



A REPORT ON

Persecution
of
Ahmadis

in Pakistan

2019

Cover

Background: The niche of an Ahmadiyya mosque, destroyed by authorities in village Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur, Punjab

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Abbreviations

AC	Assistant Commissioner	JUI (F)	Jamiat Ulamae Islam (Fazlur Rahman group)
AJK	Azad Jammu and Kashmir	JUI (S)	Jamiat Ulamae Islam (Samiul Haq group)
AMTKN	Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz 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	Mutahiddah (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	PECA	Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act
CPO	City Police Officer	PEMRA	Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority
CrPC	Criminal Procedure Code	PM	Prime Minister
CTD	Counter-terrorism Department	PML (N)	Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz group)
DC	Deputy Commissioner	PML (Q)	Pakistan Muslim League (Quaid-e-Azam)
DHA	Defence Housing Authority	PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
DIG	Deputy Inspector General (of police)	PPP	Pakistan Peoples Party
DPO	District Police Officer	PS	Police Station
DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police	PTI	Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf
ECL	Exit Control List	RAW	Research and Analysis Wing, India
ECP	Election Commission of Pakistan	RPO	Regional Police Officer
EDO	Executive District Officer	SHO	(Police) Station House Officer
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas	SC	Supreme Court
FIR	First Information Report	SP	Superintendent of Police
FIA	Federal Investigation Agency	ST	Sunni Tehrik
HC	High Court	TJP	Tehrik Jafria Pakistan
HRCP	Human Rights Commission of Pakistan	TLP	Tehrik e Labbaik Pakistan
HRW	Human Rights Watch	TLYR	Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulallah
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)	UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
IHC	Islamabad High Court	UNHCHR	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
IG	Inspector General (of police)	UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council
IK	Mr. Imran Khan	USCIRF	United States Commission for International Religious Freedom
IKNM	International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (End of Prophethood)		
ISPR	Inter-Services Public Relations		
JI	Jamaat Islami		
JIT	Joint Investigation Team		

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: a 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 Makkah
hazrat: title for respect
hilal: moon of first three nights
hizb: group
idarah: institution
iftar: opening of Islamic fast
ijtihad: Islamic term for independent reasoning
ijtima: gathering; conference
imam: religious leader
ittihad: union
jalsa: conference; convention
jamaat: community
jamia: religious seminary
jamiat: community; group
jihad: holy struggle; holy war
kafir: disbeliever; infidel
Kalima: Islamic creed
khalifa: caliph
Khalifatul Masih: Ahmadiyya caliph
khatib: one who delivers Friday sermon
Khatme Nabuwat: end of prophethood
khilafat: caliphate
khula: when a women asks for divorce
majlis: association
Masih Mauud: the Promised Messiah
masjid: mosque
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
muttihadah: 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
rabitah: alliance
Riasat Madinah: State of Madinah as in the days of Holy Prophet and the four Caliphs
Sadar: president
Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya: main body of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan
salam: peace
salaat: Islamic ritual prayer
seerat un nabi: attributes of the Prophet
Shariah: body of Islamic laws based on the sources
shura: advisory
Sunnah: Custom of the Holy Prophet
tafseer: commentary
tahaffuze: safeguard
tanzeem: organisaton
tehrrik: 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 the poor
zindah baad: long live

Foreword

Here is another annual report—bulky and as perturbing as in previous years. The PTI brought about little much-trumpeted CHANGE, at least to Ahmadis' plight in the field of human rights. In fact, as always, new measures were taken in this context which had never before been implemented or contemplated.

This year a new chapter titled 'Cases under the Electronic Crimes law' has been added at serial 6. This law was introduced to stop use of internet for serious anti-state and anti-society crimes including pornography. However, as before, the mulla and the authorities have used it as a tool to persecute Ahmadis.

The lead chapter 1A describes attacks on Ahmadiyya mosques and worship. These attacks were so numerous and multifaceted that rarely a Special Report in Chapter 1 has been as bulky as this one. These outrages when seen in the background of claims to *Riasat Madinah* by Prime Minister Khan make them simply barbarous.

A story 'The New Zealand Shooting Hits very close to Home for Ahmadis in Pakistan' is recommended reading for the honchos in our country—for a bit of soul searching. It is the lead story in Chapter 9e.

Picture of a panaflex put up in Lahore is placed at Annex IV. It is noteworthy in that it shows the unbelievable length of leash allowed by the largest province to its religious extremists.

Ahmadis have been refused even the minority status as citizens. It has given rise to an Identity Crisis for them. A thought provoking op-ed on this issue is placed at Annex V.

Authorities are in the habit of claiming that minorities in Pakistan are having a wonderful time. YL Hamdani took the Minister of Human Rights to task in one of his op-eds—it is reproduced at Annex VI.

Executive Summary

At the beginning of year 2019, the PTI government led by Mr. Imran Khan was firmly in the saddle. Ahmadis had seen glimpses of its attitude towards them in post-August 2018 months and were not very hopeful of a milder 2019, but the anti-Ahmadi lobby was apprehensive of some relief to Ahmadis by the apparently liberal regime talking of CHANGE. They, as per their past practice, beat the drum in advance that the new regime was “pro-Qadianis”; that proved effective, and the regime took visible and firm steps to prove that it was as orthodox as the Islamists, if not more. As a result Ahmadis had a rough year—indeed very rough.

Ahmadis were murdered for their faith. A number of attempts that could have been fatal were made. In numerous cases, Ahmadis were assaulted and ended up injured. Some had to be hospitalized. These attacks and assaults, based on faith of the victims, should be no surprise to anybody as calls for *Wajib ul Qatl* and hate speech remained as common and open as ever before.

More than physical attacks, Ahmadis felt grievously injured by attacks on their places of worship and worship itself. The Constitution and law requires the government and the society to protect citizens' worship and places of worship, but while the mulla targeted these, and that was no surprise, the authorities themselves helped him at numerous locations to deny Ahmadis their right of worship. In District Bahawalpur the administration escorted by the police destroyed the niche of an Ahmadiyya mosque on October 25, 2019. A number of prayer centers were closed down, worship was forbidden at some locations, and at others unjust restrictions were imposed. As a result, 11 incidents of desecration, denial of worship, restrictions on congregation etc occurred during the year; in majority of these, the authorities played the devilish role.

Ahmadis continued to be detained and charged on religious grounds. Five fresh police cases were registered and five arrests were made. At the end of the year five Ahmadis were in prison, three of these on death row on fabricated charge of blasphemy. Mulla Muawiyah enlisted FIA's support in chasing innocent Ahmadis for alleged violation of cyber crime laws. In one joint operation they bagged a Jamia Ahmadiyya student, the Jamia principal and a Jamia lecturer. The three were then charged for violation of the Blasphemy Law PPC 295-B for indulging in a research project on translation of the Holy Quran. Believe it or not, the state played the major role in this villainous operation, and later claimed credit for it in a suitably fabricated press statement.

In May 2019, an Ahmadi was arrested for affixing a decorative plate of '*Mashaallah*' on his newly constructed house. Unbelievable, but true. And the Punjab rule of PTI with Mr. Buzdar as the chief minister is the hub of such ridiculous bigotry and tyranny.

Judiciary's role in Ahmadiyya context was spotlighted last year by Justice Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court in his 172-page malicious verdict given by him without hearing a single Ahmadi in defense or as a witness. This year, Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court, in a somewhat similar situation, issued a 40-page verdict on implementation of the Quran Act 2011. Guess who was the complainant? Mulla Hassan Muawiyah, a former enlisted of the Fourth Schedule, a brother of cleric Tahir Ashrafi and a 7/24 anti-Ahmadi activist. The police head office reported to the judge after due inquiry that Ahmadis were not printing or publishing the Holy Quran anymore; the judge nevertheless ordered once again to recheck, as demanded by Muawiyah— and the police is busy again with the futile inquiry.

Those who murder Ahmadis for their faith are rarely brought to justice. This year two such rare culprits facing murder trial were released by trial courts. Whose fault? The police, the prosecutors, the judge!

The honorable Supreme Court, however, took a commendable step to revive the inactive landmark 2014 judgment of SC CJ Jilani and others, and constituted a special bench for its implementation. The verdict was on the rights and status of all minorities. So, perhaps there is some light at the end of tunnel for marginalized sections of society. Let's see.

The big problem of anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign persisted malignantly throughout the year in the form of rallies, conferences, media hype, op-eds, offensive banners and panaflexes, Friday sermons, etc. Someone Zafar Ji has written a novel for children to perpetuate hate. It is full of false claims, baseless allegations as well as lies against the Ahmadiyya community and the government of 1953, the year covered by the novel. It is now being published weekly in the daily *Islam* in its Children Section.

In Lahore itself, the capital of the Punjab, an anti-Ahmadi huge panaflex displayed, *inter alia*: "The belief in Khatme Nabuwwat: If there is an attempt to make changes to the 1973 Constitution, Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) will be colored red with the blood of Qadianis, and the world will forget even Tamerlane." The authorities did not find this monstrous promotion of terrorism objectionable, till a complaint was made to them by Ahmadis.

The religious bigots sent written or telephonic blood-chilling threats to Ahmadis who reported these to authorities who made little progress with inquiry in their origin and perpetrators. Ahmadi-bashers have often given their names, addresses and phone numbers in their threatening posters and letters, and the authorities found it unnecessary to proceed further against these criminals.

Ahmadis continued to face serious problem in their social interaction with society in general. In September, the management of Machiyara Residency in Karachi put up a notice that non-Muslims were prohibited purchasing, renting of apartments there. In Peshawar, principal of Jamal International School told Ahmadi children to stop coming

to school. In District Mirpur Khas (Sindh), the hub of the 'liberal' PPP, a gang of mullas came to the marriage hall where wedding celebrations of an Ahmadi bride were in progress, and told the proprietor to have his hall vacated. The owner had to comply. Where was the PPP-controlled police and administration?

But the federation and the mighty Punjab are run by the stalwarts of PTI, under the robust and effective lead of Imran Khan. His top team is well aware of his attitude to the issue of different minorities, especially Ahmadis. Some of them have unabashedly behaved in a hostile manner, perhaps beyond that hinted by their boss. Azam Swati, a federal minister, not of fair reputation, recently referred to Ahmadis, "I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat." Mulla Ashrafi who has been handpicked by the regime to head the Ulama Board in Punjab said in public. "I am not willing to accept these (Ahmadis) in this country. ... To speak against Ahmadis is 'religious harmony'." Mr. Shaukat Yusufzai, a PTI minister in KPK government organized a conference in Peshawar on theme: 'End of Prophethood and Muslims' Responsibilities'; he stressed therein, "None can (even) think of any change to the law of Khatme Nabuwwat. ... Whoever is called *Kafir* in the Constitution is a *Kafir*—no middle position". The Punjab, governed by PTI, in 2019, led by miles all other provinces in victimization of Ahmadis. At Islamabad, even a department like PTV decided to air anti-Ahmadiyya rubbish uttered by an Indian politician accusing Ahmadis of co-operating with RSS in persecution of Muslims in India. The PTV knew that the statement was six years old and was condemned at that time by Ahmadis who also demanded at that time an inquiry in that statement.

The closing month, December was witness to an incident in which over the Ahmadiyya issue an assistant commissioner was demeaned by youths manipulated by mullas. BBC quoted a tweet: "If in a country an Assistant Commissioner has to defend herself before religious bigots and wretches and rascals, for promoting better treatment of minorities, that country has no right to criticize and condemn the Indian RSS, Hindutva bodies and state actions."

It deserves mention that Ms Shireen Mazari, the Federal Minister for Human Rights, despite repeated requests by the Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan, did not spare time to hear them.

The year ended with the news that Punjab Assembly unanimously passed a resolution seeking most stringent anti-blasphemy laws. This is beyond our comment. We only quote here the steely human rights activist YL Hamdani:

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

Under these circumstances, it seems that Ahmadis have to bear up a little longer with what they have been through in the past 45 years.

Spotlights-2019

- Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur was partially destroyed under the supervision of police and officials on October 25, 2019. (p 17.)
- The federal minister for parliamentary affairs Mr. Azam Swati said in public, **“I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat”**. (p 66.)
- At 11 locations, Ahmadiyya worship places were attacked, damaged, sealed, closed down, worship denied, repairs obstructed or their construction was stopped. (p. 16)
- In October, PTV, the state television decided to air an anti-Ahmadiyya statement made six years ago by an Indian political leader. (p. 66)
- Three Ahmadis were murdered for their faith; three others survived attacks on them. (p. 39)
- Assistant Commissioner Attock led a procession on Human Rights Day in which participants shouted: **Countless curses on Qadianis**. (p. 74)
- Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, President of Ulama Board Punjab, on state pay roll, asserted in an open multi-religious meeting that, **“I am not willing to accept these (Ahmadis) in this country. . . . To speak against Qadianis is Religious Harmony.”** (p. 68)
- Six Ahmadis were charged under blasphemy clauses on fake grounds. (p. 42, 60)
- Eight Ahmadis were booked by the police, while five suffered arrest. Seven were detained overnight by the police. (p. 42)
- In separate cases, Judges Abdul Qayyum and Ansari acquitted two accused charged of murder of Ahmadis. (pp. 51 and 45)
- Universal Traders, of Akbari Mandi, Lahore, Punjab openly displayed a hateful panaflex threatening death to the entire Ahmadiyya community at Rabwah. (p. 87)
- PEMRA in violation of Pakistan Constitution Art. 20 issued orders in January to all Regional Managers of this department to stop transmission and relaying a number of STV channels including the Ahmadiyya MTA 1&2. (p. 62)
- Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court issued in March a 40-page verdict wherein he directed the administration and police to implement the Quran Act 2011 in true spirit (read: rigorously—against Ahmadis). (p. 29)
- The Punjab and KPK governments withdrew positive changes in school text books on KN issue, and acted most unseemly to people considered responsible. (pp. 73 and 76)
- Islamabad Bar Association made *Khatme Nabuwwat* oath mandatory for membership. (p. 57)
- Mulla Fazl ur Rahman (JUI-F) incited the public by targeting Ahmadis during his so-called *Azadi* March. (p. 90)
- Punjab Assembly, on the eve of new year, passed a resolution that sought anti-blasphemy law to be most stringent. (p. 119)

Back-log of grave HR violations

In addition to the excesses committed by the state and society this year against fundamental rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan, serious violations committed in the past remained imposed and effective during this regime that has come into power through promise of 'CHANGE'. These have not been highlighted in this report, so they are listed here:

- Ahmadis are forbidden to publish their premier scripture the Holy Quran and its Ahmadiyya translation in any language.
- Publication of all written works of the Ahmadiyya founder is banned.
- Ahmadis are not allowed to hold their traditional annual conference in Rabwah, nor any rallies of their auxiliary organizations including those of women and children. Last annual conference was held in Pakistan in December 1983; 250,000 participants attended.
- Participation in elections, even at local level, remains denied through devious rules and requirements.
- Ahmadiyya daily and four other periodicals have been proscribed.
- Ahmadiyya schools and colleges have not been denationalized.
- Ahmadis are made to accept and state against their conscience their 'Non-Muslim' religious status to obtain national identity card.
- Ahmadiyya mosque at Dulmial remains locked since 2016, and the entire local community has no place for congregational worship.
- Unwritten and confidential orders issued by authorities to deny Ahmadis their equal rights as state employees and citizens have not been withdrawn, and remain in force.

Summarized thematic info regarding the Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan during 2019

Ahmadis murdered for their faith

- Mr. Mehdi Khan was shot dead on January 03, 2019 in District Mandi Bahauddin.
- Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad was murdered on March 13, 2019 in District Attock.
- Homeopath Aziz Ahmad was murdered on March 13, 2019 in District Attock.

Faith-based assaults

- Mr. Yunus Ahmad was beaten up with rods on October 11, 2019 in Goth Massan (Sindh). The next day two Ahmadi brothers, Mr. Imran Ali and Mr. Akbar Ali sons of Mr. Anwar Ali were also attacked.
- On the night of August 21, 2019 approximately 20 miscreants attacked the residence of Mr. Irshad Ali of Mahni Sial Chak Hans, District Khanewal. They beat up the family causing injuries.
- On August 23, Khatme Nabuwwat activists attacked a new Ahmadi's home at about 10 p.m., smashed his TV and its dish antenna. They beat up the couple; the husband was taken to hospital for first aid.
- A group of religious bigots beat up Mr. Talaat and his brother in Sehnasa village of Azad Kashmir on January 18. Also Mr. Hafeez and Mr. Mahmud were attacked in their shop with knife. Mr. Hafeez suffered minor injuries. Ahmadis reported the incident to police. The police asked a Panchayat to mediate. The attackers sought pardon and had to be forgiven.
- On September 4, 2019, some youth came to the clinic of an Ahmadi, Mr. Javed Ahmad at Jauleki, District Gujranwala, and attacked him. He reported the incident to the police.

Religion-based tyranny, arrests and prosecution

- Application of Ahmadi-specific laws, religious laws and registration of faith-based police cases was relentlessly undertaken by the state and the society. This year eight Ahmadis were booked by the police while 5 suffered arrest and 7 Ahmadis were detained by the police. Detail of charges is given in Annex I.
- Cyber Crimes Wing of Lahore booked four Ahmadis in two separate cases for allegedly handling translations of Holy Quran. Mr. Mahmud Hashmi and Mr. Waqar Ahmad were arrested.
- In May 2019 Mr. Zafar Abbas Joiya, Ahmadi was arrested under PPC 298-C, an Ahmadi-specific clause, simply because he had fixed a decorative plate of

“*MashAllah*” (What God has willed) on his newly built house in Joharabad, District Khushab. *MashAllah* is not one of the Islamic terms forbidden to Ahmadis in law.

- Police arrested Mr. Vishal Ahmad and Mr. Muhammad Mustafa under PPC 186/506 unjustly after it demolished a niche of an Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur.
- Mr. Maqbul Ahmad Naz an Ahmadi was charged under PPC 298-C, 298 and 153-A in police station Kotli, Azad Kashmir on June 25, 2019 in FIR nr. 234. He was accused of sharing Ahmadiyya information and position on some religious issues over social media. Police also detained his father and brother unjustly.
- The police detained Mr. Ali and his friends when they complained on vigilantes’ attack on them on August 21, 2019.
- Three Ahmadis were detained by the police (DSP) in Massan Badda, District Larkana in October 2019.
- The police detained Mr. Mubashir Ahmad Tanveer and put him behind bars in Chak 5/3L, District Jhang on March 16, 2019 for allegedly tearing a poster.

Freedom of religion denied

- Ahmadiyya mosque in Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur was partially destroyed under the supervision of police and officials on October 25, 2019.
- An Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Tench Bhata, Rawalpindi was closed down in January 2019 by the authorities on the excuse of law and order. An Ahmadiyya prayer centre Baitul Ata situated on Peshawar Road in Rawalpindi was also closed down by the police on the same excuse of law and order.
- Ahmadis of Amba Nurya, District Sheikhpura were denied worship in the only mosque for them in the village, in June 2019. On the complaint of mullas, police forced Ahmadis to sign a declaration stating that they would not say their prayers in the mosque.
- An Ahmadiyya prayer centre in General Hospital area, Lahore was sealed by authorities in August 2019.
- Four youths came over to Bait ul Mahmud (the Ahmadiyya mosque) in Wah Cantt from the adjacent playground. They set the watchman’s cabin on fire with inflammable material. This damaged the cabin.
- A house of an Ahmadi, Chaudhary Liaqat Ali was used by Ahmadis for Friday prayers in Askari II, Gujranwala. In September 2019 the Station Commander sent for Mr. Ali and told him that they were offering Friday prayers illegally there, so there should be no more Friday prayers at his house.
- The administration stopped Ahmadis from saying their prayers in their newly built prayer centre in Sathiali Kalan, District Nankana in September 2019 on the complaint of outsider mullas.
- Ahmadis in Narain Garh, District Faisalabad faced difficulties in repairing their mosque’s roof and had to deposit a surety bond of Rs. 100,000 on a stamp paper in the police station.

- An unidentified miscreant came to the main gate of Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Wah Cantt on the morning of September 19, 2019. He kicked the main gate, piled up some dry grass & bushes there and set these on fire. The same miscreant came again the next morning at 05:30. He was holding a rod in his hand. He struck down the security cameras and took these away with him.
- Construction of an Ahmadiyya prayer centre was interrupted by the administration on the pressure of mullas in Jalalpur Jattan, District Gujrat in November 2019.
- Ahmadiyya mosques in Karachi were threatened to be sealed through the efforts of an anti-Ahmadi activist Ms. Basma Norine who poses to be a journalist and is in league with mullas. This caused a lot of hardship for Ahmadis in Karachi in May and July this year.

It can be said with confidence that such attacks on Ahmadis are motivated, planned and implemented by Khatme Nabuwat organizations.

Judiciary's role

- Justice Shujaat Ali Khan issued a 40-page verdict in March this year and directed the administration and police to implement the Punjab Quran Act 2011 in true spirit (read: rigorously—against Ahmadis). Mulla Muawiyah lodged an application on September 25, 2019 with DPO Chiniot to implement the decision of the court, although an earlier inquiry had confirmed that Ahmadis were not printing the Holy Quran anymore. The police is investigating—once again.
- On January 11, 2019 Judge Abdul Qayyum acquitted the accused charged over the murder in 2017 of Advocate Saleem Latif, Ahmadiyya community president of District Nankana.
- Mr. Qamar ul Zia, Ahmadi was stabbed to death in broad daylight on March 1, 2016 when he was bringing his kids from school. The murderer was arrested by the police same day. He confessed to the attack and told the police that he had done that to uphold the honour of the Prophet (p.b.u.h.). On June 27, 2019 Session Judge Nadeem Ahmad Ansari of Ferozwala, District Sheikhpura acquitted him.
- A session judge sentenced three Ahmadis of District Sheikhpura, Messrs. Ghulam Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad, to death on October 11, 2017 on a fabricated charge of blasphemy. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for two years. These Ahmadis are in prison for over 5 years.

Cyber Crimes laws

- FIA Cyber Crimes Wing arrested Mr. Mahmud Hashmi, an Ahmadi, and booked him under PPC 295-A and Ahmadi-specific PPC 298-C in FIR Nr. 88/2019 dated 20.6.2019 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore. Crimes under PPC 295-A can be assigned to Anti-terrorism courts. His crime is not promotion of terrorism or violence or sexual obscenity or anything of that nature; he is accused of sharing with others a translation of the Holy Quran.

- Three Ahmadis, Mr. Waqar Ahmad, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz and Mr. M. Azhar Mangla have been charged under PPC 295-A, 298-C, 295-B, 120-B, 109, R/W-34, PECA-11 by Cyber Crimes Wing Lahore on November 12, 2019. Mr. Ahmad was arrested and is behind bars. Under PPC 295-B the accused can be imprisoned for life. They allegedly indulged in a project on translation of the Holy Quran.

Hateful propaganda

- Universal Traders, traders of Akbari Mandi, Lahore, Punjab openly displayed a hateful banner threatening death to the entire Ahmadiyya community of Rabwah. It carried: **“The belief in Khatme Nabuwat (p.b.u.h.): If there is an attempt to make changes to the 1973 Constitution, Chenab Nagar will be colored red with the blood of Qadianis and the world will forget even Tamerlane. (Emphasis provided in original)... “I accept Qadianis to be infidels, without any argument. Qadianis must be put to death. (In the light of Holy Quran and Hadith)”**.
- A writer, Zafar Ji (perhaps pen-name) wrote a hateful anti-Ahmadi novel for the young and gave it the title: *Ishq Kay Qaidi* (Prisoners of Love). On the second page it claims to be “a great historical novel in memory of the Khatme Nabuwat Movement 1953.” This novel is full of false claims, baseless allegations as well as lies against the Ahmadiyya community and the government of those days. This story is being reproduced in series on weekly basis in “*Bachon ka Islam*” in the daily *Islam*, Lahore.
- An ad for anti-Ahmadi publications and donations was published in daily *The News*, Lahore on May 11, 2019. It was sponsored by Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat (AMTKN). Muslims were requested to donate funds, pay *Zakat*, *Sadaqat* and *Fitrana* to finance the anti-Ahmadiyya projects, to 'protect Muslims against the apostatic activities of Qadianis and to safeguard the dogma of End of Prophethood.'
- AMTKN celebrated countrywide Implementation of Anti-Qadianiat Act Day (*yaume nifaze imtinae Qadianiat*) in June 2019.
- A maniacal anti-Ahmadi op-ed was published in many vernacular newspapers by one Umar Khan Jozevi in the last week of July 2019. This writer used abusive and vulgar language against Ahmadis and their holy founder.
- Main stream political mullas like Fazl ur Rahman (JUI-F) do not hesitate to incite the public by targeting Ahmadis. In the recent protest/*Dharna* style *Azadi* March, Maulvi Rahman spoke often against Ahmadis, and accused Mr. Imran Khan of liaising with “Jews and Qadianis”.
- Majlis Ahrar Islam comprises Deobandi mullas who do not indulge in activities like festivities on Holy Prophet’s birthday. They do not take out a procession anywhere in Pakistan on 12 Rabiul Awwal; however they do so in Rabwah. Here their aim is to agitate people against Ahmadis and indulge in insulting and provocative speech. They set aside their religious norm, and avail of the occasion.
- Rabwah remained vulnerable because of numerous conferences held in this town by anti-Ahmadi mullas; the participants were incited against the Ahmadiyya community.

Ahmadi women

- For security reasons Ahmadi females are unable to participate in weekly Friday prayers throughout the country. They could not avail the facility of Ahmadiyya prayer centers for their worship, nor could they participate in Friday and Eid congregations. Their periodical *Misbah* is also banned by the government.

Threats

- Mr. Kashif Aslam, an Ahmadi of Quetta, received threats on WhatsApp messages in February from someone who claimed to represent TTP. “Pay up Rs 2 million or face death”, Ahmadi was told.
- Three community office-bearers in Larkana and Mr. Shah Ali Chandio received threat letters from JUI(F) activists in November 2019. “Enough is enough. Quit Larkana, otherwise we will see you on return from the *Azadi March* and will lay a siege on your mosque,” the letter elaborated.

Official prop to persecution of Ahmadis

- The federal minister for parliamentary affairs Azam Swati on a private news channel “Hum News” on November 11, 2019 said, “**I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadiyaniat**”.
- PEMRA in violation of Pakistan Constitution Art. 20 issued orders in January to all Regional Managers to stop transmission and relaying a number of STV channels, including the Ahmadiyya MTA 1&2. It is relevant that these two channels are relayed worldwide and there is no other country that considers their programs and content objectionable. This is stark bigotry and abuse of power.
- Hafiz Tahir Mahmud Ashrafi, President of Ulama Board, Punjab is on state pay roll. In a video on <https://youtube/rGTeG3or7k>, he is seen in an open multi-religious meeting asserting the following (extract):
“...I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country. . . To speak against Qadianis is Religious Harmony.”
- Mr. Shaukat Yusufzai (PTI) is a minister in KPK government. On August 7 he addressed a government-sponsored conference on the theme: **End of Prophethood and Muslims' responsibilities**. He was quoted by the extra right-wing daily *Islam* on August 8, 2019 as:
None can think of any change to the law on Khatme Nabuwat: Shaukat Yusufzai
Whoever is called *Kafir* in the Constitution, is a *Kafir*; no middle position.
Political sermons are delivered in some of the mosques. Ulama will soon be paid monthly allowance: Information Minister KPK
- Mufti Muneeb ur Rahman is on public pay roll as Chairman of the Moon-sighting Committee. The daily *Dunya* of September 21, 2019 published his lengthy report on his ‘Five days in Britain.’ He wrote that he said in one of his public talks: **“You should rebut this propaganda that life has been made difficult for Qadianis in Pakistan. In Pakistan, Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and people of other**

religions are living peaceful lives.....In India, the world community is witness to the cruel treatment of Muslims, Christians and the lower castes,” etc.

Muneeb is the same mulla who sometimes back, on a visit to a neighboring town of Rabwah demanded that penalty of death be imposed on Ahmadis for “their denial of End of Prophethood.”

- In October, PTV, the state television decided to air an anti-Ahmadiyya statement by an Indian political leader. It was stated that Mr. Vaghela said that Ahmadiyya community in India was in league with the extremist RSS in their anti-Muslim activism. The PTV failed to mention that this fake news was six years old, and also Ahmadis then had condemned it as false and demanded Indian authorities to hold an inquiry in the incident.

Ahmadiyya spokesman in Pakistan termed the PTV’s action condemnable and provocative. He called on the Ministry of Information to investigate the matter.

- A group of the ruling PTI party, from Lahore in a press statement on JUI (F)’s *Dharna* stated, *inter alia*: “These days apparently, there is no issue concerning Khatme Nabuwwat, however if there is a problem, the Maulana should tell us; we sit in assemblies and we’ll present it there. If it is not resolved there, we ourselves will join the Maulana in protest.”
- The vernacular daily *92 News*, Faisalabad published on August 1, 2019 that Islamabad Bar Association has made Khatme Nabuwwat oath mandatory for membership.

Sanitizing text books

The departmental staff in the Punjab and KPK made desirable small changes to the KN issue in relevant text books. In reaction to the mulla's protest, the authorities hurriedly withdrew the changes and promised disciplinary action against people considered responsible.

Civic discrimination

- The *Express Tribune* of September 26, 2019 published a disturbing report: "Seeds of intolerance: Private building in Karachi displays anti-minority notice draws mass ire." A notice displayed in the reception area of Machiyara Residency stated that non-Muslims were prohibited purchasing, renting of flats there.
- The principal of Jamal International School in Peshawar told Ahmadi children to stop coming to his ‘International’ school for being Ahmadi.
- Altaf Ahmad, an Ahmadi’s daughter’s wedding was impaired by mullas in Jhuddo Naukot, District Mirpur Khas on March 14, 2019.

Miscellaneous

- Ms Jannat Hussain AC Attock was harassed by KN activists, for speaking in favor of tolerance and human rights of minorities. She was made to apologize to extremist elements and declare that Ahmadis are *Kafir*.
- The Punjab Assembly passed a resolution on the eve of new year that sought anti-blasphemy law to be most stringent.

December 31, 2019

Recommendations

Last year, the opening paragraph of Recommendations read as follows:

“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:”

The above was followed by seven recommendations. Not a single one of these was accepted or implemented by the government that promised CHANGE.

As such, there is no point in repeating the list or making new recommendations to the government.

The maltreatment of the Ahmadi community by the State and society and the concomitant social and political factors and psyche of various leading players in the national field have now affected the entire society making it terminally sick according to some, and precipitated a nearly failed state. Any steps short of a major operation are unlikely to restore sanity and stability.

So, this year we do not recommend what is easy and obviously doable; we recommend what is essential and indispensable. We return to fundamentals.

Pakistani state should return to the vision of its founding father Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the Quaid-i-Azam. Its theocratic assumptions should be undone. In the Ahmadiyya context, to be specific, Amendment Nr II to the Constitution and Ordinance XX should be deleted from the penal code. How to bring about that, is for those who have the power and wield it. Otherwise nature and destiny will take over and run its own course.

1. Special Reports

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this includes the freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 19)

... It is the will of the people of Pakistan to establish an order... wherein shall be guaranteed fundamental rights, including equality of status, of opportunity and before law, social, economic and political justice, and freedom of thought, expression, belief, faith, worship and association, subject to law and public morality.

*Constitution of Pakistan
Preamble*

Some incidents or a group of incidents deserve to be reported in greater detail to convey their true import. These also call for some comment. A few of such cases are selected each year to be placed in this chapter. Their special description helps in better and deeper understanding of what goes on in the field of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan. This year there were numerous such cases that deserve a place in this chapter, but we have restricted the number to four. These are titled:

- 1A. Freedom of worship denied, obstructed or threatened**
- 1B. A peculiar Order Sheet by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court**
- 1C. An ad for anti-Ahmadi publications and donations in a leading daily**
- 1D. Administration demeaned by the mullah**

1A. Freedom of worship denied, obstructed or threatened

Ahmadiyya Mosques and places of worship under Attack

Ahmadiyya mosques were specifically targeted in General Zia's anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance. These laws remain in force and the mullas use them to their full advantage in their moves against Ahmadiyya places of worship. Often they demand state action that goes far beyond the prohibitions specified in the law, for example, calls for removal of minarets and the niches from the Ahmadiyya mosques. Unscrupulous officials find it convenient to do the mullas' bid, which often results in gross violation of Ahmadis' basic human right of freedom of worship. This year Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship were specifically targeted. In this mullas were supported by the administration. Approximately at a dozen locations Ahmadiyya worship places were damaged, sealed, closed down, worship forbidden or construction stopped. This was most hurtful.

The peak of this year in the context of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan is undoubtedly the quantum and intensity of attacks, of various types, on Ahmadiyya places of worship. These attacks were made by the mulla, but generally supported by authorities, and

often given a helping hand by the common man. These attacks resulted in partial destruction, damage, arson, sealing, closure, denial of construction even repairs to the places of worship, while at some locations Ahmadis were ordered to stop assembly for worship, remove minarets from their mosques, etc. At some locations anti-Ahmadi elements simply claimed the Ahmadiyya mosques and sought help from the police in their occupation. A female journalist took it upon herself the task of visiting Ahmadiyya places of worship, taking pictures, making videos and demanding that the police register FIRs against Ahmadis. In short, in recent memory, such intense activity against Ahmadiyya worship has not taken place—and this happened in the era of PTI whom people voted into power for apparently upholding liberalism and shunning bigotry.

These attacks on Ahmadiyya worship occurred at so many places and were of such variety that it is not easy to describe them in a convenient order. We choose to mention these under sub-headings of the nature of the outrages.

Demolition of Ahmadiyya mosques by authorities

The worst case happened in District Bahawalpur in the Punjab, where the authorities conducted partial demolition of an Ahmadiyya mosque.

Here Ahmadiyya mosques faced risk of defiling in September as a local anti-Ahmadi activist Muhammad Ishaq returned after staying away for a while in Multan.

Muhammad Ishaq is now residing near the Ahmadiyya mosque located in Ghalla Mandi, Bahawalpur. As a first step in his hate campaign he approached the Deputy Commissioner with complaint that Ahmadis have provided a niche in their place of worship in Chak 161 Murad, which is forbidden by law (sic). He was wrong, as the law makes no mention of forbidding niches or minarets in Ahmadiyya mosques.



The niche—destroyed by authorities in District Bahawalpur, Punjab

After this, the DC sent for the president of the Ahmadiyya Community. A delegation of local representatives met him, where they were told to cover the niche. Similarly, presidents of other Ahmadiyya local communities were told to remove similarities between Ahmadiyya places of worship and mosques, or hide them—an unlawful compulsion imposed by the unprincipled careerist.

The DC's orders were entirely contradictory to the Prime Minister's vision of *Riasat Madinah* stated by him in UN General Assembly before the world leaders: ***“In Islam, it was a sacred duty to protect places of worship of all religions”***.

The PTI government of Punjab should have been in step with the Prime Minister, but local convenience made the authorities disregard the pious assertions in New York.

Things moved fast. At about 3:30 pm an Ahmadi mosque was partially destroyed in Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur on October 25, 2019 under the supervision of police and officials.

According to details the Assistant Commissioner accompanied by policemen, workers of the city administration Hasilpur and machinery, arrived at the scene and took the keys of the mosque from a local Ahmadi. On entry they disconnected the electric supply and confiscated the recording system of the CCTV at the mosque. Then using the machinery, they destroyed the niche of the mosque into rubble. They did this while they had no official warrant or an Order of the Court to take such action.

The incident was captured by Mr. Vishal Ahmad (an Ahmadi) on his mobile phone. The police arrested Mr. Ahmad and seized his phone. Another Ahmadi, Mr. Muhammad Mustafa, an official of the Ahmadiyya Community was also arrested. These two were charged under PPC 186/506. Surely, photography in the open is not an offence. Next day they were released on bail.

