akin to spreading chaos. The declaration said that no individual and group had the right to take law into its hands or set up a parallel court system.

Religious scholars and Muftis declared unanimously that suicide attacks, armed insurgency against the state and the use of force in the name of enforcing Shariah was 'Haram' or forbidden in Islam, and this announcement was named as 'Paigham-e-Pakistan (Message of Pakistan). The effort is being termed a second biggest historic consensus among all the sects after the 1973 Constitution.

The President said that according to Islamic teachings, extremism, bloodshed and suicide-bombing were categorized as spreading evil on earth (*Fasaad-fil-Ard*) which was categorically prohibited and unjustified.

He said the decree would not only promote positive image of the Islamic teachings and Pakistani society in the world but would also help in overcoming the menace of extremism.

Ahmadiyya community finds the Paigham e Pakistan an excellent document. While one would like to agree with and wish the best to the expectations of the President, one is reminded of the fate of such past initiatives, for example the National Action Plan.

This narrative and decree is signed by a large number of ulama. Many of the prominent signatories, however, continue to indulge in fomenting sectarian hatred against Ahmadis. They have not given up on their radicalism and extremism. This shows a wide gulf between what is said and what is undertaken by these clerics. For example, the leading signatories include mullas like Munibur Rahman, Abdul Razzaq Sikandar (of AMT Khatme Nabuwat), Hanif Jallandhry, Zahid Mahmud Qasmi, Sajid Mir, Muhammad Ahmad Ludhianwi, Hamid Raza, Zahid ur Rashidi, Zawwar Bahadur, Shabbir A Usmani etc. All these are on record to have explicitly and publicly taken extreme anti-Ahmadi position – even anti-Shia. It is obvious that they have serious reservations over the contents of this document; however they found it convenient and self-serving to sign the Paighame Pakistan, prompted, endorsed and launched by the Government of Pakistan.

Whatever the result and fruits of this initiative, it does great credit to the Islamic Research Institute at the International Islamic University, Islamabad to have produced this narrative and acquired the *fatwa* (decree) from such prominent ulama and hundreds of Islamic scholars from all over the country.

P.S. It is noteworthy that relatively few ulama from Lahore (the Punjab) signed the document.

For archives: some news in July 2018

July 2018: In July there were news in media that have a significant link with the Ahmadiyya issue in the country. It is of historic value to place on record important extracts of these news items. Here we quote a few, along with their source, as reference:

I. Avenfield case

NAB arrests Safdar after high drama

Sharif's son-in-law stages rally in Rawalpindi before being held

The national Accountability Bureau (NAB) has taken Nawaz Sharif's son-in-law Capt ® Safdar, convicted in the Avenfield properties case, into custody and announced initiating legal proceedings against all individuals who sheltered and helped him evade his arrest.

Capt ® Safdar was sentenced to a one year jail term on July 5 by an accountability court.



Praising Mumtaz Qadri who murdered former governor Punjab Salman Taseer, Safdar shouted slogans in his (Qadri's) favour. He insisted that he was being victimized for openly supporting the cause of Khatm-e-Nabuwat.

When the rally arrived at the Sixth road, the number of his party supporters had dwindled down to just 300.

After his arrest, the NAB issued a statement expressing displeasure over the Sunday's turn of events.

"If he (Safdar) was a law abiding citizen, he should have surrendered himself before NAB soon after the judgment was announced against him. He is a convicted and corrupt person who is posing himself as a pious individual", NAB's statement read.

"NAB will start legal proceedings against all those who provided illegal shelter to a convicted person and (helped him evade his) arrest," the bureau stated.

The bureau accused Safdar of indulging in hate speech.

The Express Tribune; Lahore, July 9, 2018

Note: This is the same Capt ® Safdar who on October 9, last year mounted a vicious and wrongful attack in the National Assembly, on the Ahmadiyya Community on a point of order. He called Ahmadis a 'threat to the country'.

II. Disgraceful rejection of Mr Zaeem Qadri in general elections 2018

Lahore: Mr Zaeem Qadri was the Minister of Religious Affairs in the Punjab PML-N government. In that position, rather than caring for religious minorities, he spoke rabidly against Ahmadis on TV Channel 24 on January 24, 2018. He said, "The mentioned (Ahmadiyya translation of the) Quran has been banned, raids have been undertaken, presses have been sealed and

people have been booked (by the police). ... If anyone still distributes that Quran, I'll personally strangle him. ... As for me I am not prepared to give the Ahmadis even their rights granted by the Constitution to non-Muslims."

Prior to the general elections, the Punjab Government was replaced by a caretaker government. The PML-N high command, while distributing their tickets to candidates, decided to overlook Mr Zaeem Qadri. This upset him greatly, and he decided to rise in revolt and contest the election as an "Independent".

The News International published election results after the event. Syed Zaeem Hussain Qadri met a humiliating defeat in that he got only 1953 votes, while the leading candidate and the runner-up got 89,678 and 77,231 votes respectively.

III. Between a wall and a narrow path

A report from the daily Dawn: It is 10:30 p.m. and Ahsan Iqbal is winding up his election campaign for the day in a rural neighbourhood of this border district. Towards the end of his speech he talks about accusation that his party and leaders have gone soft on the issue of Namoos-i-Risalat, a refrain his main rival, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's (PTI) Abrarul Haq, is also using to take the National Assembly seat (NA-78) from him.

"Namoos-i-Risalat is our faith," thundered Mr. Iqbal, who survived an attempt on his life during a rally in early May. The gunman who shot and wounded him is alleged to have links with an ultra-religious group.

The amendment to a law related to the Khatm-i-Nabuwat had led to countrywide violent protests and lockdown in Islamabad last winter. The change was later retracted and law minister Zahid Hamid was forced to resign his job as a result of the government's deal with the protesting group brokered by the military.

"No one in the world has a right to issue a certificate of faith against his fellow Muslims. It is for Allah to decide who is a good Muslim and who is not," he argued before reminding the crowd that his mother Nisar Fatima was one of the key movers of the blasphemy law.

"Today we are being forced to prove our credentials as Muslims. This whole thing has created hatred in our society. I'm carrying the bullet of hatred inside me. We need to fight and win this war against religious hatred if we want to make progress."

His supporters say Mr. Iqbal is forced to talk about the issue of Namoos-i-Risalat because his Tehrik-i-Insaf rival Abrarul Haq is using it against him.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 10, 2018

IV. Sharifs' trial ends, tribulations begin

- Nawaz, Maryam and Safdar found guilty in Avenfield property case
- Nawaz gets 10 years, Maryam seven years, her spouse one year imprisonment

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 7, 2018

V. SJC approved open trial of Justice Siddiqui's reference

... The decision was taken at a meeting of SJC, which was presided over by Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nisar.

Justice Siddiqui has been facing a reference before the SJC for alleged misconduct for the past 18 months.

The daily The News; Lahore, July 8, 2018

VI. Sharifs in Jail; jury out on future

With Lahore put on lock-down amid protests and election rallies, former premier Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz were arrested just after their flight landed at Allama Iqbal International Airport, flown to the Islamabad on a private plane before being shifted to Adiala Jail in a convoy of security vehicles late Friday night.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 14, 2018

VII. SJC holds first open trial of high court judge

Dismisses Justice Siddiqui's three applications; tells him to trust the council.

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, July 31, 2018

CJP reprimands Justice Siddiqui as SJC begins open trial.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 31, 2018

VIII. Ishaque Dar (a close relative of Nawaz Sharif and former Finance Minister) seeks asylum in the UK.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, July 11, 2018

Being Ahmadi (in Pakistan)

Lahore; September 16, 2018: The daily The News International Lahore published an op-ed titled Being Ahmadi. It is a report based on interviews subsequent to the episode of exclusion of Professor Atif Mian an Ahmadi from the Economic Advisory Council. In it personal accounts of three Ahmadis and one human rights lawyer have been included that describe the treatment of Ahmadis by the state and the society. These are reproduced below under suitable headings, for record:

A school teacher

Shafiq Ahmed*, 39-year-old primary school teacher in a government school in a village in Punjab, has had to change schools four times since he came into the teaching profession six years ago.

"Every time, I am told the parents do not have any complaint against me as a teacher, just that they don't want their kids to be taught by a 'Qadiani'. The villagers are simple people and they hold the area cleric with utmost respect. So when he tells them being taught by an Ahmadi is worse than being taught by a kafir, they believe him!" The only reason he remained in one school for over a year was because they did not have another teacher so the parents and the education department were compelled to hold on to him.

According to Mehmood (a community official), matters are far worse in Punjab than in the other three provinces. "There is now a ban on publishing and distributing any kind of literature even within the community including the magazines that were published for women, children and youth; our websites are blocked too," and thus a complete shut down on communication.

Earlier in 2010, the Punjab government had made it mandatory for students to reveal whether they were 'Muslim or non-Muslim' before being admitted to school or college, or even before registering for the board exams.

In a private job

Thirty five-year-old Mohammad Saleem*, food technician at a beverage company, where he had happily worked for nine years and received several promotions, had to leave work earlier this year.

Although people knew he was an Ahmadi and he had learnt to let the snide remarks pass, the trouble actually began for him when he reported a fraud to the management, happening under his very nose in a section he was heading.

"Before I knew what hit me, posters with my photo had been plastered all over the factory, declaring I was preaching and converting people to the Ahmadiyya faith," adds Saleem.

The management reacted quickly and resolved the situation. But it only simmered down, for a month and next we saw posters appearing in the main marketplace of the city he worked in. A religious group informed the area police they would be taking out a rally as well.