The mosque was built by Ahmadis on Ahmadiyya land in 1949. Seventeen Ahmadi families, totaling about 150 persons live in the vicinity of the mosque.

It is noteworthy that the defiling of the mosque was not undertaken by mullas, but by officials. State is supposed to protect, not attack places of worship.

According to the daily *Dawn* report, “Assistant Commissioner Tayyab termed the action anti-encroachment operation, launched on order of the district peace committee, led by Deputy Commissioner Shazeb Saeed. ... He added that Ahmadis were asked to demolish ‘Mehrab’ of their worship place or construct a wall around it so that it might not look a ‘Mehrab’.” One may ask these gentlemen to show any ‘Mehrab’ in the whole Islamic world where a wall has been constructed around it. Even the idea of such construction is comical and absurd.

The same paper carried AC's statement: “The committee directed him (the DC) to take action against the encroachers in larger interest of peace in the village so that Ahmadis could continue having religious freedom within the walled premises of their worship place; Ahmadis are being given ‘freedom of religion.’”

It seems the district authorities do not even read their daily newspapers. Only a few days earlier on October 4, 2019 the Supreme Court decided to constitute a special bench for protection of minority rights and places of worship as ordered by the SC in its verdict of June 2014. It is hoped that the SC will take notice of this incident and hold the concerned officials accountable.

As for the authorities' inclination to demolish Ahmadiyya worship places on flimsy excuses, an incident in Karachi is worth reporting in that the district administration issued orders to undertake demolition, but was restrained from implementing the outrage. It happened in May this year.

A self-styled journalist and (anti)social-activist Ms. Basma Norine prepared video of a Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Karachi on May 2, 2019 and objected to its minarets. Later she went to the local police station and tried to get an FIR registered on this account against Ahmadis. She made another video of her visit to the police station and therein incited local Muslims against Ahmadis and threatened: "If anyone would attack this prayer centre or explode a bomb therein destroying it and killing Ahmadis therein, the police should not act against us, as Muslims' sentiments have been injured because of it." Surprisingly, the police did not react to her flagrant hate-speech.

Ahmadis felt concerned and lodged a complaint on May 3 against her hate-provoking remarks which she had uploaded on the social media. The SSP East told Ahmadis that they were doing the inquiry and would register an FIR if appropriate.

Ahmadis were later called by the Assistant Commissioner on May 10. He praised Ahmadis for being law-abiding citizens, however, added that these minarets were unlawful. Ahmadis told him that this building was built 50 years ago much before the anti-Ahmadi law. The AC referred the case to the DC. The DC told Ahmadis to appear before him on May 13 with all the documents. Ahmadis went to him, but right at the start he plainly told Ahmadis to demolish the minarets otherwise the authorities would do that, and said that he had strict instructions from the Commissioner. Ahmadis felt very disturbed over it and asked for 2 days' grace for legal action.

Ahmadis contacted the political leadership and the Rangers leadership and briefed them on the absurdity of the intended action against the place of worship. DG Rangers informed that they had received a demand from the TLP (of Mullahs Rizvi and Qadri) about the demolition of the minarets of the Ahmadiyya place of worship, under threat of a sit-in. Rangers then referred the matter to the civil administration. Ahmadis explained that this place was 50 years old, and minarets were built on temples and churches too. Would those be demolished as well in future? Also, the law does not forbid Ahmadis minarets on their places of worship.

Ahmadis had to move fast and contact very senior administrative authorities and political leaders of PPP as this party governs in Sindh. Our justified stand was accepted in these higher circles and orders were issued to the administration and the police to stay put and take no action on the demands of Ms. Norine and the TLP.

This crisis was a major attempt against Ahmadis' basic rights and freedom of religion.

Ahmadiyya prayer centre sealed by police

This happened in the capital of the Punjab.

Ahmadis have a prayer centre in Model Town, adjacent to two Ahmadi-owned factories there. The factories have been given on rent; the entry to the prayer centre is from outside. The locals objected to Ahmadis praying in the centre.

Ahmadis held a meeting with the objectors in June this year. In opening remarks, Ahmadis attempted cordiality and mutual respect and told them that they were talking to them as brothers and friends. At this, one of them retorted: “We are neither your brother, nor friends. We will not let you pray here. Your entry to this centre is through the factories; we shall not let you take this outer route for entry. You are a small minority here; we shall not let you use this location for worship.”

The local Ahmadiyya community had already applied for its registration. Officials of Special Police visited the site and inspected it. A section of locals continued to insist on not allowing Ahmadis to worship there.

DSP called Ahmadis on August 1, 2019 and told Ahmadis to stop worship there until an NOC is obtained from the DC office. He also urged Ahmadis to remove the *Kalima* and the niche from the prayer centre as he thought these are not allowed to Ahmadis. Ahmadis told him that they would not remove the *Kalima* but would not resist the authorities if they did that. He told Ahmadis to write an affidavit of compliance, but Ahmadis asked for some time to consider.

The next day Ahmadis were called again to the police station and told to sign an agreement. Ahmadis had to comply.

Ahmadis approached higher authorities for help, but on August 6, 2019 the police sealed the prayer centre under the pressure of mullas. The police rather than acting fair and helpful to the weaker community preferred to cater for the bullies of the majority. They say that it has been sealed to defuse the dispute to reach an amicable solution. This is a bogus excuse as on numerous such occasions, the sealing of Ahmadiyya worship places has resulted in permanent closure.

Worship forbidden at worship places

A number of such cases happened this year. The Constitution, in fact requires the state to facilitate worship and ensure this freedom but the authorities were active to do the exact opposite.

For instance two such violations occurred in Rawalpindi. Rawalpindi is a twin city to Islamabad, the Capital. What happens here is expressive of authorities’ concern for international norms and opinions.

On December 18, 2018 a policeman came over to Bait ul Ata (Ahmadiyya mosque) with the message that the SHO had sent for the administrator of the place, Col. ® Ijaz Minhas. On December 21, 2018 the SHO himself visited the mosque and repeated his demand. At this, Col. Minhas went to the Westridge Police Station and met the SHO. The SHO informed Col. Minhas of a security report that some days earlier terrorists had attacked an army check post, killed two army personnel and fled away. Therefore it became essential to remain on high alert in the Cantonment area and also to upgrade security of all places that could be targeted by terrorists. Ahmadiyya guest house (Bait ul Ata) located on Peshawar Road is on the same hit list, he said. It is located in a narrow street and is surrounded by Muslims’ houses. Any attack there could cause big damage, according to the SHO.

The SHO told Col. Minhas that the status of this building was only a community guest house, so it cannot be used for worship. “If you want to use it for worship obtain permission from relevant offices; till then, the location cannot be used for Friday prayers,” he said.

Thereafter the SHO obtained Col. Minhas’ signatures on a statement that until the permission was obtained from the relevant office there would be no Friday prayer in Bait ul Ata. On December 28 the SHO himself visited Bait ul Ata to check the implementation of his orders.

This is yet another case whereby Rawalpindi administration has closed down an Ahmadiyya place of worship, without caring to provide a suitable alternative. ‘Security’ is a lame excuse, as shutting down normal activities is not the solution; the solution is to beef up security and let life go on.

The other outrage was committed against the Ahmadiyya worship place in Tench Bhata, Rawalpindi. Here Ahmadis assemble for congregational prayers and Friday prayers. The location is used for community meetings and get-together.

A policeman came over to the location in January and said that the Assistant Commissioner (AC) had sent for the administrator of the centre. Accordingly, Mr. Abdul Ghani the local president called on him.

The AC told Mr. Ghani that Ahmadis were using this building in a residential area for worship. This was objectionable. Mr. Ghani told him that the building is registered as a property of Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya and the documents convey that it was meant to be used for religious purposes; hence there should be no objection.

The AC told Mr. Ghani to obtain a No Objection Certificate from the Deputy Commissioner, and till that is provided, the location cannot be used for worship.

Thereafter the police obtained an affidavit from Mr. Ghani to that effect. So, now there is no place for Ahmadis of this area for congregational worship.

This is still another case where district authorities have deprived Ahmadis of their place of worship without providing an alternative.

It is relevant to mention that rules and laws do not require minorities to apply for NOC for a place of worship, however where the aim is to deny Ahmadis their right to worship, their place of worship is treated as a mosque. As for mosques in general, without exaggeration, it can be claimed that there are over half a million mosques in the country that were built without NOC. Telling Ahmadis to obtain an NOC is *malafide* and unlawful.

A similar case from District Sheikhpura, also in the Punjab. The mosque in village Amba Nurya was built by Mr. Ahmad Din Virk and Mr. Muhammad Ismael Virk more than a century ago. Then Mr. Ahmad Din Virk went to Qadian, and took pledge (*Ba’ait*) at the hand of the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community. The mosque remained in common use of both Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis for worship. Both communities maintained it; they also had a common graveyard. Their religious tolerance and co-operation was exemplary—till recently.

In the recent past, a number of locals decided to join the Ahmadiyya community. This exercise of freedom of belief was not liked by the mullas. They invited clerics from

elsewhere, sought help from the infamous TLP and disturbed communal peace of the village. The TLP leadership approached the police and sought state support which was provided without reluctance.

On June 23, 2019 a policeman came to Dr. Tahir Ahmad the president of the local Ahmadiyya community and told him to report to the police station. Mr. Ahmad went there with some Ahmadi elders. A large number of non-Ahmadis were already there. The police put forth a written undertaking for the Ahmadi president to sign. Mr. Ahmad attempted a phone call for advice on the issue, but the police forbade him the call and told him that due to 'the law and order situation' he could neither go outside nor could he make a phone call. They had to submit compliance report to their superiors without delay, they said. The police had themselves prepared an affidavit and told Mr. Ahmad to sign it. The undertaking required that, *inter alia*:

- Qadianis would no more offer their prayers in the mosque.
- Qadianis would hold no public gatherings except Friday prayers and Eid prayers.
- Within a month, after mutual consultation, the burial ground would be separated.
- At Eid ul Adha, Qadianis will be restricted to slaughter their animals only inside their houses or premises.
- Qadianis are not at all allowed to preach their belief; if they do that, the opposite party may report them to the police.
- We resolve on oath to implement this peace plan; legal action may be taken against us for any violation.

Non-Ahmadis of the mosque's neighborhood did not lodge the FIR nor did they go to the police station. They sympathized with Ahmadis for their maltreatment. The opponents enjoyed support of the police and the local MPA, as also the support of TLP's urban activists who gathered in large numbers outside the police station to make their demands.

This is the third incident in District Sheikhpura where this kind of agreement has been imposed on Ahmadis. Every time the TLP is the prime mover of the sectarian discord.

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

On November 9, the opponents informed the police that a motorcyclist had exited from the centre and hit a local woman. The police arrived at the spot, examined the situation, visited the centre and found that the info was bogus. In response to persistent harassment,

Ahmadi elders met the Superintendent of Police (SP) Sadar and informed him of the situation. He tasked the DSP to inquire.

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

In the meeting the DSP told both the parties to submit surety bond that till the decision of Lahore High Court, neither of the parties would do anything illegal, otherwise pay Rs. 1 million in addition to the legal costs. Further, he asked the parties to sign a deed of compromise stating that only inhabitants of the centre would pray there. Ahmadis refused to give the bond and sign the unfair deed. This made the DSP angry and he told that if they didn't sign, he would issue detention order against them. Further, he threatened to include the Ahmadiyya missionary in future hearings. The same night the police raided the centre and the missionary house but the security guard wisely turned them away. At this, the SHO phoned the missionary and told him to report to the police station within an hour along with the centre's care-taker, otherwise the police would raid again. Later the SHO told them that the SP has called for a meeting of both parties on November 13.

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

Construction of worship place stopped on official orders

This happened in Jalalpur Jattan, District Gujrat in November.

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

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

Under the circumstances, the authorities ordered a halt to construction work. Six weeks have passed, and it has not been allowed to recommence.

Reconstruction of Ahmadiyya worship place denied

This story is from Mardan KPK. Independenturdu.com/node/21206... issued the following story on November 11, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Comment on the above report:

1. Note the attitude of the state and the society to a worship place of a 'minority'.
2. The agitation against the complaint was led by a PTI activist and local leader. What is the difference between the leadership of the PTI and the JUI (F)?
3. DC volunteers to follow the lead of bigots on the issue of honor of prophethood in the context of rebuilding a worship place destroyed by a mob!
4. How quickly the Religious Affairs Division raised their hands from attending to a fair complaint by an Ahmadi?

With this attitude at home how is the Muslim majority in Pakistan justified to complain against the demolition of the Babri Masjid in India and the Supreme Court of India's verdict to not hand over the site to the Muslim minority?

Attacks and defiling

Three incidents happened, two in Wah Cantt. and one in Pir Mahal, in the Punjab.

An unidentified miscreant came to the main gate of Ahmadiyya prayer centre in the morning on September 19, 2019. He kicked the main gate, piled up some dry grass & bushes there and set these on fire. Ahmadi youths on duty intervened, and he fled.

The same miscreant came again the next morning at 05:30. He was holding a rod in his hand. He struck the security cameras and took these away with him. Ahmadiyya youth on duty tried to detain him but he managed to flee. He could be identified through CCTV footage. A complaint was lodged against him in the police station.

Two months earlier some miscreants had set the security cabin of the Ahmadiyya prayer centre here on fire. Ahmadi on duty extinguished it. The police managed to arrest the miscreants with the help of CCTV footage but later released them when their family seniors apologized.

Anti-Ahmadi activities picked up pace in Pir Mahal in District Toba Tek Singh for some time and opponents frequently harass Ahmadi. Earlier a convert to Ahmadiyyat was subjected to violence.

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

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

Congregational get-togethers forbidden

A house of an Ahmadi, Chaudhary Liaqat Ali was used by Ahmadis for Friday prayers in Askari II, Gujranwala. In September the Station Commander sent for Mr. Ali and told him that Ahmadis were offering Friday prayers illegally there, so there should be no more Friday prayers at his house. After that, Ahmadis offered no Friday prayers there. Now, Ahmadis have no place to pray together.

This order would suit a bigoted, low-level police official, but is quite unbecoming a one star general. Only a few individuals assembled at Mr. Ali's house, once a week for less than an hour, causing no inconvenience to anybody.

Even repairs of place of worship made problematic

In January Ahmadis decided to repair the roof of their place of worship in Chak no. 109 R.B, Narain Garh, District Faisalabad and ordered some earth in trolleys. When it was dumped inside the mosque, some miscreants called the police on emergency nr. 15. The police arrived there and held a meeting. They demanded that some earth be dumped outside the mosque in the street. This was done. The police went away and told Ahmadis to come to the police station the next morning. Ahmadis called on the Superintendent Police of Jaranwala the next day. He informed Ahmadis that he had told the parties involved to fill a surety bond worth Rs. 100,000 on a stamp paper to abstain from mischief.

Ahmadis deposited their bond with the police station.

Threatening activism against Ahmadiyya worship places

Ahmadiyya mosque in Shadiwal District Gujrat is at risk at the hand of a non-Ahmadi, Irshad Daraji. He lives near the mosque. He claims, "This mosque has minarets, and mosques belong to Muslims, not to infidels. This mosque belonged to our ancestors."

He has recently returned from Makkah after performing *Umra*. He claims to have made a pledge at the grave of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) that he would get the mosque ceded to Muslims. He became a follower of Haq Bahu clan in recent years. He is addicted to drugs but is financially strong, politically influential.

Approximately 40 Ahmadis live in Sathiali Kalan, District Nankana. They built a house for their religious teacher with a worship centre. Some outsider mullas took notice of it in September. They came to the village and incited the locals to vandalize this Ahmadiyya structure. Nobody complied. They left threatening official action to support their campaign.

The Assistant Commissioner, DSP and SHO came to the village on September 7 and stated that somebody had lodged an application against the Ahmadiyya prayer centre. As per complaint, Qadianis had built a place of worship through which they would lure away their youth to Qadianism, as such they should be protected against the potential risk. The visiting officials heard both the parties. They noted the names of outsiders who were taking interest in

this issue. They stopped the locals from calling outsider mullas to the village and stopped the Ahmadis from taking up residence in the building till further orders.

On October 17, the date of inquiry the AC told the agitators that Ahmadis had the right to have their religious teacher. As for place of worship, Pakistan law allowed Ahmadis to build their worship places after permission. The AC told Ahmadis to get permission from the Deputy Commissioner, and told the opponents to shirk provocation and communal hatred.

Accordingly Ahmadis submitted an application to the DC for permission to pray in congregation at the centre. A security officer later visited the religious teacher's house.

The mullas are putting pressure on the AC, and propagating that authorities are supporting Ahmadis. Permission to worship at the new location is still awaited from the DC.

In Khairpur, District Kasur a few non-Ahmadi activists thought of a devious plan to deprive Ahmadis of their mosque. They started visiting Ahmadiyya mosque to offer prayers. After some days they discontinued visiting. This mosque is under Ahmadiyya management for the past hundred years.

Then some outsider mullas visited the mosque and went away. Thereafter non-Ahmadis again started offering their prayers in the Ahmadiyya mosque and declared that this was their mosque. In this situation Ahmadis contacted some local influential persons and asked for assistance. Their intervention improved the situation. However, Ahmadis remain alert and on guard to retain their mosque.

We mentioned above that in May a self-styled journalist and (anti)social-activist Ms. Basma Norine prepared a video of an Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Karachi and uploaded it on social media. Later she went to the local police station and tried to get an FIR registered on this account against Ahmadis. She is seeking professional recognition through religious prejudice and bigotry. In this she is helped by anti-Ahmadi mullas.

On July 6, 2019 she went to the Ahmadiyya Bait ul Hamd Martin Road, Karachi with a mulla. She prepared a video of the Ahmadiyya prayer centre, pointed out its minarets. Thereafter she also captured Fazle Umer Dispensary adjacent to the centre. While there she tried to enter the centre but the centre's caretaker recognized her and did not let her in. Then she went to the police station Jamshed Quarters to get an FIR registered against Ahmadis but the police didn't oblige. At this she went to the DSP office. She deposited her fake complaint with the DSP and departed.

On July 8, 2019 Norine uploaded a video on Facebook. In the video she mentioned Ahmadiyya prayer center of Drigh Road and the (prayer) Hall, in Sadr.

She also pointed out a building in Gulzar Hijri, and commented on 'incorrect' translation of the Quranic verse written on it and accused Ahmadis of that. In fact, Ahmadis have no prayer centre there. She fabricated this lie. Then she talked about Ahmadiyya Bait ul Hamd Martin Road, as well.

The same day she went to the Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Mehmoodabad with a mulla, prepared its video and uploaded it on social media. She mentioned in the video: "In a posh area like Karachi an abundance of Qadiani bases (*addon ki bharmar*). Discovered third Qadiani centre in ten days and fifth in five months. Discovered a Qadiani base in the midst of

Muslims' mosques and shops in Mehmoodabad, Kashmir Colony. An application has been submitted in Mehmoodabad police station for its demolition.”

On July 17, 2019 Ms. Norine went to Bait ul Sana Model Town, took photos of the mosque and prepared videos. Thereafter she went to the local police station and tried to have an FIR registered against Ahmadis on grounds that Qadianis are not allowed to build mosques and they are up against Shariah and Khatme Nabuwat; Qadianis have their base in Model Colony; five CCTV cameras are installed there, and they are busy committing blasphemy and are propagating Qadianiat from there; they call themselves Ahmadi which is the blessed name of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and are misleading common people, so this place should be got vacated from Qadianis; demolish it and take legal action against its inhabitants, etc. Her bogus complaint was given the due follow-up.

On October 6, 2019 she came along with a mulla to the Ahmadiyya prayer centre in Model Colony and started preparing a video. Ahmadis stayed inside the centre and informed the police and authorities by phone. Norine and the mulla wore shirts with anti-Ahmadiyya lines. They pasted anti-Ahmadiyya hateful posters on the prayer centre's exterior and went away. Later the police arrived, removed the posters and took them away. Thereafter Rangers arrived and took a copy of CCTV footage with them.

On return, Basma went to the Model Colony Police Station to get an FIR registered against Ahmadis but the police didn't oblige.

It is obvious that this woman is on the pay roll of a Khatme Nabuwat (KN) organization. There are newspapers that go out of the way to spare space for the KN, like the daily *Ausaf*. MTKN gets funds from somewhere to employ these journalists 'on hire'.

A mulla, Muhammad Hanif of D Block Okara sent an application against Ahmadis to the Chief Justice Supreme Court, Chief Justice Lahore High Court, the District and Session Judge Okara and the Deputy Commissioner Okara.

He took the plea that Ahmadis have a mosque in the Main Chowk of D Block in Okara, built long ago, with 6 or 7 minarets; while “as per the 1973 Constitution these people are not allowed to construct mosques, nor the minarets, nor can they call themselves Muslim, cannot make call for prayers, nor call their religion Islam, but they continue to do that—as such the authorities should act against them and demolish forthwith the minarets of their mosque.”

With such activism and great successes against Ahmadiyya places of worship, the mulla could approach The Guinness Book of Records to claim an entry therein for Pakistan for being on top of countries list where places of worship are at the greatest risk of defiling, closure, etc.

In conclusion it would be appropriate to provide a running total of violations of the sanctity of Ahmadiyya mosques and worship places; the figures are unbelievable:

- Number of Ahmadiyya mosques demolished 29
- Number of Ahmadiyya mosques sealed by the authorities 40
- Number of Ahmadiyya mosques set on fire or damaged 25
- Number of Ahmadiyya mosques forcibly occupied 17

- Number of Ahmadiyya mosques' construction barred by the authorities

We take this opportunity to respectfully and very thoughtfully remind the plenipotentiaries of our Islamic Republic of the Divine command on the issue of places of worship:

And who is more unjust than he who forbids that in places for the worship of Allah, Allah's name should be celebrated?-whose zeal is (in fact) to ruin them? It was not fitting that such should themselves enter them except in fear. For them there is nothing but disgrace in this world, and in the world to come, an exceeding torment. *Al-Quran 2:114*

(Translation by Yusuf Ali)

Repeated violations of this command could be fraught with dire and unaffordable consequences—best avoided.

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1B. Another Awesome Verdict from a High Court—by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court

Lahore; March 05, 2019: It would be recalled that last year Justice Shaukat Siddiqui (later disgraced) issued an Order Sheet on March 9, 2018 concerning Ahmadiis, without hearing them at any stage. Then in July, he issued a detailed 172-page judgment sheet.

Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court has issued on March 5, 2019 a 40-page Order Sheet on the issue of publication etc of the Holy Quran. This sheet contains general rulings on the subject, in addition to specific directions concerning Ahmadiyya editions of the Holy Quran and its translations. The writ-petitioner, mulla Hassan Muawiyah, a brother of Maulana Tahir Ashrafi the President of Mutahiddah Ulama Board Punjab, had also specifically objected to Ahmadiyya publication of the Holy Quran abroad. So, in a way; this case was handled mainly as Ahmadi-specific and has affected Ahmadiis, and the rulings further restrict their freedom to recite, refer to and understand their primary scripture. Here, we make no comments on the Order Sheet, but report below its last para that contains a set of directions issued by Judge Shujaat Ali Khan:

32. As a necessary corollary to the above discussion I am of the considered view that neither the non-Muslims, in particular Ahmadiis/Qadianis/Lahoris, can pose themselves as Muslims nor can they publish any material by using the names of the books of the Muslims, in particular Holy Qur'an, with the names of the Muslims authors just to portray that the same belongs to Muslims. Further, they have no right to use Muslims epithets to make the others to believe that they are Muslims. Consequently, this petition is **disposed of** with the directions that –

- i. the Federal as well as the Provincial Government shall ensure availability of a standard copy of Holy Qur'an along with its literal meaning, at Federal, Provincial, District and Tehsil levels, duly approved by the respective Qur'an Boards to use it as a specimen to determine as to whether any subsequent publication qualifies the test of authenticity of original text of Holy Qur'an and its literal meaning or not;

- ii. the Federal as well as Provincial government shall take steps to ensure that only the printers/publishers, authorized by the Qur'an Board, are allowed to print Holy Qur'an and other religious books of the Muslims. Further, the authorized printers/publishers be bound down to give specific **Bar/QR code as well as distinct serial number against each copy of every religious books, in particular the Holy Qur'an**, to know the authenticity of the said book and to fix responsibility in case of any omission/commission on the part of any publisher/printer. **Furthermore, each page of the Holy Quran be embossed with name of the publisher/company** in order to eliminate the possibility of replacement of any page at subsequent stage;
- iii. in view of the ever increasing importance of the Information Technology, the Federal Government, in collaboration with other stakeholders, in particular Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) and the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) shall take measures that the search engines/websites showing proscribed religious material are blocked. Further, only the websites which are registered with PTA and possess certificate from the Qur'an Board regarding authenticity of the religious material, in particular the Holy Qur'an, be allowed to display online Holy Qur'an and other religious books of the Muslims. Moreover, all other unregistered websites, displaying such religious material against its original text and literal meaning, be blocked forthwith. For the purpose, the Federal as well as the Provincial Government shall display at conspicuous places, in particular the web portals owned and operated by the government, the registered/approved websites for information of the public-at-large;
- iv. the Federal Government shall ensure that the e-copy of Holy Qur'an, duly approved by the Qur'an Board, is available at Google Play Store, *App Store and Windows Store* etc. for reference. Further, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should take up the matter with the managers/owners/operators of the application stores to remove every application containing unauthentic text of the Holy Qur'an and other religious books of Muslims;
- v. every printer/publisher be bound down to put a certificate at the end of each copy of Holy Qur'an to the effect that the same is 100% compliant with the copy approved by the Qur'an Board. Moreover, the contact numbers (telephone, e-mail id & Facebook id etc.) of the Qur'an Board should be available on each and every copy of the Holy Qur'an to facilitate the reader to highlight any issue relating to printing and publication of religious material of Muslims in particular the Holy Quran.
- vi. in case of surfacing of any book even with the name of Holy Qur'an but with distorted text or mutilated translation the same be confiscated forthwith and the individuals/communities or the corporate bodies/companies involved in publication of said book be taken to task while implementing the provision of the Act, 2011 and the Rules made thereunder;

- vii. the Qur'an Board at Provincial and Federal level be made more efficient to have vigilant eye on publication and printing of any religious material in particular the Holy Qur'an against its original text or authentic meaning.
- viii. all the communities, companies, bodies corporate, publishers and individuals be bound down to give free access to the Chairman of the Qur'an Board, at any time, for inspection of the site used for publication of Holy Qur'an and other religious books;
- ix. all the public functionaries, in particular law enforcement agencies, shall ensure that no religious material is imported from abroad without issuance of NOC in terms of 8(11) of the Rules, 2011 and if any importer, stockist, bookseller or recording company is found involved in selling/delivery of any banned material, firstly, the importer be taken to task and secondly the recipient of said material be also proceeded against in terms of Rules 9 *ibid*;
- x. all non-Muslim communities be sensitized about the repercussions of printing/publication of material by using names of the religious books of the Muslims, in particular the Holy Qur'an, using the name of the Muslim authors. Further, the non-Muslims in particular *Ahmadis/Lahoris/Qadianis* be restrained to use the epithets of the Muslims;
- xi. all the wings of the Law Enforcement Agencies be mobilized to curb printing/publication of any proscribed material by the non-Muslims;
- xii. necessary measures be taken for interfaith harmony amongst the citizens representing different religious, communities, clans and localities;
- xiii. necessary measures be taken for safeguarding the rights of minorities in terms of Articles 20 and 36 of the Constitution provided they are not involved in any activity which offends against any provision of the legislations discussed *supra*;
- xiv. the Qur'an Board, Cabinet Subcommittee on Law and Order in the province, Committee Mutahiddah Ulama Board Punjab, Police Department, Auqaf and Religious Affairs Department Government of Punjab, Association of Publishers and Traders of Religious Books Punjab and Information Technology Department shall coordinate *inter-se* with regular intervals and their deliberations shall be shared with the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Government of Pakistan to formulate a uniform policy/SOP for the entire country to curb printing and publication of proscribed religious material;
- xv. the Federal as well as the Provincial Government shall ensure that before accepting copy of Holy Qur'an, *Paras* and *Surahs*, as defined under Section No.2 (d) of the Act, 2011 in any mosque, shrine, institution religious or otherwise, the head/owner/operator/organizer of the above institutions, shall confirm that the same is in line with the standard copy of the Holy Qur'an.

- xvi. the Federal as well as the Provincial government shall ensure that the Holy Qur'an and other religious material being taught in different institutions conforms with the standard copy duly certified by the Qur'an Board and
- xvii. the Federal as well as the Provincial Government shall ensure that the conditions for printing/publication of Holy Qur'an, as enshrined under Rule 8 of the Rules, 2011, are strictly adhered to and any person/authority/community/company etc. found involved in violation of the said rule be awarded punishment provided under rule 9 *ibid*.
- 33. Before parting with this order, it is directed that the Registrar of this Court shall arrange for Urdu translation of this order and to ensure circulation of this order, along with its Urdu translation, to the Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Home Department, Lahore for its further circulation amongst the heads of the Police at provincial/divisional/district/tehsil levels as well as Police Stations. He shall further transmit a copy of this order, along with its Urdu translation to the Secretary, Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Islamabad for information.
- 34. The Assistant Registrar, Media and Publication of this Court, is directed to share this order, along with its Urdu translation, with the media persons for its circulation/publication in the print/electronic media.

(Shujaat Ali Khan)
Judge

Approved for Reporting

Judge

Last but not least, para 31 of the Order Sheet informs us of the following:

- 31. Learned Assistant Attorney General has apprised the Court that in view of sensitivity of the issue the efforts of the Federal Government to bring a codified law to eliminate the publication of any proscribed material by the non-Muslims in the country are at final stage and the same is expected to be enforced within two or three weeks. This Court lauds the efforts, being made by the Federal Government, to tackle issue of such important nature.

The above information would have ordinarily been a cause of concern to the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan, however in view of the directions already given by the worthy judge, it appears that the authorities will not be able to add much to further deprive Ahmadis of their Freedom of Belief, Freedom of Expression, Freedom to Practice their Belief, Freedom to Educate their Children, Freedom of Opinion, Freedom to undertake Interfaith Dialogue, etc.

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1C. An Ad for anti-Ahmadi Publications and Donations in a leading Daily

Lahore; 31 May 2019: This ad appeared in the daily *The News*, Lahore of May 11, 2019. It was sponsored by the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) Karachi, Multan etc. We translate below some of the entries in this ad to illustrate the nature of the stock on sale or promotion; the ad claims that the AMTKN undertakes the following, *inter alia*:

- Worldwide missionary activities and efforts to choke Qadianism
- Proselytizing through the weekly Khatme Nabuwwat
- Counter Qadianis' propoganda on the internet
- Prosecution and defense in higher courts on issues related to Qadianiat
- Distribution of millions (*lakhon*) of leaflets and books in Urdu, Arabic and English
- Holding Khatme Nabuwwat conferences in the country and abroad
- Building mosques and seminary in Chenab Nagar
- Rebuttal of Qadianism
- Publication and distribution of hundreds of titles on issues like Descent of Messiah and other issues.

Muslims have been requested to donate funds, pay *Zakat*, *Sadaqat* and

Fitrana to finance the above-mentioned projects and to protect Muslims against the apostatic activities of Qadianis and to safeguard the dogma of End of Prophethood.

The sponsors of this Appeal are 1. Maulana Abdul Razzaq Askandar 2. Hafiz Nasir ud Din Khakwani and 3. Maulana Aziz ur Rahman Jalandhari.

At the top of the ad the advertisers lure the public to donate: “To avail the **Intercession of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him).**” Thereafter they come down to the real object: “To accomplish the Mission of Maulana Muhammad Yusuf Ludhianvi *Shaheed*”.

Ordinarily these activities, if undertaken peacefully and appropriately, are lawful and permissible, but as preverbal “The devil lies in detail”, these in fact promote extremism and

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مولانا محمد یوسف لدھیانوی شہیدؒ کے مشن کی تکمیل کے لئے

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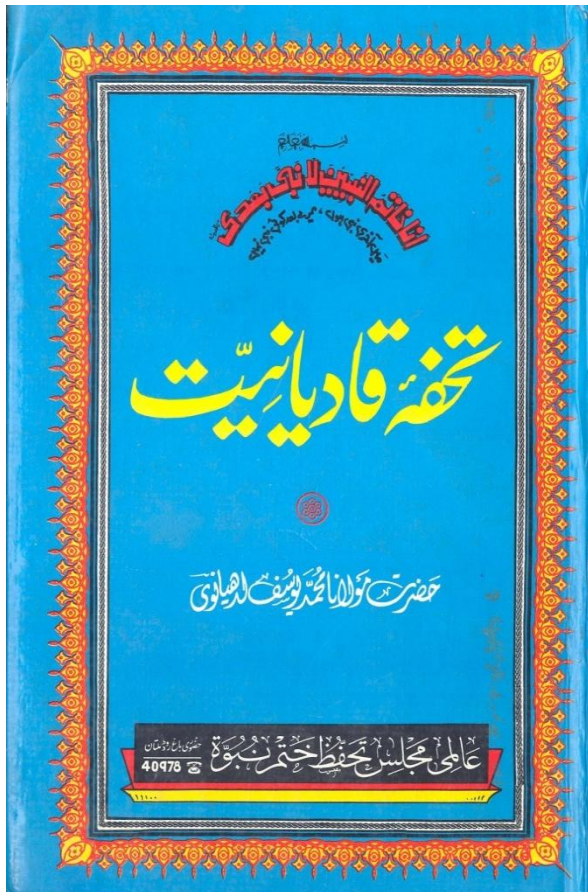
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terrorism; this is obvious from an extract of a publication by the above mentioned Maulana Muhammad Yusuf Ludhianvi *Shaheed*, quoted below:

(Note; This book with the hateful and murderous message is available in libraries, book depots and is advertized through the above shown ad in the daily *The News*. *The News* welcomes the income from the ad, and the authorities prefer to allow advertisement of the terrorist literature.)

میرا اور آپ کا فرض!!.....

... اب مسلمانوں کی غیرت کا تقاضا کیا ہونا چاہئے؟ ہماری غیرت کا اصل تقاضا تو یہ ہے کہ دنیا میں ایک قادیانی بھی زندہ نہ بچے۔ پکڑ پکڑ کر خبیثوں کو مار دیں۔ یہ میں جذباتی بات نہیں کر رہا بلکہ حقیقت یہی ہے۔ اسلام کا فتویٰ یہی ہے۔ مرتد اور زندیق کے بارے میں اسلام کا قانون یہی ہے۔ ...



My and your duty

...
What does the sense of honour and shame (*Ghairat*) demand from Muslims? In fact, it demands that not a single Qadiani should be left alive on earth. Seize each one of these malignant individuals and kill them. I am not being emotional when I say this. This is the verity; this is the edict of Islam. This is the law of Islam concerning *Murtads* (apostates) and *Zindiques* (heretics). ...

Muhammad Yusuf Ludhianvi
Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat

Ref: Maulana Muhammad Yusuf Ludhianvi, *Tohfa Qadianiat*; Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat, Multan; May 1993, 1st edition, p. 680, 681

Note: Ludhianvi was the Amir of the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat and claimed leading the 1974 campaign in that position against Ahmadis, which led to their bloodshed and Non-Muslim status in law and constitution of Pakistan.

1D. The Mullah demeans the Administration

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

It was on December 10, 2019 when International Human Rights Day was being celebrated. A seminar was held in Attock (Punjab) also, where the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBNB5gTZlsg> shows an audience being addressed by Assistant Commissioner (AC) Ms Jannat Hussain Nekokara. The young lady, in her zeal to promote human rights talked of mutual tolerance, care for the minorities, shunning sectarianism, etc. She advised that regardless of our denomination, minorities, be they Shia, Sunni, Ahmadi, etc should be given their rights and our identity should be simply Pakistan, Muslim.