"The situation got so tense that the management transferred me to an office in another city overnight. They were very supportive and tried their best but I was neither suited nor qualified for the new work and I decided to leave," says Saleem, adding: "They tried to stop me but my mind was made. They said it was their loss since a competent worker had to leave so unfairly," and even "apologized for not having me back".

In government service

Thirty-seven year old Ali Habib*, an engineer in the Pakistan Air Force, has a similar story to tell. "I converted into an Ahmadi after I had joined the air force. When my seniors found out, everything changed, and I was declared an apostate, therefore *wajib ul qatl* (duty-bound to be killed). A case was filed against me that I was preaching my faith, which I fought against, for almost three years."

Fortunately, for him, on cross-questioning, his batch mates proved that assertion to be false. But during that time he not only faced a complete social boycott at the base (where even utensils in the mess were kept separate), but even from his immediate family. "I was under a lot of stress; even my parents and wife refused to meet!"

His supervisors also reprimanded him for not having taken permission to change his religion since he had declared himself a Muslim when he joined the air force. "I countered with examples of colleagues, who had converted while in service, from Christianity to Islam, and who were rewarded with promotions and who had not taken any prior permission either."

When the air force could not find anything to court martial him, he was forced to resign. "I was asked to leave within 24 hours. My immediate supervisor, apologized to me and told me my performance had been exemplary, but they could not retain me in service," says Habib.

Sadly, he was not given any benefits that were his due for the years he served in the air force. In addition, to this date all his important documents, including his educational certificates, remain with them despite his repeated requests. "It's been three years now, and I cannot prove my credentials — neither my work experience nor my educational qualification — to be able to find a good job."

Identity documents

Human rights lawyer, Yasser Latif Hamdani says by not repealing or amending the discriminatory legislations, the state has been “complicit” in abuses perpetrated against the Ahmadis. So is each and every Pakistani citizen who has yet to refuse to sign an affidavit when applying for a national ID card or a passport stating: “I consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad an impostor prophet. And also consider his followers, whether belonging to the Lahori or Qadiani group, to be non-Muslims”.

“I feel I am doing something reprehensible, but I have done it not once but every five years my passport expires!” says Sohaila Waqar, 65-year-old doctor belonging to the Sunni community. Without signing that document that she is forced to, she cannot have the travel document.

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*Names have been changed to protect the identity of those people and the names of the cities they now live or work have purposely not been disclosed. (Editor)

The rapist and murderer – a fake Islamist

Kasur; 2018: The police eventually succeeded in arresting the murderer of 7-year old Zainab of Kasur, after a hectic search. The accused Imran, according to press report in the daily Mashriq of January 25, admitted raping 10 girls and killing some of them. A noteworthy aspect of his character is his religious pretence.

The daily reported that Imran claimed to belong to sufi groups Naqashbandi, Qadri. He is a member of Tahrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) and Awami Tahrik (PAT). TLP is the politico-religious party that held the sit-in in Islamabad on the issue of End of Prophethood and denial of voting rights to Ahmadis. He was known in the neighborhood as a *Sanakhawn* (singer of praises of holy personages). He is a fiery speaker and a competent stage secretary of religious functions like *Milad*. He knows how to agitate the audience through rhetoric and slogans. He stood in the front row at the funeral prayer of his victim, Zainab.

He was found guilty of raping and killing of at least seven minor girls. He was sentenced to death and hanged.

A beefy TV anchor under scrutiny

Lahore; January 28, 2018: Dr. Shahid Masood is a prominent anchor person in the TV world in Pakistan. Through indulgence in popular themes he wields influence among the viewers. During the Islamabad sit-in (*Dharna*) on the issue of End of Prophethood he inappropriately and unjustifiably splashed out anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda.

His recklessness eventually overtook him, and in the Zainab rape and murder case he levelled serious allegations against some people. He claimed that the suspect operated at least 37 bank accounts. He also claimed that an organised gang of child pornography led by some influential people was behind the rape and murder of Zainab and other minors in Kasur. These were very serious allegations that magnified the evil incident manifold. The SC took suo motu notice.

At the hearing, the Additional Advocate General for Punjab informed the court that the State Bank had confirmed that the suspect had no bank account.

Earlier, when questioned, Dr. Masood haughtily observed that his job was to report and not to investigate. The Chief Justice asked the anchor, “We trusted your information and

took notice, and now you are supposed to prove your claim.” He reminded Dr. Masood, “You cannot imagine what could be the consequences if you fail to establish your assertions.” The CJP formed a new JIT to probe this case. He asked the anchor to cooperate with JIT and stay in country, otherwise his name could be placed on the Exit Control List. (Court report is based on news published in the daily *Dawn of January 29, 2018.*)

Verdict of a Malaysian court

July 6, 2018: In a report released by Free Malaysia Today on July 6, 2018 following was stated, (extracts):

JAIS (Selangor Islamic Department) has no right to stop Ahmadiyya Muslims, court rules.

The Shah Alam High Court today ruled that Islamic authorities in Selangor have no right to stop religious activities of the Ahmadiyya Community, who follow a sect which Muslims generally regard as being outside the fold of Islam.

Judge Vazeer Alam Mydin Meera also ruled that the Selangor Islamic Department (JAIS) has no right to bring charges against members of the sect for violating a state *fatwa* against the Ahmadiyya teachings.

The court ruled that the Selangor Islamic religious authorities have no jurisdiction over Ahmadi Muslims in the state.

The judge also ordered the state chief Shariah prosecutor and chief religious enforcement officer to stop their investigations against the (Ahmadi) applicants.

The Judge also ordered five defendants – chief religious enforcement officer, the investigating officer, JAIS, state chief Shariah prosecutor and the Selangor government – to pay the (Ahmadi) applicants RM 25,000 in costs.

Lawyer Aston Parva told reporters the essence of today's ruling was that the Ahmadi Muslims could manage their religious affairs without interference from the state religious authorities.

Mulla dares the State

Pir Afzal Qadri of TLP with mulla Khadim Rizvi seated next to him said this to their acolytes on acquittal of Aasia Bibi:

“These three (SC) judges, according to Sharia, are *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed). [The audience replied ‘of course’.] If (our) workers cannot have access to them, their drivers should kill them or their security (guards) should kill them. ...Such a big decision cannot come through without his (Gen Bajwa’s) approval. All generals who are Muslim are responsible to rebel against these generals. There should be a rebellion against Bajwa in the Army. Imran Khan has proved that he is a Jewish child. Imran Khan’s government should be overthrown immediately, and these three (SC) judges be kicked out, and a criminal case be registered against them. ...Khosla is the judge who martyred Hazrat Ghazi Mumtaz Hussain Qadri. At that time, the Ummah committed a lapse; otherwise this judge should have been killed that very day. ...”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpYOISikQic>

11. From the Media

A great deal of what goes on in Pakistan has a bearing on the current or future human rights and freedom of faith of Ahmadis, directly or indirectly. Some developments abroad similarly affect Ahmadis to some extent. This happens throughout the year. It is our practice to pick head-lines or extracts from op-eds, mostly from the print media, and reproduce them in our monthly reports. Only selected ones from these are placed here. Accordingly, for more, the researcher can benefit from our monthly reports available on the website www.persecutionofahmadis.org. This material is divided in the following sub-sections: a. Ahmadis' human rights; b. Rabwah; c. Anti-Ahmadiyya rhetoric; d. The militant mulla; e. Statements on record; f. Foreign and NGOs; g. Political; h. Miscellaneous; i. Op-eds

a. Ahmadis' human rights

Mr Zaeem Qadri, Punjab Minister of Religious Affairs asserted in a TV talk show: “The mentioned Quran (with Ahmadiyya translation) has been banned, police raids have been undertaken, (printing) presses have been sealed and people (Ahmadis) have been booked... if someone still distributes this Quran, I’ll personally strangle him.”... “As for me, I am not prepared to give the Ahmadis even their rights granted by the Constitution to Non-Muslims,” he added.

TV show of Dr Danish on Channel 24, on January 24, 2018

AJK Parliament declares Ahmadis as non-Muslims

<https://nation.com.pk/07-Feb-2018/ajk>

Five Ahmadis shot, injured in two incidents

The Daily Times; Lahore, July 9, 2018

Pakistani mob destroys 100-years old minority Ahmadi Place of worship

www.reuters.com/article/us.pakistan-ahmadis/pakistan_mob

Pakistan added to US list of violators of religious freedom

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2018

Pakistan legislators (Sindh Assembly) refuse resolution condemning mob attack on Ahmadis' Place of worship

Rabwah.net/Pakistan-legislators

IHC issues stay orders: Change of religion without permission disallowed

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 24, 2018

If Ahmadis wish to stay on in Pakistan, they should not commit thievery against Islam (Islam par naqab na lagain).

No compromise on End of Prophethood: Islamabad High Court

The daily Din; Lahore, March 7, 2018

(Advocate) Akram Sheikh (amicus curiae of IHC) said “Ahmadis can’t be allowed to exercise Islamic rituals”, he said adding that it could hurt religious sentiments of Muslims.

The Daily Times; Lahore, March 3, 2018

IHC requires that travel record of 10,000 persons who converted to Ahmadiyyat be presented: Justice Shaukat Siddiqui

The daily 92 News; Lahore, March 2, 2018

Safeguarding the End of Prophethood and Blasphemy issues were exploited for political gain in the country: Farooq Ahmad of PML-N (Ulama and Mashaikh Wing)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, March 22, 2018

HRCP urges govt to appeal IHC's faith declaration ruling

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 15, 2018

24 unlawful Qadiani centers sealed in Khushab. ...Religious organizations had threatened a campaign. Action in pursuit of the Ummat's report

The daily Ummat; Karachi, May 9, 2018

Senate passes resolution to include a chapter on end of prophethood in school syllabus

The News 92; Lahore, January 23, 2018

Intelligence Bureau's recommendation to close down Qadiani websites is welcome: Maulana Rafiq Nafisee

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, May 21, 2018

Ahmadis not to take part in elections

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2018

Word 'Ahmadi' forbidden for Qadianis

Court orders the use of Qadiani/Ghulam Mirza/Mirzai with names to identify (a Qadiani)

The daily Ummat; Rawalpindi, July 5, 2018

Affidavit of Khatme Nabuwat made obligatory to obtain CNIC, passport, voters list: IHC

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, July 5, 2018

18 hurt as (Ahmadiyya) attacked in Faisalabad. Cases registered against over 200 people under terrorism charges.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 25, 2018

Under-fire govt asks minority (Ahmadi) community economist to quit EAC

Another EAC member Dr Asim Ijaz Khwaja resigns over the withdrawal of Dr Atif Mian's name from the advisory council after backlash from religious groups.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 8, 2018

Govt to hold two-day Khatme Nabuwat moot

The daily The News; Lahore, November 8, 2018

Call for arrest of Ahmadi man's killer

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 28, 2018

Non-Muslim Mirzai booked for violating Shaair-e-Islam (Qurbani, in Kamokay)

The daily Insaf; Lahore, August 25, 2018

Ahmadis have faced the worst intolerance in Pakistan and their persecution apparently has the support of the administration: HRCP

HRCP State of HR in 2017 Report; p.85

Punjab: Video from Sialkot appears to show local administration aiding extremists in destroying Ahmadi property. The apartheid goes on.

Newsweek, Pakistan May 26 - June 2, 2018

b. Rabwah

There is no clean water in Chenab Nagar, nor cleanliness. The area is ridden with problems.

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, April 21, 2018

**Municipal Council Chenab Nagar makes life difficult for citizens by imposing new taxes
Law torn away by not heeding objections raised by citizens**

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, May 19, 2018

Chenab Nagar's streets and bazars sink in dirty water (after rain). Residents restricted to their homes.

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, June 23, 2018

Resounding slogans of Allah o Akbar in Chenab Nagar. 31st International KN Conference begins.

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, September 8, 2018

7-day End of Prophethood course for women completed in Chenab Nagar. 46 attended.

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, February 23, 2018

c. Anti-Ahmadiyya rhetoric

Authorities should exterminate Qadiani cancer from the Islamic Republic: AMTKN

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, April 11, 2018

Qadianis' citizenship should be annulled and their properties be confiscated: Khatme Nabuwwat (Lawyers Forum) Conference

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 10, 2018

None involved in (KN) affidavit change was given (party) ticket: Shehbaz Sharif

The daily Islam; Lahore, July 23, 2018

2018 to be observed as Khatm-i-Nabuwwat Year: (Religious scholars moot under Ministry of Religious Affairs)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 12, 2018

Qadiani hand behind massacre of Kashmiris is plausible: Maulana G. Mustafa and Qari Shabbir Usmani (of AMTKN)

The daily Express; Faisalabad, February 2, 2018

Qadianis are open enemies of Islam and Pakistan. Their appointment on important posts is unacceptable: Hafiz Saeed

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 10, 2018

To take students on a visit to Qadiani centre is treason against Islam and Constitution: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN)

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 21, 2018

We've sacrificed hundreds of thousands of lives for the End of Prophethood law; we can permit no amendment: Maulana Rafiq Jami of AMTKN (in conference in Vehari)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 19, 2018

Qadiani gang, under American and Israeli patronage, is playing around with basic Islamic belief: Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (of Saudi Arabia)

The daily Islam; Lahore, March 8, 2018

There is no space for deniers of End of Prophethood in Pakistan: Rizwan Ahmad (JI)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 7, 2018

Varsities to have Khatm-i-Nabuwat chairs, says minister (Sardar Yusuf, Fed Religious Affairs Minister)

He said it was decided to hold countrywide meetings of ulema and Mashaikh on the issue of Khatme Nabuwat.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 12, 2018

d. The militant mulla

Over 3,000 Hazaras killed since September 11, 2011

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 24, 2018

12 Diamer (GB) schools torched in overnight attacks

Most of the institutions targeted are girls' schools

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 4, 2018

Orakzai bazaar blast leaves 34 dead

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2018

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

The daily Din; Lahore, November 19, 2018

Hooligans (of TLP) injure policemen, damage vehicles in acts of wanton violence (to protest Aasia's acquittal)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2018

TLP chief in 'protective custody' as activists held in several cities

300 rounded up in police crackdown in Islamabad, Pindi district

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2018

There is no religious extremism in Pakistan: Maulana Fazl ur Rahman

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 18, 2018

Student kills Principal (a Hafiz Quran) for alleged blasphemy. The former had attended Islamabad sit-in, and was termed 'absent'. "We've been repeatedly told not to hesitate nor feel scared in killing someone in the way of Allah." He shot the victim six times.

The daily Jang; Lahore, January 23, 2018

Pak Taliban admit:

Robberies for money; Attacks on Benazir; Looted NATO ordnance at Karachi Port; took hostages for ransom and some of the groups started receiving aid from foreign sources.

Reported in a newly published book: Inqilab Mehsud by Abu Mansur A.M. Noorwali

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, January 16, 2018

Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal severely injured in murderous attack. Accused arrested.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 17, 2018

One thousand religious seminaries are receiving foreign aid and billions are donated by 17 Muslim and non-Muslim states: Punjab Police report

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, May 5, 2018

Qadianis face no problem in the country: Maulana Allah Wasaya

The daily Islam; Lahore, August 4, 2018

Any revision of blasphemy and end of prophethood laws amounts to playing with fire: KN conference

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 26, 2018

(Pir) Sialvi demands Shariah in seven days, or face shut down in Punjab

The daily Jang; Lahore, January 21, 2018

Bloody revolution in case of next attack on End of Prophethood: Justice ® Nazir A Ghazi

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, February 12, 2018

e. Statements on record

Mirzaiat (Ahmadism) is Khatarnak Fitna (a dreadful mischief). We have cleared the difference between a Muslim and Non-Muslim, for all times to come: Farooq Haider (the PM AJK)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 19, 2018

Nation needs new messiah: Fazl (JUI)

The daily The News; Lahore, May 3, 2018

Rs 297bn spent on war against terror in 10 years, Senate told

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 22, 2018

PTI will provide full protection to minorities: Imran Khan

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 8, 2018

Pakistan lost over 70,000 people and suffered a loss of \$123 billion since 2003; 53 terrorist hotbeds in Fata, Balochistan, KP and Karachi identified.

The daily The News; Lahore, June 6, 2018

Minorities await implementation of SC's 2014 verdict

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 28, 2018

Naya Pakistan' vision is the same as Quaid-i-Azam's vision: Prime Minister

The daily Jang; Lahore, December 16, 2018

If corruption is penalized with death, Pakistan's population will shrink: Chairman NAB

The daily Jang; Lahore, December 10, 2018

We've to show Narendra Modi how to treat minorities: Imran Khan

The daily Jang; Lahore, December 23, 2018

From 25 July onward this country will be Quaid-i-Azam's Pakistan: Imran Khan (address in election rally at Lahore)

ARY news at 21:35 on July 19, 2018

Civil society protests 'forced resignation' of economist from advisory council

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 11, 2018

MPA should speak the truth; officers should not be blackmailed in the name of Khatme Nabuwat nor by calling them pro-Ahmadis: Maulana Khalil (of Chiniot)

The daily Express; Faisalabad, October 17, 2018

'Today we are being forced to prove our credentials as Muslims. This whole thing has created hatred in our society. I'm carrying the bullet of hatred inside me.' Says ex-minister Ahsan Iqbal at his (election) campaign office.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 10, 2018

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

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

Dar's (Former Finance Minister) wealth increased 91 times in 16 years, witness tells court

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 30, 2018

TLP ends protest after govt accepts demands

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 14, 2018

Mainstreaming seminaries among priorities: Imran

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2018

Education remained neglected as funds diverted to fight militancy

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 15, 2018

Parliament has authority to make laws while we (Courts) have authority to review these. Constitution empowers us to review laws enacted by the Parliament. Legislatures have no powers outside the Constitution, nor can it make laws that violate fundamental rights. Every institution has its bounds. (Supreme Court)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 21, 2018

Five policemen among nine killed in Lahore suicide attack

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 15, 2018

Poet of the East (Shair e Mashriq) lost one eye at the age of two

The Khabrain (Sunday Magazine) April 15, 2018

(We) stopped in our (rule's) time the drive against madrassahs: Pervaiz Ilahi (PML-Q)

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 27, 2018

Naming Orange train's Shah Noor station as Khatme Nabuwat station welcomed

The daily Insaaf; Lahore, October 3, 2018

26 Kanals of land with Rs. 4bn recouped from (mulla) Ilyas Chinioti, MPA of PML (N)

92 HD News at 21:53 on October 11, 2018

(PM) vows to protect rights of minorities and ensure equal opportunities.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 10, 2018

Man claiming to be '11th Caliph' held

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 9, 2018

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

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

U-turn ought to be lauded as a sign of mature political leadership: Imran Khan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 18, 2018

f. Foreign and NGOs

Malaysia: JAIS (Selangor Islamic Department) has no right to stop Ahmadiyya Muslims, court rules.