This lecture on tolerance, unity, human rights, especially the mention of Ahmadis was not liked by some in the audience. They made it a big issue and protested in a big way. They fielded a group of aggressive students, bunch of extremists in their late teens, incited them and urged them to demand a sitting with the District administration, with the aim to worsen the audacious AC. The senior most officials of the District apparently got cold sweat. They invited the student gang to a meeting where all the top brass of the district were seated. The rest is available on another video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6XoAguE0lk>.

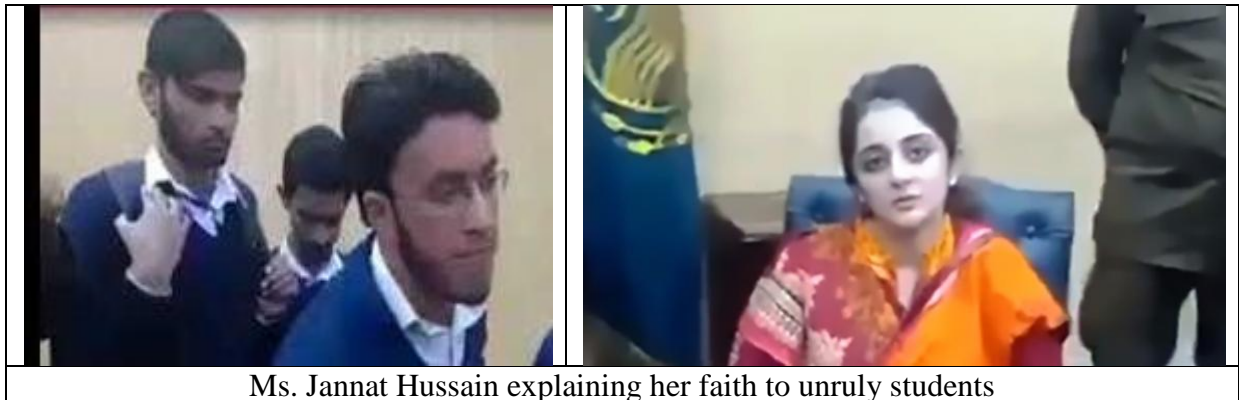
The video shows approximately 20 youth wearing school/college uniform in the big room. One of them can be seen at the rostrum, while some are seated on chairs and others are standing by the wall. One of the students rebukes the AC in loud voice for her remarks and tells the high officials, (*translation*),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

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

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

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

recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wulGPbTY0Xs> was underway, “We were talking about human rights and also of non-Muslim Pakistanis. I first talked about Kashmir, thereafter on human rights, then on human rights of minorities, non-Muslim Pakistanis. Well, I should not have mentioned the word ‘Ahmadis’ but then...I talked of mutual unity and shunning of discrimination so that we can face the external enemy.” At this the brat addressed her in great anger, “Listen to me, if the 1973 Constitution calls them (Ahmadis) non-Muslim and *Kafir*, . . .” At this, the petrified AC quickly endorsed him, “Sure; they are *Kafir*, non-Muslim,” “Then why are you talking of Unity; why are you talking of Unity,” questioned the youth. The AC shook her head and tried to explain, “All that I am saying, is that we should mutually...” The youth again interrupted her, “What mutually! 1973 Constitution...” At this a male official pleaded him, “Listen to her, please give her a hearing.” The youth cornered her again, “According to you, are Ahmadis, Muslim or non-Muslim?” The AC replied, “In my opinion, well they are non-Muslim as per the Constitution as also to me. My own child is named Muhammad. So, that is not the issue. You had a misunderstanding; there is no issue, nor do I believe differently, nor is my faith any different (than yours).” The goon was not impressed and retorted, “It is not material to name your son Muhammad; they too name themselves Ahmad, but they are Qadianis!” The AC pleaded again, “My, my faith....sure, they are Qadianis; they are non-Muslims, *Kafir*, Qadianis are *Kafir*. Satisfied? There is no dispute.”



Ms. Jannat Hussain explaining her faith to unruly students

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Student: “Describe your faith in Khatme Nabuwwat.”

AC: “I believe that Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is the last Prophet... Prophethood has ended for ever... Anyone who claims to be a Prophet now or ever, even by a hint, will be a liar.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

@ZiauddinY on December13, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S OPINION

"I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizens Councilor or the Ku Klux Klanner but the white moderate who is more devoted to order than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

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

No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice.

No one shall be subject to discrimination by any state, institution, group of persons, or person on the grounds of religion or other belief.

UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief – Article 1(2) and 2(1)

To kill Ahmadis for their faith is among the priority items on the check-list of anti-Ahmadiyya leadership. They go about this in two ways: murder through indoctrinated volunteers, or through hired assassins. Given the money, it is not difficult to rent a killer in present day Pakistan, and the mullas are very well-funded. When the target of an assassination is an Ahmadi, authorities take an indifferent attitude to bringing the culprit to justice. The few who get caught are either acquitted or given light sentences. Killing an Ahmadi is largely risk-free for the killer. This year two rare murderers who faced justice were acquitted by judges.

Mullas in Pakistan also freely use the fatwa of Wajib-ul-Qatl (must be put to death) against whoever they please. There is no legal penalty against this gross incitement to criminal act. People willing to implement a fatwa can usually be found, so it is not uncommon for a fatwa to be followed by a spate of attempts. While Ahmadis are the frequent victims of this deadly tool, others are also targeted in this way. Governor Salman Taseer was one of them. There is an urgent need to criminalize such fatwas. Bangladesh has passed such a law.

Since the promulgation of anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX, two hundred sixty-five Ahmadis have been killed for their faith alone. Not even 1% of the perpetrators were given the deserved punishment.

An Ahmadi murdered

Dowk Nawa Lok, District Mandi Bahauddin; January 3, 2019: Mr. Mahdi Khan S/O Nawab Khan, 64 was shot dead in Dowk Nawa Lok, District Mandi Bahauddin on January 3, 2019.

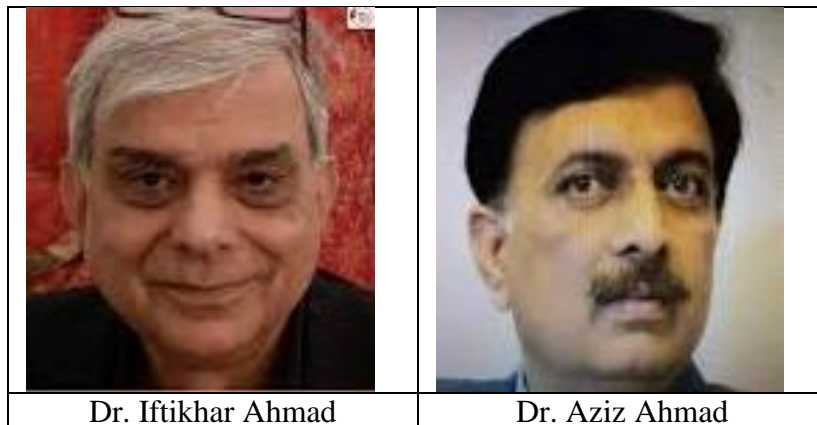
Mr. Khan was a devoted Ahmadi, switched over to Ahmadiyya Jamaat with his family in 1994. He was a school teacher and the only Ahmadi in the village. He faced a lot of hostility from his non-Ahmadi relatives and mullas as well. He received threats from extremist religious organizations like Tehrik Labbaik. He was survived by his widow, three sons and five daughters.

Mr. Khan's bereaved family had to shift residence in search of security, due to severe hostility.



Murder of two Ahmadi doctors

Kot Fateh Jang, near Islamabad; March 14, 2019: A visiting Ahmadi doctor Iftikhar Ahmad, resident of USA, accompanied by his friend Homeopath Aziz Ahmad Tahir, went to visit former's agricultural land in Fateh Jang from where they were kidnapped, then murdered. Their dead bodies were recovered from a dead marsh where they were covered under a heap of earth. The prime suspect was arrested by the police.



The incident reminds one of the following:

- Allama Abdul Rashid Bilal was quoted in a press statement: Qadianis are *Murtad* (Apostate), *Zindique* (.) and *Wajibul Qatl* (Must be killed)
- Shubban e Khatme Nabuwwat (Lahore) quoted a supreme court verdict of 1993 as follows (translation from their vernacular) "Every Mirzai is a (cursed) Salman Rushdi for insulting and blasphemy against the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.)"
- A mulla while addressing an open air conference in Rabwah told his audience to go ahead and kill a Qadiani, on his personal assurance that he would get him released on bail within a month.

Assault on Ahmadis in District Larkana, Sindh

Massan Badda, District Larkana; October 2019: Anti-Ahmadiyya elements launched a hate campaign through social media.

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

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

Another Ahmadi narrowly escaped an attack on October 16, 2019. Opponents tore down a Khatme Nabuwwat pamphlet themselves and tried to have an FIR registered against Ahmadis. When the SHO refused to register, they approached the Superintendent of Police.

As a result three Ahmadis were detained in the police station by the DSP. What does an Ahmadi do in these circumstances?

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

Attack on Ahmadi in his clinic

Tauleki; Gujranwala, September 4, 2019: Mr. Javed Ahmad an Ahmadi practices medicine in this village. He often received threats for being Ahmadi. Some youths came to his clinic and attacked him. He reported the attack to the local police station, and the police made truce between the parties.

Ahmadi detained and house attacked with authorities' collaboration

Mahni Sial Chak Hans, District Khanewal; August 21, 2019: Mr. Irshad Ali and his brother are the only Ahmadi residents in this village. Mr. Ali fixed a steel plate with Islamic creed (*Kalima*) on his home's exterior. Over this some locals opposed him and the village chief sent for him and told him to remove the plate. He refused, saying that he would not take it off nor allow anyone do so, except if an official undertakes this enormity. The opponents filed an application with SDPO Kabir Wala against Mr. Ali.

On August 21, two policemen came to Mr. Ali's house and took him to the SHO Kabir Wala police station. Ali restated his stand in the police station that nobody except officials would be allowed to take that plate down. There was a heated argument at the police station, so the inspector arrested him along with his friends. The same night approximately twenty persons attacked his house. As only women and children were in the house, they told them to go away as there were no men in the house to talk to them. Then one of the attackers jumped over the wall, entered the house and opened the gate from inside. A number of miscreants entered the house and removed the *Kalima* plate. They also beat up the family and left some of them injured. Many phone calls were made to 15 by the victims but no one arrived for help. Later the wounded were taken to Kabir Wala Tehsil Hospital for medico-legal but the on-duty policeman refused the same on a false excuse, and asked them to visit the next day. The victims went to the police station but nobody attended to their complaint.

The next day on August 22, Mr. Ali and his fellows were released. It came to light that the DPO Khanewal was behind this incident. The police refused to register an FIR. The RPO Multan was out of the country in those days. On his return Ahmadis met him and he ordered registration of an FIR against the raiders.

3. Imprisonments and Prosecution on Religious Grounds

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.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 18)

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 22)

Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX was enforced by a military dictator 35 years ago. After his death in a plane crash, numerous civilian and military regimes have followed, yet the infamous law remains in the statute book. No political leader has dropped even a hint that this law needs to be repealed.

The bureaucracy, over the years, has embraced the state approval of the persecution of Ahmadis and often goes out of its way to tyrannize them. Many show no compunction against booking Ahmadis on fabricated charges of blasphemy or on charges that call for trial in special courts. Political leaders are loath to intervene to check these gross violations of justice. This goes on uninterrupted.

Since the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX, more than three and a half thousand Ahmadis have been booked in fabricated cases, resulting in arrests, prosecution, trials, imprisonments, acquittals after years of incarceration, etc.

Ahmadi arrested on atypical fake excuse, never thought of in the past

Joharabad, District Khushab; May 21, 2019: Mr. Zafar Abbas Joiya, Ahmadi received a call from the police station telling him to appear before the SHO because a complaint had been lodged against him. Mr. Joiya and the president of the local Ahmadiyya community went to the police station in the evening. SHO said to Mr. Joiya, “A complaint has been received in the police station against you and your brother Mr. Javed Akhtar Joiya settled in Australia, that you have fixed a decorative plate of “*MashAllah*” (What God has willed) on your newly built house, whilst the law doesn’t allow this to you. Remove that plate and deposit it in the police station.” The president of the local Ahmadiyya community responded, “We are not the ones who remove the name of Allah; we’ll neither remove it nor allow any non-official do so; if police do that in uniform, it’s up to them.”

It should be mentioned that *MashAllah* is not one of the Islamic epithets forbidden to Ahmadis specifically mentioned in the law.

The SHO then arrested Mr. Joiya under PPC 298-C, an Ahmadi-specific law. An arrest on this fabricated excuse is the first ever; it brings little credit to the PTI regime that

took over last year, and claims to be more liberal and more committed to the core values of democracy and freedom.

The officials concerned in whose jurisdiction, this first ever overindulgence took place are SHO Mr. Amjad Jalal; DPO Rana Shoaib; DC Khushab Mr. Arshad Manzur Buzdar; and the CM of Punjab Mr. Usman Buzdar of PTI.

Another fabricated police case against an Ahmadi

Bhabhra Tatapani, District Kotli, Azad Kashmir; June 2019: Mr. Maqbul Ahmad Naz an Ahmadi was charged under PPC 298-C, 298 and 153-A in police station Kotli on June 25, 2019 in FIR nr. 234.

According to the details, Mr. Naz is accused of sharing Ahmadiyya material on social media. Fortunately at the time of the police report he wasn't at his workplace, so he wasn't arrested. But, the police detained his father and brother in the meanwhile. Later they let them free.

In the meantime the vernacular press beat the drum over this case, and the police became active to arrest him.

If convicted, he could be imprisoned for five years.

Ahmadiyya mosque partially demolished and Ahmadi arrested

Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur; October 25, 2019: An Ahmadi mosque was partially destroyed in chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur on October 25, 2019 under the supervision of police and officials. The incident was captured by Mr. Vishal Ahmad (an Ahmadi) on his mobile phone. The police arrested Mr. Ahmad and seized his phone. Another Ahmadi, Mr. Muhammad Mustafa, an official of the Ahmadiyya Community was also arrested. These two were charged under PPC 186/506. Surely, photography in the open is not an offence. Next day they were released on bail.

A mulla of criminal history arranges arrest of an Ahmadi student

Lahore; November 12, 2019: On complaint of mulla Hassan Muawiyah, FIA carried out a raid, arrested Mr. Waqar Ahmad, a student at Jamia Ahmadiyya, and also booked Mr. Azhar Mangla, a lecturer at the Jamia and Syed Mubashar Ahmad Ayaz, the principal, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Blasphemy clause PPC 295-B condemns its accused to imprisonment for life, if declared guilty. For essential detail see Chapter 6.

Ahmadi arrested by Cyber Crimes Wing

Lahore; June 20, 2019: FIA Cyber Crimes Wing arrested Mr. Mahmud Hashmi, an Ahmadi, and booked him under PPC 295-A and Ahmadi-specific PPC 298-C in FIR Nr. 88/2019 dated 20.6.2019 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore. For essential detail see Chapter 6.

Status of Ahmadiyya cases pending in courts

December 31, 2019: The way Ahmadiyya cases pending in courts are handled is a significant aspect of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan. This handling by the courts, the prosecution, the mullas etc. results in lengthy stay of Ahmadi accused in prisons for months, even years. For example, Mr. Iqbal, an Ahmadi, was arrested, prosecuted for months, awarded life imprisonment over false accusation of blasphemy, was finally acquitted by Lahore High Court after remaining behind bars for over seven years.

Essential elements of a few cases currently before the courts at the end of this year are mentioned below:

Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz the principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla lecturer in Jamia Ahmadiyya were booked for sharing Quranic material on social media under cyber crime law on 12th November 2019. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested and investigation is underway.

Mr. Mahmood Hashmi of Allama Iqbal Town Lahore was booked and arrested on 20th June 2019 under section 295-A, 298-C for sharing community's material on social media. The case is under trial and next hearing is set on 16th January 2020. Opponents' application against his bail was rejected by the High Court.

The Bhoiwal Three: Four Ahmadis of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura were charged on a false accusation of blasphemy on May 13, 2014. One of them, while in police custody, was shot dead by a madrassah student. The other three were later sentenced to death on October 11, 2017. They are in custody for five and a half years now. Appeal against the decision has been reset for hearing in Lahore High Court, for which a date is awaited. As for the murderer, he has not been sentenced yet.

Mr. Saeed A Warraich: Mr. Saeed Ahmad Warraich was arrested on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR no. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He is under trial.

Mr. Shahid Pervez of Sadhoki, District Gujranwala is undergoing trial under PPC 298-C for undertaking religious rite of sacrificing cattle on the festival of Eid ul Adha. No progress is reported on the case after the bail confirmation on 11 October 2018.

Mr. Tahir A Khalid an Ahmadi religious teacher was booked and arrested on a false charge of blasphemy under PPC 295-B on March 31, 2014. He was released on bail five and half months later. His trial has been going on for the last five years. Hearing of the case is complete and the decision is expected shortly.

Mr. Amjad Iqbal Saloni and Mr. Ikram Ilahi of Lahore were booked two years ago on fake charge of proselytizing. They remained in prison for over a year before their release on bail. They are undergoing trial.

Mr. Qamar Zia, Ahmadi of Kot Abdul Malik District Sheikhpura was stabbed to death in broad daylight on March 1, 2016. On June 27, 2019 Session Judge Nadeem Ahmad Ansari acquitted the assassin. He has been released from prison.

Dulmial case: It would be recalled that a mob attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque two and half years ago in Dulmial, District Chakwal. Two persons, one from each side, died in the riot. An ATC court pended the trial of the accused of both the communities after a truce.

The Ahmadiyya mosque that suffered attack and was then locked up by authorities remains locked and is not open to Ahmadis for worship. Ahmadis have no alternate facility for congregational worship. A court case is going on under Article 145 to unseal the mosque. Also a case is going on for the ownership of the mosque at civil court Choa Saidan Shah. The next scheduled date of hearing is January 4, 2020.

Ahmadiyya literature: The entire written works of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat were banned by a notification of the Punjab government. The notification was challenged at the High Court. The case is under consideration with the Multan Bench. The case was left over on April 9, 2019. A fresh date of hearing has not been given yet.

Ahmadiyya daily and monthlies for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification. The notification was challenged in Lahore High Court. The court pended the case and has not given a fresh date of hearing.

Sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha: Mulla Hassan Muawiyah group filed a writ petition in Lahore High Court to ban Ahmadis' sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha. The case was left over by the court on November 9, 2019 and a fresh date of hearing has not been given yet.

Ahmadi detained and his home attacked with authorities' collaboration

Mahni Sial Chak Hans, District Khanewal; August 21, 2019: Mr. Irshad Ali fixed an Islamic creed (*Kalima*) plate on his house. Over this the village chief and later the police told him to remove the plate, which he refused. As a result the police inspector detained him and his friends in the police station. The same night approximately twenty miscreants attacked his house, removed the *Kalima* plate, also beat up the family and left some of them injured. The injured were taken to a hospital for medico-legal report where they were refused consideration. The police also refused to register an FIR against the attackers. A report of this incident in essential detail is available in Chapter 2.

Octogenarian Abdul Shakoor released from prison after 3 years and 3 months, punished on false accusation of terrorism

Lahore; March 2019: Lahore High Court bench comprising Justices M Qasim Khan and A. Javed Gharal adjudged that Mr. Abdul Shakoor the book-seller and his Shia shop assistant's sentences be considered 'as undergone' and they should be released. They were set free on March 18 on completion of formalities.

Both were arrested on December 2, 2015 by the Elite Force and charged under terrorism sections while Mr. Shakoor was charged in addition under PPC 298-C an anti-Ahmadiyya law. They were given a speedy trial in a Special Court and sentenced to (5+3) years and 5 years respectively, maximum penalties under the imposed clauses.

Pleas were moved with LHC for revision and bail, however it took the Court over three years to give a verdict. The honourable judges did not acquit the accused, but released them deciding that the remaining imprisonment be considered ‘as undergone’. It was indeed thoughtful and obliging on their part.

A layman’s fair overview of the case would show that the two were not guilty of any terrorism whatsoever in the first instance, and their long imprisonment was highly inappropriate. Following points highlight the circumstances of the arrest, trial and sentence of this case of historic importance:

- The books that were confiscated in the first raid and were mentioned in the FIR were not of the banned category. The notification for their banning was not issued till much later – on January 20, 2016.
- The CTD inspector, in his personal capacity, presented an advocate (Mulla) Ghulam Mustafa in the court who told the court that it was his mission and practice to oppose the ‘Qadianis’ in all cases whenever possible. Mustafa is an activist of the Khatme Nabuwwat Movement that openly propagates ‘death for Qadianis’.
- If the terrorism clause was applied for selling ‘anti-Islam hate material’, it is strange that a Muslim was actively involved in the sales activity as shop assistant. In fact issue of selling hate material was not raised in the trial by the prosecution. “Then why were the anti-terrorism clauses applied and why was the trial held in an Anti-terrorism court”, one should ask.
- Ahmadiyya religious books preach peace and harmony, anyway. Non-Ahmadi mullas have accused Ahmadis of being anti-Jihad, for the last 125 years.
- The CTD personnel were in league with mullas like Hassan Muawiyah and Ghulam Mustafa. It does no credit to CTD to be in league with such sectarian extremists. This was against the state policy professed in National Action Plan.
- Imposition of maximum penalty on the octogenarian Ahmadi who had never been in a police station or court for any crime except under discriminatory anti-Ahmadi laws or religion-based clauses. He is known to be pious, helpful, light-hearted and customer-friendly in his business. His sentence was religious rather than lawful.

It should be added that the extremist mullas succeeded entirely in obtaining active support of state institutions, in that anti-terror laws were invoked to terrorize a gentle old Ahmadi. Consequently the accused suffered special harsh treatment and uncommon restrictions imposed on terrorists. His imprisonment was solitary, in addition. He is a hernia patient, but under the circumstances, he dared not offer himself for an operation.

Although a number of VIPs and prestigious organizations pleaded with Pakistani authorities to intervene on behalf of the good old fellow and the innocent Shia, it is surprising, unbecoming and unbelievable that the state took over three years to attend to this case of obvious merit and police misadventure.

Mischief against an Ahmadi averted

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

Ahmadis behind bars

The status of Ahmadis detainees on the last day of year 2019 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 Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for two years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for over 5 years.
2. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Waraich was charged on a false complaint of blasphemy under PPC 295-C with FIR Nr. 645 in Tandlianwala police station, District Faisalabad on January 20, 2018. He was arrested a day earlier. He is under trial.
3. Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla lecturer in Jamia Ahmadiyya were booked for sharing Quranic material on social media under cyber crimes law on 12th November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested and investigation is underway.

4. Problems in Education, Jobs and Businesses

Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 26)

Ahmadis have a reputation of being hard-working, honest and educated. As such, in the nascent years of Pakistan they did well in business, services and employment. The clerics, who led the anti-Ahmadiyya agitation, targeted them in this sector as well. They found willing co-operation in the public sector from officials. As such, Ahmadi intake reduced to a trickle in government jobs. Those who were already in service hit a glass ceiling. Many of them were encouraged to resign.

In the business sector, the mulla agitated and urged the bazaar and public to boycott Ahmadi businesses. They issued fatwas that all dealings with Ahmadis were haram. At times they arranged attacks on Ahmadi-owned businesses. A persistent campaign goes on against some leading products produced by Ahmadi manufacturers e.g. Shezan juices etc.

Education sector remains a primary target. Even school children are not spared.

All this precipitated a great deal of hardship for Ahmadis in general, and Ahmadi educationists and businessmen in particular. The drive, however, goes on unabated, as will be assessed from some of the incidents that happened this year.

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

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

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

The petition papers show that:

1. The Principal of the academy is a 'Muslim'.
2. Two teachers are Ahmadi while five are Muslim.

3. Among the students 83% students are Muslim while 17% are Ahmadi.
4. The Principal has made written statement that Ahmadi teachers have never talked of Ahmadiyyat in the class. Teachers teach only the prescribed syllabus. Ahmadis do not offer their prayers in the Academy.

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

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

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

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

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

Ahmadi children expelled for their faith

Peshawar, September, 2019: Children of Mr. Mutahar Ahmad from Mehmandabad were studying at Jamal International School Daura Road. Someone told the school management that those children were Ahmadis. The principal told Mr. Ahmad's children to stop coming to his 'International' school.

Ahmadi deprived of the right of business

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

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

After morning prayers on 26th September, mullas organized a protest in front of the dairy farm and gathered a mob. They chanted slogans against Ahmadis. The mob did some wall chalking as, "Any kind of sale/purchase from a Qadiani is prohibited for Believers", and "Qadianis are infidels" etc, etc. The dairy farm had to be shifted elsewhere.

Ahmadi's livelihood at risk

Gujranwala; April 1, 2019: Mr. Asif Waheed had been working for a cargo company NCCS for the last five years in Lahore. He was living in a room next to his office along with five non-Ahmadi co-workers. On March 11, after Mr. Waheed had gone to his office his roommate Khawar told other roommates about Mr. Waheed's bed sheet that "Allah" seemed to be written on it. Khawar told others that Mr. Waheed had thus committed blasphemy. He reported the matter to the company admin who asked the area manager to investigate. The area manager sent for Mr. Waheed and told him that the staff was enraged. He told him to arrange his residence somewhere else. Mr. Waheed showed him that the bed sheet print carried no "Allah" written anywhere on it. He told the area manager that if he was not supported he would have to go home. "It is up to you", the manager said and didn't show any inclination to suppress the non-issue. Mr. Waheed had to shift to his personal residence. After that Mr. Waheed made several calls to the area manager, with no positive outcome. He was told to have it sorted out at the office. Mr. Waheed is concerned about the risk involved in showing up at the office in these circumstances.

Ahmadi deprived of livelihood for his faith

Mustafa Abad, Lahore; July 2019: Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad had a wholesale business of industrial electrical goods in the main market of Misri Shah in Mustafa Abad, Lahore. His shop was small, so he hired a bigger one. He was shifting the stock to the new shop on July 20, 2019 when the owner of the shop came there with the market committee and said to him, "I have come to know that you are a Qadiani. Firstly I went to the cleric of the local mosque and then to Data Darbar and have brought a *fatwa* of *Dawat Islami* against you. Therefore you have to vacate my shop."

Mr. Ahmad had no option but to comply with the hateful *fatwa* against him. While he was vacating the shop, he saw a few mullas in front of the shop. So he hurried the shifting, and piled up the entire stock in his house.

5. The Judiciary's Role

Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Preamble)

Judiciary is one of the main pillars of the shaky Pakistani state. It's a reasonable marker by which to judge the stability of a state as a whole. In fact, if it were sound, robust and judicious, the other state organs would recover and get better with time. Regrettably the judiciary has shown that it is well short of international standards.

On the Ahmadiyya issue, the judiciary endorsed the improper and harmful anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX of General Zia that prescribes imprisonment and fine against Ahmadis who 'posed' to be Muslims. In 1993 a majority verdict of the Supreme Court pronounced that when an Ahmadi recites the Kalima (which declares that Muhammad PBUH was a Prophet of God) or in any way associates himself with it, he publicly defiles the name of the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him. An utterly illogical conclusion adopted by the highest court in the land!

Although there were a few cases where justice was actually upheld, however this chapter highlights cases in which the judges deliberately failed to provide justified relief to Ahmadi victims. In fact, some judges at high court level, in their zeal to appear pious, deliver verdicts that will go down in judicial history as samples of bizarre judgments.

Assassin acquitted by anti-terrorism court

Nankana Sahib; January 21, 2019: Advocate Saleem Lateef, community president of the district Nankana Sahib was target-killed on his way to courts on March 30, 2017 by a religious extremist Rashid. The killer has been acquitted by judge Abdul Qayyum.

Mr. Lateef was going to the court on a motor cycle with his son Muhammad Farhan when the assassin, already present on the way, opened fire as the motor cycle slowed down at the spot. Mr. Lateef died on the spot. After this the attacker tried to kill his son but luckily failed. This family was facing threats for some time.

After the incident the assassin was arrested. He worked as a guard at Ali Jewelers in Nankana Sahib, and the weapon he used was also registered in the name of the proprietor of the shop. After his arrest the case was heard in an anti-terrorism court at Lahore.

On January 21, 2019 the judge acquitted the accused.

One accused of murder of an Ahmadi is set free

Ferozwala, District Sheikhpura; June 27, 2019: Mr. Qamar ul Zia, Ahmadi, married and father of three children aged 2-8 years was stabbed to death outside his home (in Kot Abdul Malik) in broad daylight in a religiously motivated attack on March 1, 2016. He was bringing

his kids back home from school. In the attack he was inflicted multiple wounds and died on the spot.

The murderer was arrested by the police the same day. He confessed to the attack and told the police that he had done that to uphold the honour of the Prophet (pbuh).

The accused remained under trial for the next three years. On June 27, 2019 Session Judge Nadeem Ahmad Ansari acquitted him.

Since the promulgation of Ordinance XX, 265 Ahmadis have been murdered for their faith. Not even one percent of the perpetrators have been sentenced for their heinous crimes.

In Pakistan, such acquittals can be attributed to the police, prosecution, the judge—any of these, any two, or all three.

An Order Sheet by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court

Lahore; March 05, 2019: Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court issued on March 5, 2019 a 40-page Order Sheet on the issue of publication etc of the Holy Quran. This sheet contains general rulings on the subject, in addition to specific directions concerning Ahmadiyya editions of the Holy Quran and its translations. The writ-petitioner, mulla Hassan Muawiyah, a brother of Maulana Tahir Ashrafi the President of Mutahiddah Ulama Board Punjab, had also specifically objected to Ahmadiyya publication of the Holy Quran abroad. So, in a way; this case was handled mainly as Ahmadi-specific and has affected Ahmadis, and the rulings further restrict their freedom to recite, refer to and understand their primary scripture. A somewhat detailed mention of this judgment is made in Chapter 1B.

A step forward!

Praiseworthy 2014 judgment of Supreme Court revisited

Islamabad, Karachi, Rabwah; October 2019: It would be recalled that on June 19, 2014, a Supreme Court bench of three judges, headed by Mr. Justice T.H. Jilani, Chief Justice, issued a landmark judgment in a case of *suo motu* actions concerning some minority communities; however primarily it was a broad sweep verdict on the rights and status of all minorities. It was clear, well-worded and fairly wholesome, and the worthy judges also issued a set of eight directives, which if obeyed and implemented sincerely and effectively could be game changers in this field.

Now five years later, the Supreme Court has decided to constitute a special bench for the implementation of that landmark verdict. This step motivated the daily *Dawn* to write an editorial in its issue of October 07, 2019. It is readable. However it is very relevant and pertinent to list below briefly some events that involved Ahmadis during these five years, so as to place on record the way society responds to verdicts of the highest court in the land.

2014

- **Riot in Gujranwala:** Three Ahmadi females including 7-month old suckling killed in arson attack. Eight homes and four shops looted and gutted by mob in police presence. All 125 Ahmadi residents had to flee for safety from Gujranwala. Authorities did not facilitate their return to homes.
- **11 Ahmadis were target-killed** for their faith including Dr. Mehdi Ali Qamar, a Canadian-American cardiologist on charity mission to Pakistan.

- **Two Ahmadiyya mosques were demolished**, two others were disfigured or damaged, and one set on fire.
- **Local councils' elections in Rabwah.** No steps were taken to facilitate Ahmadis' participation.
- **The Punjab Police in Lahore co-operated with mullas** this year as well to restrict Ahmadis their right to sacrifice cattle on Eid ul Adha.
- **GEO TV telecast Aamir Liaquat Hussain's program on December 22**, in which mulla Arif Owaisi called Ahmadis joint enemy of all Muslims and Pakistan. The mulla stated that Ahmadis, Jews and the U.S. were behind the Peshawar atrocity. An Ahmadi was killed in District Gujranwala within a week of the telecast.

2015

- **Jhelum incident:** Mob destroyed an Ahmadi-owned factory and occupied an Ahmadiyya mosque. Loot and arson took place in police presence. All Ahmadis had to flee from their homes and hearths to save their lives.
- **One Ahmadiyya mosque was demolished**, two were sealed and one was disfigured.
- **Government of the Punjab banned** more than 90 books and publications of the Ahmadiyya community on the recommendations of Mutahiddah Ulama Board. These included entire written works of the founder of the community.
- **Anti-Ahmadiyya elements were allowed to hold conferences and rallies in Rabwah** throughout the year. They incited the participants against the residents of the town. This happened despite the National Action Plan against extremism and terrorism.
- **The (PTI) speaker of KPK Assembly** declared to the crowd in an anti-Ahmadiyya conference that the KPK government will soon make End of Prophethood part of school syllabus.
- **Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Peshawar issued a pamphlet** which stated: "*It is Jihad to shoot such people (Ahmadis) in the open.*"
- **The only book depot in Rabwah was raided** by authorities; its octogenarian proprietor was arrested by anti-terrorism squad.
- **A mulla on state payroll**, Zahid Mehmud Qasmi, stated: 'Qadianis are a colossal mischief (*fitna*); the world of Islam will have to unite to crush its head'.

2016

- **Unlawful, unwarranted, hideous police raid** on Ahmadiyya central offices in Rabwah on December 5
- **Baseless vicious ban** on all the writings of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community (which are about 90 in number) and other Ahmadiyya publications and periodicals by the Punjab government
- **Slipshod official response to extremists' threat** precipitated attack on Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial—mosque sealed, worship denied
- **PEMRA wimps out** of its notices to TV channels on Ahmadiyya issue
- **Judge ordered blasphemy clauses to be added** to the fabricated police case against Ahmadi pressman
- **Ahmadis again denied to bid in official auction** of residential and commercial plots in Rabwah

2017

- **The mulla imposed total surrender on spineless government** over Ahmadiyya right of vote. Voting right facilitated in new law was withdrawn.
- **Ahmadis disallowed** in the Punjab to publish their main scriptures.
- **Federal ministry announced** celebrating 2018 as “Year of Awareness of End of Prophethood”.
- **Azad Kashmir (AJK) Assembly** passed anti-Ahmadiyya malicious resolution.

2018

- **Azad Jammu and Kashmir Parliament (PML-N majority)** followed Pakistan to declare Ahmadis as non-Muslim, in February 2018.
- **Attack, gross desecration and severe damage** to an Ahmadiyya mosque 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.
- **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.
- **Hate material included in KPK text book** containing derogatory remarks against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community
- **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.
- **Ahmadis faced great hardships in sacrificial rites** on Eid ul Adha; police booked two Ahmadis for this ‘crime’.
- **Two Ahmadis were charged with the fatal blasphemy clause**, on fake grounds.
- **Two Ahmadiyya mosques were demolished**, four were sealed by authorities and two were set on fire or damaged. Five other centers of worship were ordered to be closed.
- **Brilliant Ahmadi, Professor Atif Mian** was asked unjustly and indefensibly by the government to resign from Economic Advisory Council. His faith was the issue.
 - **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.
 - **An intelligence agency recommended further restrictions** on Ahmadis’ Freedom of Religion and Human Rights in May 2018.
- **PTI government held sectarian moot in Islamabad** in the name of Seerat conference with theme “Khatme Nabuwwat and Muslims’ Responsibilities ...”
- **‘Exploit religion’** was the trend in election campaign 2018 of most of the political parties. Khatme Nabuwwat was made the issue.

2019

- **Closure of an Ahmadi Mosque** in Rawalpindi.

- **High level probe in Ahmadiyya printing presses** on demand of a mulla
- **An order sheet by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court on publication of the Holy Quran** – very readable
- **A book authored by the Ahmadiyya Founder** recommended by Ulama Board for ban
- **Ahmadi arrested** on atypical fake excuse, never thought of in the past
- **First drop of the poisonous rain:** Ahmadi arrested by cyber crimes wing, in Lahore
- **One accused of murder of an Ahmadi in broad daylight acquitted**
- **A top cleric paid from public funds,** Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi promoted religious intolerance
- **An open hateful panaflex** in the capital of Punjab incited mass murder of Ahmadis
- **Khatme Nabuwwat declaration obligatory** for Islamabad High Court Bar membership
- **Police up and running** against Ahmadis in Bahawalpur
- **Disturbing report from metropolitan Karachi** of a posted notice that sale or renting of residences to Non-Muslims not allowed in a residential block.
- **After the SC decision to form a Special Bench** to implement the SC verdict on minorities, the Bahawalpur district administration partly destroyed an Ahmadiyya mosque in its Hasilpur area.

End of Prophethood Forum admires all involved in recent judgment of Justice Shujaat of LHC on publication of the Holy Quran and its translations, etc.

Lahore; June 3, 2019: Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court issued his 40-page verdict on a writ-petition by mulla Hassan Muawiyah over publication of the Holy Quran. The verdict is recommended reading—for various reasons.

The Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat then came up with its message of acclaim over the verdict and had it advertised in vernacular press. We translate below its message published in the daily *92 News* of Faisalabad dated June 3, 2019:

Acclaim

We offer our tribute to the Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum that it succeeded in obtaining a constitutional and legal verdict from the Lahore High Court in stopping corrupted translation of the Holy Quran by Ahmadis, blocking their commentary, ensuring availability of its authorized translation by the Quran Board, telling the publishers to add bar code on every copy, directing the authorities to inform Play Store and authorized web-sites, allowing only Muslim authors to write their names on translated copies, forbidding non-Muslims the use of Islamic epithets, disallowing all imports of religious material without a permit and implementation of all provisions of the Quran Act 2011. We demand that the Government of Pakistan take follow-up action on this Order forthwith.

From: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat

It is relevant to mention that neither the provincial authorities in the Punjab nor the federal authorities have gone in appeal against some of the obvious extensions to the existing law in this court order. This case manifests the course taken by the politicians, the legislatures, the judiciary and the mullas to steer the ship of the state into rocky waters

against which the founding father clearly warned by assertion that Pakistan shall not be a theocratic state.

Judicial misconduct—comment by a newspaper

Lahore; July 14, 2019: Issues concerning Jamaat Ahmadiyya and Ahmadis have been handled by single-bench judges of high courts in the recent past. Judgments of long-term impact have come forth. Of these Justice Shaukat Siddiqui's (IHC) judgment of March 9/July 4, 2018 and Justice Shujaat Ali Khan's (LHC) judgment of March 5, 2019 deserve special mention. We rate these as 'recommended readings'. Anyone interested in getting a deeper insight in the present day yield of some judges of high courts must go through the 172-page and 40-page verdicts of these 'pious' judges. These are eye openers!

Judges of Accountability Courts hold very important posts these days in Pakistan. A verdict and follow-up incidents involving Judge Arshad Malik have been in the news and up for comments. The prestigious daily *Dawn* made the following editorial comment on this issue on July 14, 2019. We reproduce it below, as it makes an arguable statement on the state of our judiciary and executive:

Judicial misconduct

At a time when the issue of accountability is front and centre, the latest leaked video scandal has shaken the political establishment and the justice system to its core. The saga continues to unfold, with accusations and counter-accusations making matters even more murky. And yet, it is crystal clear that some spring-cleaning by the judiciary is urgently required. Judge Arshad Malik's affidavit in response to the secretly recorded video that purports to show him claiming he was blackmailed by 'hidden hands' into giving a guilty verdict against Nawaz Sharif in the Al-Azizia reference is extremely problematic. In the affidavit, submitted to the Islamabad High Court, the judge says it was actually two PML-N supporters who used a "manipulated, immoral video" in an attempt to bribe and threaten him into acquitting Mr. Sharif in the two references in his court. Even after he handed down a guilty verdict in one of them – the Al-Azizia reference – he was, he claims, pressured into meeting Mr. Sharif and his son Hussain Nawaz at Jati Umra and Madinah, respectively. Judge Malik also alleges he was further blackmailed into giving his input for Mr. Sharif's appeal against the Al-Azizia conviction.

Whatever the merits of the judge's version of events, he has in his sworn affidavit admitted to actions that clearly qualify as judicial misconduct. In order for verdicts to be unbiased rather than perceived as having been influenced by personal interests – perhaps for illegal gain or to avoid scandal – there must be a clear line dividing judges and litigants. Communicating and fraternizing with parties invested in the outcome of Mr. Sharif's case, and meeting with the former premier at his Jati Umra residence, violates the very basic requirements of justice. A sound verdict is premised on the impartiality and independence of the presiding judge. Relieving Judge Malik of his duties at the accountability court pending investigation was the only logical outcome. However, the matter must not end here. Even in these eventful times, this is a watershed moment and must be grasped as such to weed out the endemic corruption in our appallingly dysfunctional criminal justice system. The ongoing process of accountability of public officials is already problematic, due to a not ill-deserved perception of investigations being largely tainted by political considerations. The judiciary must meet the standards universally expected of the arbiters of the law. Only if the judges are above reproach can the accountability process have any credibility.

It is learnt that the Supreme Court has taken a *suo motu* notice of this case concerning the conduct of Judge Arshad Malik. That is good; however, our experience with follow-up of some of the great judgments of the apex court, like that of the Judgment of 2014 concerning minorities is not propitious. The worthy Supreme Court would do well to keep an eye on the professional performance, conduct and judicial attitudes of lower judges so as to keep the ship of the state on the right course. The judgments of IHC and LHC mentioned above should have been appealed by the executive, but as political considerations have prevented that, the Supreme Court may like to read through those judgments and decide on the necessary action before these judgments become subject of comment by foreign savants of law.

The mulla quotes the High Court

Lahore; July 9, 2019: Haji Abdul Ghafur Zahid Ludhianvi Arian was quoted in a three-column news in the daily *Pakistan* of July 9, 2019 with his set of anti-Ahmadi demands based on the verdict of judge Shaukat Siddiqui (later disgraced on other account) of Islamabad High Court. NADRA itself admitted that the objectionable column 38 in the CNIC application form was added on direction of this judge. As this debatable verdict was not appealed by the government, it is a tool in the hand of the mulla to insist on its implementation by the authorities. The headlines of the news report are translated below:

Islamabad High Court has forbidden the use of the term Ahmadi for Qadianis

The High Court in its verdict ruled that Qadianis cannot be permitted to add Ahmad in their name, as they are Non-Muslims

The court referred to Verse 6 of *Sura Al Saff* (of the Holy Quran). It ordered that the words Qadiani, Ghulam Mirza or Mirzai should be added to the name to facilitate identification: Address to the media Chiniot ('Pakistan' reporter) ...

Bigots at the bar

Islamabad, August 1, 2019: The daily *92 News*, Faisalabad published following story:

(Translation)

Islamabad Bar Association makes Khatme Nabuwwat declaration oath mandatory for membership

Islamabad (NNI): Islamabad Bar Association has made Khatme Nabuwwat affidavit on oath compulsory for membership. Raja Yasir Shakeel the general secretary of the Bar Association issued a notification to the effect that every new member is supposed to declare his religion in the Khatme Nabuwwat oath on the form. This decision was made in view of the anti-Islam conspiracies of Qadianis. This declaration would not be applicable to non-Muslim advocates applying for membership.



A striking judgment of Supreme Court

Islamabad; February 6, 2019: It would be recalled that in November 2017 mullas of Tehrik Labbaik (TLP) mounted a major offensive against Ahmadis in order to capture maximum political space for themselves in the forthcoming national elections. They based their agitation on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat and aimed at denying voting rights to Ahmadis (details are available in Chapter 1A in our Annual Report 2017). In the process they partly blockaded the capital, caused great inconvenience to general public, damaged property and caused injuries to many. They succeeded in many ways as they imposed a humiliating defeat on the government and put Ahmadis at great risk, and caused immense harm to general peace and order in the country.

The Supreme Court took *suo motu* notice of the event and a two-member bench comprising Mr. Justice Mushir Alam and Mr. Justice Qazi Faiz Isa was appointed to hear the case. The worthy bench announced its judgment on February 6, 2019. The judgment makes no mention of the plight of Ahmadis and their deprivation of voting rights, but does justice to the objectionable conduct of TLP and the incompetent and unbecoming response of the government and its various departments. Here we reproduce only such extracts that have a direct or indirect bearing on the human rights and freedom of faith of Ahmadis.

Para 12 ... Abusing, threatening and attacking people undermines their right to live a life of “dignity” (guaranteed under Article 14 (1) of the Constitution) which requires enforcement....

Also, ... When property is damaged or destroyed the right to hold and enjoy property (guaranteed under Article 23 of the Constitution) requires enforcement.

In Para 24 ... As per unanimous view of all the intelligence agencies TLP wanted to maximize political mileage for itself. The ambitious leadership of a fledgling political party projected itself as the defender of the Muslim faith. They provoked religious sentiment, stoked the flames of hatred, abused, resorted to violence and destroyed property worth 163,952,000 rupees. Nearly all economic activity in the country was brought to a virtual standstill by TLP. Pakistan’s Gross Domestic Product for the year 2017 was 32,406,956,000,000 rupees, therefore, each day’s shutdown is calculated to be 88,786,180,821 rupees. Intelligence agencies reported that politicians visited TLP’s leadership camped on the Faizabad Interchange. TLP received prime-time free media coverage and publicity, transforming it overnight into a household name. Two of its candidates got elected as members of the Sindh Assembly and TLP got a sizeable number of votes in the 25th July general elections.

In Para 30 ... and subsection (4) of section 200 of the Election Act, 2017 (the new law) prohibit political parties to: ...

© promote sectarian, regional or provincial hatred or animosity.

In Para 35: TLP leadership created hatred among the people, they abused, threatened and advocated violence; and this was broadcasted by some private channels.

In Para 41: Freedom of speech, expression and the press are guaranteed as fundamental rights in the Constitution.

In Para 49 and 50:

Islam

49. Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is designated as *Rehmatul lil Aalameen* (Mercy of the Worlds). Divine revelation states that his was a “great moral character” (*khuluqin azimin*). The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said, “I am sent only to perfect the noble qualities of character”, to bring about a moral-ethical transformation. He was the epitome of virtue, ethics, morality and self-abnegation. Threatening another, violating the law, occupying public roads, destroying property, injuring or causing death does not emulate the example of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), his *akhlaq* and *aadab*. Those who employ such tactics cannot be the standard bearers of the Muslim faith. ... Muslims must remain vigilant against the self-righteous and arrogant. “*The servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, “peace”*. The Almighty dislikes pride and conceit – “Allah likes not the proud and boastful. Those hurling abuses wantonly need to study the Holy Quran which denigrates even the raising of one’s voice – “*The harshest of sounds without doubt is the braying of the ass*”.

50. ... Slowly, and over a period of time, the real face of Islam is being effaced and the voices of believers, who practice *akhlaq* and *aadab*, have been muffled. Ironically, the most offensive speech and violent behavior purport to represent Islam and Muslims; this is against Islam and the *sunnah* of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). The Constitution holds out the promise that Muslims will be enabled to live “in accordance with the fundamental principles and basic concepts of Islam”, and the State shall endeavour, “to promote unity and observance of the Islamic moral standard”. Abuse, threats and violence are the antithesis of the Islamic moral standard.

While concluding in Para 52, the honorable judges said in sub Para (8):

A person issuing an edict or fatwa, which harms another or puts another in harm’s ways, must be criminally prosecuted under the Pakistan Penal Code, the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 and/or the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2016 and Sub Para (13).

Intelligences should monitor activities of all those who threaten the territorial integrity of the country and all those who undermine the security of the people and the state by resorting to or inciting violence.

In Sub para (17):

We direct the Federal and provincial governments to monitor those advocating hate, extremism and terrorism and prosecute the perpetrators in accordance with the law.

It may be added, although sorrowfully, that the Supreme Court has more than once announced landmark judgments and made observations on human rights, for example in its judgment of 2014, which should have been a watershed in the social development of Pakistan, but the governments and society have largely ignored to implement SC verdicts in letter and spirit. There is a distinct possibility that this Judgment too will meet the same fate and Pakistani state will continue on its course followed by it in the decades past.

6. Cases under the Electronic Crimes law

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

UN Declaration of Human Rights
Article 19

In 2016, a law Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act was promulgated to prevent cyber crimes that were extensively anti-state and anti-society including pornography etc. However anti-Ahmadi elements, in league with officials, have used this law as well to persecute Ahmadis over religious issues. Earlier they did the same with reference to the Anti-terrorism Act and the Punjab Holy Quran Act 2011. Two such police cases are reported below in which Ahmadis were trapped with help of official agencies, through deceitful application of this law.

First drop of the poisonous rain

Ahmadi arrested by Cyber Crimes Wing

Lahore; June 20, 2019: FIA Cyber Crimes Wing arrested Mr. Mahmud Hashmi, an Ahmadi, and booked him under PPC 295-A and Ahmadi-specific PPC 298-C in FIR Nr. 88/2019 dated 20.6.2019 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore. His crime is not promotion of terrorism or violence or sexual obscenity or anything of that nature; he is accused of sharing with others translation of the Holy Quran by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, according to some scholars a high quality Urdu translation of the Arabic original.

The complaint was made by one Muhammad Irfan, a friend of Mulla Hassan Muawiyah an anti-Ahmadi activist and religious thug formerly registered in the Fourth Schedule by the authorities.

The accused Ahmadi is a 53-year old respected businessman from Lahore. He along with three others was reportedly 'admin' of a social media group on which this translation of the Holy Quran was shared.

It deserves special mention at this occasion that while the state of Pakistan promulgates laws apparently well-justified against evils and threats to the society and the state, the mulla demands that anti-Ahmadi laws should be specifically mentioned therein as actionable in the new law. The authorities readily agree to that, and the mulla gets still another tool in his hand to persecute Ahmadis and bring bad name to the country and its people. It was under such circumstances that on behest of mullas the authorities arrested octogenarian Abdul Shakoor for selling Ahmadiyya publications (that promote peace and harmony) and took him to an Anti-terrorism court for speedy trial and award of 5+3 years imprisonment. Now while the cyber crimes law may have its valid rationale and justification, the mulla and unscrupulous authorities agitate it in corrupt ways to harm citizens who indulge in innocent intellectual and doctrinal pursuits.

It is unfortunate that the state of Pakistan allows itself to be manipulated, exploited and harmed by mullas who otherwise belong to the Fourth Schedule category.

Mr. Hashmi is a patient of lungs disease. He remained behind bars more than two months for sharing translation of the Holy Quran, in the Islamic Republic. His trial goes on.

A mulla of criminal history arranges arrest of an Ahmadi student

Lahore; November 12, 2019: On complaint of mulla Hassan Muawiyah, FIA carried out a raid, arrested Mr. Waqar Ahmad a student at Jamia Ahmadiyya, and also booked Mr. Azhar Mangla, a lecturer at the Jamia and Syed Mubashar Ahmad Ayaz, the principal, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Blasphemy clause PPC 295-B condemns its accused to imprisonment for life, if declared guilty.

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

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

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

Prima facie, this case has been built upon a foundation of lies, deceit, tyranny and misuse of state power by a cleric of doubtful character and reputation. This one is another of hundreds of such cases against thousands of Ahmadiis. It is a pity that the laws and rules of doubtful merit are applied against innocent citizens to persecute and harass them over little. Cyber crime laws were initially promulgated to prevent serious crimes against the state and the society, but here we find that a credulous youth who is allegedly involved in translating the Holy Quran is targeted by a malicious mulla and state functionaries through misuse of law.

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

1. FIA Cyber Crimes Wing Lahore acted timely and promptly to neutralize a major anti-Islam conspiracy of Qadianis.
2. The translation was corrupt (*tehrif shudah*).
3. The translations were up-loaded on Play Store and App Store and were about to go viral.

4. If action had not been taken, all the (corrupt) material would have been uploaded.
5. The arrested accused was carrying corrupted copies of the Holy Quran. (*An absolute lie — The Holy Qurans published by Ahmadis in the past did not differ even in a vowel from those published by non-Ahmadis.*)
6. If Qadianis had succeeded in their evil designs (*napak azaaim*), it would have become very difficult to remove this material (from the Internet). (*Note: This is another disinformation, as the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Jamaat is in a position to have the translations uploaded on the social media from dozens of countries outside Pakistan.*)

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

The FIR shows that the raiding party comprised an assistant director, an inspector, a sub-inspector, a head constable and most likely the mulla and perhaps a few others. This reminds one of the armed raid on Ahmadiyya head office in December 2016 by the Counter Terrorism Department of the Punjab. Khatme Nabuwwat leadership claimed that it was initiated on their ‘complaint’. With benefit of hindsight an official inquiry would confirm that the raid was unwarranted, unlawful and absolutely futile (not for the mulla but the state). In fact USCIRF issued an Immediate Release condemning the raid. Now, this operation on behalf of mulla Muawiyah is of the same category for its absurdity, futility and bootlicking of a cleric of doubtful reputation.

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

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

Crackdown on Ahmadiyya TV channels

Islamabad; January 17, 2019: PEMRA has issued instructions to all Regional General Managers of this department to stop transmissions and relaying of a number of STV channels, immediately, including the Ahmadiyya MTA 1&2 telecasted from London.

It is relevant to mention that these two channels are relayed worldwide and there is hardly a country that considers their programs and content objectionable.

Pakistan’s Constitution provides in Article 20: “Subject to law, public order and morality (a) every citizen shall have the right to profess, practice and propagate his religion; and (b) every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institutions.”

In the light of the above, PEMRA circular No.... OPS-D/2018/1399 dated January 17, 2019 is in flagrant violation of the country’s constitution.

7. The Administration; the Mulla

Subject to law, public order and morality (a) every citizen shall have the right to profess, practice and propagate his religion; and (2) every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institutions.

Constitution of Pakistan (Article 20)

It is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Preamble)

No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice. No one shall be subject to discrimination by any state, Institution, group of persons, or person on the grounds of religion or other belief.

UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Belief

Articles 1(2) and 2(1)

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 unbecoming. 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 these sources are reported in this chapter.

PTI and the mulla

New York and Islamabad; September 2019 and November 2018: The words 'the mulla' in the heading above refers specifically to Mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj of Madinah University in Saudi Arabia. There is a very interesting but fateful, even ruinous link between him and the ruling PTI leadership. It is on the issue of *Riasat Madinah* (The State of Madinah, established by the Holy Prophet of Islam (p.b.u.h.) in Madinah soon after *Hijrah*). Re-establishment of some sort of *Riasat Madinah* is a declared motto of the PTI regime led by Mr. Imran Khan, the Prime Minister.

Mr. Imran Khan visited the U.S. in the last week of September 2019. There he addressed the UN General Assembly, Asia Society and other gatherings and gave interviews. All these events were very important and Mr. Khan referred to *Riasat Madinah* a number of times. We produce below some extracts from his talks, as these are significant and most relevant to the present story:

- **State (of Madinah) announced: all humans were equal; ...**

- **In Islam, it was a sacred duty to protect places of worship of all religions. It was announced that all human beings were equal.**
- **When a Muslim community is unjust to a Minority, it is going against the teachings of our religion.**
- **What is radical Islam? There is only ONE Islam and that is the Islam of Prophet (p.b.u.h.)... there is no such thing as radical Islam.**
- **... (T)he basis of ALL religion is compassion and justice.**

(From the Prime Minister's address to the UN General Assembly)

- **We (in Pakistan) have laws protecting the weak, the minorities. And at times when these violations take place it's because our enforcement, our implementation is weak.**
- **... (W)e have taken steps to protect our minorities. We have taken steps to protect the worship places of our—of the minorities.**

(Interview with Richard N. Haass, President Council on Foreign Relations)

Also the following:

- *Riasat Madinah* was the most modern state.
- *Riasat Madinah* was the first social welfare state in the world.
- **In *Riasat Madinah* people of all faiths enjoyed equal rights.**
- India's religious bigotry is dangerous for others (peoples).

(Address to Asia Society in New York on September 26, 2019 as reported on state PTV Global at 14:15 the next day)

It was good of Mr. Imran Khan to say the above noble words and place his vision of *Riasat Madinah* on record at world forum. It is however problematic and significant if *Riasat Madinah* means different to his advisors and what the authorities in Pakistan arrange for the public to hear on this issue, during his watch. For instance:

The Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs organized a moot on November 20-21, 2018 in Islamabad, called it *Rahmat ulil Aalameen* (Mercy for the Universe) Conference but the given theme was glaring: **'Khatme Nabuwat (End of Prophethood) and Muslims' Responsibilities...**'. In this grand conference held at public expense a number of clerics were invited to speak, including mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj from Saudi Arabia. He harangued the large crowd assembled in the Jinnah Convention Centre, and said the following, in the presence of Prime Minister Imran Khan seated a few feet away in the presidential chair at this auspicious and blessed occasion (extracts):

"PM Imran Khan, you deserve plaudits that you claim following the Islamic State of Madinah, and in that state the first consensus was to launch an armed operation from Madinah against one who claimed to be a prophet In this campaign 1200 Companions were martyred in the name of Khatme Nabuwat 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 Nabuwat.... With these words I request the Prime Minister that the country is descending into chaos; we need to make the public 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...”



Mulla Siraj lectures Mr. Imran Khan the Prime Minister.

This mulla, in a huge public conference, with the Prime Minister seated nearby, 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 Madinah*. 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 Madinah. His claim to prophethood was only ancillary in nature. That situation was not even remotely similar to the case in Pakistan.

Siraj was also horribly wrong in assuming that the *Riasat Madinah* came into being with the installation of the First Khalifa Abu Bakr (RA); it came into being when the Holy Prophet p.b.u.h. was acknowledged as the local Head by all the religious, tribal and ethnic communities residing at Madinah. In fact that was its most golden period. It is a pity no one pointed that out to Mulla Siraj in that Conference attended by great scholars and politicians.

A YouTube video of the Islamabad event shows this indiscreet mulla unabashedly asserting his most wrongful understanding of *Riasat Madinah* and pointing his finger repeatedly at the Prime Minister as if he was addressing an underling, a supporter. He appeared drunk with the power voluntarily surrendered by the state of Pakistan to Islamist clerics. Also, he knew that he had come from the land of petro-dollars—Saudi Arabia.

Mulla Siraj did a great disservice to PTI by stating his distorted views in public on this important issue. It is said that a man is known by the company he keeps. Surely, had Mr. Khan known in advance of what this mulla was going to say, he would not have been invited by the Ministry. These clerics cost a good deal on invitation to such events.

It is hoped that after this bigoted outburst Mulla Siraj is marked in red, never to be invited again by any government in Pakistan. His understanding of Islam is grossly different than that of Prime Minister Imran Khan, according to whom “There is only ONE Islam...there is no such thing as radical Islam.”

Mr. Azam Swati, a federal minister curses Ahmadis

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

Press Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fake and malicious news on official PTV

Rabwah: Pakistan’s state television PTV aired a 6-year old fabricated and malicious anti-Ahmadiyya statement of an Indian leader. This malign, hurtful, and unwarranted act by the national broadcaster was strongly and appropriately rebutted by the central office of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. We reproduce below its press release; this explains adequately the issue:

Press Section, Nazarat Umooor Aama Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan Rabwah

09.10.2019

Press Release

The state broadcaster PTV News aired fake news based on a 6-year old statement to malign a persecuted and peace loving community.

How come no one at PTV News did not verify the six year old statement of the Indian Gujrat's Congress leader Shankar Singh Vaghela against Ahmadiyya Community?

This action is condemnable and provocative: spokesperson Jamaat Ahmadiyya, Pakistan

Chenab Nagar (PR) The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan, Saleem ud Din, strongly condemned the state broadcaster PTV News for airing false and baseless accusations made by a Congress leader of Gujrat, Shankar Singh Vaghela. The comments, actually made 6 years ago, were categorically false and baseless but still PTV News decided to air those on 6 October 2019.

Saleem ud Din said that associating the Ahmadiyya Community with the Hindu extremist outfit RSS was contemptible and abhorrent. Over the past 100 years the community has a track record of promoting peace and harmony. It is also a non-violent and not-political community that has endured persecution and terrorism both in India and Pakistan. The motto of the community is Love for All, Hatred for None, and the community stands by it.

Saleem ud Din added that in the age of digital development and modern means of communication, the slightest bit of research, even simple Google search would have shown to anyone willing to seek the truth that the statement in question was made in 2013 and the community asked the politician in question to apologize for what he had said. The statement can be viewed at the following link:

<https://themuslimtimes.info/2013/11/16/ahmadiyya-muslim-community-demands-apology-from-shankar-singh-waghela/>

The spokesperson said that the community has been a constant target of extremism and violence for many years now. Ahmadis believe in peace, justice and equality, and the history of the community is testimony to this. Broadcasting this statement now on PTV and other channels, in the context of the recent unrest between Pakistan and India is reckless and irresponsible. He further said that airing this statement without any background research is a preplanned scheme and then broadcasting it on TV suggested that this was an act of mischief. The spokesperson called on the Ministry of Information to investigate the matter.

End

High-level official probe in Ahmadiyya printing presses on demand of a mulla; the mulla objects vehemently to Ahmadis' bond with Holy Quran

Rabwah; October, 2018: Mulla Hassan Muawiyah who is secretary of Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat Forum had applied to Lahore High Court on May 25, 2018 that, despite the official ban, Quran was being published in Rabwah; he demanded action. The court ordered the concerned authorities to hold 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. Muawiyah demanded his own presence as well, but rightly was not allowed by the police for his hostile and malicious attitude.

Authorities submitted the report to the LHC. The judge required the IGP to be present at the hearing on March 5. Justice Shujaat Ali Khan observed, “Quran Act should be implemented without discrimination of colour, race or bias.” He directed the IGP to act according to law and pay special attention to this matter. The court verdict was released later; it is reported in chapter 1B in this report.

Later Justice Shujaat Ali Khan issued a 40-page verdict in March this year and directed the administration and police to implement the Quran Act 2011 in true spirit.

Mulla Muawiyah again on September 25, 2019 lodged another application to DPO Chiniot to implement the decision of the court as Ahmadis were allegedly still printing the Quran and using PDF copies of it electronically and spreading it. He said that copies of the Quran with Ahmadiyya translation were distributed to winners in a prize distribution ceremony, Quran classes were being held in Ahmadiyya schools, children were given Ahmadiyya-printed Qurans. He further accused that all these unlawful activities were being done from the offices of Sadr Anjuman, Tehrike Jadid and Waqfe Jadid. He named the high officials of the Ahmadiyya community i.e. Messrs. Khalid Shah, Malik Khalid Masood and Saleem ud Din as supervising this activity. He named the printing presses of the community, and the educational institutes where the Quran was taught.

The DPO told the DSP Chenab Nagar to hold inquiry, which is in progress.

Mulla Muawiyah has submitted another application to the DPO in October alleging Ahmadis violate the Quran Act and thus demanded the police to register a case under 295-B and 295-C against the officials of the Ahmadiyya community in Rabwah. These sections carry penalties of imprisonment for life and death respectively.

The malice and spite of this Mulla is boundless. He is a brother of Mulla Tahir Ashrafi, the chair of the Punjab Ulama Board. He was placed earlier in Fourth Schedule, for his criminal activities, however he gets great attention at the High Court.

A top cleric paid from public funds promotes religious intolerance

Lahore: Hafiz Tahir Mahmud Ashrafi is president of Pakistan Ulama Council and also Chairman of the Punjab’s Mutahiddah Ulama Board. Even as a controversial figure in the realm of religion on various grounds, he is close to high official circles in Islamabad, while in his latter capacity, he would be on the pay roll of the Punjab Government.

Ashrafi knows how to move in corridors of power and say the right thing at the right occasion. In his opinion to spit hate against Ahmadis at this time is the right thing to do even if that goes against his own utterings on religious harmony. This may appear hypocritical, but not many clerics take that too seriously these days. Let’s see.

In a video on <https://youtu.be/rGTeeEG3or7k> he is seen in an open multi-religious meeting asserting the following (extracts—translation):

“... I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country. ...

“The one who does not recognize the constitution we do not recognize him. (*Ahmadis’ disagreement with constitutional definition of a Muslim is labeled by Ashrafi as revolt against the Constitution. Ed.*)

“I am speaking of Qadianis here. They are full of mischief; they carry out fraud. They are misleading the humanity by using the name of Muslims....

“To speak against the Qadianis is Religious Harmony, because the first claim of Mirza Qadiani is to be Allah and to be Allah’s wife. Even today he claims to be the Messiah; does our Christian

community accept him to be the Messiah? And similarly we do not recognize Mirza Qadiani as a Muslim, we do not recognize Qadianis as Muslims, we consider Mirza Qadiani anti-Christ, we consider him to be a liar.....

“Inter-religion talk is a great thing. Inter-sect talk is also a great thing. But remember, Qadianiat is neither a religion nor a sect. It is an evil, created by the British. It is an evil created to attack Islam, Quran and Jihad; and it is created to attack the Khatme Nabuwwat of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). We are ready to sacrifice our lives for non-Muslims, because they are our Pakistani brothers; but those who do not recognize the constitution of Pakistan, the country acquired in the name of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), do not recognize the Holy Prophet as the final Prophet (pbuh) we cannot recognize them. If this is called inter-religion talk that Qadianis should be accepted, then we cannot accept that. This type of inter-religion (harmony) we have not seen in history; this cannot be done and will never be done.”

It is anomalous that a cleric who is paid from funds that are collected through the tax burden including Ahmadis, should refuse to ‘recognize’ them, not accept them in this country, nor even sit with them in meetings on inter-religious harmony and dialogue. Has he gone berserk?

To justify his fat pay cheque he does pay lip service to religious harmony and rights of minorities. For example in a recent *Istehkam Pakistan Conference* under his chair, it was declared in headlines: “**Non-Muslims enjoy religious freedom through Pakistan’s Constitution**” (*The daily Ausaf; July 29, 2019*). Also, “**Minorities in Pakistan enjoy all rights—(Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi)**” (*The News; July 23, 2019*), etc.

What is amazing is his ability to grab public-funded jobs, and still oppose public policy in the open. It is indeed difficult to report adequately and candidly on a cleric like Ashrafi; we stop here.

State-supported mulla-led *Istehkam e Pakistan* Conference

A flawed and delayed effort to right the wrongs committed by the state and society

Lahore, July 28, 2019: The vernacular press reported proceedings of an *Istehkam* (Solidarity of) *Pakistan Conference* in Lahore. It was a major event, as 1500 Ulama and *Mashaikh* reportedly attended it. It was chaired by Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, the Chairman of the Mutahiddah Ulama Board, Punjab and the Pakistan Ulama Council. It can be safely assumed that the conference was promoted and funded by powerful and rich sponsors.

There is nothing wrong with seeking Ulama’s support in government’s rational policies. However public money should be spent with due care through the right people in the right manner.

What was stated and agreed upon by the Ulama in the conference calls for critical analysis and lessons learnt, in retrospect.

In this conference, the final declaration mentioned:

- To call a Muslim, a *Qadiani* or *Kafir*, is a Great Sin.
- We reject non-Shariah edicts issued in the name of Quran and *Sunnah*.
- No Muslim sect should be declared *Kafir* (non-Muslim).
- Hateful, provocative and outrageous slogans should be completely shunned.
- Proliferation of malicious and provocative pamphlets and writings should be stopped.

- No Muslim or Non-Muslim should be declared *Wajib ul Qatl*, except on judicial verdict.
- The authorities should deal firmly with those who defile non-Muslims' holy sites and (threaten their) lives and properties.
- Every Muslim is guardian of belief in End of Prophethood and Honour of the Prophet. Those who violate the teachings of Quran and *Sunnah* and indulge in foul language and issuance of edicts (*fatwa bazi*) weaken the campaign to safeguard the belief in Khatme Nabuwwat. No group or party shall be permitted to promote its politics through belief in End of Prophethood or Honour of the Prophet.
- No incitement (*shar angezi*) of any kind against Pakistan and Saudi Arabia shall be tolerated.

(*The daily Ausaf; Lahore, July 29, 2019*)

The above calls for appraisal. All the evils pointed out above have been kosher for decades against Ahmadis, and remain so to-date. However, now that powers that be are subjected to similar onslaughts, the authorities have realized that these must be condemned and thrown out. Good idea, but still the mulla holds on to his tools of power in the form of chosen beliefs. State-supported clerics like Ashrafi and Muneeb ur Rahman pay lip service to tolerance and national unity but insist on making exceptions and sticking to their reservations. This is hypocrisy which will not allow such conferences bear the desired fruit. Hafiz Ashrafi, who presided over this mammoth event, was emphatic only recently on the Ahmadiyya issue:

- I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country.
- To speak against Qadianis is Religious Harmony.
- We consider Mirza Qadiani anti-Christ (*Dajjal*).
- Those who do not recognize the Holy Prophet as the final Prophet (pbuh), we cannot recognize them.
- Inter-religion talk (with Qadianis)...this cannot be done and never will be done.

What is the probability level of success of such Solidarity of Pakistan conference that is presided by a cleric like Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, is anybody's guess. It may not make Pakistan solid, but it surely appears to solidify Ashrafi's position in halls of power.

Sectarian tension in District Khushab – cause for great concern

District Khushab, Punjab; March 2019: Members of the Ahmadiyya community are facing excessive hostility in District Khushab in general, and Quaidabad in particular for a long time.

Miscreants, led by mulla Athar Hussain, continue to severely harass Ahmadi individuals as well as the community. They enjoy support of the local MNA, MPA and councilors. Ahmadis' houses and shops were burnt here in 1974 by anti-Ahmadiyya elements. This hostility is increasing day by day. Ahmadis have received threat letters in the past, which often resulted in attacks on their persons.

One, Muhammad Bashir Ahmad Shaheen from the group of mulla Athar Hussain attacked Mr. Nawab Ali Shah an Ahmadi at his dispensary. Shaheen called Mr. Shah a *Khariji* and punched him on face hurting him severely. As a result his lips swelled. His colleagues rescued him from Shaheen. This happened on December 12, 2018.

Mulla Athar Hussain compiled a list of all the Ahmadi men with their workplace addresses, and circulated it urging the locals to socially boycott them. He requested mullas to mention them by name in their sermons and speeches for follow-up action. Ahmadis were declared *Wajib ul qatl* (must be killed) through *fatwas* (edicts) of extremist ulama.

These activists have contacted proprietors of houses and shops rented by Ahmadis and urged them to get these vacated. 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, fruit 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 mildly by a court on findings of guilty.

This mulla's hostile activities succeeded in depriving Ahmadis of their mosque 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 detained and house attacked with authorities' collaboration

Mahni Sial Chak Hans, District Khanewal; August 21, 2019: Mr. Irshad Ali fixed an Islamic creed (*Kalima*) plate on his house. Over this the village chief and later the police told him to remove the plate, which he refused. As a result the police inspector detained him and friends in the police station. The same night approximately twenty miscreants attacked his house, removed the *Kalima* plate, also beat up the family and left some of them injured. The injured were taken to a hospital for medico-legal report where they were refused consideration. The police also refused to register an FIR against the attackers. A report of this incident in essential detail is available in Chapter 2.

A PTI provincial minister leans on religion

Peshawar; August 07, 2019: The PTI government has been lately accused of short of delivery on important national aims and objects. True or not, it has surely leaned on religious susceptibilities and sensitivities for support. In the Punjab, its subservience to the controversial Mutahiddah Ulama Board is noteworthy. In KPK, the statement of Mr. Shaukat Yusufzai, the Information Minister betrays the same weakness. We translate below a three-column news from the daily *Islam* of August 8, 2019 in this context:

None can even think of any change to the law on Khatme Nabuwat: Shaukat Yusufzai

Whoever is called *kafir* in the Constitution, is a *Kafir*; no middle position. The Ulama should promote unity.