Free Malaysia Today, July 6, 2018

Saudi crown prince says Israelis have right to their own land

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, April 4, 2018

Indian troops kill 17 in held Kashmir

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 2, 2018

French police hold ex-President

The weekly Time of April 2, 2018

Israel kills 55 Palestinians as US opens Jerusalem embassy

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 15, 2018

Trump tears up Iran nuclear deal, revives sanctions. President Rouhani says Iran will remain committed to multinational accord.

Netanyahu hails (Trump's) decision

Iran used accord to sow discord, says S. Arabia

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 8, 2018

Oxford professor (Tariq Ramadan) charged with rape

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 4, 2018

First Pakistan-origin man gets key UK cabinet job as interior minister quits

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 1, 2018

US withdraws from UN Rights Council

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 21, 2018

Lord Ahmad appointed as (UK) PM's Special Envoy to promote religious freedom

www.gov.uk

@ IRF-Ambassador Sam Brownback: The lack of religious freedom anywhere is a threat to peace, prosperity and stability everywhere.

IRF Ministerial on July 24, 2018

Secular extremists have no right to participate in Pak politics: Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (from Saudi Arabia)

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, July 27, 2018

S. Arabia freezes Canada trade ties over 'interference'. Riyadh expels Canadian envoy and recalls its own which comes after Ottawa denounced a new crackdown on rights activists by kingdom.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2018

First Muslim woman joins Australia senate

BBC, August 15, 2018

US priests 'abused thousands of children'

BBC, August 15, 2018

After Pak protest, Dutch lawmaker cancels caricature contest

The daily The News; Lahore, September 1, 2018

German Catholic priests 'abused thousands of children'

BBC Top Stories September 13, 2018

Suu Kyi may lose Canadian citizenship over Rohingya issue

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 29, 2018

Bangladesh sentences 19 to death over 2004 attack

The daily The Nation; Lahore, October 11, 2018

Saudi Arabia admits Khashoggi killed in consulate

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 21, 2018

PM makes impassioned pitch for peace (with India)

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

The daily The Express Tribune; November 29, 2018

Attack on Chinese consulate in Karachi foiled, militants killed

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2018

Canada: schoolgirl attacked over *hijab*

The daily The News; Lahore, January 13, 2018

Seven gunned down by Indian troops in held Kashmir

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 16, 2018

Pakistani men seek release of wives locked in China camps

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 18, 2018

g. Political

Khatme Nabuwwat oath amended to please foreign lobby: Imran

The daily The News; Lahore, February 23, 2018

Zafar ul Haq (of PML-N): The stand of *Dharna* (sit-in) was correct, as was the resignation of the law minister

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 11, 2018

Imran Khan attended and addressed Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Mashaikh conference in Lahore on February 22, 2018. He demanded that much-awaited Raja Zafrul Haq Committee report be made public.

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, February 23, 2018

My family (*Khandan*) considers it a duty to support **Khatme Nabuwwat: Pervaiz Ilahi (of PML-Q)**

Majlis Ahrar's goal is riddance from American imperialism: Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, March 11, 2018

Tareen assures (Pir) Sialvi of PTI support on the Khatme Nabuwwat issue

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 13, 2018

SC summons ex-CM Pervaiz Elahi in Bahria Town case

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2018

TLP chief, aides to be tried for sedition, terrorism

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 2, 2018

Zardari among 172 facing travel ban over graft

Apart from former president, cabinet decides to put names of Bilawal, Faryal, Malik Riaz and Sindh CM on ECL in fake accounts case

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 28, 2018

Shahbaz elected PAC Chairman

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 22, 2018

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

The daily Din; Lahore, November 20, 2018

Elections will be contested between supporters and traitors of Khatme Nabuwwat: (Mulla) Zahid Habib

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, May 23, 2018

SC rules disqualification (for NS and JT) under Article 62 (1) (F) is for life

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 14, 2018

Mir Zafrullah Jamali, Hina Rabbani, Pervez Khatak, Manzur Wattoo and over 2000 others (election candidates) found defaulters (on loan repayments); not qualified to contest elections.

Asad Bhutto, Sarfraz Bugti, Hanif Abbassi, Ejaz Chaudhry etc also in the list

Fehmidah Mirza, Mehmud ur Rashid, Tehmina Daultana, Hamid Saeed Kazmi etc also defaulters in the State Bank, PTCL, Sui Gas lists

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, June 14, 2018

31% voted for PTI, 23% for N League and 12% for PPP. MMA got 5%, TLP 4%, GDA 2%, ANP 1.5%, Mutahiddah 1.3%.

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 2, 2018

Jamaat (Islami) expels 20 shura members after election debacle. "The JI candidates had contested elections for 39 seats of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and only Inayatullah Khan retained his seat from upper Dir."

"An insider told Dawn that for the first time in the JI history, a member has filed nomination papers against party Chief Sirajul Haq in Lower Dir showing the magnitude of resentment among members."

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 7, 2018

Pir Golara Sharif declares support to PTI

The daily Express; Faisalabad, July 24, 2018

Election campaign is being run through religious beliefs: Fawad Chaudhry

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 3, 2018

Maulana Fazl to head recently revived MMA. Liaquat Baloch (JI) appointed secretary general of the five party alliance

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 21, 2018

11 years imprisonment to Nawaz Sharif, 8 to Maryam and one to (Capt) Safdar. 1650 million rupees fine. London flats confiscated. Daughter and son-in-law declared disqualified for politics.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 7, 2018

Capt. ® Safdar arrested. ... Will be sent to jail today.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 9, 2018

Ishaq Dar (former finance minister) applies for political asylum in Britain

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, July 11, 2018

Nawaz, Maryam arrested on arrival in Lahore. Shifted to Adiala Jail.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 14, 2018

Shahbaz, Hamza, Saad have tons of wealth. Two wives (each). Former CM owns less wealth than his wife and sons.

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, June 22, 2018

Captain Safdar sings (Natein) poems in praise of Mumtaz Qadri (Governor's assassin)

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, July 16, 2018

Imran takes oath as PM

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 19, 2018

Shahbaz Sharif's son-in-law Ali Imran Yousaf has fled abroad, should be declared proclaimed offender: NAB prosecutor's request to accountability court

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 25, 2018

Satanic forces again rising in Jihadi garb: Asif Zardari

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, September 21, 2018

PM tells Babar Awan to resign after NAB reference against him over Nandipur Power Project. 27 bn loss.

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 5, 2018

Sharifs home and dry after IHC suspends jail term

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 20, 2018

Son-in-law of ex-CJP (Iftikhar M. Chaudhary) held in housing scam

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 27, 2018

We pay Rs. 6 bn interest every day (on loans): PM

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 15, 2018

She (Minister Shirin Mazari) lamented the non-implementation of the National Action Plan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 15, 2018

NAB snares Shahbaz as grilling turns into arrest

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 6, 2018

Decision made to indict Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and Babar Awan in Nandipur Project Reference

Express RSS on October 3, 2018

PTI to oppose changes to blasphemy law: (NH Qadri, Minister of Religious Affairs)

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 13, 2018

SC acquits Aasia of blasphemy charge, orders her release

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2018

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

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 19, 2018

Medical reports say Shahbaz has serious health issues

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2018

Resentment in PTI over Aamir Liaquat's induction

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 21, 2018

Six Punjabi laborers shot dead by terrorists in Kharan (Balochistan)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 5, 2018

h. Miscellaneous

Justice Siddiqui removed on SJC's advice. Former IHC judge is accused of displaying conduct unbecoming a high court judge.

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 12, 2018

Five security men among seven killed in Quetta

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 10, 2018

12 wounded in student groups clash at PU (between IJT and Pukhtun Baloch Council)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 23, 2018

According to JIT report, seven girls were raped and killed by the same 23-year-old perpetrator (of Zainab case)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 24, 2018

90 immigrants, including Pakistanis drown off Libya when boat capsized

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 3, 2018

Names of three ex-generals put on ECL (at the request of NAB)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 27, 2018

Over 13,600 police guards withdrawn on CJP order

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 22, 2018

Children sale discovered in Allied Hospital Faisalabad; accused woman arrested

5-day baby recovered after raid on house, Rs 1,80,000 also recovered.

3 gynecologists of the hospital involved in this contemptible business: Police

The arrested accused admits sale of 1200 babies in 30 years

A boy would be sold for Rs 3 lacs, a girl for Rs. 2 lacs: Accused

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, June 10, 2018

7 persons killed over children's brawl in Peshawar

The daily Din; Lahore, July 25, 2018

PAC: Ata ul Haq Qasimi (Chairman state TV) was paid 48.1 million rupees in pay in two years. He spent 2.4m on tea.

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 8, 2018

Two cops among five booked for 'rape of youth in torture cell'

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 20, 2018

Over Rs. 4 trillion loans written off in 27 years. 19 individuals and companies exceeded Rs. 1 billion relief.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 5, 2018

CM costs exchequer Rs. 1.7m a day: Report

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 23, 2018

Top auditor points out Rs. 5.8 trillion irregular spending

Submitted to president and parliament, report covers years 2017-18

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 19, 2018

Five PIA pilots have not even done matric, SC told

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 29, 2018

Rs 22 bn already spent, and not a single liver transplant operation undertaken (in state hospital): CJP

The daily Jang; Lahore, December 15, 2018

Three bank chiefs' names placed on ECL. Zardari and Faryal required to attend 35 bn money laundering scandal.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 9, 2018

Hussain, Hassan Nawaz black-listed; passports blocked

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, August 9, 2018

Minor (girl) 'tortured' at seminary dies in hospital (in Multan)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 4, 2018

Nawaz, Maryam placed on ECL. Hassan, Husain & Dar will be brought back.