Political sermons are delivered in some of the mosques. Ulama will soon be paid monthly allowance: Information Minister KPK

Peshawar: Mr. Shaukat Ali Yusufzai, Information Minister KPK stated that none can even think of change in law; whoever is called *Kafir* in the Constitution is a *Kafir*, and there is no middle position. The role of respected Ulama is paramount in intra-religion harmony and reformation of society.... He said that the End of Prophethood is the foundation of our belief system, and there can be no change to the foundation... . He was addressing a provincial Seerat Conference on the theme of “**End of Prophethood and Muslims’ responsibilities...**”. He stated that all religions enjoy freedom in Pakistan and their rights are protected. Minorities face no danger here. Minorities face discrimination in the largest democracy in the world—India. We get deceived at times over ethnicity and at times over religion....Ulama will soon start being paid monthly allowance (*Wazifah*).

The above report calls for some comment:

1. Mr. Yusufzai is wrong in conveying that Constitution has termed Ahmadis *Kafir*. It hasn't; there is difference between a *Kafir* and a Not-Muslim – the minister ought to know that.
2. End of Prophethood is indeed an important element in the Islamic faith, but it is not the foundation; it is not mentioned in the Islamic creed, the *Kalima*.
3. The minister has complained over political sermons in mosques. He is right there, but equally wrong is to invoke religion in political discourse.
4. The Conference reportedly was a Seerat Conference, however its theme was fabricated into “**End of Prophethood and Muslims’ responsibilities**”. This is obviously shady and dishonest. It is unbecoming a political government to get manipulated by sectarian mullas. This trick was first used in a similar conference in Islamabad where in the presence of the Prime Minister, mulla Ali Siraj veered off to call for sectarianism, extremism and indeed—bloodshed. KPK should have learnt a lesson from that experience to avoid the mulla’s trap.
5. The minister claimed: i) Minorities face no danger here, ii) We, at times get deceived in the name of religion. The two statements are contradictory; only one of these can be true.

Note: This attitude of state functionaries raises issue of identity for Ahmadis in Pakistan. One of them put their concern in words. See Annex V.

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

Mardan: Independenturdu.com/node/21206... issued the story on November 11, 2019 that a complaint was made on Pakistan Citizen Portal to rebuild an Ahmadiyya worship place in District Mardan of KPK which was destroyed by a mob in 1988. Having examined the issue, in outline and faced with demonstration, the authorities hurried by conveyed their decision to the applicant: “Issue is sensitive; complaint is dismissed.” A complete reproduction of the Independenturdu story is available in Chapter 1A.

A votre service : The PTI

Lahore; September 28, 2019: Maulvi Fazlur Rahman’s protest and call for a *Dharna* against PTI government had picked up momentum by the turn of the month, and the PTI was looking for ways and means to neutralize its impact. In this effort, according to the daily

Ausaf of September 28, 2019, PTI members of the National Assembly and the Provincial Assembly and some other leaders, including Yawar Abbas, Rukhsana Naveed, Muawiyah Azam, Omar Dar, Noshin Hamid, Shuana Bashir and Usman Hamza issued a statement.

In their statement *inter alia* they said the following:

“These days apparently, there is no issue concerning Khatme Nabuwwat (KN, end of prophethood), however if there is a problem, the Maulana should tell us; we sit in assemblies and we’ll present it there. If it is not resolved there, we ourselves will join the Maulana in protest.”

The above sums up well the political psyche of the PTI. We hold back any further comment.



From right to left: Syed Yawar Abbas Bukhari, Rukhsana Naveed, Muawiyah Azam, Omar Dar, Noshin Hamid, Shuana Bashir, Usman Hamza

The plight of an attempt to improve text books

Lahore; July 11, 2019: It is well-known that the international community has since long urged the government of Pakistan to sanitize its text books and make sure that contents insulting or prejudicial to minority religious and racial groups are removed to meet international standards of decency and tolerance. The government of Pakistan, when confronted with plain evidence, has apparently decided to comply. However, the devil lies in detail.

It is also common knowledge that in the guise of “*Khatme Nabuwwat*” the mulla indulges frequently in his anti-Ahmadi tirade. Text books and syllabi are no exception. The education authorities apparently made some moves to cater for Pakistan’s international commitments in this regard, but had to step back on orders of political bosses. It happened in KPK. Now there is somewhat similar, even worse news from the Punjab. We translate below a news story from the daily *Express*, Faisalabad of July 11, 2019:

Police case registered for tampering with belief in End of Prophethood in school text book

The mistake was pointed out prior to the publication: Deputy Director Punjab Text Book Board

Lahore (Muhammad Umair): A police case was registered against Messrs GFH Publishers and authors Muhammad Hussain Chaudhary and Ms. Aazami Uzma in Police Station Anarkali, on the complaint of Deputy Director Punjab Text Book Board Muhammad Akhtar over the issue of tampering (*tehrif*) with the belief in Khatme Nabuwwat in the 9th class text book on Pakistan Studies. In addition, 36,000 copies of the said book have been confiscated. As per the FIR, the Punjab Curriculum and Text Book Board has come to know that on page 5 of the Pakistan Studies text book of the 9th grade, some deletions have been made in the existing chapter on the issue of End of Prophethood and a great wrong has been done by change in the text, which has hurt religious sensitivities of Muslims. As per police, the case has been registered under various PPCs including 295-C. Mr. Muhammad Akhtar, the

complainant told the Express that the error had been pointed out prior to the printing but remedial action was not undertaken.

From the above, the following is particularly noteworthy:

1. The police case has been registered at the official request of the Punjab Text Book Board. It is perhaps first such action in this field – ever.
2. The PPCs applied include 295-C for which the penalty is death. Obviously the prime mover is some mulla, not the Chairman of the Board.
3. The Deputy Director goes about talking to the press to further justify his departmental action. It shows the extent to which the Punjab bureaucracy has allowed itself to be manipulated by the mulla.
4. All this is not feasible except by political direction.

Ahmadis abused on Human Rights day in procession led by an Assistant Commissioner

Attock; December 10, 2019: Human Rights day was celebrated in Pakistan. Different rallies and conferences were held in the country. One such rally was organized in Attock, where AC Attock Ms. Jannat Hussain was seen in the front row carrying a banner, “Human Rights Day.” Mostly the followers in the rally were students to whom she spoke earlier and emphasized equal rights for all minorities including Ahmadis. This enraged some of them. Later she had to explain her faith to those students. In the subsequent rally those students chanted anti-Ahmadiyya slogans like “**Countless curses on Qadianis.**” This shows human rights for all except Ahmadis in Pakistan.



The Assistant Commissioner found it convenient to lead this rally.

Background of this story is given in Chapter 1D in essential detail.

Political priorities in the federal cabinet

Islamabad; July 2019: On July 14, 2019, most Pakistanis who read the daily *Dawn* were shaken to read the following headlines of the top news:

Pakistan told to pay \$5.9bn to mining firm

PM's aid Firdous says law ministry and attorney general are looking into matter in the light of international law

One can only sympathize with the law minister for this bolt from the blue. However, it is amazing that while faced with issues and problems of such gravity, the honorable Minister for Law was more concerned about theological and ecclesiastical disputes – as reported only two days earlier in the daily *The Nation* of July 12, 2019, as below:



No amendment in Islamic laws: Minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Law and Justice Barrister Farogh Naseem Thursday said: the government was committed to protect Islamic laws, including those pertaining to blasphemy and finality of prophethood (PBUH).

He said he would resign from the office if any amendment was made in such laws. Prime Minister Imran Khan would also never allow any such amendment, he added.

Addressing a seminar on “*Wahdat ul Ummat*” organized here by the Pakistan Ulama Council, the minister said Pakistan and Islam were interlinked with each other and it was the duty of the Ulama to promote unity among the nation. United we stand, divided we fall.

He said being nation builders the Ulama should promote unity, harmony and positivity among the people, and shun the negativity and sectarianism.

Expressing thanks to the Saudi ambassador and the government, the minister said that Saudi Arabia always stood with Pakistan and its people, and helped the country in difficult times.



The daily *Express* on the same day, reported the same in addition to the following in the statement of the Minister:

- If God forbid there was any tampering with the law on End of Prophethood, he would be the first to resign.
- If End of Prophethood is delinked from Pakistan, then there is no meaning to our freedom (*Aazadi*).
- As for me, *Deen* (religion) and Pakistan are firmly interlinked (*laazim malzoom*).
- Some people say Pakistan is at risk. When (Ethiopian) Abraha attacked Makkah, Allah Himself protected His abode; Pakistan shall be protected by Allah Himself.

It is relevant to mention that Mr. Naseem emphasized this sectarian issue in a conference named *Wahdat Ummat Conference* (Unity of the *Ummat*), organized

by the Pakistan Ulama Council. In the published photo he is seen seated with Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi.

At this occasion Ashrafi said, “Road to Makkah program is a solid proof of Pak-Saudi friendship, and the Saudi banquet for the relatives of Palestinian martyrs expresses Saudi love (and commitment) for the Palestinian issue.

Forget the liability of \$5.9Bn!

Writ Petition in Lahore High Court against English translation of the Holy Quran by Ahmadiis

Lahore; January 15, 2019: One, Advocate Bilal Riaz Sheikh has approached Lahore High Court with a writ petition against the Federation of Pakistan, etc (in all, 8 authorities and offices) on finding that an App *Holy Quran Arabic/English, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community* is found in Play Store.

In his petition, Mr. Sheikh:

- Demands “severe action against culprits”,
- Requests that “this matter should be taken as the most urgent matter”,
- Suggests to the court that non-removal of this item “will be the alarming situation for the whole Muslim community, and Allah Almighty will not spare us on the day of Judgment”,
- Requests that this “App from the play store may very kindly be banned in Pakistan, in the supreme interest of religious faith & justice.”

Such is the level of bigotry in Pakistan. An advocate who claims to be Muslim objects strongly against the Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran and expects a High Court to ban it in Pakistan “in the supreme interest of religious faith and justice”.

Police up and running against Ahmadiis in Bahawalpur

Bahawalpur; September 2019: The police in September visited several Ahmadiyya worship places in the district for checks and control. They visited prayer centres in Bahawalpur city, Chak 23/DNB, Ahmadpur Sharqia, Uch Sharif, Basti Shukrani, Basti Tahir Khan, Hasilpur and Chak 183 Murad. They looked for Ahmadiyya translations of the Holy Quran, inscription of the *Kalima*, Ahmadiyya literature, Islamic publications etc. They photographed all these and took some away with them. In Basti Tahir Khan they told the local president to stand next to a *Kalima* banner and photographed him, as if to produce pictorial evidence for his prosecution. This amounted to great harassment. In fact, in the days of dictator Zia, Zardari and Mian Brothers in Islamabad such blatant inspection of Ahmadiyya places of worship was a rare happening. Now for the police in Bahawalpur to indulge in such district-wide sweep is simply ugly.

The police checks for Islamic literature in Ahmadiyya mosques reminds one of Taliban-ruled Afghanistan where Australian missionaries were arrested for carrying Bible.

Government stance on revision of text-book’s content

Peshawar: For long Pakistan has been blamed for prescribing text books with hateful contents against religious minorities. An effort was apparently made in the recent past to remove one such content from a text book in KPK. There was however a political back-lash

and the PTI government yielded immediately without a groan. A news report from the *Express News* of May 2, 2019 is translated and reproduced below without comment:

Orders for action against one who was responsible to change content on Khatme Nabuwat in KPK's text book

The change over 'end of prophethood' was made without consent of the government: Speaker KPK Assembly

Web Desk, Thursday, May 2, 2019

Peshawar: Mr. Mushtaq Ghani, speaker of KPK Assembly stated that orders for action against those responsible for excluding reference to Khatme Nabuwat have been issued.

In answer to the objection raised by Ms Humaira Khatoon (MMA) MPA over change to lesson on End of Prophethood, Speaker Mushtaq Ghani said that the material was removed without permission of the government; the Education Minister has ordered that the content should be reintroduced, and action be taken against those found responsible for the change.

It should be mentioned that changes were made to pages 13, 14 in the Islamiyat text book for class IV, and content regarding the belief in Khatme Nabuwat was removed.

Ahmadi harassed in public duty

Sahiwal; July 2019: Mr. Tahir Ahmad Khan is an Ahmadi and is serving in the Commissioner's Office, Sahiwal for ten years. For some time, he is facing hostility for being an Ahmadi and is accused of working for his specific community and using the office for that purpose. The accusation is false and fabricated.

A lawyer with the help of his colleagues has undertaken propaganda against Mr. Khan on social media that the 'Commissioner's office is held hostage by the specific community.' Sometimes ago they acted similarly against his father, and he had to close down his business.

Pakistan Citizen Portal—a flaw introduced!

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

A few decent community elders took up the issue with the mulla and told him to consider leaving alone the poor fellow. The mulla told them that if Shehzad shares with him the money he received from Ahmadis on 'conversion', he would spare him. At this Shehzad told them that he had been given no money. The mulla refused to accept his statement and demanded that Shehzad make that statement on oath of the Holy Quran. Shehzad did that, and was spared—at least for the present.

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

In our opinion, this Portal idea by the Prime Minister Imran Khan is a good one. However, we are not sure that the PM has instructed its officials to stay clear of sensitive issues. This self-restrictive condition has perhaps been applied at a lower level without due

authority. Surely the PM would not tell his functionaries to look the other way if a community's frail security situation is reported to them on his meritorious Portal.

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

Authorities move on sham complaint

Chak Nr. 6 Bumbaseer, Distt. Bahawalpur; August 2019: A plot of land, owned by Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya is located here. It was an open plot with no surrounding walls. So, to avoid trespass it was decided to build its surrounding walls. The construction began and it was ninety percent complete when the police came there and said that they had received a report that Ahmadis were building a worship place. They took some photographs, prepared a video of the site and went away.

Another title authored by the Ahmadiyya founder recommended to be banned

Lahore; March 29, 2019: The daily *Pakistan*, online, published a report that the Chairman Mutahiddah Ulama Board, Allama Tahir Mahmud Ashrafi sent his recommendation to the Home Department, the Auqaf Department and the CTD Punjab that the book *Kashti Nooh* (Noah's Ark) be confiscated forthwith and its publication and distribution be stopped.

This book was authored by the founder of the Ahmadiyya community in 1902 during the Raj. It contains fairly detailed description of his teachings and is thus of prime value and standing for the members of the Ahmadiyya community. The work does address the virulent and unfair attacks on Islam and its Holy Prophet (PBUH) by some leading clerics of other faiths, and as rebuttal shows them the mirror through quotations from their own scriptures and narratives. It is indeed a classic work and is of great value for the researchers as well as the disciples.

The Ulama Board, when accused of curbing the religious freedom of Ahmadis takes the line that it has also banned numerous publications produced by clerics of other denominations. This excuse is *malafide* and hollow as those publications were authored by subsequent scholars and mullas, while the books produced by Mirza Sahib are of nearly scriptural value to Ahmadis. The Ulama Board dare not recommend a ban on even *Sahih Bokhari* (of Sunnis) or *Nehjul Balagha* (of Shias). We quote below briefly the story of one similar ban on the Ahmadiyya TAZKARAH, by the Punjab Mutahiddah Ulama Board, to show the prejudice and bigotry in play in such anti-Ahmadi recommendations.

The Home Department Punjab, vide its Notification no. SO(IS-III)6-15/2010 dated 25th June, 2014 "banned, and to be forfeited wherever found," a book titled TAZKARAH 'authored' by Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, on grounds that "the Government of the Punjab is satisfied that (the) book contain (sic) material which is treasonable and seditious in nature (and...) prejudicial to national integration". This calls for a little explanation.

This book TAZKARAH is a compendium of Ahmad's dreams, visions and revelations. He died in 1908, forty years before Pakistan came into being. Till 1908, Pakistan scheme had not surfaced, even its name was not suggested. Someone may ask the Ulama

Board and the government of the Punjab of 2014 as to how do they justify their reasoning that the pre-1908 dreams etc are treasonable and seditious to the Pakistani state. Obviously the reasons quoted are fabrications, even ridiculous.

The ban on TAZKARAH is maintained intact by the present government of the Punjab despite the fact that Pakistan has ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) whose Article 19.2 lays down:

“Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression; this right shall include freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of his choice.”

We understand that the mullas of the Punjab Ulama Board might never have bothered to read the ICCPR, but the high officials of the provincial government must have known of this international covenant and obligation and are expected to convey to the Board that they will not be allowed to bring disrepute to Pakistan through violations of its international treaty obligations.

An ad for anti-Ahmadi publications and donations in a leading daily

Lahore; 31 May 2019: This ad appeared in the daily *The News*, Lahore of May 11, 2019. It was entered by the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) Karachi, Multan etc. The detailed story on this is given in Chapter 1C.

Problems for a dutiful Ahmadi government servant

Rawalpindi; May 2019: Mr. Tahir Ahmad Rehan an Ahmadi is serving in the police department for twenty-four years. He is known to be honest and hardworking. For this he faces hostility in and outside the department, and mullas undertake to harass him for his faith.

Mr. Rehan was appointed SHO New Town, Rawalpindi in 2015. After two months of his posting the CPO Rawalpindi asked him, if he was an Ahmadi. He replied, “Yes I am an Ahmadi; however if that is a problem, I may be relieved”. “No, you were promoted on merit; continue”, the boss replied. However, after a few days he was transferred out and then on to other locations in Punjab without assigning a reason. In 2018 again, he was transferred to different posts in Rawalpindi. When he took action against criminals and acted firm, the criminals made his faith an excuse, opposed him and provoked people against him on the social media. The mulla also joined them. Mr. Rehan started receiving threats. Meanwhile he was again transferred. On inquiry he came to know that his transfer was ordered for his faith.

Mr. Rehan is facing departmental investigations on complaints of mullas and criminals. An FIR was lodged against him.

Mr. Rehan is a competent officer and his colleagues acknowledge this.

The psyche of the right wing Islamists in the country

May/June 2019: Orya Maqbool Jan is a known Islamist and a leader of the ultra-right in Pakistan. He is a TV presenter and has a number of followers, some of them adore him. For his extremist views he has been denied visa to enter a few western countries. Last year at the time of national elections he was proposed by some in PTI to be the interim chief minister of the Punjab. He tweeted the following that is fit for archives:

“Qadiani bataen keh Mirza Ghulam Qadiani kay peechnay zalil ho kar kaisa lagta hei?...”

(Translation) “Qadianis should relate how it feels to be humiliated for being a follower of Mirza Ghulam Qadiani? ...”

@Orya Maqbool Jan on May 26, 2019; 4:48AM

Jan seems fully satisfied with the end result of the anti-Ahmadi campaign for **humiliation of Ahmadis in the country**. He, basking in the success, asks Ahmadis to themselves admit and comment on their disgrace and mortification. It is hypocrisy of high order to occasionally praise Islam as a religion of peace and tolerance and then to take satisfaction in humiliating ‘others’ through ‘Islamic’ laws and religion-based campaign. Also, an anti-West activist, who is quick to scold his adversaries from a high moral platform, to rejoice and celebrate the humiliation (*zalalat*) of a section of his own countrymen, is noteworthy. Is this the universal message of his Islam that he is so fond of propagating from his TV pulpit? It is indeed deplorable that while the rest of the world declares its commitment to Freedom of Religion or Belief, Human Rights, Dignity of Man, Rule of Law etc. Jan, the Islamist extremist, beats the drum to announce his success in denying all that to a small marginalized group in the country where he claims to represent the vast majority.

Jan boldly displayed his moral deprivation by deliberately naming the founder of Ahmadiyyat wrongfully as ‘Mirza Ghulam’ rather than Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. The omission of the word ‘Ahmad’ distorts the name in a big way.

One can only sympathize with the unfortunate millions who end up with people like OMJ as their religious and popular leaders.

Ahmadiyya response to Jan’s observation was best summed up by a tweet of one, Raja Ataul Mannan:

“What is it that you refer to our ‘humiliation’? Is it the ban on our prayers and calls to prayers, demolition of our mosques, or is it our Hijrah (migration) due to persecution, or our martyrdom for the *Kalima* (creed). O transgressors, these sufferings and attributes lead us right to the feet of our master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad peace be on him, and thus make us join the ranks of his companions.”
(As received)

@Amraja75 on June 10, 2019

Present day Mullaism in Pakistan – a sample for archives

Lahore; June 29, 2019: It is of historic value to have something on record in archives that is demonstrative of the state of an institution in a particular area and era. A news report in the daily *Jinnah* of Lahore on June 29, 2019 should meet this futuristic need, as it sums up a leading mulla’s response to a foreign report on human rights situation in Pakistan. We translate it below from the vernacular original:

US agenda on freedom of religion and freedom of expression is opposed to the Quran (teachings)

None may be given license in Pakistan to indulge in blasphemy: Dr Ashraf Asif Jalali

Lahore (General Reporter): A big *Huquq Mustafa* (pbuh) conference was held in *Jame Masjid Raza e Mujtaba* in support of the defense of PPC 295-C (the blasphemy law) and to resist American interference in Pakistan (affairs). It was held under the auspices of Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasululla (TLP) and Tehrik Siraat Mustaqueem (TSM).

Addressing the conference Dr Muhammad Ashraf Asif Jalali, the Chief of TLP and TSM said: “American agenda on freedom of religion and freedom of expression is opposed (*mutaasaadim*) to the Quran. There is no room for that in Pakistan. Even in Europe, there are restrictions on freedom of expression in civilizational interests (*mufaadaat*), but the US is propagating freedom in the face of (threats to) Islamic sacrosancts. This is hypocrisy. American Secretary of State’s demand that Pakistan should do more in the religion domain amounts to playing with the pious sentiments of Pakistani people. The demand to release more than 40 persons penalized for blasphemy amounts to expression of no-confidence in Pakistani courts. None may be given license to indulge in Blasphemy in Pakistan. It is (however) distressing (*Almiyyah*) that India and China have rejected the American report calling it interference in internal affairs of their country.

This mulla, who calls himself a Doctor, is holding the portfolios of Allama Rizvi and Pir Afzal Qadri who were detained for declaring Supreme Court judges *Wajib ul Qatl*. The TLP they lead indulged in extensive violent agitation in November 2017 on anti-Ahmadiyya agenda. Dr Jalali’s statement reflects TLP’s (a Barelvi party) policy on human rights, freedom of belief, as also on national and international politics. On his quoting the Quran, a savant remarked: **This mulla has little understanding of the Quranic teachings.**

Duo of the infamous Ahrar and End of Prophethood organizations

Lahore: It is not a well-kept secret that the Khatme Nabuwat (KN) movement is an offshoot and successor of the discredited Majlis Ahrar Islam. When Ahrari mullas were disgraced for their leadership of the anti-Ahmadi riots in Punjab in 1953, the top Ahrari mullas shifted to the Khatme Nabuwat movement whose facade was to be non-political. The close relationship of the two parties shows up in public off and on. It became obvious again. See the joint ad below in the daily *Islam* of July 26, 2019:

As a result of the anti-Ahmadiyya riots, martial law had to be imposed in Lahore in 1953. The governments in the Punjab and the Centre fell, and a high level Court of Inquiry was constituted under Punjab Act II of 1954 to enquire into the Punjab Disturbances of 1953. The Court comprised Justice Muhammad Munir, the Chief Justice of Lahore High Court as the President and Justice M.R. Kayani as the Member.

This court worked hard over months and eventually produced its Report that has proved to be one of the few most readable such documents on issues of national, societal and religious significance to the country. Here, we quote, very briefly, the Court’s remarks on the conduct of Majlis Ahrar Islam:

“The conduct of the Ahrar calls for the strongest comment and is especially reprehensible. We can use no milder word for the reason that they debased a religious issue by pressing it into service for



a temporal purpose and exploited religious susceptibilities and sentiments of the people for personal ends.” p.259

Anyway, as stated above the Ahrar leadership went underground after this great misadventure and took refuge under the dome of the Khatme Nabuwwat organization. In the following decades, the Khatme Nabuwwat organization matured and performed its sectarian role quite successfully, and became a cover organization for all types of mullas including those who were committed to extremism and terrorism.

On the other hand Majlis Ahrar Islam revived itself some years later and was independent but fraternal with the KN organization. This unworthy arrangement is generally awarded a security grading of ‘restricted’ because of the ignoble past of the Ahrar; the beans, however, do spill out occasionally.

We translate below the headlines and the bold lines of the above ad, leaving aside the five mentions in fine print:

In order to safeguard the belief in End of Prophethood and Honour of the Prophet (p.b.u.h.)

Respected Ulama, Religious Leaders and the great Sermon Imams of all Schools are strongly appealed to hold Protest Day

Today, July 26, 2019, shed light on the following situation in the Friday Sermons and get these Resolutions passed:

.....

From: Joint Movement Khatme Nabuwwat Liaison Committee Pakistan

Liaison: Office Majlis Ahrar Islam Pakistan

69-C; New Muslim Town (Wahdat Road) Lahore – Phone 042-45912644, 03006939453

Note: The above ad shows clearly the strong mutual bond between these two packs. Their policy of exploiting religion for their political and personal gains is also apparent to any keen observer. History is repeating itself, despite the clear statement and warning of the great judges in 1954.

An official mulla on visit to UK

The daily Dunya, September 21, 2019: This daily published the first part of a lengthy report by Mufti Muneeb ur Rahman, titled: **Five days in Britain**. The Mufti is on the pay-roll of the government as Chairman of the Moon-sighting Committee. However like a typical leading mulla, he carries a swollen head and does not care for his official position while giving vent to his bigotry and prejudice.

In this report he mentions that he had been invited as a Special Guest to the international conference held by Faizan Islam International in UK on September 7, 2019. The first session was on the issue of Kashmir, and according to him, he was accompanied by Raja Farooq Haider PM of AJK, Lord Nazir Ahmad, a few British MPs, delegates from Malaysia, Kosovo, office-bearers of Jamaat Ahle Sunnat UK and leading Ulama of Britain.

He opens his report as follow:

“I said this in my talk. You should rebut this propoganda that life has been made difficult for Qadianis in Pakistan. In Pakistan, Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and people of other religions are living peaceful lives; they are protected and safe. Our religion and our Constitution provide protection to life, property and honour. It guarantees them their rights. Qadianis are also safe. (However) Pakistani people have

the right to demand from them acceptance of their (non-Muslim) status allocated to them in the Constitution. We, who come to UK and the West on visa, and our people who are citizens here, are subject to local laws and constitution. Their compliance with local constitution and laws is mandatory. So our demand (on Qadianis) is in accord with world standards. In our neighboring country, in India, the world community is witness to the cruel treatment of Muslims, Christians and the lower castes. ...”

One may ask this Mufti as to how the ‘Qadianis’ are relevant to the Kashmir issue which was the theme of the conference. Secondly, why was the conference on Kashmir held on 7 September which is celebrated by Pakistani mullas for passage of the Second Amendment that imposed Non-Muslim status on Ahmadis? Would the Mufti disclose who funded this conference in the UK, and if Kashmir was the theme, why did he violate the essential understanding and chose to talk first on the Ahmadiyya issue? Little does he realize that raising the ‘Qadiani’ issue and its examination in depth is harmful to the Pakistan position on Kashmir which is primarily based on Human Rights.

This mulla deliberately ignores the fact while referring to other Pakistani religious minorities, like Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis etc are Non-Muslim by their choice, while Ahmadis have been made Not-Muslim through national law legislated through street pressure raised by mullas like the Mufti himself. Also, as he thrives on a regular big purse from the state, he is expected not to indulge in sectarian issues without permission.

A leading mulla, claimant to commitment to end of prophethood, found involved in extensive money laundering, support to terrorism etc.

Islamabad; August 8, 2019: Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi is an influential mulla who is Chairman of Pakistan Ulama Council and also head of the Punjab Mutahiddah Ulama Board. In the latter capacity he is on the pay roll of the provincial government. He is a master of mixing politics and religion to wield unfitting influence in halls of power. Thus he often employs the issue of End of Prophethood for personal gain. He declared in public regarding Ahmadis, “I am not willing to accept them in this country...Inter-religion talk is a great thing, inter-sect talk is also great; but remember, Qadianiat is neither a religion nor a sect; it is an evil, created by the British. It is an evil created to attack Islam, Quran and Jihad, and it is created to attack the Khatme Nabuwwat of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)...” In August there was a news item in the press and on TV about him and we reproduce it here to show how he and his type ‘debase a religious issue by pressing it into service for a temporal purpose and exploit religious susceptibilities and sentiments of the people for their personal ends,’ as brought out by worthy judges in the 1954 Munir Enquiry Report on Punjab Disturbances. The following is translation of three column news from the daily *Jahan e Pakistan* of August 8, 2019:

Police case against Tahir Ashrafi on Money Laundering and Assistance to Terrorism

Chairman Ulama Council received Rs 22.508300 million from a foreign NGO and Rs 4.344516 million from Germany.

Money used for illegal purposes; involvement in financial support to terrorists; charges proved in investigation: FIA

Islamabad (Agencies, Monitoring Desk)...

Ulama Council vows to launch campaign against extremism!

Islamabad; April 15, 2019: The daily *Dawn* published a report with the above headline. We reproduce below extracts of the same for record and follow-up:

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Ulama Council (PUC) announced on Sunday that it will launch a countrywide campaign for eradication of terrorism, extremism and sectarian violence while the fourth International Message of Islam Conference urged the government to ensure implementation on the National Action Plan against terrorism in letter and spirit.

The conference was organized by the PUC in the honour of visiting Imam-i-Ka'aba Sheikh Abdullah Awad Al Juhany and presided over by President Arif Alvi.

A resolution adopted at the conference underlined that no organization or individual would be allowed to do politics on the issue of finality of Prophethood.

The conference pointed out that Islam is a religion of peace, tolerance and forbearance which has nothing to do with terrorism, extremism and sectarian violence. "Elements responsible for fanning these evils are enemies of Islam and Muslims."

The conference condemned events in Europe and the US relating to hatred against Muslims and Islam and feared that the attacks on mosques in the US, UK and other European countries would sabotage the efforts for interfaith dialogue and harmony.

It praised the role of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and hoped that the world leadership would learn from her and eradicate terrorism and extremism from the globe.

President Arif Alvi said the world community should realize that no community or followers of any religion could be suppressed for a long time. "The day is not far off when people of Kashmir and Palestine will get rid of atrocities of Israel and India," he added.

The above are fine words and remind one of the need to note and ameliorate the plight of Ahmadis in Pakistan. Sound principles and policies do not make exceptions; fair ideas should be applied across the board to make an impact. Let's see if the observations made by the Ulama Karam in the presence of the Imam Ka'aba and the President of Pakistan are brought to bear on the situation of religiously marginalized groups in the country.

Post-election harassment of Ahmadi leadership

Rabwah: Elections for the national and provincial assemblies were held on July 25, 2018. These were based on 'joint electorate' system; however Ahmadis were made an exception in that a separate voting list was prepared for them. Also, the voter form carried a space and a sworn affidavit whereby they would have to disassociate themselves from their Holy Prophet (peace be on him). This is unacceptable to them. Accordingly, these elections were boycotted by Ahmadis and an announcement to that effect was published in two newspapers.

Over this, Ahmadi-bashers moved writs in various courts accusing Ahmadis of 'treason' against the Constitution.

A writ petition was made in the court of Session Judge Lahore. The court dismissed it.

Another writ was moved against Ahmadi Director of Public Affairs and also the Director General, in the court of Addl. Session Judge (ASJ) Lalian. The court directed the police to report on the issue. The police did not support the author, so this case was also dismissed.

The petitioner thereafter appealed to Lahore High Court against the decision of the ASJ. A single judge upheld his decision. The petitioner challenged this decision in Intra-Court appeal of LHC. He named the Ahmadi leader, ASJ Lalian, DSP Chenab Nagar, SHO Chenab Nagar, and Chief Editor daily *Abtak* as respondents. The case was heard on April 4, 2019. The court dismissed the appeal, in view of the police report, ASJ Lalian verdict and the judgment of the single judge LHC.

To be an Ahmadi and live in peace in Pakistan, his own motherland, is not facile.

A national solidarity conference—mulla style

Alipur Saidan, District Narowal; May 12, 2019: The daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* of Lahore published a lengthy press report on a conference held at a Barelvi tomb (*Darbar*) at Alipur Saidan at the occasion of its *Urs* (anniversary) under the supervision of Pir Munawwar Hussain Shah, the incumbent spiritual superior (*Sajjadah Nashin*). The report claims attendance in thousands of followers and a long list of Barelvi ulama as speakers, so it would be appropriate to reproduce here a summary of this press report to place on record the style and substance of such conferences these days in Pakistan in the Ahmadiyya context.

The conference's title is significant: *Aalami Khatme Nabuwwat, Tahaffuz Namus Risalat, Istehkam Pakistan Conference* (Worldwide End of Prophethood, Defense of the Honour of Prophethood, Solidarity of Pakistan Conference). The political significance of the choice of the three themes for the rally is noteworthy.

The report highlights the fact that this *Darbar* is currently the heir to the great Pir Jamaat Ali Shah who at the time of the Partition supported the Muslim League and the Quaid-i-Azam. This is indeed laudable as few Ulama supported the Pakistan Movement. However, the claim that in 1946, Pir Jamaat Ali led more than 5000 Ulama and Sheikhs to the All India Sunni Conference is sham. To call all the commoners Ulama and Sheikh is rather phony. Their numbers also should be verified.

As these days anti-Ahmadiyya theme is thought to provide greatest political dividends, this 'solidarity conference' indulged mostly in anti-Ahmadiyya rhetoric. Following is quoted from the Report:

- Qadianis are using Islam to promote their despicable designs.
 - Mirzais are great mischief (*fitna*); that is murderous poison for the country and nation.
 - We shall spare no sacrifice to defend the integrity of Pakistan and for the defense of the dogma of End of Prophethood.
 - Pir Jamaat Ali led the frontal troops against Mirza Qadiani who was burgling against the palace of End of Prophethood, and led him to his ignominious end.
 - Pakistan was realized through his (Pir Jamaat Ali's) beneficence. In support of the End of Prophethood he made life unbearable (*nakon chaney chabwaay*) for Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, and it was his prophecy that dispatched Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to hell.
- Etc etc.

We should place on record some of the anti-Ahmadiyya demands made at this 'religious' conference:

- Pakistan should place ban on all the activities of Qadianis.

- Qadianis' mischief is flourishing here; the government should enact stringent laws to neutralize it.
 - End of Prophethood should be part of school syllabus, in all its details.
 - The government should establish End of Prophethood chairs in universities.
 - The ruling elite, following the footsteps of Amir Millat (Jamaat Ali Shah) and in loyalty to the Holy Prophet, should fire all Mirzais from senior ranks (sic). (There are none: Ed)
 - Services of Pir Syed Jamaat Ali Shah in the realm of Pakistan Movement and the safeguarding of End of Prophethood should be made part of school syllabus.
- Etc. Etc.

It seems that the speakers at the conference have not even heard of Freedom of Religion or Belief, Human Rights, Human Dignity, Religious Tolerance, Absolute Justice – and they call their conference Pakistan Solidarity Conference. Barelvīs had a reputation to be religiously mild and tolerant, but that was decades ago; now they can produce only mullas like Allama Rizvi, Pir Qadri and Pir Munawwar Hussain whom the report gives the bloated title of *Amir Millat* (The leader of Islamdom).

The report mentions that authorities DSP, DPO and SHO Qila Ahmadabad made excellent arrangements for security at the conference.

On Ms Shireen Mazari, the federal minister for human rights

We make only two mentions on Ms Mazari in this report.

The first is the fact that Ahmadiyya central leadership in Pakistan made repeated requests to her this year for a meeting. As minister for human rights it is her duty to at least hear what a marginalized community has to tell her. She conveyed no response to Ahmadiyya requests.

The second is on her appearance on Mehdi Hassan's program 'Upfront' on Al-Jazeera. When questioned on HR situation in Pakistan, she referred the Indian and Kashmir situation to the audience. A wholesome comment on her observations in the interview was made in the *Daily Times* by the renowned HR activist Y L Hamdani. It is reproduced at Annex VI.