The daily The News; Lahore, August 21, 2018

PTI played politics on Khatme Nabuwwat issue for months; but in oath-taking ceremony they could not read the oath correctly. God will punish them: Rana Sanaullah

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 25, 2018

PU ex-VC, four others held for corruption

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2018

Billions discovered in bank accounts of even a dead man. Iqbal Arain died in 2014. Transactions of a sum of Rs. 4.6 billion were done after his demise.

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 16, 2018

Over 10,000 properties of Pakistanis detected in UK, UAE

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 6, 2018

Lawyers lock (session) court's gates (in Lahore) in protest against suo motu (by the Supreme Court)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 9, 2018

Pakistan is required to pay back \$3.5bn per month. In these three months it has to pay back \$10.5bn of loans and interest

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 24, 2018

Rupee sees record plunge as turmoil grips markets

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 10, 2018

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

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 14, 2018

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

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 7, 2018

i. Op-eds etc.

Op-ed: Mirzai the biggest enemy

As the world watches the drama unfold in Jerusalem, al-Aqsa Place of worship is once again the centre of our attention. Israel's right-wing government plans to demolish the Place of worship in the next stage of takeover of the holy city. Even the thought of it is painful; how agonizing it will be seeing the holy edifice being torn down? I wonder how the local Muslims living in Jerusalem will deal with the loss. My question to all the *thaikaidars* of Islam in Pakistan is, what you will do when ultra-right Jews replace al-Aqsa with a Synagogue.

Recently, I woke up to the news of an Ahmadi Place of worship being demolished by religious fanatics in Sialkot.

How painfully helpless would one feel when one cannot even defend oneself? When one's so-called "protectors" are complicit in the crime being committed, and especially when someone is not a position to put up a defense because that someone belongs to a minority in Pakistan. Apparently, the police of Sialkot was watching it all happen and didn't move a muscle.

...

Unfortunately, our current system promotes the radical elements who are out in the open, no longer lurking in the shadows. It was less than a week back that I interacted with an FIA official, and was left speechless. From disrespectful comments to derogatory slurs, his

words were punctuated by incomprehensible hate. It will not surprise me at all if he was found amongst the hooligans that demolished the Ahmadi Place of Worship in Sialkot. This is supposedly an educated man, sworn to uphold the law and protect all Pakistanis regardless of their ethnicity and creed.

Hassan Khan Niazi on June 6, 2018 in daily times.com.pk/249452/mirzai

Op-ed: Jewish supporters of Nazism

Recently the Government of Pakistan under Herr Imran Khan through NADRA added a fresh new oath to the Computerised National Identity Card forms to ensure that no Ahmadi would ever register as a citizen in this country. Till now Ahmadis had been able to register as citizens of Ahmadi faith simply by refusing to sign the oath required for officially sanctioned Muslims. Now they are required to sign an affidavit saying that they consider themselves Non-Muslim as well.

This is a fresh new violation of Article 20 of the Constitution because the core belief of Ahmadi faith is that they consider themselves Muslims. While the state for the purposes of law and constitution considers them Non-Muslim, the state cannot force them to consider themselves non-Muslim. This is a violation of not just the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom but is a violation of all norms of decency and humanity. To think that the move comes days after ... Imran Khan promised to teach Prime Minister Modi how to treat minorities well.

Yasser Latif Hamdani in Daily Times, December 31st 2018

Op-ed: Ahmadis in Pakistan's electoral paradigm

A true democracy empowers citizens and creates the undeviating association among the ruled and ruler by representing the majority rule. But it also defies and binds the majority not to devastate the minority or tiny communities in a socio-political environment. Majority rule sometimes materializes as a gigantic deficiency of democracy and increases the agonies of minority groups.

...

This manipulative situation of Ahmadis violates the Article 21 of the UN Human Rights Charter 1948. Article 21 provides the safeguard to the process of genuinely free and fair environment to elect the representatives under 'free voting procedures'. Furthermore, this matter is in contradiction to the spirit of justice and articles 3, 4, 36 and 37 of the Constitution of 1973.

Busharat Elahi Jamil in the Daily Times, July 13th 2018

Op-ed: Jinnah's Pakistan is finally dead

Even though Nehru himself had admirably countered Allama Iqbal's abuse against Ahmadis through his writings, Ahrars were nevertheless cultivated by the Congress leadership against the Muslim League, chiefly because Muslim League was led by a Shia, an Anglicised Shia at that who was more British than the British in his lifestyle. Ahrars sought to break the unity of the Muslim League in two ways. In Lucknow, they started the Madh-e-Sahaba movement

against Shias of that city. In Punjab, they raised the slogan of Khatm-e-Nabuwwat against the Ahmadi members of the Muslim League.

Punjab Muslim League, under influence of reactionaries like Allama Iqbal, was ready to fold but at this moment Jinnah intervened and declared that Ahmadis would be treated as any other sect of Muslims with the same rights and would be welcome in the Muslim League. As Dr Ayesha Jalal writes in her book “Self and Sovereignty”, Jinnah was not ready to allow a theological dispute to come in the way of Ahmadis’ right to self-identify. ...

It is Pakistan’s obligation under the ICCPR to ensure that every citizen of Pakistan is given the right to vote and the placement of Ahmadis on a separate list disenfranchised that community and singled them out for discrimination. ...

Now they are contesting elections as a political party on this single issue. Taliban Khan has now reignited the Khatm-e-Nabuwwat issue. This was a door that should not have been opened again, given that we have been burnt repeatedly. ...

The Islamabad High Court’s decision on the Ahmadi issue delivered by Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui is the opening salvo of what our country has now become. Frankly, his 172 page judgment reads a lot like *Mein Kampf*. The contributions of Ahmadis to the creation of Pakistan, and to the Kashmir issue for example are omitted. Instead, it is falsely stated that Ahmadis plan on taking over large tracts of territory in Pakistan to form a state within a state and that they are Zionists. Based on Iqbal’s reactionary and bigoted correspondence with Nehru, Ahmadis are declared enemies of both religion and country – ironic since when Iqbal was writing the country he meant was India. It is also recommended by the “learned” judge that Ahmadis should not be allowed to use the word “Ahmadis” as their name because it is too Islamic. Justice Siddiqui wants them to have Qadiani or Mirzai as their surname. Welcome to the 4th Reich. Welcome to Naya Pakistan.

Truth be told, 1971 had ended Jinnah’s Pakistan geographically. 1974 was the deathblow to whatever residuary parts of Jinnah’s ideas were still left. Then onwards it was Bhutto’s and Zia’s Pakistan but Jinnah’s ideas were on a ventilator. Messrs Imran Khan, Shaikh Rasheed and Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui have managed to destroy the ventilator.

Yasser Latif Hamdani in the Daily Times, July 9, 2018

Editorial: Attack on Place of Worship in Faisalabad

Imran has been criticized consistently, and rightly so, for lacking the courage to speak up against the religious intolerance in his political journey he has made so far. The inability to speak up against the religious fanaticism – that has morphed in Frankenstein’s monster – will bite Imran and his government back in the days ahead.

In the otherwise positive speech that Imran Khan as Prime Minister (PM) of Pakistan delivered, there was no mention of how Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) would eradicate the menace of terrorism and intolerance that was plaguing the society. While Imran talked about equality of citizens before the law and supremacy of law in the Naya Pakistan, it is the time for his government to set a solid precedent by acting against those who perpetrated the heinous crime.

The Nation; August 25, 2018

Op-ed: The elephant in the room

...The hate and propaganda against Ahmadis has become so commanding that it is shaping itself as a new force, parallel to the writ of the state. The Faizabad sit-in was just a start. Even the people in the highest echelons of power were found appeasing these elements, by either ensuring them of their support, or by convening ‘Meelad’ conferences at their homes. ...

In the current climate, there is only the courageous Muhammad Jibrán Nasir, a political candidate who has shown an unprecedented resolve to fight against the religious bigotry and hate directed at the Ahmadis. He and his supporters were threatened, manhandled and silenced just for talking positively about the community, yet they persevered undeterred.

...

Our political elite must learn this lesson as well and realise that ignoring the immense persecution directed at the Ahmadis will only cultivate hate within the different communities of Pakistan, which could then be exploited by nefarious forces out to destabilize the country. The fight is not just for the Ahmadis anymore, it is for the very survival of our society.

Obaidullah Khan in the Daily Times; Lahore, July 26, 2018

Op-ed: Imran Khan’s religious politics

Now, will Imran Khan employ even religion in campaign against Nawaz (Sharif)?

If one analyses the tragedies imposed on Pakistan through religion in politics, one would feel depressed for years. The use of religion in politics converted sectarianism into political disaster. The nation stands divided. Extremism was introduced in politics. A culture of intolerance came into being that stopped people offering prayers jointly. Thus the prophecy of Hazrat Usman became true that he brought forth prior to his martyrdom. To seek guidance from religion and to use religion to promote political interest are two different things. ...

With this approach he (Imran Khan) has raised the banner of End of Prophethood, as also (his) provincial government in KPK has provided financial aid to gain Maulana Samiul Haq’s support. My research shows that 300 million rupees were set aside in 2016-17 budget for (madrassa) Darul Aloom Haqqania. It is now learnt that additional 277 million will be provided to this madrassah. We’ve heard the news that every Imam of a Place of worship will be paid ten thousand rupees per month. The question is for what services they will be paid this amount. ... This money is being doled from chief minister’s discretionary fund. This worries me.

National political parties spare the people the leadership of people like Khadim Rizvi who exploit their religious sensitivities in issues like end of prophethood. If these parties indulge in the same business, what will the people do?

Khurshid Nadeem in the daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 2, 2018

Op-ed: Religious politics of Imran Khan

Like other political parties in the country, Tehrik Insaf’s leader Imran Khan has learnt the formula that in order to wade in Pak politics and to befool the voters, it is essential to use the religious tool.

Sajjad Ali in the daily Mashriq, March 3, 2018

Editorial: Attack on Ahsan Iqbal

The assassination attempt on Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Sunday in his home constituency at Narowal during a corner meeting provides a bleak assessment of the country today and certainly does not augur well for the coming election. ...

Others who are complicit in creating the conditions for such groups to thrive – and, consequently, for such attacks as the one on Ahsan Iqbal – most definitely include the political parties who demagogued on the Khatm-e-Nabuwat issue to score points against the government. These parties know how inflaming religious passions can endanger lives – and yet they persisted. False accusations of blasphemy have soared in recent years, with often lethal consequences for those who are accused. From Salmaan Taseer to Mashal Khan, we know how baseless blasphemy accusations can be lethal. Ahsan Iqbal was lucky to survive on Sunday but, if we keep following our current trajectory, the next person may not be as lucky. A line in the sand needs to be drawn. No longer should groups or parties that encourage and spread hate speech be allowed to dictate the terms of debate. Any political parties that hop on their bandwagon should also be shunned. Such groups and parties have blood on their hands and cannot be treated as legitimate in any way.

The News International, May 8, 2018

Op-ed: The deafening sound of silence

...The PPP has joined the sinister silence that we see everywhere else. Though to its credit it didn't sign the Senate resolution pointing out that Atif Mian was Ahmadi – a fact that is completely irrelevant to his appointment under the constitution.

Shockingly, the ANP – a party that still calls itself secular – did sign the resolution as did the Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) and almost every other mainstream group. There is then simply no one left to stage visible protests against Pakistan's continuous rightward slide or the discrimination against groups within the country.

...

Unfortunately, those who could do so have been demolished over the past decades while political parties that should be taking a stand apparently lack the spine to even issue a statement. We haven't heard from Bilawal Bhutto, Asfandyar Wali or any other major leader from any political group in this regard.

In such a situation, the Right has an open path to the victory stand. It is currently joyfully making its way down it.

Kamila Hayat in The News International, September 13, 2018

Op-ed: Was the Quaid-i-Azam not aware of this?

(Translation)... We are interesting citizens of an interesting country. We have not been able to counter the evils of adulteration, fake medicines, lies, hypocrisy, bribery, erraticism, corruption etc; our 25 million children are out of school, also there is no town in the country where clean drinking water is available. But do note the priorities of interesting citizens of our interesting country. They are pursuing Atif Mian with a club in hand, and are not ready to avail gratis the advice of this world renowned economist. What do we want, after all? If we do not accept any non-Muslim in this country and are not prepared to tolerate them, we should

announce it once for all. We should expel all non-Muslims from here so that the issue is resolved for all times to come. If we cannot do this, we'll have to make a few big decisions. We'll have to accord 'private' status to religion. We'll have to give equal status to all its citizens regardless of their creed, colour, race and tribe. ...

Javed Chaudhary in the daily Express, September 6, 2018

Op-ed: A never ending ordeal

...Christians and Ahmadis have been displaced within Pakistan and other have had to either flee the country or seek asylum elsewhere due to the lack of protections and the constant threat of blasphemy laws pending over them. ...

Despite decades of activism by civil society organizations, journalists and legislators to amend the blasphemy laws to protect the right to freedom of religion and expression for all, Pakistan authorities seem reluctant to bring laws in line with international law and have preferred to stay in the past. In the meantime, the list of victims who fall prey to blasphemy allegations keeps growing.

Rabia Mehmood in The News of October 16, 2018

Op-ed: The bigots of politics

...Among all the members of mainstream political parties who have expressed bigoted views about the faith of political opponents or religious minorities. Nawaz Sharif's son-in-law, Captain Safdar, tops the list. From paying homage to Mumtaz Qadri's bravery and extolling the virtues of vigilantism against alleged blasphemers to venting outrage against Ahmadis in parliament, he has never shied from flaunting his bigoted views....

Ali Arqam in Monthly Newslines: <https://newslinesmagazine.com/magazine/the-bigots-of-politics>

Op-ed: The West's role in fixing the Rohingya crisis

There is something rotten in Myanmar. About 700,000 Rohingyas a Muslim minority have fled the nation's coastal state of Rakhine to Bangladesh, in order to escape the military. At least 6,700 Rohingyas were killed in one month alone.

Bill Richardson in the weekly Time of March 19, 2018

Oped: Of Quaid's Pakistan

... This episode (of Atif Mian) was a moment of shame for the sitting government which was not able to come good on its commitment to having the best brains involved in formulating national policies in a non-discriminatory manner. Worse still, they allowed a third rate, abusive bigot to define the state policy. ...

With this failure of the government, the ones who are quick to be judgmental have yet again pronounced the death of the Quaid's Pakistan. But this is not the first time that the Quaid's Pakistan has died. His Pakistan had first died when the Objectives Resolution was adopted by the constituent assembly in 1949. This was the same assembly whose floors had earlier resonated with the policy statement of the Quaid when he had termed one's religion or faith as having nothing to do with matters of the state.

Quaid's Pakistan also died when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto sowed the seeds of further discrimination among people by declaring the Ahmedis non-Muslim, thus unleashing the hydra of bigotry from its confines.

Having forfeited its responsibility in a stark and brazen manner to put the country on the right course — more so when it has consistently advocated justice for all — the incumbent government has provided further space to the obscurantist forces to impose their writ on the state. In the process, the much-hyped prospect of reform has met an enormous setback and it may not be easy to recover from its consequences — this even if the government were to make a genuine and concerted effort which, at this juncture, appears to be a pipedream.

Raof Hasan of Regional Peace Institute in the Daily Times of September 18, 2018

Call for bloodshed!

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

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

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

12. Conclusion

2018 was still another very bad year regarding persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan. While murders for faith, assaults, fabricated blasphemy accusations, religion-based police cases and arrests, discrimination in jobs and education etc continued as before, additional deliberate and special steps were taken by the state and the society to worsen the already deplorable state of Ahmadis in human rights and freedom of religion.

For instance, elections to national and provincial assemblies were held under the new Election Act 2017 and Ahmadis were deprived of their right to vote; this discrimination was brought about through a special amendment to this Act. Also, some contesting parties like the TLP chose to adopt End of Prophethood as the major theme of their election campaign. The others, not to be left behind, echoed the same note.

Justice Siddiqui of IHC issued a very hostile judgment against Ahmadis without giving them any hearing. His 172-page judgment was as if written by a mulla – highly prejudiced and damaging. Although Siddiqui was dismissed in disgrace a few weeks later, his disgraceful verdict stands, for the government did not appeal against it although HRCP recommended that.

The government took steps to further tighten the anti-Ahmadi commitment of the state. Azad Kashmir government passed its own act to declare Ahmadis as non-Muslim in that territory. The federal government held an international conference in Islamabad, and the topic was: **Khatme Nabuwwat and Muslims' Responsibilities**. Earlier the new PTI government asked Mr. Atif Mian, an Ahmadi expert in economy and finance, to resign from the Economic Advisory Council, for his faith. This was perhaps the first such outrage in the open.

During the year there was an unrelenting campaign against Ahmadiyya places of worship. Ahmadiyya place of worships were attacked, damaged, subjected to arson, sealed or closed down with the active help of authorities.

The police at places helped religious bigots to stop Ahmadis undertaking sacrificial rites on the festival of Eid ul Azha. Criminal cases were registered by the police in Punjab against Ahmadis in this regard.

The PTI government took over in the month of August. It had promised *Tabdeeli* (Change). For Ahmadis there was apparently no change, as the Punjab government refrained from overturning even a single outrage against Ahmadis' human rights and freedom of faith, imposed by the Shahbaz Sharif regime.

Apparently no *Tabdeeli* in Ahmadis' plight for the next four years!