President Obama observed:

More loudly, I have made all case that no society can truly succeed (unless it guarantees the rights of all its peoples including religious minorities whether they are Ahmadiyya Muslims in Pakistan, Bahais of Iran or Catholic Christians in Egypt. *on February 8, 2014*

Tweet: **by Dr Craig Considine**

The Holocaust didn't happen overnight. It was a gradual build up over years. It started w/othing, scapegoating, & fear mongering. It moved to forced segregation, denial of rights, & violence. It ended in mass murder.

Remember to never get too comfortable. # Holocaust Memorial Day.

9:24 a.m.—27 Jan 2019

8. The Hate Campaign, anti-Ahmadiyya Rallies etc.

Pakistan Penal Code 295-A. Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs. Whoever, with deliberate and malicious intention of outraging the religious feelings, of any class of the citizens of Pakistan, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representation insults or attempts to insult the religion or the religious beliefs of that class, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years or with fine, or with both.

This year again, this chapter is bulky. It shows that anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda remains intensive. The law is violated openly all over the country in this regard almost every day. What is said by rabid sectarian bigots is almost unbelievable. It can be said with confidence that the propaganda in Nazi Germany against their targeted communities was not more venomous and evil. In Pakistan, the mulla is free to openly state that Ahmadis are Wajib-ul-Qatl (must be killed). By this he means that any Muslim has the license to kill an Ahmadi anytime. This language is rare in any civilized society in the 21st century. The surprising thing is that the big explosion desired by mullas has not happened—yet. However if it does happen, it should surprise no one. Even high state officials, like ministers and top mullas paid from public purse, indulge in hate speech in public against Ahmadis. Also mullas, who are otherwise banned to enter District Chiniot at the time of Muharram or are gagged by the authorities, are facilitated to converge on Rabwah routinely three or four times every year to hold anti-Ahmadi rallies. It is all mind-boggling.

An open hateful banner in the capital of Punjab incites massacre of Ahmadis

Lahore; August 2019: Universal Traders, of Akbari Mandi, Lahore openly committed a heinous crime by producing a hateful banner threatening death to the entire Ahmadiyya community at Rabwah. We produce its picture and provide translation of some of the vernacular text:

Translation

“The belief in Khatme Nabuwat (p.b.u.h.): If there is an attempt to make changes to the 1973 Constitution, Chenab Nagar will be



colored red with the blood of Qadianis and the world will forget even Tamerlane.
(*Emphasis provided in original*)

“... ”

“... (*Urdu stanza*)

“I accept Qadianis to be infidels, without any argument. Qadianis must be put to death.
(In the light of Holy Quran and Hadith)

“Universal Traders, traders of Akbari Mandi”

Will the authorities take due notice of this outrage and bring the perpetrators to justice? (PPCs 153A, 295A and 298 refer)

Also is relevant an earlier statement: **We’ve to show Narendar Modi how to treat minorities: Imran Khan**

(*The daily Jang; Lahore, December 23, 2018*)

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

September 7, 2019: Mullas hold rallies and conferences on September 7 to commemorate the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan. This amendment was implemented by the Zulfiqar Bhutto government in 1974, through which Ahmadis were declared not-Muslims. This amendment opened the gates of persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Mullas hold a special conference every year in Rabwah – the centre of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan, where Ahmadis are more than 95% of the population. Mullas come from far and wide to hurl abuses against the residents of the town and the personages they respect. Every year authorities allow and facilitate this conference in Rabwah despite request from Ahmadiyya headquarters to disallow this provocative conference in their town.

This year again Ahmadiyya central office wrote to the authorities to disallow this conference. “There is high probability that the rally would affect this town’s law and order, especially when the general situation in the country is already not satisfactory,” they wrote, in addition to a mention of the routine provocative and incendiary nature of this gathering and its proceedings. Authorities paid no heed to the Ahmadiyya application and allowed the mullas to hold this sectarian conference.

This conference organized by International Khatme Nabuwat Movement (IKNM) comprised two main sessions. The first session started at 14:20 and ended at 17:25. Approximately 200 men attended this session. The mullas who addressed this session were; Maulvi Muhammad Hanif Mughal of Chiniot, Maulvi Saleem Ahmad Akhtar of Ahmadpur Sharqia (local president of International Khatme Nabuwat), Maulvi Muhammad Ahmad Jalandhari of Bahawalpur, Allah Ditto of Kasur, Maulvi Siraj Din of Rawalpindi, Maulvi Miraj Din of AK, Maulvi Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema of Chicha Watni (Secretary General of Majlis Ahrar), Chirag Din Shah of Lahore and Maulvi Asmatullah Bandialvi of Sargodha.

The second session started at 21:30 and lasted until 02:30. Attendance was approximately 450. Following mullas spoke in this session: Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi (Chairman Ulama Council), Maulvi Dr. Ahmad Ali Siraj from KSA, Asad Mahmood Makki, Maulvi

Zahid Mahmood Qasimi, Maulvi Abdul Rauf Makki, Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti (MPA, PML-N), Maulvi Altaf Hussain Gondal, Maulvi Fareed Ahmad Haqqani, Maulvi Shoaib of Sheikhpura, Maulvi Muawiyah Dahir of Khanpur, Abu Bakr Madni of Jhang, Maulvi Sanaullah Farooqi of Bahawalpur, Mufti Zia Madni of Faisalabad. All the above mullas spoke against the Ahmadiyya community, leveled false allegations against the elders of the community, urged them to accept Islam and called them rebels against the state.

Following resolutions were adopted in the conference, *inter alia*: (Their verbosity has been abridged to save space)

- Qadianis are busy in anti-Islam and anti-Pakistan manipulations and are contriving to impose their effectiveness in the government. Their activities should be banned, and they should be removed from all key posts.
- Entry of religion should be added to the computerized national identity card or change the colour of the ID cards for Muslims to ensure indication of the religious difference according to the constitutional requirement (sic).
- Qadiani TV channel (MTA) is spreading disorder and mischief and blaspheming Islamic beliefs. Government should ban its reception and also the propagation of Qadiani mischief on social media.
- Motto of Army is 'Jihad'. Qadianis deny Jihad, so they should not be commissioned in the Army.
- Shariah penalty for apostasy (death!) should be imposed as per recommendations of the CII.
- Shariah should be imposed in this country that came into existence in the name of Islam.
- Government should include chapters and lessons on Khatme Nabuwat in the education syllabi throughout the country.
- Qadiani endowments should be taken over by the government.
- Anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance should be implemented vigorously and Qadianis should be stopped from posing as Muslims.
- 7 September should be celebrated as 'Khatme Nabuwat Day' at the state level, and there should be a general holiday on this day.

Inflammable mix of religion and politics

July 25, 2019: Opposition parties are hell-bent on worsening the government. On July 25, 2019 they celebrated a Black Day in all the provincial and federal capitals. Maulana Fazlur Rahman's party JUI (F) apparently decided as a policy to conscript religion in service of his politics. End of Prophethood and the Honour of the Prophet are the main themes of his campaign.

In Islamabad, JUI (F) took out a procession. It was reported on the social media with photos of the occasion. Anti-Ahmadi banners were conspicuous for all to see. A big banner carried the following (Translation):

"This day we all promise that whenever and wherever a denier of Khatme Nabuwat raises his head, we shall spare no sacrifice, physical, emotional and financial to demolish and destroy that, and we shall fully safeguard the dogma of End of Prophethood. **Jamiat Ulamae Islam, Islamabad.**"



Also, pictures of the following banners can be seen on the social media:

“Always beware of the following three:

SATAN; SHEZAN, QADIAN”

“Support of Qadianis: Unacceptable – Unacceptable”

The opposition held a huge anti-government rally in Peshawar on the same day. They called it Protection of the Honour of the Prophet Million March. Fazlur Rahman (JUI) again indulged in sectarian hate speech against Ahmadis on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat. The *Dawn* of July 26, 2019 quoted his political deceiving statements as follows, *inter alia*:

“He said Jewish lobby and a religious minority had organized the prime minister’s visit to the US.”

“Mr. Fazl alleged that instead of protecting national interests, the premier fought the case of Ahmadis in Washington.”

A huge political rally was also called out in Quetta and mulla Fazl called it Khatme Nabuwwat Million March.

This reminds one of the observations of the two worthy top judges of Lahore High Court, who in the 1953 Inquiry into anti-Ahmadiyya riots in Punjab wrote the following about the Majlis Ahrar Islam mullas, the primary instigators:

“The conduct of the Ahrar calls for the strongest comment and is especially reprehensible. We can use no milder words for the reason that they debased a religious issue by pressing it into service for a temporal purpose and exploited religious susceptibilities and sentiments of the people for their personal ends.”

Fazlur Rahman, half a century later, is proving himself to be a true heir of the infamous Ahrar.

Hateful pamphlet distributed in Narowal

Bado Malhi, District Narowal; January 27, 2019: An anti-Ahmadiyya hateful pamphlet was distributed by mullas in Bado Malhi bazaar on January 27, 2019. The title of this pamphlet was “This is a voice for the honour of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.)”. In this, very obscene language was used for the Ahmadiyya community and its founder. Also, boycott of products of Ahmadis’ factories like Shah Taj Sugar Mills and Shezan etc was urged. Earlier a booklet titled “Invitation to Qadianis for Repentance” was sent to Ahmadi traders in this area. A campaign is going on to incite the people against Ahmadis and implement their social boycott.

Anti-Ahmadiyya campaign in the vernacular press—2018

Rabwah: Pakistan allows fair amount of freedom of press but not to Ahmadis. Ahmadis’ daily and periodicals have been banned by the Punjab government on recommendation of the Mutahiddah Ulama Board. However, the vernacular press is at liberty to print plenty of hate material against the marginalized community. Press Section of the Ahmadiyya central office issued its annual report on the role of vernacular press in anti-Ahmadiyya campaign. The report shows no improvement whatsoever in the policy and conduct of the Urdu press in this regard as compared to previous years.

During 2018 Pakistani Urdu press continued to publish one-sided and hateful anti-Ahmadi stories. As many as 2389 anti-Ahmadi propaganda news-items and 300 articles were published in the papers published in the Punjab. 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) as usual stood first by publishing 440 anti-Ahmadiyya news and 71 hateful articles, while the daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* (editor: Rameeza Majeed Nizami) stood second by publishing 333 news items and 35 articles. The daily *Dunya* (editor: Mian Amir Mahmood) stood third by printing 201 anti-Ahmadiyya news and 19 articles.

Translation of some sample ‘news’ is produced below:

Qadianis are always ready to harm Pakistan: Abdul Latif Khalid (of Ahrar)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 18, 2018

Qadianiat is an international conspiracy against Islam ... : Pir Ateequr Rahman (AJK)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, February 17, 2018

Jewish lobby is using Qadianis for their condemnable objectives: Haji Abdul Ghafoor Rahmani (ASWJ)

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, October 15, 2018

Qadianiat is a grave threat to humanity ... : Majlis Ahrar Islam

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, July 7, 2018

Blasphemy is the worst type of terrorism, and Qadianis are involved in it: Qari Ayub Chinioti

The daily Express; Faisalabad, August 19, 2018

Qadianis, Israel and India are one against Pakistan; Army Chief should take note.

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 8, 2018

Qadianis are traitors to Islam, the government should not employ them: Adnan Farooq

The daily 92 News; Lahore, September 8, 2018

Bhutto is an End of Prophethood martyr. The US and Qadianis got him killed: Mumtaz Awan

The daily Din; Lahore, September 10, 2018

Qadiani drink popular with PTI candidates; PTI candidates for NA and PA drink Shezan to quench their thirst: Ilyas Chinioti [MPA, PML(N)]

The daily Islam; Lahore, September 10, 2018

Brainwashing children with hate

Punjab; 2019: Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat has left no stone unturned to achieve its goals. It has not spared even children. It invested money and effort in production of a hateful novel for the young. A writer, Zafar Ji (perhaps pen-name) has written it and given it the title: *Ishq Kay Qaidi* (Prisoners of Love). On the second page it claims to be “a great historical novel in memory of the Khatme Nabuwwat Movement 1953.”

This novel is full of false claims and baseless allegations as well as fake fact sheet against the Ahmadiyya community. The writer paints 1953 anti-Ahmadiyya riots as a sort of holy war. He describes the rioters as holy warriors. The entire story is full of hate against Ahmadis and the government. He glamorizes anti-Ahmadiyya rallies and the speeches made in them. The story revolves around the writer who tries to prove the thesis, “A state has the right to declare anybody *kafir* (infidel)”. In the text, he repeatedly calls Ahmadis infidels. The writer tries to justify that the State of Pakistan belongs only to Muslims. He makes big effort to defame renowned Ahmadis like Sir Zafrulla Khan who was a renowned foreign minister of Pakistan for years, and who later on was elected the President of UN General Assembly and subsequently President of the International Court of Justice at Den Haag, Netherlands.

Now-a-days this story is republished in series on weekly basis in “*Bachon ka Islam*” published by the daily *Islam*.

We produce below translation of an excerpt, as sample:

“That day the police opened fire repeatedly and abundantly. Only peaceful volunteers of Khatme Nabuwwat were the targets of police brutality. No one paid any attention to those involved in arson and loot. Gwalmandi was the prime target of state terror (*Zulm*). A.S.I. Abdul Karim Mirzai and S.P. Border Police Khan Bahadur were on duty here. Khan Bahadur was the same man who in 1935 shed the blood of Muslims in Masjid Shaheed Ganj Movement. The British decorated this Khan Bahadur profusely for crushing this Movement. Today, he had come again to sell his faith for two squares of land. These two officers repeatedly provoked the volunteers and shot them. It was announced repeatedly on megaphone from a police vehicle: “Is there any moth (*parwana*) of Khatme Nabuwwat around? Is there one desirous of martyrdom?” At this eight to ten devotees would raise slogans of *Nara Takbir*, would move forward, and the Border Police would slaughter them with bullets.

“The whole day lovers of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) did not take a step backward and the police had no pang of compassion. The slaughter went on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. People would raise the slogan of ‘Labbaik Ya Rasulullah (p.b.u.h.) and offer their lives at the altar of ‘honor of Prophethood’. A military vehicle would come at intervals, replenish the ammunition and go back. Someone counted these martyrs as one thousand, while another estimated them as ten thousand. Only the True Lord knows how many were martyred. It is said that the corpses of these unknown Mujahids were loaded in trucks and disposed off in the Changa Manga forest. Huge pits were dug up, wherein the dead bodies were thrown. First these were doused with kerosene and then set on fire. Later all these mass graves were leveled with earth.” (*Ishq Kay Qaidi, serial 29/901 in the daily Islam of September 29, 2019*)

There is not an iota of truth in the above ‘historical’ story. It is entirely false and fictitious. If the author and the publisher are held accountable they would say: This is only a novel. But imagine the harm that it would do to impressionable minds. They would get primed with hate and anger against Ahmadis, their fellow citizens and against the government that has been portrayed most unfairly and maliciously. It is a pity that the authorities take no action against this fiendish publication, while they bend backward to ensure that Ahmadiyya translation of the Holy Quran remains proscribed.

Another anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

10-11 October; Rabwah: Extremist mullas were permitted to hold anti-Ahmadiyya conference in the home-town of Ahmadis. Ahmadis requested the authorities earlier to disallow this conference, in view of the prevailing law and order situation, but it went in vain. One such conference was held in the preceding month as well. Such conferences create a lot of trouble for Ahmadis in their own town. Women and children had to stay at homes for two days to avoid any unpleasant incident. Markets remain closed during this time. The whole town remains under a sort of siege during these conferences which openly promote hate and incite violence against Ahmadis.

Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (MTKN) held this two-day 38th Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Rabwah on 10 and 11 October, 2019. Maximum attendance of 12000 was recorded in the last session.

The first session started at 10:30 on October 10 and ended at 13:00. Maulvi Azizur Rahman of Lahore chaired it. Approximately 2500 attended this session. Mullas Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi, Fazlur Rahman of Sargodha, Muhammad Sajid of Bhakkar, Muhammad Anwar of Chawinda, and Abdul Rasheed of Faisalabad used foul language against Ahmadis and their elders in this session. Fazlur Rahman went to the extent, “Curse on Qadianis; they are misguiding Muslims. We will soon eliminate them from the world... .”

The second session started at 14:30 and continued until 16:15. Attendance in this session was approximately 5000. Maulvis Jameel Ahmad from Sukkur, Abdul Ghafoor Haidri, Muhammad Anees of Nawab Shah, Mubashir Mahmood of Faisalabad addressed the audience. Mulla Abdul Ghafoor Haidri (JUI-F), said, “We’ll wreak havoc on them (Ahmadis).”

The third session started at 20:30 and was presided by Mulla Saeed Sikandar. Approximately 9500 men were present. Maulvi Aleemuddin Shakir of Lahore, Qazi Abdul Rasheed of Rawalpindi, Qari Mushtaqur Rahman of Rawalpindi, Mullas Rizwan Aziz of

Muslim Colony of Rabwah, Noor Muhammad of Sargodha, Umar Makki of Makka, Nizam Din Sialvi, Mudassar Mahmood of Taunsa, Azizur Rahman Sani of Lahore, Saeed Sikandar, Muhammad Kafil Shah Bukhari (Deputy Amir Majlis Ahrar Multan), Abdul Hameed of Chowk Sarwar Shaheed, Liaqat Baloch (Deputy Amir of JI), Ziaullah Bukhari (*Nazim Aala JAH*), Amjad Khan of Lahore and Nasiruddin Khakwani (Deputy Amir Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat) addressed the audience. They used abusive and threatening language against the Ahmadiyya community and its elders e.g. Qazi Abdul Rasheed of Rawalpindi said, "We'll make Pakistan a graveyard of Qadianis. ..." Mulla Kafil Bokhari was highly abusive; he said, "It smells bad even when Mirza Ghulam Ahmad's name is mentioned. This government has acted anti-Islam in letting off Aasia, Abdul Shakoor and Wajih-ul-Hassan. India is committing terrorism in Kashmir; Qadianis are supporting it from the rear." Mulla Amjad Khan addressing this KN rally was more candid about his political object: "We'll undertake a peaceful March under the leadership of Maulana Fazlur Rahman; and we are ready to make any sacrifice," he said. This session ended at 01:30, the next day.

The fourth session started on 11 October at 10:30 and lasted until 13:20. It was chaired by Maulvi Allah Wasaya, Deputy Amir of Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Multan. The attendance was approximately 8500. Maulvis Rashid Madni of Gujranwala, Amir Ahmad Somro of Larkana, Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai of KPK, and Mufti Muhammad Hassan of Lahore addressed the audience. Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai said, "Qadianis are blasphemers; they deserve no respite. There is no place for Qadianis in Pakistan." He disclosed his political colours by a call, "Time has now come to stand up. People should come out of their houses on October 31, remembering Ghazi Izzat Din and refresh his memory. The government has signed its own death warrant by releasing Aasia Masih. We'll prefer to die on 27-31 October but will not return empty handed (from Islamabad). Muslims, get ready and rise."

The fifth and last session of the conference started at 14:15 on October 11. Sahibzada Aziz Ahmad of Kundian presided it. The attendance swelled to approximately 12000 in this final session. Muhammad Aslam Kachaila (ex MNA), Muhammad Ilyas Ghumman of Sargodha, Hafiz Pir Zulfiqar Naqshbandi, Awais Noorani and Maulana Fazlur Rahman (Amir JUI-F) addressed the conference. Owais Noorani spoke against Ahmadis but went political to announce, "The rulers should understand that the more they repress the March on 27 October, greater shall be the reaction. Jihad will continue. ... We shall not leave Islamabad, till our demands are met." Maulana Fazlur Rahman said, "Government should remember that Khatme Nabuwwat dogma is not like an orphan. Concerns of the government and Qadianis are growing because of the 27 October march. This million march will sweep away both. ..."

This conference ended at 16:15. Participants of the conference raised hateful slogans against Ahmadis while departing on buses, etc.

"They come to our home, abuse us and threaten us; isn't it terrorism; or are we second-class citizens of Pakistan?" an Ahmadi observed in Rabwah.

Picks from proceedings of a Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) conference

Jamaat Islami (JI) displays its true colours

Lahore; September 26, 2019: The daily *Islam* published a Special Report on the proceedings of an annual KN conference held in Lahore by Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat

(AMTKN). It carried a list of demands made in the conference by the speakers, followed by a statement of Liaquat Baloch, the Deputy Amir of JI, and was concluded by disinformation and bogus assertions. We reproduce below the translation of these entries (extracts):

“AMTKN expressed its utmost anxiety and concern over Qadianis’ ever-increasing anti-Islam activities and demanded the government to take notice of unlawful activities of Qadianis and thus defend ideological frontiers of the country and uphold the Islamic provisions of the Constitution. They (Ahmadis) should be made to abide by the Constitution and not allowed to play with religious sentiments of Pakistanis and the basic ideology of Pakistan. Qadianis are busy in intrigues against Islam and Pakistan. They plot to enhance their effectiveness in government circles in order to meet their objects. It is essential that in the interest of defense of the country’s physical and ideological boundaries, Qadianis’ activities should be banned, and they should be removed from all key posts. Qadiani TV channel (MTA) spreads mischief and falsehood. It mocks at Muslims’ belief and thought. The authorities should ban its transmissions without delay. Also, Qadianis are spreading apostasy through social media; the government should put a stop to it.

“As per recommendations of the CII, Sharia penalty for apostasy (*death*) should be imposed. The KN tenet should be made a part of school syllabus so that the next generation becomes well aware of the issues of KN and the honour of Prophethood. Qadianis should be removed from all key posts of all civil and military services. Anti-Qadiani Ordinance should be effectively imposed, and Qadianis should be forbidden to use the title of Islam....

“The special guest of this session was Maulana Fazlur Rahman, the Central Amir of JUI (F) and the MMA.... He stated that if we are true inheritors of our elders, then we should strive to the utmost to crush this mischief (*of Qadianism*)....

“Mr. Liaquat Bloch, Deputy Amir of Jamaat Islami Pakistan stated that Qadianiat once again is active under the umbrella of international imperialism. They should know that it is not possible to make any amendment to Khatme Nabuwat, Islamic and Blasphemy laws in Pakistan. You have tried it again and again. We are soldiers of Honour of Prophethood. We are united in faith in Khatme Nabuwat. The rulers have made a deal concerning Kashmir, and they have turned away from Jihad. We are conscious of our duties. Qadianis’ activism is a cause of great concern.

“JUI (F)’s Secretary General Maulana Muhammad Amjad Khan said that Qadianis and their associates’ dangerous game is poison to national security; Qadianis’ political intimacy with Israel and India is a huge conspiracy against Pakistan and Millat Islamia....

“Maulana Abdul Naeem, the KN missionary in Lahore said that Qadianis’ posting in key civil and military positions is a huge risk to national security; their accountability is essential. Qadianis should be removed from all key posts.

“The entire Qadianis literature should be confiscated. We’ll definitely defend the laws on KN and blasphemy. A notice should be taken of Qadianis’ worldwide conspiracies against Pakistan. The government should ensure that anti-Ahmadi law of 1974 is meticulously applied.”

Comments: Whither all the laws and policies laid down in Pakistan to discourage intercommunal hate and strife! Do the authorities know to what end similar hateful propaganda by Nazis led the German nation who otherwise were a good people but allowed themselves to be misguided and exploited by racial bigots and thugs?

Lord Gautama Buddha, ‘the enlightened one’, is reported to have said about *man*: “Consumed by craving (the pig), enraged by hatred (the snake), blinded by delusion (the cock), overwhelmed and despairing, man contemplates his own downfall, that of others, and both together.”

Anti-Ahmadiyya banners in provincial capital of the Punjab

Dehli Gate, Lahore; November, 2019: It was reported that an unidentified man put three anti-Ahmadiyya panaflexes in Dehli Gate area of Lahore, carrying: “*I believe Qadianis to be infidels—no argument*” and “*Qadianis are wajib ul qatl* (Must be killed)”. Police were informed of the panaflexes. They removed the panaflexes and took CCTV footage for the identification of the accused. Now these have appeared again in different locations at Lahore. These were reported to the police who took action. The panaflexes were removed but some shops still show hateful stickers.

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

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

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

A new platform for anti-Ahmadiyya hot air

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

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

Anti-Ahmadiyya processions in Rabwah

Rabwah; November 10, 2019: Anti-Ahmadiyya groups, especially Majlis Ahrar Pakistan and Khatme Nabuwwat organizations do not spare even the blessed birthday of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to hurl abuses against the Ahmadiyya community. They converge on Rabwah and hold rallies and lead anti-Ahmadiyya processions in the town's main streets. Majlis Ahrar leadership, being Deobandis, do not celebrate Holy Prophet's birthday, except only in Rabwah. Their hostile presence here is deliberate provocation to the locals. Despite our written requests to authorities to disallow such sectarian conferences and processions in this Ahmadiyya town, these are facilitated by the administration.

Ahrar held their annual Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Madrassah Ahrarul Islam Kot Wasawa, a village on the outskirts of Rabwah. It started at 10:30 and ended at 13:30. It

was presided by mulla Abdul Latif Khalid (deputy Amir of Majlis Ahrarul Islam) from Chichawatni. 500 men attended it. Syed Kafil Bukhari of Multan, Abdul Latif Khalid of Chichawatni, Maulvi Azam, Tahir Saleem (both from Faisalabad) and Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi also spoke in the conference. All of them bad-mouthed Ahmadiyyat and its founder. The police were present all along and provided them official support .

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

Another procession emerged from Masjid Bukhari in Muhallah Darul Fazl and was led by Mulla Umair Arshad at 9:45 a.m. Approximately 150 men participated in it. It reached Aqsa roundabout via the bus stop. There mulla Shuja Abadi spoke venomously against the Ahmadiyya community and its founder.

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

Is it not improper and indecent of all these mullas and their acolytes to leave their own neighborhoods and come over to Rabwah for these rallies? What justification do they give to the administration to obtain its permission to indulge in this sectarian provocation? If none, why does the administration permit them to muster in Rabwah?

Hate promotion by a leading cleric!

July 2019: Maulana Tariq Jameel is one of the leading Sunni Ulama of Pakistan these days. He has a vast following and is reputed for his eloquence and generally non-controversial religious polemics. He does not indulge frequently in politics, nor has he formed a party with political objectives. However, he appears to have decided to change his colors.

Maulana Jameel called on the Prime Minister on July 26, who received him most warmly. Very unlike him, Jameel has retweeted two tweets on his twitter account. These were ultra-hateful against Ahmadis; we translate these below:

“If any attempt is made to amend the Khatme Nabuwwat law, who are ready to sacrifice their lives for the honour of God’s beloved Prophet Muhammad (*pbuh*)?

(Raised hands are shown)

We are not sure if the above are from his authentic account. The Maulana did not disown the tweets.

Anti-Ahmadiyya meeting in Lahore

Johar Town, Lahore; February 21, 2019: Leaders of Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Lahore, while addressing their workers in Johar Town, Lahore said, “We will protect the law of Khatme Nabuwwat and Namus Risalat. Qadianiat is the name of revolt and enmity against Islam. Qadianiat is the name of a mischief and political party that renounced the Khatme Nabuwwat doctrine for the British and established a false sect. Ummat Muslima defeated Qadianiat on every front

and Tehrik Khatme Nabuwat stood victorious in every field. The mission of Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat doctrine and the Qadianis' pursuit will continue. Qadianis play their tainted tricks everywhere to destroy the country's image and get together on call of their foreign lords. We are planning a well-considered action plan for the people who will soon know how to deal with them."

The mention of the intended 'action plan' is a cause of concern to Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Sectarian hostile conference in District Khushab

Chak 2 TDA, District Khushab; 15, 16 March 2019: A Khatme Nabuwat conference was held here in memory of Mulla Athar Hussain. His anti-Ahmadiyya activism was praised profusely at the occasion and a great deal of ill will and animosity was expressed against Ahmadis. It was highlighted that Ahmadiyya places of worship resemble mosques, so these must be reoriented differently. Qadianis call themselves Muslims, while in fact they are apostates and *Zindique* and should be dealt with accordingly. The government is supporting the blasphemers and hurting the lovers of the Prophet. Qadianis should be quashed forthwith, otherwise intense hostility will arise; the speakers said.

Hate promotion through social media

July 2019: With the hype in anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda on social media this month, some unscrupulous elements tweeted very harmful messages on Twitter. For example the following carefully-worded message in Urdu was tweeted (Translation):

"When Qadianis raised their head in 1974, they were declared *Kafir* in the Constitution. Remember, in case of any confrontation this time, you (Ahmadis) will be declared *Wajib-ul-Qatl* (Worthy of Death) in the era of Imran Khan. Insha Allah

"Having said Insha Allah, retweet (it)."

On @ARYSabirshakir (and) @ShabnamGulWzir

The above tweet was allegedly made from the account of two important persons, Mr. Sabir Shakir and Ms. Shabnam Gul Wazir. The former is a well-known TV journalist while the latter is a Director of NACTA.

We are not sure if these accounts are authentic. However the choice of these originators and the text of the message is crafty and depraved. We produce below copy of one, @ShabnamGulWzir.

Director NACTA Shabnum Gul Wazir
@ShabnamGulWzir

1974 میں جب قادیانیوں نے سر اٹھایا تو آئین میں کافر ہو گئے یاد رکھو اس بار اگر میدان سجا تو عمران خان کے قیادت میں واجب القتل ڈکلیئر ہو جاو گے
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سب انشاء اللہ بول کر ریٹویٹ کریں

2:37 AM - 24 Jul 2019

499 Retweets 2,105 Likes

Anti-Ahmadiyya ‘Seerat Conference’ in Kotli Azad Kashmir

Poth Sansa, District Kotli, Azad Kashmir; July 4, 2019: Eight Ahmadi families live in this village. Mullas held a public gathering here on July 4, 2019. They named it ‘Seerat Conference’. ‘Seerat’ means Life and Ways of the Holy Prophet (pbuh). But the speakers at this conference only bad-mouthed Ahmadis.

Hate campaign and threats in Sindh

Qambar Ali Khan; Sindh, July 25, 2019: Members of JUI (F) organized agitation and processions in Qambar Ali Khan. They knocked the doors of Ahmadis’ houses and harassed them. At times they argued with Ahmadi children and asked them to recite the *Kalima* (Creed). Often they beat the front doors of Ahmadis’ homes or throw stones at them and run away.

Tajdare Khatme Nabuwwat, a sub-organization of JUI (F) is involved in all this. In 2007 a police case was registered against Ahmadis in Qambar Ali Khan. Now, the perpetrators threaten Ahmadis with reopening the case to make their lives difficult.

Ahmadis have reported the unrest to authorities.

Anti-Ahmadiyya event in Lahore

Mughalpura; Lahore, August 24, 2019: A training course was organized here by the local Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat. In this, they used foul language against the Ahmadiyya community and said that all schools of thought of the Muslim world unanimously declared Qadianis to be out of the pale of Islam, and consider them to be followers of a new religion other than Islam. In Pakistan, all religious and academic institutions support this, it was said. Pakistan’s parliament and judiciary have declared them a minority in view of this unanimous decision. United Nations, NGOs and others are aggressively intervening in our religious and internal matters, they said.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in center of Rabwah

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

Speakers made very hostile, provocative and false assertions against Ahmadis. Some of their utterances: “O Qadianis, try your best, we will not allow any amendment to the Constitution regarding Khatme Nabuwwat. ... Attempts to amend the Constitution would make the country’s situation worse. ... This mosque has been here for forty years in the citadel of Qadianiat. ... Muslims, listen, Qadianis cannot be sincere with the Constitution of Pakistan and Muslims. They are thieves of Khatme Nabuwwat. ... Nowadays Qadianis have become arrogant. Qadianis are worsening the country’s condition by pursuing foreign agenda. ... They call Muslims infidels, and call themselves Muslims. ... Sir Zafrulla Khan did not join Quaid i Azam’s funeral prayer. ... Qadianis have complete freedom to travel to India. ... European delegations come here and are given a conducted tour to show how oppressed

Qadianis are. ... At night, why are Muslims checked while passing through Chenab Nagar. ... Qadianis, either accept Islam or admit your status as a minority". etc, etc.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conferences

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

- On November 23, 2019 a 'Naqshbandia Conference' was held in Kotri Sharqi, District Hyderabad. In the conference foul language was used against the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya community and the community; and the audience were incited against the community. Police were informed by Ahmadis.
- On November 24, 2019 a Khatme Nabuwwat organization organized a conference in Chak 6 Bambaseer, District Bahawalpur. An ad was also published before the conference. The police were informed to maintain law and order. The SHO came to monitor the conference. Approximately 300 participated.

RELEVANT QUOTATIONS

- Keep yourself from the flames! The reverend fathers are coming.
A friar to a converse, Seria, 1491
- We live in such dangerous times that it is dangerous either to speak or be silent.
Jaun Luis Vives to Erasmus, 1534
- The times are such that one should think carefully before writing books.
Amtoxis de AroozSj, September 1559
- In the days of the blessed memory of Philip II, the inquisition experienced great felicity.
Inquisitors of Cataloxia 1623
- We have gone into lands where an inquisitor has even been.
The inquisitors of Cataloxia 1578
- We were taken to the inquisition where, for no more than following truth, we were deprived of life, of property and of children.
A seventeenth century Morisco exile in Tunis
- 1515 push: The need to fight ideology with correct ideology is stronger than ever, but can we step up the challenge?
Gulf Daily News, Bahrain, June 27, 2014

9. Miscellaneous; Reports from Allover

Pakistan Penal Code 153-A. Promoting enmity between different groups, etc.

Whoever: ...

a. by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representations or otherwise, promotes or incites, or attempts to promote or incite, on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, caste or community or any other grounds whatsoever, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities: or

b. commits, or incites any other person to commit, any act which is prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony between different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities or any groups of persons identifiable as such on any ground whatsoever, and which disturbs or is likely to disturb public tranquility; or

c. ...

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and with fine.

... (T)he principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice, as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed...

Preamble to The Constitution of Pakistan

Reports that do not fall under a specific category and are not included in another chapter are mentioned here. This chapter is sub-divided in six sections, namely: a. Reports from cities; b. Reports from towns and villages; c. The media; d. Disturbing threats; and e. Diverse

a) Reports from cities

Hateful anti-Ahmadiyya atrocities mount in Peshawar

Peshawar, September, 2019: In KPK the PTI is having a second run in power, but despite its motto of *Riasat Madinah*, its provincial government cares little for Imran Khan's vision of *Riasat Madinah*. For instance:

- Children of Mr. Mutahar Ahmad from Mehmandabad were studying at Jamal International School Daura Road. Someone told the school management that those children were Ahmadis. The principal told Mr. Ahmad's children to stop coming to his 'International' school.
- Mr. Miraj Ahmad of Gulberg Khyber, Peshawar has been running a successful pharmacy business for the last twenty years. Now, for some time members of the Khatme Nabuwat organization have started creating problems for him. They threaten him and his staff. Consequently his staff has quit working with him.
- Mr. Khalid Rasheed works at a clinic in Bazeed Khail. Recently he had a phone call from an unknown number. The unknown person bad-mouthed against the holy

founder of Ahmadiyyat, demanded a million rupees, and threatened to kill him if he didn't fulfill the demand.

- An Ahmadi, Safeer Ahmad runs a sales outlet of plastic bottles in Kohati Gate, Peshawar. The owner told him to vacate the shop, for being Ahmadi. He used harsh and severe words against the Ahmadi. Some people intervened and got two months' grace time for Mr. Ahmad.
- Mr. Shafiq ur Rehman runs a factory of plastic bottles in Industrial State Kohat Road. Before Eid ul Adha one of his employees conveyed, "A mulla wants to meet you and wants you to become a Muslim". After that Rehman received some booklets and newspapers regarding Khatme Nabuwwat. It seems that his employee is involved in this activity.