Particulars of Police Cases Registered on Religious grounds against Ahmadis during 2018

S.No.	Number	Names of Accused	Police Station	FIR No.	Date	Penal Code	Remarks
1	1	Saeed Ahmad Waraich	Tandlianwala, District Faisalabad	645	20/01/18	PPC 295-C	In Prison
2	2	Javed Ahmad Ghuman	Chobara, District Layya	288/18	01/07/18	PPC 295-C	In Prison
3	3-9	Waqar Ahmad Bajwa, Waqas Ahmad, Nadeem Ahmad and 4 unnamed	Chenab Nagar (Rabwah), District Chiniot	283/18	03/06/18	PPC 342	
4	10-37	Abdus Salaam, Abbas, Muhammad Inaam and 25 unnamed	Chenab Nagar (Rabwah), District Chiniot	1/23	22/06/18	PPC 295/354, 337 A, 337 L, 148, 149	
5	38-39	Abdus Sattar Butt, Mumtaz Butt	Nikapur, Sialkot	271/18	12/05/18	132(2)	
6	40-43	Shamoon Ahmad, Noshawan Ahmad, Zeshan Ahmad, Nawaz Ahmad	Mangtanwala, District Nankana	363/18	30/06/18	PPC 506, 337, 148, 149	
7	44	Almas Ayub Butt	Pasrur, District Sialkot	230	21/07/18	PPC 298-B&C	
8	45-57	Shaukat Qamar, Mubeen Ahmad, Tahir Ahmad, Sarfraz Ahmad, Rashid Ahmad, Shakeel Ahmad, Shaheen, Talha, Bilal s/o Jamil, Bilal s/o Ejaz, Zain, Aamar, Waqas	Balochni, District Faisalabad	278/18	24/08/18	295-A, 324, 436, 427, 148, 149, 7 ATA	
9	58	Mubarak Ahmad	Narowal	270	23/08/18	Act 1953	
9	59	Muhammad Ahmad	Gujjarpura, Lahore		05/09/18	PPC298-C	
10	60	Shahid Pervaiz Bhatti	Saddar Kamoki, District Gujranwala	371	22/08/18	PPC 298-C	
11	61	Arfat Qadir	Rajan Pur City	536	11.10.18	PPC 298-C	
12	62	Aftab Ahmad	Chak 23/DNB, Distt.Bahawalpur		19/11/18	14	

Penalties for PPCs: 295-C – death; 132 – ten years’ imprisonment; 324 – seven years’ imprisonment; 337-L – seven years’ imprisonment; 298-B,C – three years’ imprisonment; 148 – three years’ imprisonment and fine; 148 – three years’ imprisonment; 295 – two years’ imprisonment; 337, 337-A – two years’ imprisonment; 354 – two years imprisonment; 506 – two years’ imprisonment; 427 – two years’ imprisonment; 427 – two years’ imprisonment; 14 Punjab Security – six months’ imprisonment and fine; 7-ATA, 149 – penalty as in main offence

Updated Statistics of the Police Cases
registered against Ahmadis on religious grounds, in Pakistan
(From April 1984 to Dec 31, 2018)

NO.	Description of cases	Total number of cases
1	Number of Ahmadis booked for displaying Kalima, i.e. <i>“There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah”</i>	765
2	Number of Ahmadis booked for calling <i>Azan</i> , call to prayers	38
3	Number of Ahmadis booked for ‘posing’ as Muslims	447
4	Number of Ahmadis booked for using Islamic epithets	161
5	Number of Ahmadis booked for offering prayers	93
6	Number of Ahmadis booked for preaching	819
7	Number of Ahmadis booked for celebrating Ahmadiyya Centenary in 1989	27
8	Number of Ahmadis booked for celebrating 100 years’ anniversary of the eclipses of sun & moon that occurred in 1894 as a sign for the Promised Mahdi, i.e. Founder of the Ahmadiyya Community	50
9	Number of Ahmadis booked for distributing a pamphlet ‘ <i>EkHarf-e-Nasihana</i> ’ i.e. ‘ A Word of Advice ’ commenting upon anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX	27
10	Number of Ahmadis booked for distributing “ <i>Mubahala</i> ” pamphlet, i.e. A challenge to the opponents for prayer duel	148
11	Number of Ahmadis booked for allegedly defiling the Holy Quran	46
12	Number of Ahmadis charged under the “Blasphemy Law”, i.e. PPC 295-C	315
13	Number of named Ahmadis booked in other cases on religious grounds	1220
14	Former Supreme Head of the Community while living in London was charged in his absence in sixteen cases.	16
15	Present Supreme Head of the Community while living in London	2
16	The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan was charged under section PPC 298-C on 15-12-1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Population of Rabwah is approximately sixty thousand.)	
17	A case against the entire Ahmadi population of Ahmadis in Kotli, was registered for taking up repairs and improvement in their Place of worship in 2008	

Statistics of other Human Rights violations

((From 1984 to December 31, 2018, except where mentioned otherwise))

• Number of Ahmadis killed	262
• Number of Ahmadis target-killed this year	1
• Ahmadis assaulted for their faith	388
• Number of Ahmadiyya Place of Worship demolished	28
• Number of Ahmadiyya Place of Worship sealed by the authorities	39
• Number of Ahmadiyya Place of Worship set on fire or damaged	23
• Number of Ahmadiyya Place of Worship forcibly occupied	17
• Number of Ahmadiyya place of worship , construction of which was barred by the authorities	58
• Ahmadis' bodies exhumed after burial	39
• Burial of Ahmadis was denied in common cemetery	69
• Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' houses and shops	43
• Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' Place of worships	103

The Government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the founder of Ahmadiyyat as also the publishing of the Qur'an and its translations by Ahmadis.

All open air rallies and conferences of Ahmadis in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya headquarters town in Pakistan, have been under a ban since April 1984 after the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance. Even sports events organized at the community level have been prohibited by the authorities.

Laws specific to Ahmadis, and the so-called blasphemy laws

Anti-Ahmadi laws

- I. **PPC 298-B. Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles, etc; reserved for certain holy personages or places.** (1) Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name) who by words, either spoken or written or by visible representation:
- refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a Caliph or companion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as '*Ameerul Mumineen*' '*Khalifa-tul-Mumineen*', '*Khalifa'tul'Muslimeen*', '*Sahaabi*' or '*Razi Allah Anho*
 - refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as '*Ummul Mumineen*'
 - refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a member of the family (Ahle-bait) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), as '*Ahle-bait*'; or
 - refers to, or names, or calls, his as '*Masjid*':
- shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.
2. Any person of the Qadiani group or Lahori group (who call themselves Ahmadis or by any other name) who by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representation, refers to the mode or form of call to prayers followed by his faith as '*Azan*' or recites *Azan* as used by the Muslims, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, and shall also be liable to fine.

- II. **PPC 298-C. Person of Qadiani group etc, calling himself a Muslim or preaching or propagating his faith.** Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name), who, directly or indirectly, poses himself as Muslim, or calls, or refers to, his faith as Islam, or preaches or propagates his faith, or invites others to accept his faith, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or in any manner whatsoever outrages the religious feelings of Muslims, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.

The blasphemy laws

PPC	Description	Penalty
295	Injuring or defiling places of worship, with intent to insult the religion of any class	Up to two years' imprisonment or with fine or with both
295-A	Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs	Up to ten years' imprisonment, or with fine, or with both
295-B	Defiling, etc. of Holy Quran	Imprisonment for life
295-C	Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet	Death and fine

Affidavits regarding faith, introduced by NADRA

For Muslims:

Affidavit

I Name, Designation CNIC No.
..... And ERP# do hereby solemnly affirm and
declare on oath;

That I am a Muslim and believe in the unity and oneness of Almighty Allah, in the absolute
and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) the last of
the Prophets and do not believe in, or recognize as Prophet or religious reformer, any person
who claimed or claims to be a Prophet, in any sense of the word or of any description
whatsoever after Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him)

Deponent

Date:

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For non-Muslims:

Affidavit

I Name, Designation CNIC No.
..... And ERP# do hereby affirm and declare on
oath;

That I am a non-Muslim and belong to (Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism,
Buddhist, Parsi, Qadiani Group, Lahori Group, Ahmadi, Bahai or belong to scheduled castes)

Deponent

Date:.....

Press release of HRCP

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September 8, 2018

Press release

Faith no criterion for public service

Lahore, 8 September 2018. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) has expressed serious concern over the government's decision to withdraw its nomination of Dr Atif Mian for the Economic Advisory Council (EAC). In a statement issued today, HRCP has said:


'There is overwhelming evidence to show that Dr Mian was eminently qualified to serve on the EAC and that his contribution to economic policy making in Pakistan would have been immensely valuable. The government's decision to withdraw this nomination on the grounds that it might prove divisive – merely because he happens to belong to the Ahmadiyya community – contravenes Article 27(1) of the Constitution of Pakistan, which clearly states that 'no citizen otherwise qualified for appointment in the service of Pakistan shall be discriminated against in respect of any such appointment on the ground only of race, religion, caste, sex, residence or place of birth.'

'HRCP welcomes the government's desire, as expressed earlier, to promote inclusivity by carrying with it all social groups. This sentiment, however, cannot be applied arbitrarily or selectively and certainly not at the expense of beleaguered religious communities that are entitled to the state's protection and to civil society's support. The withdrawal of Dr Mian's nomination does not augur well. The spate of faith-based attacks this year, not only on the Ahmadiyya community, but also on the Christian, Shia, Hazara and Hindu communities, should make it clear that any steps by the state that are seen to legitimize religious discrimination are unacceptable. Defending human rights are necessarily a question of moral courage and HRCP strongly urges the government to avoid any sort of precedent that allows a person's faith to trump all other criteria for public service.'