Anti-Ahmadiyya activism in Lahore – capital of the Punjab

Lahore; June 2019: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) organized an *Iftar* party in Muslim Town, Lahore. A mulla said: "Khatme Nabuwwat is the fundamental and basic belief in Islam. The first ever consensus was on Khatme Nabuwwat. Protectors of *Khatme Nabuwwat* and *Namus Risalat* beliefs are guardians of the Holy Prophet's (pbuh) person. New generation should comprehend Qadianis' false beliefs to protect their faith. Qadianiat is bent upon cutting the roots of Islam and is bringing bad name to Islam by propagating its fake misery. Our forefathers sacrificed a lot to have them declared infidels (*Kafir*). Pakistan came into being on the basis of *Kalima*, and its official religion is Islam. Minorities have rights in Pakistan but Qadianis do not obey the Constitution of Pakistan."

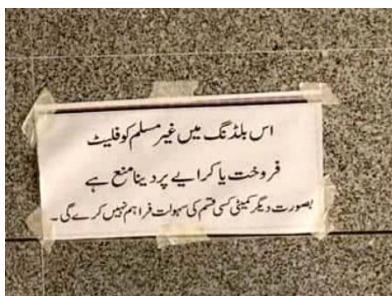
AMTKN leaders observed in another public gathering: Conspirators against Khatme Nabuwwat will always fail. Khatme Nabuwwat is the fundamental belief of Islam. The British plotted and planted Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to violate the Khatme Nabuwwat belief and thus to destroy the Islamic structure. Our forefathers sacrificed a lot to have Qadianis declared infidels (*Kafir*) by the National Assembly. Now, it is our duty to protect the Khatme Nabuwwat belief.

AMTKN celebrated countrywide Implementation of Anti-Qadianiat Act Day (*yaume nifaze imtinae Qadianiat*). Leaders of AMTKN stated at the occasion that April 26, 1984 was the brightest day of the country's history, when disbelievers in Khatme Nabuwwat, Qadianis' mischief of usage of Islamic *Sha'air* was declared illegal and PPC 298-C was added to the Constitution of Pakistan. Qadianis continue to use Islamic *Sha'air* even after having been declared non-Muslims in the 1974 Constitution. The government should compel Qadianis to defer to the Constitution and law, and implement the Anti- Qadianiat Act effectively.

Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Jalali the leader of TLP demanded from the government to move against those who indulged in blasphemy, as stipulated by the Islamabad High Court. The authorities' insensitivity to the sensitive issue of *Namus Risalat* is beyond comprehension. He said that he himself lodged an FIR against two blasphemers in police station Mughalpura, Lahore but they were not arrested even after more than two years. In order to stop the repetition of blasphemy in Pakistan, it was essential to punish the arrested accused; it was necessary to bring the hidden hands behind the writers and publishers of blasphemous material to justice.

A disturbing report from metropolitan Karachi

Karachi: Following story was printed in the *The Express Tribune* of September 26, 2019:



Seeds of intolerance: Private building in Karachi displays anti-minority notice draws mass ire

A notice displayed in the reception area of Machiyara Residency stated non-Muslims were prohibited from purchasing, renting flats

Given its cosmopolitan nature, Karachi has traditionally been known for being much better towards its many minority communities compared to other parts of Pakistan. But an alarming case that surfaced on Wednesday suggests a seed of intolerance

may be taking root in the city.

It all began with a notice pasted in the reception area of a residential building in the upscale locality of Clifton, Karachi. "Selling or renting any apartment in this building to non-Muslims is prohibited," read the notice displayed on the Machiyara Residency in Block 8, Clifton.

Photographs of the notice soon went viral on social media, prompting furor from civil society activists and citizens from all walks of life. Anthropologist and rights activist Sikandar Ali Hullio, who tweeted the development, termed it an example of the "sick mindset that never treats all citizens equal."

Other voices soon joined in, condemning those behind the move for promoting fanaticism and the religious persecution of minorities. . . .

By Hafeez Tunio in The Express Tribune, September 26th, 2019

Hatred promoted against Ahmadis in Larkana

Massan Bada; District Larkana, September 2019: Anti-Ahmadiyya hateful activities have picked up pace here. Foul language is used against Ahmadis especially on social media. A policeman is also involved in this hate campaign; he is provoking people against Ahmadis through social media. Opponents staged a rally too; bad-mouthed the Jamaat and raised slogans. Ahmadis informed the authorities, and have taken suitable measures for personal security.

Hostility prevails in Mardan

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

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

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

Holy Prophet's birthday celebrations were organized by the Beacon House School in which they invited some outsider mullas who took the liberty to change it into a Khatam-e-

Nabuwwat event, in which they cursed Ahmadis. There is a female Ahmadi teacher in the staff who now feels insecure because of the incident.

Press report on plight of Rabwah

Rabwah; June 25, 2019: We translate below a report from the daily *Ausaf*, Lahore of June 25, 2019, to place on record the state of this town, the centre of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan:

Sewerage system in Chenab Nagar has become highly troublesome

The contractor has fled; dirt, dust and mud make residents' lives miserable

Chenab Nagar (Ausaf reporter): The sewerage system of Chenab Nagar has become highly troublesome (*Wabal e jaan*) for the public. The contractor has fled; dirt, dust and mud have made residents' lives miserable. Even after a year, main roads are in bad shape, without repairs. Children face great difficulty in walking to their schools. The sanitation is poorest of the past three decades. Ineffective rules are an impediment to the solution of local problems. The sanitation staff remains absent for months from wards. On a visit they attend only to clear the drainage; removal of litter is not undertaken. As nullahs are not cleaned up, the sewage system gets badly choked. To make it worse, the extremely unsatisfactory sewerage scheme launched by the Punjab Public Health Department has added to the harm. Often, drainage motors are not in working order, as a result the sewage overflows and the streets become like canals. Bazaars, streets and roads become problematic for pedestrians, especially school children. Accumulated ponds of foul smelling sewage make respiration awful.

Anti-Ahmadi activism in a Karachi neighborhood

Model Colony, Karachi; June 2019: Malik Mubashar Ahmad lives in Model Colony, Karachi. There are two mosques in his residential area where about 10 to 15 non-Ahmadis indulge in anti-Ahmadi activities. They do not enjoy much support.

They held a meeting before Eid and prepared a list of 15 to 20 Ahmadis; Mr. Ahmad was at the top of the list. They are angry with him because he is kind to people, greets them and is on friendly terms with them. Their plan is to expel him from here after the Eid and keep under observation rest of Ahmadis. They lured the landlord with a better tenant and demanded Ahmad's eviction.

b) Reports from towns and villages

Ahmadiyya marriage ceremony impaired by mullas

Jhuddo Naukot, District Mirpur Khas; March 14, 2019: Mr. Altaf Ahmad an Ahmadi's daughter's wedding was held on March 14, 2019. The marriage party arrived from Green Town, Karachi. The reception was arranged at a marriage hall named "Hareem Hall" in Jhuddo. When the wedding feast was at the end, mullas came in numbers and told the hall owner to get the hall vacated of those Ahmadis forthwith. Under pressure from the mullas the owner expressed his helplessness and asked for the evacuation of the hall. Ahmadis had to comply and the wedding party had to shift to the bride's residence where farewell formalities took place.

Sindh province is governed by PPP.

Ahmadis denied funeral and burial rites of their deceased

Nawan Lahore Paneera, District Toba Tek Singh; February 21, 2019: An Ahmadi, Mr. Abdul Wajid Khan died in the area of Toba Tek Singh, where they were the only Ahmadi family. His widow informed Ahmadis of his death and requested the Jamaat to arrange funeral rites. So, Ahmadis reached there and offered his funeral prayers. After that, they proceeded to Rabwah for Mr. Khan's burial as per his family's wish.

Mr. Khan's birthplace was Quetta. On his family's departure for Rabwah his relatives and locals raised the issue and demanded his burial in Quetta. They threatened severe action for non-compliance. At this Mr. Khan's dead body was taken back to Nawan Lahore. Non-Ahmadis offered his funeral prayers led by a non-Ahmadi mulla and buried him.

Anti-Ahmadiyya activities near peak in Pir Mahal, Punjab

Pir Mahal; District Toba Tek Singh, August 2019: Mr. Abdul Shakoor, an Ahmadi victim of persecution, was invited to a Ministerial program in United States of America. There Mr. Shakoor called on the US President along with some other victims. His call video became viral in Pakistan. This initiated hateful anti-Ahmadi activities in Pir Mahal too. Opponents made life hard for Ahmadis there. A few recent incidents are mentioned below:

- On July 19, 2019 a procession was taken out in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat. Slogans like "Death in slavery of Prophet (pbuh) is also acceptable" were raised. After the event, participants of the rally were very vociferous against the community on social media. They shared anti-Ahmadiyya video with local shopkeepers to spread hatred.
- An Ahmadi youth Syed Tahir Ahmad worked as apprentice in a mobile-phone repairing shop in the town. His boss's attitude changed on knowing of his Ahmadiyya faith, and he occasionally took up arguing with him religious issues. One day his boss's friend came to their shop and used foul language against the Ahmadiyya community. Thereafter Ahmad's father stopped him going to the shop. His boss sent him a message that they would get him back at any cost, as they 'were concerned about him'. His boss also mentioned him to mullas, and one of them sent for Mr. Ahmad. Very upset, Mr. Ahmad fled from home.
- An Ahmadi Fazal Ahmad runs a jewellery shop here. His market-fellows stopped tea service to him, and approached their union president for his complete boycott. Now most shops show the stickers: "**Qadianis! first enter Islam, then enter the shop**", and "**One who drinks Shezan juice will be deprived of the holy drink (at Hauze Kausar)**".
- Mr. Muhammad Anwar Shehzad and his family joined Ahmadiyyat in July 2019. He runs a *tandoor* (clay oven for making bread) near the courts and the police station. His brother came to know of his belief shift, and he informed his parents and other relatives about it. They implemented a boycott of Mr. Shehzad. This news reached courts' employees and the area mosque.

The president of the local bar association called Mr. Shehzad and told him that everyone had turned against him. He told him that he would call him to his office to render an apology, close down his *tandoor* and leave the area to avoid any clash. Mr. Shehzad had to pack up his business.

The mulla of the local mosque assigned some youths to harass Mr. Shehzad. On August 23 at 10 p.m. some masked men attacked his home. His family locked themselves in a room for safety. The attackers bad-mouthed Mr. Shehzad and scuffled with him. At the time of the attack, his TV was tuned to an Ahmadiyya channel, so the attackers smashed the TV and its dish antenna. On leaving they threatened to burn down his house if he did not recant.

Hostility in Azad Kashmir

Sehnasa, Azad Kashmir; January 2019: Only a few Ahmadis reside in this village and they are facing hostility for their faith. Some recent incidents are mentioned below:

- Some miscreants set fire to the dry grass placed on the roof of an Ahmadi, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad's house. The estimated loss was approximately Rs. 40,000.
- A group of bigots beat up Mr. Talaat Mahmood and his brother in Sehnasa on January 18, 2019.
- Mr. Talaat Mahmood and Mr. Muhammad Hafeez, Ahmadis were attacked with a knife, in their shop. Mr. Hafeez received minor injuries. The incident was reported to the police. The police arrested two attackers. Later the matter was resolved in the local *Panchayat* where the attacker sought pardon and promised to desist from mischief.

Severe hostility against Ahmadis in District Nankana

Kot Rehmat Khan, District Nankana; June 2019: Ahmadis are facing great hostility in this village. An influential mulla of Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulullah (TLP) is resident of the village mosque. He is very hostile to Ahmadis. Through his sermons, he has turned the village illiterates against Ahmadis. This has disturbed greatly the peace of Ahmadis in many ways, for example:

- One day some boys threw stones at the Ahmadiyya mosque. Another day they smashed the lights in the mosque.
- Stones were pelted on the local Ahmadiyya missionary once after the morning prayers. At prayers times miscreants come to the mosque and harass the worshipers.
- The mulla, accompanied by his acolytes raised slogans against the local Ahmadi president and behaved badly to disturb the privacy of his residence.
- Some days ago, a non-Ahmadi woman died here. The lady's son is an employee of Malik Zaheer Ahmad, an Ahmadi. The youth asked his employer to join his mother's rituals. Mr. Ahmad went to his house for condolences. There the TLP mulla took exception to his visit and behaved badly. At this, Mr. Ahmad left. The same day the mulla's gangsters challenged the Ahmadi elder again, and the police had to intervene to maintain peace.

- On June 18, 2019 the Assistant Commissioner came here accompanied by police and said that she had received an application marked by the Director ISI that Ahmadiyya mosque's minarets were illegal and should be demolished. Ahmadis talked to her, and she told them to come to her office.

Ordeal of an Ahmadi averted

Chak 5/3L, District Jhang; March 16, 2019: Mr. Mubashir Ahmad Tanveer saw a Khatme Nabuwat (End of Prophethood) ad outside a local store. Reportedly he took it off and burnt it in a nearby furnace. Locals got incited over it. The police detained Mr. Tanveer and put him behind bars. The villagers protested angrily and demanded his expulsion from the village. On intervention of a local politician the communal situation got stable, and Mr. Tanveer returned to his home. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Tanveer is not mentally stable; hence the mishap.

c) The Media

Facebook removes profile frame targeting Ahmadiyya community

August 2019: The daily *Dawn* published the following story on July 31, 2019:

Facebook removes profile frame targeting Ahmadiyya community

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July 31, 2019

The profile frame withdrawn by Facebook called for the death of the Ahmadis in Urdu and was widely shared in Pakistan. — Pixabay/File

Facebook said on Wednesday it has removed a profile frame targeting Pakistan's Ahmadiyya community as the media giant continues to grapple with the proliferation of hate speech on the social network.

Profile frames are filters Facebook users can add to their pictures that often promote a cause, celebrate a holiday, or commemorate an event or tragedy.

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"We have removed the Profile Frames in question for violating our rules, and have ensured that they're unavailable for future use," a Facebook spokesperson told *AFP* via email.

"We do not tolerate any content — including anything shared within Profile Frames — that incites violence, and we remove this content whenever we become aware of it."

The frame was extensively used by Pakistani Facebook users after US President Donald Trump met with several leading members of religious groups in the White House earlier this month, including a representative from Pakistan's Ahmadiyya community.

Facebook disabled 2.19 billion accounts in the first quarter of this year, nearly double the number of accounts nixed in the prior three-month period.

The social network took down four million posts considered hate speech in the first quarter of this year and continues to invest in technology to better detect such material in various languages and regions.

However Facebook has been battered by criticism that it was more focused on growth than protecting users or thwarting deception, bullying, and harassment.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1497292/facebook-removes-profile-frame-targeting-ahmadiyya-community>

Maniacal anti-Ahmadi op-ed in vernacular press

Decency of vernacular press and the government on trial

Punjab; Last week of July 2019: A number of vernacular newspapers in the Punjab published an op-ed by one Umar Khan Jozevi. This writer has used such abusive and vulgar language against not only Ahmadis but also against their holy founder that it is most hurtful and injurious to religious sentiments of this marginalized community. While any individual may feel extremely hateful toward another religious group, it is unexpected of editors of daily press to publish the same in their paper. Such deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of ‘any class’ by insulting its religion or religious beliefs is a crime in Pakistan law PPC 295-A and is punishable with imprisonment for a term upto ten years. It is for the authorities, provincial as well as federal to uphold and apply the law where pertinent. It is now for the reader to decide whether the government has any justification to look the other way in the face of commission of this crime committed in broad daylight in public.

Before we produce the rabid text of Mr. Jozevi, we quote the 1993 Supreme Court’s Muslim judges’ view on what the majority religious community in this country considered as blasphemous:

“When an Ahmadi or Ahmadis display in public on a placard, a badge or a poster or write on walls or ceremonial gates or buntings, the ‘*Kalima*’, or chant other ‘*Shaare Islam*’ it would amount to publicly defiling the name of Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) and also other prophets, and exalting the name of Mirza Sahib thus intimating and instigating the Muslims.....” In plain language, this means that if an Ahmadi, by reciting the *Kalima* (Islamic creed) declares that Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) was a true Prophet of Allah, he commits blasphemy, and is liable to be put to death under PPC-295.

However, as for insulting others’ religious beliefs and outraging their religious feelings, Mr. Jozevi got away by writing the following in the daily *Jinnah*, Lahore of July 25, 2019 (*translation—extracts*):

“At a time when Prime Minister Imran Khan, having assumed power, is about to embark on his first tour of the U.S. it is not unusual for the acolytes and lackeys of the cursed and liar Mirza Ghulam

Qadiani to raise their head in America to prove themselves persecuted and enslaved. The false outcry of optician Abdul Shakoor of Sargodha, before Donald Trump, the US President, appears to be part of a well-considered conspiracy and some dangerous plan. Abdul Shakoor, who set aside clear proclamations of the Sustainer of Universe, open orders of the Holy Quran and unchangeable rational instructions of Prophet of Latter Days (p.b.u.h.) and accepted a liar, cursed and spurned (*mardud*) and *Kafir* as a prophet (God forbid), complains that he is now rated as the worst of *Kafirs*. What else to call a *Kafir*, other than a *Kafir*? It was not a mauvi who designated Abdul Shakoor the optician and Mirza Ghulam Qadiani and his followers and lackeys *Kafir*, but it was through their evil actions and becoming misguided through obedience to a liar and cursed that they fell into this gutter of disgrace and dishonor. If Shakoor hates the word *Kafir*, why does he not spit out the cursed and liar Mirza....It was on account of hell-bound people like Mirza, that the Holy Prophet had warned his Ummah against the evil of such hell-bound (*Jahannamion*) people....Subsequent to the clear declaration by Allah and His Prophet, if anyone refuses to acknowledge the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet, be it Mirza Ghulam Qadiani or Yusuf the liar, or their followers and lackeys, they are surely the worst *Kafir*, apostates and out of the pale of Islam—not Muslim. As per the Quran and Hadith the Mirzai gang was already cast outside the pale of Islam, however it was in 1974 that the Constitution and Pakistan law confirmed their *Kufr*, deceit and lie and exposed their black face to the whole world. As per the constitution of Pakistan, Qadiani bunch cannot call itself Muslim. Abdul Shakoor and other followers and lackeys of the Mirza feel hurt simply because they are not allowed to call themselves Muslim. ... (Muslims) can sacrifice their fathers, wives and children but cannot tolerate the slightest attack on the Khatme Nabuwat and honour of their Prophet Muhammad. Abdul Shakoor, you boo hoo, cry and weep, begging before Donald Trump that you are not allowed to call yourself Muslim, but we, not boo hooing, crying or weeping, but say with the beat of drum that while a single one of us Prophet-lovers is alive in this land, none can call you Muslim. ... You have been declared *Kafir* in every street and every neighborhood for licking the toes of a cursed and liar Mirza. A *Kalima* reciting Muslim who considers it an honour to sacrifice his parents, wife and children for the last Prophet, Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) how can this lover consider a cursed and liar a Prophet by comparison. Every child in this country is ready for years to fight for, be cut down, wiggle and die for the end of prophethood and honour of Muhammad Mustafa. Followers and lackeys of the Mirza have forgotten the legal kicks and fists on their cursed faces; they once again are putting Muslims on trial. For this reason, Abdul Shakoor was hurriedly carried to the US, in the middle of night, so as to be there in advance of the visit of Prime Minister Imran Khan.... Qadianis' outcry is not a political issue, it is purely religious and is a question of honour with millions and billions of Muslims.....

“No Muslim has ever objected to the rights granted to them in the Constitution, but if they tamper with Constitution or law to obtain a certificate of being Muslim, while being a *Kafir*, they will have to become a spectacle in this country. We said this before, and we say it again that a challenge to the faith of Muslims amounts to playing with fire. Those who earlier played with this fire, turned into ashes forever. Now, he who would choose to play with this fire in the interest of his politics, power and support to Qadianis will turn into ash and dust. Accordingly, do bear in mind your end at the start, before you maliciously reconsider (a change in) the law on Protection of the End of Prophethood.”

Mr. Jozevi attributes his diatribes and fulmination to his ‘love of the Holy Prophet’, but the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) was always respectful to the religious leaders of other communities, and the Holy Quran documented forever the injunction: “And abuse not those whom they call upon besides Allah, lest they out of spite, abuse Allah in their ignorance.” (6:109) Jozevi claims to be a Muslim but he has clearly violated the command of Allah and

the directions of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.). He has openly promoted ‘enmity between religious feelings of Ahmadis through deliberate and malicious act”, thus he has violated PPC 153-A and 295-A. Will the government of Pakistan and Punjab hold him accountable as per law? Also will the APNS and CPNE consider advising the vernacular media on minimum professional standards of Code of Ethics in journalism. Mr. Jozevi and the dailies who published his op-ed have indeed risked ample disgrace to Pakistani culture and literati.

d) Disturbing threats

Follow-up report from Pir Mahal, Punjab

Pir Mahal; District Toba Tek Singh, September 2019: Mr. Muhammad Anwar Shehzad and his family joined Ahmadiyyat in July 2019. His brother came to know of his belief shift, and he informed his parents and other relatives about it. They imposed a social boycott on Mr. Shehzad. He runs a *tandoor* (clay oven for making bread) near the courts and the police station. The news of his shift reached courts’ employees and the area mosque too. So, Mr. Shehzad had to pack up his business in the face of severe opposition.

On August 23 at about 10 p.m. some masked men attacked his home. His family locked themselves in a room for safety. The attackers bad-mouthed Mr. Shehzad and scuffled with him. At the time of the attack, his TV was tuned to an Ahmadiyya channel, so the attackers smashed the TV and its dish antenna. On leaving they threatened to burn down his house if he did not recant.

After August 23 the social blockade became tighter. The Shehzad family was refused milk for their kids. His non-Ahmadi relatives along with their women attacked them in their home. Shehzad and his wife were badly injured in this attack. Mrs. Shehzad was bleeding in the head when a friend took them to doctor for first aid.

The victims are steadfast in their new resolve, nevertheless.

Threat to Ahmadis in Lahore

Baghbanpura, Lahore; February 7, 2019: A non-Ahmadi madrassah student, Muhammad Afzal was killed here in Madrassah Taleemul Quran by the violence of a cleric and two of his students. His relatives reported the murder to the police but they took little action. Afzal’s relatives put his dead body on the road and started protesting by blocking the traffic. TLP also joined the protest. The TLP president of Shalamar Town availed the occasion to bad-mouth Ahmadis and promote his party interest. He said, “The police is hostile to us; it is working according to the agenda of Jews. Qadianis are supporting them. This government is of Qadianis. Pray that our Baba (Khadim Rizvi of Faizabad notoriety) is released soon, then we’ll take revenge from Qadianis and the government.... Qadianis have taken control of the country; we have to jointly defend this country against Qadianis. Pray for the release of Baba Ji. Only our leader Khadim Hussain Rizvi can save us from Qadianis.”

The crowd comprised approximately 170 men.

Life threats to Ahmadi in Quetta

Quetta; February 2019: Mr. Kashif Aslam an Ahmadi, is active in community affairs. He runs a business of motorcycle parts. He has been receiving WhatsApp messages and calls from an unknown Afghanistani number in the last month. The caller introduced himself as Tehrik Taliban's representative and demands ten million rupees as ransom. He was threatening severe consequences and loss of life if ransom was not paid. Mr. Aslam reported the threats to the police.

Threat letter to an Ahmadi-owned academy by *Lashkare Taiba* and *Khatme Nabuwwat*

Rodah, District Khushab; July 9, 2019: Mr. Muhammad Yunus, Ahmadi runs here a school named 'Shad Academy' since 2012 for grades Nursery to grade 8th. About 200 students are enrolled here. The quality of instructions is high.

A few days ago, Lashkare Taiba issued a threat letter that the proprietors of the academy are Qadianis and many children of the town are getting education there. Children are being sexually violated here; therefore the academy should be closed down immediately, they said. If not, the SHO police and civil administration will be responsible for any incident like harm or kidnapping of the children, or its teacher, or any attack. At this, the village chief (*Numbardar*) sent for Mr. Yunus, gave him a copy of the threat letter and told him to close down the academy.

Mr. Yunus went to the police station Mitha Tawana and met the SHO. The SHO sent for the village chief. He told all to rest assured as appropriate action would be taken. Next day the SHO and a Special Branch senior accompanied by police contingent visited the academy and told Mr. Yunus to contact them if necessary.

Threatening letters to Ahmadis

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

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

e) Diverse

The New Zealand shooting hits very close to home for Ahmadis in Pakistan. Why?

Ruling elites in Christchurch (NZ) and Lahore (Pakistan)—a candid comparison

3rd Week March 2019: There was a major terrorist attack on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand by a white supremacist at the time of Friday prayers on March 15, 2019. Fifty

persons were killed and numerous injured. A similar attack was mounted on Ahmadi worshipers assembled for Friday prayers, in two mosques in Lahore on 28 May 2010. Eighty-six Ahmadis were killed and scores injured.

Apart from the basic similarities of the two attacks and their consequences, there are other numerous relevant reports, reactions, comments etc from different sections of the two societies, whose comparative study would be constructive. An enlightened analysis could be meaningful, particularly for the well-wishers of Pakistan.

Media and other authentic reports placed on record the following:

Christchurch

- New Zealand in a daze after mosque attacks
Gunman live-streams shootings that left 49 (*later 50*) dead. PM Ardern calls it ‘one of the darkest days at New Zealand’.
- The police arrested the killer.
- PM Ardern stated that the killer “had extremist views that have absolutely no place in New Zealand, and, in fact, no place in the world”.
- PM Ardern met the relatives of victims, hugged them and kissed the victims’ children. At the occasion she wore a *hijab* to express solidarity and love for the victims. She spoke with compassion. She declared that the government :
 - will cover funeral costs.
 - provide financial support for those who will suffer income loss due to the terror attack.
 - do so regardless of immigration status and citizenship.
- Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the Khalifa tul Masih V said, (extract): “On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Community worldwide, I express my deepest sympathies and condolences to all those affected by the barbaric terrorist attack that has taken place in Christchurch. ... Our heartfelt prayers are with the victims of these attacks and all those who have been affected. May the perpetrators of this evil act be promptly brought to justice.”
- NZ authorities arranged *Azaan* (call for Islamic prayers) for Friday prayers to be aired on state TV and Radio.
- PM undertook to revise NZ gun laws.
- A group from New Zealand tribe Haka performed display and sang heart-touching song to honour the victims at a service.
- A major newspaper published the attack story with a full-page cover photo of the attacker calling him MONSTER in bold letters.

- Non-Muslim fellow citizens of New Zealand left flower bouquets at the site with messages like: “This is not New Zealand”.
- A white man stood outside a mosque in Manchester with placard: “You are my friends. I will keep watch while you pray”.
- PM Imran Khan of Pakistan tweeted: “Shocked and strongly condemned the Christchurch terrorist attacks on mosques. This reaffirms what we have always maintained that terrorism does not have a religion.” He saluted bravery of mosque attack victims. Pakistan national flag was half-masted on March 18.
- Fawad Chaudhary, Pakistan Fed Minister of Information tweeted: “Dialogue amongst Civilizations is only way forward; rise of hate mongers on the World Stage is making World unsafe.”

Lahore

- The terrorist attack on Ahmadis was made on May 28, 2010 simultaneously in two major Ahmadiyya mosques in Garhi Shahu and Model Town of Lahore. 86 worshippers were killed, as also a Christian worker. One hundred and twenty were injured. There were two or three attackers at Model Town, while a larger contingent attacked the Garhi Shahu mosque. The attackers used hand grenades and sprayed bullets. Some of them shouted the slogan: *Khatme Nabuwwat Zinda Baad* (Long live – End of Prophethood)
- Initially TV people arrived at the scene of the ongoing massacre. The police arrived thereafter. The Elite Force were there; however they took no action while the terrorists carried on their bloodshed. Eventually, it was after over two hours, when all was over, the police entered the Garhi Shahu mosque. On entry, they went up to the roof and fired absurdly a spray of bullets in the air as a show of victory. At Model Town, Ahmadis themselves overpowered two attackers and handed them over to the police. This was first time ever that terrorists in action were overpowered.
- After the massacre neither the President nor the Prime Minister found it necessary to make sympathy call on Ahmadis. Mr. Shahbaz Sharif the Chief Minister, in whose capital this gruesome atrocity had been committed, stayed away deliberately from the victims. He did not offer condolences for the dead, nor visited the injured in hospital, nor did he visit the sites.
- Mr. Salman Taseer, the Governor (from PPP) extended courtesy to make the sympathy call at Garhi Shahu mosque while the Interior Minister Rehman Malik (PPP) visited the injured in hospital. The former was later killed in a terrorist attack over the Aasia Bibi case.

- The National Assembly urged by its women members did condemn the killing of Ahmadis in a resolution; but the Senate could not muster enough political courage or moral response to do the same.
- The Chief Justice of Lahore High Court took no *suo motu* notice of the massacre, although a month later when a terrorist attack occurred at Data Darbar in the city, that resulted in half the number of casualties, he visited Darbar and sent for the CPO to explain the lapse in security.
- When the funerals of the massacred Ahmadis took place, no politician, no official showed up.
- Hate banners against Ahmadis remained in place even after the tragedy and the authorities took no action to remove them lest the extremists mind it.
- A captured terrorist, who got injured in the incident, was delivered to a state hospital for treatment by the police, without informing the hospital staff that he was the terrorist. Later at night, one of the Ahmadis admitted in the same facility noticed his presence and freedom, and he told the hospital staff of the monster's status. It was then that he was isolated as a prisoner. The next night, his handlers mounted a murderous attack on the hospital to either get him released or kill him. In the attempt, a number of official staff got killed
- The Punjab government appointed a high level inquiry team to investigate the incident. The team, thereafter were told to stay put, as hardly any one appeared before it, and Ahmadis were not called to testify. Eventually there was, of course, no inquiry report.
- As for the mulla, he felt no shame whatsoever over the monstrous bloodshed. Ibtisam Ilahi Zaheer, a leading Wahabist mulla still termed Ahmadis *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed) as per his version of Shariah. Another, Munawwar Hasan, the Amir of Jamaat Islami shamelessly warned that another major Khatme Nabuwwat (anti-Ahmadiyya) movement could be launched on the same lines as 1953. (That movement, in addition to a lot of bloodshed, brought Lahore to standstill and the imposition of first ever martial law in Pakistan.)
- Ms Farzana Bari of HRCP was however pragmatic; she aired the view that the state of Pakistan was primarily responsible for the Lahore tragedy, as the country's laws and constitutional amendment provided incentive to undertake violence against Ahmadis.
- The print media was generally sympathetic—even the vernacular press. The English press forcefully condemned the extremists and highlighted the state's incompetence to provide protection to Ahmadis. The electronic media, the TV channels, their anchors, reporters conducted themselves almost disgracefully. While reporting the

incident ‘live’, most of the reporters seemed to be confused whether to call the Ahmadiyya mosque a ‘Masjid’, and what name to give to Ahmadis’ Friday prayers as these prayers are essentially the same as with other denominations. PTV reported the police intervention to be very successful and the arrangements in hospitals excellent, although some state hospitals refused to receive the dead bodies and the injured due ‘lack of space’. A TV reporter referred to the Ahmadi martyrs as *Halaak* (perished) but for the dead terrorist, he used the term *Jan Bahaq* (one who delivers his soul to God). An Ahmadi leader held a press conference at the site after the tragedy; it was well attended but was hardly put on air, as the management feared to displease the mulla. Mr. Lucman, an anchor person of some rank, for his own reasons, stressed in a program that Ahmadis were not simple infidels but are *Murtad* (apostates) whose penalty according to Shariah is nothing short of death. The program was repeated twice the next day. No advice from Pemra!

- The Ahmadiyya Khalifa tul Masih V in his speech took a lenient view of the young terrorists who were misled to act like robots, and he called their sponsors and handlers the main culprits. He urged government leaders to undo the constitutional and legal provisions against Ahmadis.
- The Federal Interior Minister disclosed that the province (Punjab) had been informed before hand of the terrorist threat to the Ahmadiyya community.
- A year later, Lt Gen Pasha, the DG ISI testified before the OBL Commission: “... In Lahore the police protected those who attacked the Qadianis last year, and even directed them to the hospital where the wounded were being treated. The provincial government had been informed of the situation but it took no heed of the advice and information provided by the ISI. No guards were assigned to the hospital as venal political influence intervened everywhere.” (Al-Jazeera)
- There was no shortage of good advice to the political leadership of Pakistan. The Friday Times wrote an op-ed on this issue under the title: **A weak state without conscience**. Declan Wash of The Guardian minced no words: **“This past week, though I am silent, the massacre of 94 (sic) members of the minority Ahmadi community on May 28 has exposed something ugly at the heart of Pakistan, in its laws, its rulers, its society.”**

Conclusion

The state took no worthwhile long-term action to redress what was wrong in this field. No relief whatsoever was provided to the Ahmadi community and it remained gagged as before. It could not reassert in public that it also believes in *Khatme Nabuwwat*. The politico-religious lobby continued in its ways, and the state and society submerged deeper in the marshes of extremism and terrorism. As a result there occurred:

- Terrorist attack on Data Darbar, a month later
- Mr. Salman Taseer, Governor of Punjab was murdered by his guard.

- Two month later, Federal Minister Shahbaz Bhatti was killed.
- 85 Christians were killed in attack on Peshawar church in 2013.
- 134 children massacred in Army Public School in 2014.
- Pakistan reportedly spent \$118bn in war on terrorism till 2016; 3000 policemen were killed.
- TLP mullas imposed disgraceful surrender on spineless PML (N) government after *Dharna* (sit in) at Faizabad in November 2017.
- In October 2018, a mulla Pir Afzal Qadri declared three Supreme Court judges to be *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed) and urged ‘Muslim’ generals to rebel against their Army Chief.
- Jaish-e-Muhammad owned up terrorist attack at Pulwama. India-Pakistan disastrous war narrowly avoided.

In short, Pakistani state, if not for the sake of its Ahmadi citizens, in its larger interest should immediately take firm action against religious bigots, extremists and terrorists before they deliver their terminal blow to this *Mumlikat Khuda Daad* Pakistan (God-given country).

51 EU Members of Parliament write to the Prime Minister on ‘Persecution of Religious Minorities in Pakistan’

Brussels; April 30, 2019: Fifty-one members of the European Union Parliament have written the following letter to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Imran Khan:

Mr. Imran Khan

Prime Minister Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 Prime Minister’s office
 Red Zone, Islamabad Capital Territory,
 Islamabad
 Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Brussels, 30 April 2019

Persecution of Religious Minorities in Pakistan

Dear Prime Minister Imran Khan

In recent months, European NGOs have been reporting increasing number of cases of human rights violations, especially those against religious minorities in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. In view of this disturbing scenario, we, the undersigned, write to you as elected Members of the European Parliament to express our concern and seek reassurance that this persecution will cease.

Today’s Pakistan is far removed from being the country that its founding father Muhammad Ali Jinnah had envisaged. A Muslim majority state where people from all religions, whether Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Ahmadis or Shias, would be treated equally. Over the last 7 decades, successive

governments in Pakistan have contributed to putting in place systems that have resulted in political, economic and social discrimination of religious minorities, and encouraged acts of violence against them by radical Islamic groups.

Starting with the adoption of the Objectives Resolution in 1949, that proclaimed that the future Constitution of Pakistan would be modeled on Islamic ideology, the laws of the Islamic Republic have continued to be interpreted as preferential towards Muslims. Yet, Pakistan is also the only State that has officially declared the Ahmadi Muslim community as non-Muslims, prohibiting them from professing their belief as a result, every year in Pakistan, there are numerous cases of Ahmadis being persecuted or killed because they have “used symbols/practiced rituals considered Islamic”- an irony, given the fact that the *raison d’etre* for the creation of Pakistan was that it would be a homeland for Muslims in the subcontinent.

Similarly, we have observed with grave concern the case of Asia Bibi, the Christian woman who had been falsely charged, harassed and threatened with death due to the country’s Blasphemy Laws. The existence of such religious discriminatory laws encourages citizens to engage in intolerant and violent acts against non-Muslims. Despite these laws being frequently misused, no steps have been taken by the government of Pakistan to annul them. By this inaction the Islamic Republic of Pakistan can only be seen as abetting such acts of persecution.