Dr. Mehdi Hasan

Chairperson

Federal government holds open nation-wide competition in writing thesis on “End of Prophethood, and Muslims’ Responsibilities”



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**SEERAT-UN-NABI (S.A.W.S) BOOKS,
MAQALAT AND NA'AT BOOKS
COMPETITIONS FOR THE YEAR 1440AH/2018AD**

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad has announced Seerat-un-Nabi (S.A.W.S) Books, Maqalat and Na'at Competitions 1440AH/2018AD. This year, the topic for Maqalat-e-Seerat is

“ختم نبوت اور مسلمانوں کی ذمہ داریاں... تعلیمات نبوی ﷺ کی روشنی میں۔“

All those desirous to participate in the competition shall submit (i) 15 copies of books, journal etc. and (ii) 05 copies of articles with complete bio data (CV), contact numbers, attested copies of last degree, (minimum qualification for writing an article is graduation or its equivalent.), domicile and CNIC to the undersigned latest by 20th March, 2018 on the following address:

Mahboob Usman, Deputy Director (Seerat), Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Civic Centre Melody, G-6, Islamabad. Email: seerat.mora@gmail.com. Further details can be downloaded from the following websites www.mora.gov.pk and www.ppra.org.pk

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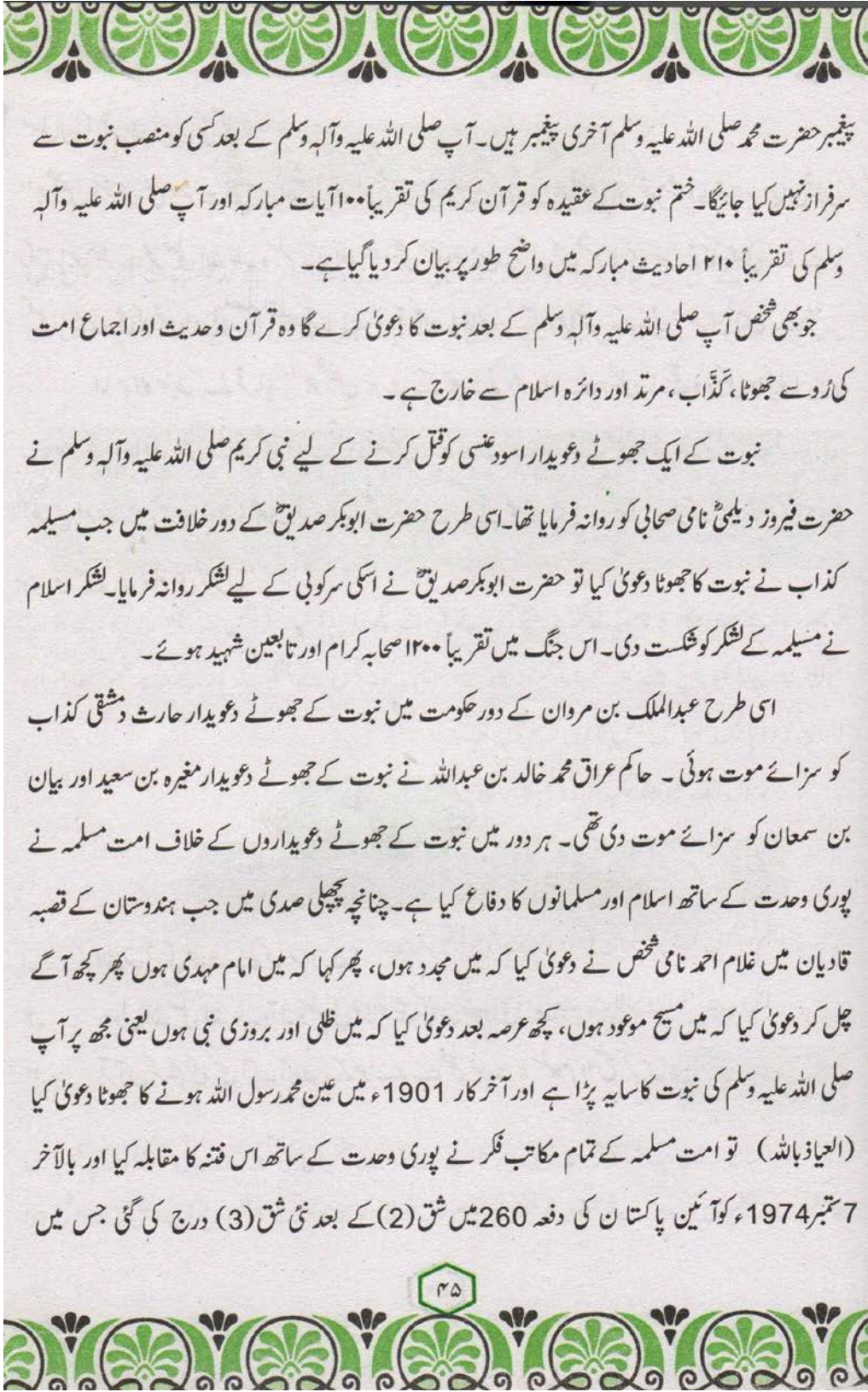
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PART I

Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(Law, Justice and Human Rights Division)

Islamabad, the 17th June, 2002.

F. No. 2(4)/2002-Pub.—The following Order promulgated by the Chief Executive is hereby published for general information :—

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER No. 15 of 2002

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ORDER

further to amend the Conduct of General Elections Order, 2002

WHEREAS it is expedient to further to amend the Conduct of General Elections Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 7 of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing :

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NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of Emergency of the fourteenth day of October, 1999, and the Provisional Constitution Order No. 1 of 1999, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Order :

1. Short title and Commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Conduct of General Elections (Second Amendment) Order, 2002.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new Articles 7B and 7C, Chief Executive's Order No. 7 of 2002.—In the Conduct of General Elections Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 7 of 2002), after Article 7A, the following new Articles shall be inserted, namely :—

"7B. Status of Ahmadis etc. to remain unchanged.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974 (XXI of 1974), the Electoral Rolls Rules, 1974, or any other law for the time being in force, including the Forms prescribed for preparation of electoral rolls on joint electorate basis in pursuance of Article 7 of the Conduct of General Elections Order, 2002 (Chief Executive's Order No. 7 of 2002), the status of Qadiani Group or the Lahori Group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name) or a person who does not believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him), the last of the prophets or claimed or claims to be a Prophet, in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever, after Muhammad (peace be upon him) or recognizes such a claimant as a Prophet or a religious reformer shall remain the same as provided in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973."

"7C.—If a person has got himself enrolled as voter and objection is filed before the Revising Authority notified under the Electoral Rolls Act, 1974, within ten days from issuance of the Conduct of General Elections (Second Amendment) Order, 2002, that such a voter is not a Muslim, the Revising Authority shall issue a notice to him to appear before it within fifteen days and require him to sign a declaration regarding his belief about the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him) in Form-IV prescribed under the Electoral Rolls Rules, 1974. In case he refuses,

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to sign the declaration as aforesaid, 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. In case the voter does not turn up in spite of service of notice, an *ex parte* order may be passed against him."

طلب نامہ دار اہتمام

میں طلب نامہ دار اہتمام کو کہیں نام نہیں حضرت محمد ﷺ کی عدم نبوت پر عمل اور غیر شرعی طور پر ایمان رکھنا آرہے ہیں۔ اور یہ کہ میں کسی ایسے شخص کا ان کی بیگانگی میں جو حضرت محمد ﷺ کے بعد اس وقت کے کسی بھی منہمک یا کسی بھی شخص کے لٹا سے پیغمبر ہونے کا دعوہ کر رہا ہے۔ اور یہی میں اپنے دعوہ دار کو پیغمبر یا نبی سے ماننا آتی ہیں۔ یہی میں تادیبی گروہ بلا ہستی گروہ سے قطع رکھتا ہوں ان میں یا خود کو نبی یا نبی ماننا آتی ہوں۔

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PERVEZ MUSHARRAF,
Chief Executive
of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
And Chief of Army Staff.

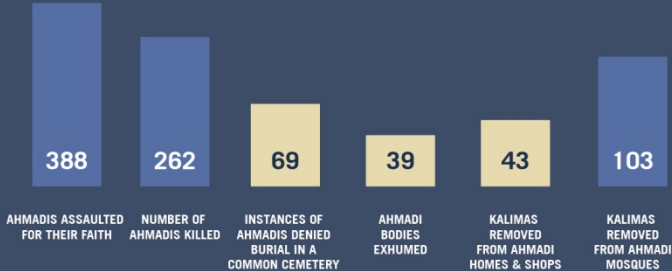
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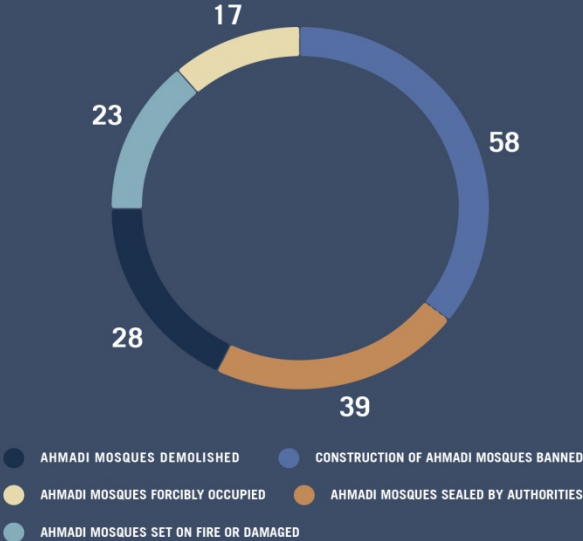
STATISTICS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS



BANNING ORDERS AGAINST AHMADIS SINCE 1984

- ALL OUTDOOR RALLIES & CONFERENCES OF AHMADIS IN RABWAH HAVE BEEN BANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT
- SPORTS EVENTS ORGANIZED AT A COMMUNITY LEVEL HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE AUTHORITIES
- THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB HAS BANNED THE ENTIRE WRITTEN WORKS OF THE FOUNDER OF AHMADIYYAT
- THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB HAS BANNED THE PUBLISHING OF THE QUR'AN AND ITS TRANSLATION
- THE PUBLISHING OF AHMADI NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES HAVE BEEN BANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

ATTACKS ON AHMADI MOSQUES



STATISTICS OF POLICE CASES REGISTERED AGAINST AHMADIS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