Another matter of concern is the growing number of cases of forced conversion of women from religious minority groups, who remain particularly vulnerable to abuse. A report by the Movement for Solidarity and Peace in Pakistan found that at least 1,000 girls belonging to Christian and Hindu communities, often minors, are kidnapped and forced to marry Muslim men every year.

Over the last few years, religious extremist groups, often with support of the Pakistani State have grown in influence, further generating religious prejudices against minorities. Concomitantly, instances of attacks against minorities, their places of worship, etc. have also increased year upon year.

As Members of the European Parliament, we would wish to remind the Islamic Republic of Pakistan that the oppression of religious minorities violates the United Nations treaty on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which is the foundation for the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) a binding UN human rights agreement. The ICCPR is a key international human rights treaty that obligates countries that have ratified the treaty, to protect and preserve basic human rights. Pakistan ratified the ICCPR in 2010.

The ICCPR Convention is also one of twenty-seven core conventions set out as a prerequisite criteria for the European Union’s General Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP) of which Pakistan is a beneficiary. The continued violation of this international covenant especially with regard to the persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan, will compel the undersigned Members of the European Parliament to call on the European Commission to suspend all subsidies and trade preferences until the effective implementation of the convention can be assured by Pakistan. We, therefore, urge the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to take measures to dismantle the constitutional and institutional structures that have resulted in the persecution of religious minorities in country.

Yours sincerely,

The undersigned Members of The European Parliament

Uproar in social media over Mr. Abdul Shakoor's call on the US President

July 2019: Mr. Abdul Shakoor, Ahmadi octogenarian former-prisoner, victim of Anti-terrorism department's *faux pas* was among the delegation from the US Ministerial 2019 on Freedom of Religion or Belief, who called on the President of the United State during the event. At that occasion Mr. Shakoor mentioned to the President very briefly his personal experience of suffering and religious persecution. The video of the event was released by the U.S. The anti-Ahmadi elements in Pakistan did not like at all their mention at the occasion and raised a storm on social media against not only Mr. Shakoor but against the Jamaat Ahmadiyya and its leadership. This was unfair and unwarranted; we mention below briefly our reasons for this assessment:

- Mr. Abdul Shakoor was not the only victim present at the occasion; survivors from among Rohingyas, Newzealand Christchurch attack, Uyghurs etc from 24 countries were also present. The aim of the Ministerial was, *inter alia*: religious freedom and inter-religion harmony.
- Mr. Shakoor is neither an office-holder in the Jamaat, nor did he attend the conference as a representative of the community. He was invited by the conference organizers in his private capacity.
- Mr. Shakoor stated there nothing that was unconstitutional, unlawful or untrue. He mentioned only what happened to his own person. It was all true. He stated his religious status as defined in the Constitution. He sought no help from Mr. Trump. He said that Ahmadis are peace-loving community, and they depend only on Allah. What is wrong with that, one may ask.

Ahmadiyya Director of Public Affairs, Mr. Saleemuddin explained all this in his interview on MTA. He, thereafter, urged the authorities to take steps to put a stop to the on-going provocative and incendiary propaganda on social media wherein Ahmadis were *inter alia* declared *Wajib ul Qatl*. It is strange that Ahmadi-bashers should get agitated over a small exposure by a victim of their enormities while they themselves unabashedly cry incessantly in public telling the government to 'do more' in the on-going anti-Ahmadiyya drive. Last year, the vernacular press published more than 2400 anti-Ahmadi news items and 300 op-eds. If religious persecution is incriminating and shameful, why not stop it?

Opponents of the Ahmadiyya community, rather than feeling ashamed of their treatment of the victimized community, decided to add fuel to the fire of hatred, and made this call a great anti-Pakistan and anti-Islam issue.

Punjab Assembly's resolution on eve of new year

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

PA resolution seeks most stringent anti-blasphemy laws

By Intikhab Hanif

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

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

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

“Therefore, this house demands the immediate establishment of a Saudi Arabia-like central filtration and screening system to prevent blasphemous content. Laws should immediately be made to prevent printing and sale of local or foreign religious books without the certification of Mutahiddah Ulama Board and the federal religious affairs ministry, also disallowing presentation of such material in regular and social media.

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

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

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

Op-ed: Pakistan is a theocracy

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Chohan pays for his acidic tongue with cabinet job—a comparison with an earlier similar outrage

Lahore: The daily *Dawn* of March 7, 2019 reported that PTI’s Mr. Fayyaz Chohan, Punjab Minister for Information and Culture was made to resign from his post a few days after his remarks against the Hindu Community.

We do not know what exactly he said, except that it must have been obviously objectionable.

This remind us of a somewhat similar incident last year when Mr. Zaeem Qadri, the PML-N Punjab Minister of Religious Affairs uttered perhaps worse outburst against Ahmadis, on TV Channel 24 on January 24, 2018. He said on the issue of marketing of Holy Quran with Ahmadiyya translation:

“The mentioned Quran has been banned, raids have been undertaken, presses have been sealed and people have been booked (by the police)...If anyone 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.”

In view of its short term political interest, the PML-N top leadership, Mr. Shahbaz Sharif and Mr. Nawaz Sharif took no notice of this immense outrage and let it pass. In the elections, a few months later, nevertheless, Mr. Qadri was rejected outrightly by the electorate. The two Mian brothers lost their prime posts in the Federation and the Punjab and ended up in prison on corruption charges.

Such people forget that there is someone up there who cares for equity and justice.

Misaq-e-Pakistan declaration

Sada Salamat Pakistan Forum held a national conference 'for the promotion of peace and tolerance in the country' on March 27, 2019 in Islamabad. Various political, religious, social circles participated in the conference and adopted a resolution titled "Misaq-e-Pakistan". It states that every Pakistani is entitled to religious and ideological freedom. No creed could be imposed on anyone; non-state armed groups could not be allowed, and action against them under the National Action Plan was supported. Production and dissemination of hateful material should be banned, on social media, etc.

Opposition Senate leader Senator Raja Zafar ul Haq (PML-N) was a keynote speaker who said that the Muslims of the entire world have to be united; he condemned the occupation of Golan Heights in Syria by Israel. He also denounced the role of USA in this regard.



Ramesh Kumar, a PTI's MNA, said that we should promote tolerance and brotherhood within the country and that we should celebrate all religious festivals together, according to the vision of the Quaid-e-Azam.

Maulana Ghafoor Haideri was also there. He asserted that Islam promotes tolerance and fraternity.

Such conferences are very good to hold, but there is a lot of difference between the words and actions of our elite. The remarkable judgment of 2014 by the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the National Action Plan of the same year still await action. It is heartening to read moderate words from Raja Zafarul Haq who on the ground is rabidly anti-Ahmadiyya. How can a people be called moderate if their minorities are not safe? Here we reproduce only his performance on anti-Ahmadiyya front as sample to spotlight the hypocrisy of a large section of our elite: (courtesy of www.thepersecution.org)

Raja Zafarul Haq was born in District Rawalpindi of the Punjab in 1935. He grew up to be a lawyer by profession but was not a great success in this field. He developed anti-Ahmadiyya prejudices early in his career and was a gratis defense counsel for Aslam Qureshi, a lift operator, who carried out a criminal assault with dagger in 1970 on Mr. M. M. Ahmad, a prominent Ahmadi and an Advisor to the President of Pakistan. Later, the Raja switched over to politics and flourished in this field during the dictatorial regime of General Zia. He was appointed a Federal Minister from 1981-85. When in the Federal Cabinet, he played an active role in preparation of the notorious Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX, and helped General Zia in opening floodgates of persecution and tyranny against the Ahmadiyya

community. He also announced in 1984 a 7-point plan whereby all the Muslim countries were to form a united front to strive for the eradication of Ahmadiyyat (*Pakistan Times*, 12 May 1984). He also had an anti-Ahmadiyya compendium issued by the government. All this resulted in a spate of serious violations of Human Rights not only in Pakistan but also in some other Muslim countries. During the 1985 elections, he failed to win a seat in the National Assembly, so he was appointed an ambassador to Egypt. Thereafter he was appointed advisor to the dictator.

After Zia's death in a plane crash, Raja Zafarul Haq has been in the political limelight only when the Muslim League (N) was in power in Islamabad. ... Mr. Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, appointed him Federal Minister of Religious Affairs and Minorities from 1997 to 1999. According to a press report, Raja Zafarul Haq told a visiting delegation of mullas: 'Qadianis (Ahmadis) are enemies of both Pakistan and Islam; they are worse than Jews'. He also informed them that a master plan was being prepared to negate Ahmadi propaganda abroad concerning their persecution.' (*The Daily Jang*, 5 September 1997). This statement subsequently was not disowned by him, thereby admitting it as his and the Ministry's position. He has been elected senator in 1991, 1997, 2009 and 2015.

More recently, at the end of 2017, Raja Zafarul Haq played a leading role in parliamentary process whereby Ahmadis were denied 'forever' participation in national elections. The Prime Minister chose him to chair the Committee that was appointed to investigate and assign responsibility as to who initially facilitated the draft that placed Ahmadis on the joint electoral role.

Our elite should know that the people will not respond sincerely to their assertions unless they are themselves sincere to their statements. Hypocrisy has been in vogue for decades; only concrete and visible action across the board in support of Freedom of Religion or Belief will provide credibility to sermons on Islamic tolerance and fraternity.

TLP leaders booked under sedition and terrorism charges released on bail

Lahore; May 14, 2019: The Lahore High Court released TLP chief Khadim Rizvi and former TLP patron-in-chief Pir Afzal Qadri on bail. The following piece of news from the daily *Dawn* of May 8 is reproduced here for record:

LHC reserves judgment on bail pleas filed by TLP chief Khadim Rizvi, Pir Afzal Qadri

Ddawn.com/news/1481032

May 8, 2019

The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Wednesday reserved its verdict on bail pleas filed by Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan chief Khadim Rizvi and former TLP patron-in-chief Pir Afzal Qadri, and rejected an apology submitted by Qadri over incendiary remarks made by him during a protest against the Supreme Court's acquittal of Aasia Bibi.

Rizvi and Qadri were taken into



"protective custody" by the state during a crackdown in November 2018 after the TLP announced it would observe martyrs' day on Nov 25, 2018. The arrests followed weeks after the TLP led three-day protests across the country against Aasia Bibi's acquittal.

The lawyers from both sides completed their arguments before the two-member bench headed by Justice Qasim Ali Khan today.

Court rejects Qadri's apology

The LHC had, in a May 7 hearing, directed Pir Afzal Qadri to submit a "detailed apology" for his controversial remarks after it found his initial public apology missing some key details.

When asked to define the "harsh words" Qadri had admitted to using in his apology, his lawyer Hafeezur Rehman Chaudhary said that according to the court record, the former TLP leader had said that the three judges [who acquitted Aasia Bibi] were liable to be killed, that Prime Minister Imran Khan is a Zionist agent and that the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Javed Qamar Bajwa's orders were not to be accepted.

Qadri, who had been booked under sedition and terrorism charges, had resigned from the TLP on May 1 citing health issues and, on the court's earlier directions, issued a public apology for his remarks.

"When the verdict of the Aasia Masih case was pronounced, my religious sentiments were hurt and I delivered a speech. I am very sorry for hurting the sentiments of the government, the judiciary and the chief of army staff," he had said.

At the outset, the court directed Qadri's lawyer to provide a straightforward written apology or accept a decision based on merit. Both judges raised questions over various aspects of the apology as it was shared with the court.

Justice Qasim, taking a critical view of the apology, said this way anyone could issue treasonous statements whenever they like, and then try to apologise by claiming that they were not thinking straight at the time.

"Why are they [such people] nurtured in laps, why are they not sent to psychiatric hospitals?" he asked.

Justice Asjad Javed Ghural pointed out that the written apology submitted in court used the word *mansoob* for the remarks issued by Qadri.

"Why did the written apology use the word 'attributed'?" he asked the lawyer, noting that it amounted to manipulation of language.

When Qadri's lawyer told the court that the education of many children had been impacted by the proceedings against his client, Justice Qasim wondered "what education must this man provide?"

"Such *pirs* should be hanged. They are ruining society," Justice Qasim remarked.

Bail petitions

The state prosecutor and lawyers for Rizvi and Qadri all concluded their arguments regarding the two suspects' bail pleas today.

The state prosecutor opposed granting bail to the TLP chief and former party leader.

"It seems as though this person is beset by frustrations," Justice Qasim stated, without referring to anyone by name. "It is unfortunate that our pulpits have been surrendered to such people."

The judge then asked to be shown a *Hadith* that was written during a speech delivered by Khadim Rizvi.

The TLP chief's lawyer told the court: "It is not being suggested that this statement was issued by Khadim Rizvi."

"If [you think] he didn't say this, we will play the CD for you tomorrow," Justice Qasim retorted.

Prosecutor Ehtesham Qadir told the court not to examine the speeches made by the TLP chief and then TLP patron-in-chief on a case-by-case basis.

He informed the judges that the Punjab Safe City project had provided a video of the speeches, which was then sent for forensic examination, including a voice recording test which revealed that the voice on record was Rizvi's.

As the arguments concluded, the court reserved its judgment in the case until May 13.

On May 14, the LHC granted bail to the two accused. Their story from the press is quoted above in full, as these two mullas have apparently decided to excel all others in anti-Ahmadi hate campaign.

18th Amendment and human rights of religious minorities

The daily *Dawn* filed an important report on the above issue in its issue of September 28, 2019. Its extracts are reproduced below:

Report: 18th amendment denied certain rights to religious minorities, NA body told

ISLAMABAD: Members of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Religious Affairs on Friday observed that the 18th amendment denied certain national level rights to religious minorities as this subject was devolved to provinces.

The meeting, which was chaired by Asad Mahmood, discussed establishment of National Commission for Religious Minorities. The members expressed concerns that the issue had been delayed for a long time.

However, Minister for Religious Affairs Pir Noorul Haq Qadri said even if the commission was established it would be limited to the jurisdiction of Islamabad as the subject of minorities had been devolved under the 18th amendment.

He said under the current law, all provinces had to establish their own 'commissions for religious minorities.'

Ruling party MNA Jamshed Thomas criticized the 18th amendment and said: "This move has caused only damages for minorities."

He said the 18th amendment had deprived religious minorities of a national policy to resolve issues faced by them.

Confluence of Saudi Arabia-based mullas in the Punjab

Press Reports; September/October 2019: It is noteworthy that in the past few weeks a number of mullas (of Pakistan origin) who call themselves Makki (of Makka, Saudi Arabia) have visited various cities in the country, addressed Khatme Nabuwat (KN) conferences (*read* anti-Ahmadiyya) and undertaken sectarian activities. Their names appeared in vernacular press reports and also in ads for KN rallies and conferences held at Rabwah, Lahore, Sargodha etc. Some of them mentioned in such dispatches are named as Abdur Rauf

Makki, Omar Bin Abdul Hafeez Makki, Hameedullah Makki, Abdul Hafeez Makki, and of course Ahmad Ali Siraj (formerly Al-Kuwaiti) and Dr. Saeed Ahmad Inayatullah. The last two are respectively the Secretary General and the Central Amir of International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (IKNM).

According to an ad in the daily *Islam* of September 25, 2019 Mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj was the main guest speaker at the KN conference in Lahore organized by ‘Tehrik Nafaz Imtinae Qadianiat Ordinance’ (Movement to Implement Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance). This is yet another move aimed at consuming petro-dollars in the fair name of a holy tenet.

The mission of these clerics can be assessed easily from the utterances of Mulla Siraj who in December last year addressed the official Seerat Conference in Islamabad and told the Prime Minister that if he was serious about *Riasat Madinah*, he should follow the first (alleged) move of that *Riasat* whereby a military operation was launched in support of KN in which 1200 Companions of the Holy Prophet (*p.b.u.h.*) lost their lives. Siraj’s blood-soaked demand on Mr. Imran Khan and its mention to a large audience in the hall and to millions tuned to PTV went unchecked and without comment although it misquoted history and drew a false and most condemnable conclusion.

The recent visit of this host of Islamist clerics from Saudi Arabia should be investigated by authorities who have been tasked to uproot terrorism from our country.

Islamophobia (and Ahmadi-phobia)

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

“Muslims have never ridiculed any religious or holy personage in the name of freedom of expression nor ever attempted hurting religious sentiments of anybody. Islam is a religion of tolerance that respects all other religious and provides security to their followers. There is need for formal legislation in Europe to deter violence and extremism against Muslims and Islam, so that persons and groups who insult Muslims in any way could be stopped right away.”

There is a great deal of merit in the above statement, and it is true that Islam is a religion of tolerance. But one wishes that the opening premise regarding Muslims’ conduct were true. Our report for only November 2019 provided a peep into the conduct of so-called ‘Muslim majority’. In our Islamic Republic, groups and media freely and very frequently call bad names to the holy founder of Ahmadiyyat. It is almost a daily occurrence, and despite the relevant laws, authorities and media groups do not show the book to the violators. For sample, we reported one such op-ed in our Monthly Report for August 2019, titled “Decency of vernacular press and the government on trial.” (*Reproduced at page 108 in this report*) The daily *Express* itself published 193 anti-Ahmadiyya news items and 6 op-eds last year—admittedly this gave it the 7th position on the list as compared to the more popular daily *Nawa-i-Waqt* that stood second by publishing 333 news items and 35 op-eds most of which were hateful and malicious. Surely there is need to look inward before we sermonize others.

General ® Musharraf—a page from Ahmadiyya history

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

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

A *Seerat* (Life of the Holy Prophet) Conference was organized by the government at Islamabad on May 25, 2002. The Ministry of Religious Affairs invited a large number of Ulama, and asked the President to attend

and address the assembled mullas. The proceedings of the conference were telecast live by Pakistan Television. After the President had spoken, a Mulla Saleemulla of Nifaze Shariat Group (same type as the horde whose leader Sufi Muhammad had led thousands into Afghanistan in support of the Taliban) stood up and demanded of General Musharraf to reinstate Separate Electorate and openly declare Qadianis as infidels. As on similar occasions during the past regimes, Saleemulla assured the general that by doing so he would win the gratitude of the Ulama and the support of the people. At this, President Musharraf readily offered his opinion that those who did not believe in the End of Prophethood were Non-Muslim. The mullas cheered him profusely. The President then advised

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

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



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

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

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

Some election-watchers did not get the full implication of the mulla’s drive and the government’s compliance. They argued that Ahmadis were being placed only on a supplementary list, they can still vote. Little did they realize that the mulla knows that Ahmadis, as a matter of principle, would never vote as non-Muslims, as such, by implication they would get effectively disenfranchised. Some liberal and secular elements voiced their concern over this turn of events. Mr. Ayaz Amir, a leading columnist wrote his column for the *DAWN* and titled it ‘Back to the future’. His opening remark was: EVEN in a land renowned for silly edicts, the most recent addition to the statute book, Chief Executive’s Order No. 15, takes the prize for silliness.

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

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

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

2008—Resigned and went into self-exile

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

November 2013—Charged with high treason for imposing Emergency and Suspension of the Constitution

March 2016—Intensely harassed by judicial pursuit, fled to Dubai. Declared proclaimed offender. Later his properties in Pakistan were confiscated for not appearing in Court to face the trial.

2019—Press reports about his failing health and hospitalization

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

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

10. From the Media

News and op-eds from the press and the internet that have a direct or indirect bearing on the persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan form a routine feature in our monthly reports. A selection from those is reproduced here. These are placed in the following 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 etc. For more of these please see the monthly reports.

a. Ahmadis' human rights

Three booked over (Ahmadiyya) worship place issue (Two Ahmadis and one Muslim booked)

On October 25, 2019 Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan spokesperson Saleemuddin said in a tweet, "Today the assistant commissioner of Hasilpur along with Baldia workers attacked the 70-year old Ahmadi place of worship in 161 Murad District Bahawalpur & destroyed parts of the building without notice. ..."

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2019

Corpses of two (Ahmadi) doctors including a Pak-origin American discovered in Attock Dam

Dr Aziz and Dr Iftikhar went missing three days ago in Gali Jahangir from their farmland

The daily Jang; Lahore, March 19, 2019

LHC issues notice to DG PTA (Telecommunication Authority) to appear with records on Ahmadis' uploading the Quran on Google Play Store.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 11, 2019

Declaring Qadianis Non-Muslim is a historic achievement: Farooq Haider (PM AJK)

The daily Jang; Lahore, April 23, 2019

Orya Maqbool Jan's tweet: "Qadianis should relate how demeaned they feel for following Mirza Ghulam Qadiani." Also, "Muslims should state how delighted they get in being blamed for standing for the honour of Prophethood."

@OryaMaqbolJan on May 26, 4:48 AM 2019

Sheikhupura: For 70 years Muslims and Qadianis worshiped in the same mosque. Lack of understanding among Muslims of Amba in P.S. Bhakli... Police and security agencies arrange truce between two parties.

The daily Islam; Lahore, June 25, 2019

Govt, Pemra, PTA ordered to remove, block unauthentic e-copy of Quran from internet.

LHC orders only website registered with PTA be allowed to display Quran, other religious books on internet; says non-Muslims cannot be allowed to use distinctive characteristics to camouflage their identity.

The daily News; Lahore, March 29, 2019

(Sri Lanka) Ahmadis, assumed as Muslim, attacked in their homes

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 26, 2019

Tweet from Bilal Mahmood: Dutch journalist: Would you like sanctions against Pakistan because of persecution of Ahmadis...?

Khalifa of Ahmadiyya...: “I do not support any such action that causes suffering to humanity to the poor of such nations.”

@bilalmahmooduk at 11:49AM on Mon, May 27, 2019

Jalalpur Jattan: Citizens angry over construction of Ahmadiyya place of worship. Religious lobby announces resistance through force. Law and order at risk.

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, November 13, 2019

(Mutahiddah Ulama Board, Punjab’s) Recommendation to take action on publication of Mirza Qadiani’s booklet and its distribution

Board declares the word ‘Masih’ for Mirza Ghulam Ahmad ‘blasphemy’.

The daily Jahan e Pakistan; Lahore, November 20, 2019

Khatme Nabuwwat course shall commence in Chenab Nagar from April 13, 2019

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, April 10, 2019

Non-implementation of SC order on minorities’ rights regretted

Judgment ruled on June 19, 2014 has not been carried out even after five years

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 20, 2019

Qadiani’s (Mr. Shakoor’s) meeting with Trump is a deep conspiracy: Fazlur Rahman (JUI), Professor Sajid Mir (J.Ahle Hadith), Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 21, 2019

Talwandi Bhindran: 20 Non-Muslims accept Islam

We feel proud over joining Holy Prophet’s Ummah: converts

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, July 14, 2019

Action against publisher of Grade 9’s controversial text book of Pakistan Studies. 36,000 books in open market confiscated.

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 11, 2019

Qadiani woman of Chenab Nagar accepts Islam

The daily Insaaf; Lahore, July 1, 2019

KN affidavit compulsory for enrollment in Islamabad Bar—otherwise membership will be cancelled

The daily Jahan e Pakistan; Lahore, December 12, 2019

Attock AC lands in trouble for calling for equal rights for minorities

Pakistan Today; Op-ed on December 12, 2019

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

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, December 1, 2019

b. Rabwah

Chenab Nagar streets, roads dilapidated; water puddles. Residents restricted to homes; life stands still—even walking becomes problematic

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, January 24, 2019

Chenab Nagar: Sewage system dilapidated. Citizens' life most uncomfortable due foul smell.

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, April 20, 2019

Filth depots all over in Chenab Nagar. Residents face difficulties.

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, February 3, 2019

Sewerage system in Chenab Nagar causes tremendous hardship to residents

Dust and foul smell make life difficult for citizens, shortage of funds hinders progress in completion of project

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, February 9, 2019

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

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, December 2, 2019

Chenab Nagar: Drainage system blocked. Sewerage overflows. Pedestrians face difficulties.

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, May 20, 2019

c. Anti-Ahmadiyya rhetoric

Qadianis are rebels of the Constitution; the government should throw them out of its offices (safon): International Khatme Nabuwwat Conference

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 9, 2019

Qadianis are more dangerous than Jews and Hindus: Maulana Abdul Naeem (of AMTKN, Ravi Road, Lahore)

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, November 21, 2019

Qadianis are quietly engineering clash between religious and democratic forces (in the country): Speakers (at the International Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Chenab Nagar)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, September 8, 2019

Maulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani and Maulana Qari Muhammad Salman Usmani said that Qadianis are the greatest obstacle to resolving the Kashmir issue

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, September 24, 2019

Qadiani fitna (mischief) is on the attack on Muslim Ummah in every way. Ulama Karam (KN)

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, October 12, 2019

Qadianis are leading the country to civil war: Abdul Latif Khalid (Ahrari)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 15, 2019

Qadianis are supporting separatists in the country: Dr Ahmad Ali Siraj (from KSA)

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, October 20, 2019

Qadianis are terrorists. Authorities should counter (their) conspiracies: Asif Jalali (TLP)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, February 9, 2019

Qadianis are snakes up the sleeve, and greatest enemy of Muslim Ummah: Maulana Abdul Mahboob Azad (in Khatme Nabuwwat Conference)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, March 18, 2019

RAW and Qadianis are involved in terrorism in Baluchistan: Allama Mumtaz Awan

The daily Islam; Lahore, May 28, 2019

Qadianis are not a sect within Islam, nor a non-Muslim minority like others: Head Tehrik Labbaik

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 8, 2019

The indicted Qadiani's meeting with Trump is a threat to national security: Qari Shabbir Usmani of IKNM

The daily Islam; Lahore, July 25, 2019

It was anti-state of Abdul Shakoor Qadiani to meet President Trump and indulge in negative propaganda: S Ataul Mohaiman Bokhari (Ahrar)

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 23, 2019

Qadianiat is the great mischief in the world: AMTKN

The daily Islam; Lahore, July 13, 2019

Countrywide protest today against Qadianis' activities

Qadiani manipulations will be exposed in Friday sermons in mosques

Resolutions shall be passed to protect End of Prophethood and the Blasphemy Law 295-C

The daily Islam; Lahore, July 26, 2019

US and the West are using Qadianis as agents (mohrey): AMTKN

The daily Islam; Lahore, July 21, 2019

We are ready to die for Khatme Nabuwwat: KN conference (in Daska)

The daily Insaf; Lahore, September 9, 2019

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

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, December 6, 2019

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

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, December 27, 2019

Jewish lobby is employing Qadianis for its despicable objects: Abdul Latif Khalid (Ahrar)

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, June 24, 2019

d. The militant mulla

Bahawalpur: Student stabs professor (Khalid Hameed) to death. Khalid Hameed arranged a fun fair; it is forbidden by Islam: Khalid Hussain (the murderer)

The daily 92 News; Lahore, March 21, 2019

Top security body slaps ban on JuD, its charity wing

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 22, 2019

Policeman martyred in clash with militants (in Quetta)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 1, 2019

26 including (mulla) Khadim Rizvi indicted

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 13, 2019

Centre moves to ban JUI's Ansarul Islam

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 25, 2019

Four cops martyred in DI Khan attack ... Hizbul Ahrar claims responsibility

The daily The News; Lahore, February 10, 2019

Suicide bomber heaps trauma on Hazaras, eight Shia community members among 20 dead in Quetta, Chaman blasts

Taliban faction claims it collaborated with Lashkar Jahangvi over attack

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 13, 2019

Jundulla militant involved in bank robberies, kidnappings held in Karachi: CTD

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 12, 2019

Bomb attack jolts Lahore, kills 10 near Data Darbar

Five police officials martyred. Hizbul Ahrar claims responsibility.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 9, 2019

14 injured as blast rips through rickshaw

Hizbul Ahrar's offshoot claims responsibility for the blast

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2019

Three officers, soldier martyred in North Waziristan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 8, 2019

Hafiz Saeed, 12 others JuD leaders (including Abdul Rehman Makki) booked for terror financing

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 4, 2019

Four members of former Aman Lashkar killed in bomb blast (in upper Dir)

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 19, 2019

Four soldiers martyred in North Waziristan attacks

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 3, 2019

20,000 youth of Khatme Nabuwat Movement ready to undertake Jihad in Kashmir: (IKNM Punjab in Islamabad)

The daily Aman, Faisalabad; August 26, 2019

4 worshipers dead and over 23 injured in remote controlled explosion in mosque at Kachlok, Baluchistan

The daily Jang, Lahore; August 17, 2019

Two security men martyred in Bajaur blast

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 6, 2019

Two soldiers martyred in South Waziristan

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 18, 2019

Two cops escorting polio team martyred in KP attack

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 19, 2019

London Bridge attacker laid to rest in AJK

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 7, 2019

Mona Farooq tweeted: brilliant lecturer # Junaid Hafeez has been in jail for over 6 years on false blasphemy charges.

A hate preacher/foul mouthed bigot # Khadim Hussain Rizvi who openly threatened State, Judiciary and Army is being released on bail.

@moonalala0n May 15, 2019

IJT activists thrash PU students 'rallying for transport facility'

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 21, 2019

China thwarts move to declare JeM Chief a global terrorist

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 14, 2019

For Hazaras stepping out of their homes is a luxury

Hazaras end protest on assurance of NAP implementation

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 16, 2019

Rs 30 million schools' fund diverted to Samiul Haq's seminary

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 10, 2019

LHC orders release on bail of Pir Afzal Qadri and Khadim Rizvi

The daily Jang; Lahore, May 15, 2019

JuD chief, three aids granted pre-arrest bail (by an anti-terrorist court)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 16, 2019

e. Statements on record

Decision to release Aasia the Cursed was made under international pressure: Majlis Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, January 28, 2019

We'll shut down entire Pakistan: Fazl

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 4, 2019

Quaid-i-Azam was a great man; he never compromised on principles: Imran Khan

PTV Global on September 27, 2019

The PM will never compromise on Khatme Nabuwwat: Noorul Haq Qadri (Fed Minister)

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 7, 2019

To me, religion is politics: Fazlur Rahman (JUI-F)

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 19, 2019

The government should cut diplomatic relations with Norway: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat

The daily Islam; Lahore, November 25, 2019

Noorul Haq Qadri (Fed Minister) said that Fazlur Rahman (JUI-F) should not use the Honour of Prophethood card.

Aap TV newslines at 18:15 on November 06, 2019

Mikhail Gorbachev tells BBC: World in 'colossal danger'

(He) has warned that current tension between Russia and the West is putting the world in 'colossal danger' due to the threat from nuclear weapons

BBC News at 20:30 PST on November 4, 2019

We'll come forth to join if PM announces march to Srinagar: Siraj ul Haq (JI)

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 14, 2019

Qadianiat was a fraud that has come to an end: Mufti Tahir Masood

The daily Islam; Lahore, September 28, 2019

(We are) Not soft on Qadianis. The constitution declared them a minority: Noor ul Haq Qadri (Fed Minister of Religious Affairs)

The daily Awaz; Lahore, March 9, 2019

Qadiani mischief is coming to end. A time will come, no Qadiani will be found on earth: Maulana Ismael Shuja Abadi

The daily Islam; Lahore, January 1, 2019

Minorities enjoy complete religious freedom in Pakistan: Nurul Haq Qadri (Fed Minister of Religious Affairs)

The daily Islam; Lahore, February 2, 2019

To call a Muslim, a Qadiani or Kafir, is Kufr and Gunahe Kabirah (Great Sin): I.P. Conference (state supported)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, July 29, 2019

It is a general Shariah principle that worship be facilitated and no hurdles be placed therein: CII

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, February 1, 2019

I'll be the first to resign in case of tampering with End of Prophethood laws: Farogh Naseem (Fed Law Minister)

The daily Express; Faisalabad, July 12, 2019

Jihad now obligatory; Indian army bases should be attacked: Ashraf Asif Jalali (of TLP in Tajdar Khatme Nabuwat and Kashmir Jihad Conference in Evan-i-Iqbal, Lahore)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, September 3, 2019

Minorities are sure to be given their rights: Imran Khan

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 30, 2019

There are no restrictions on press in Pakistan: Prime Minister (statement in the US)

Strip on GNN on July 24, 2019 at 12:22 PM

Fawad Chaudhary calls for arrest of former CJP Iftikhar Chaudhary, others (in Reko Diq case)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 16, 2019

Pope admits clerical abuse of nuns including sexual slavery

BBC February 6, 2019

Saudia is sincere friend of Pakistan: Maulana Ilyas Chinioti

The daily Islam; Lahore, February 16, 2019

Polygamy is tyranny (zulm) against women: Head Jamia Azhar

The daily Insaf; Lahore, March 4, 2019

Firm belief in End of Prophethood makes a man an atom bomb: Ashraf Asif (of TLP)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 29, 2019

Apostatic and Takfiri factories should be shut down: Noor ul Haq Qadri (Fed Minister)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, April 1, 2019

The government that facilitates Aasia cannot last long: Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat

The daily Insaf; Lahore, May 9, 2019

Such Pirs should be hanged: LHC

Why such persons are seated at Gaddis (Religious leadership); why should they not be moved to a mental hospital. They in fact destroy the society.

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, May 9, 2019

Our state is like a mother to all its citizens: Sardar Masood, President Azad Jammu and Kashmir

The daily Jang; Lahore, May 23, 2019

Decision made (in Lahore) to crackdown against those spreading provocative literature and making such speeches

The daily Jahane Pakistan; Lahore, May 21, 2019

Since 1990, at least 65 people have reportedly been killed in Pakistan over claims of blasphemy

BBC: May 8, 2019

World Index: Global Gender Gap Report 2018 listed best countries to be a woman: Iceland stood first, Philippines 8th, UK 15th; Bangladesh 48th; US 51st; India 108th; Saudi 141st; Pakistan 148th. It is noteworthy that Bangladesh is 100 steps above Pakistan.

meena gabeena@gaheena on May 16, 2019

Pakistan should appoint someone responsible to assure further action and remove reservations concerning religious freedom: US Secretary of State

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, June 23, 2019

US agenda on freedom of religion and freedom of expression is opposed to the Quran (teachings): Dr Ashraf Asif Jalali (of TLP)

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, June 29, 2019

Maulvis who issue edicts (fatwa baz maulvi) pose the greatest threat to Pakistan: Fawad Chaudhary

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, June 29, 2019

Islamophobia is the worst form of racism and religious intolerance: Maleeha Lodhi (Pak Ambassador in UN)

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, June 20, 2019

Tweet: Ch Fawad Hussain

Landmark Order, PLD 2019 SC 318

Person issuing an edict or fatwa, which harmed another or put another in harm ... Such person must be criminally prosecuted under the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 and/or the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016

@fawadchaudhry on May 15, 2019 9:35 PM

Minorities in Pakistan enjoy all rights: Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi

The daily The News; Lahore, July 23, 2019

Trump tells Congresswomen of color to leave US

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 15, 2019

(Mulla) Tahir Ashrafi booked in police case for assisting money laundering/terrorism assistance

The Chairman Ulama Council received Rs 22.508 million from a foreign NGO and Rs 4.344156 million from Germany

The daily Jahan-e-Pakistan, Lahore; August 8, 2019

In Riasat Madinah, people of all religions had equal rights: Imran Khan

On PTV Global news at 14:15 September 27, 2019

Ghazewa-i-Hind has commenced; now it is for us to undertake Jihad: Ali Muhammad Khan (PTI minister of state)

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 6, 2019

Pakistan among worst countries for internet freedom: report

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 6, 2019

Dawn Editor (Mr. Zafar Abbas) receives prestigious Press Freedom Award

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 23, 2019

Former Chief Minister (Mr. Shahbaz Sharif) used official means in his loot

Dawn News strip at 19:50hr on December 5, 2019

Army dismayed as Musharraf gets death for high treason. Opposition parties hail ‘historic’ verdict.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 18, 2019

NA committee demands removal of Mufti Muneeb

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 28, 2019

In Islam, it was a sacred duty to protect places of worship of all religions: Imran Khan

PM address in UNGA on September 27, 2019

f. Foreign and NGOs

Ethiopian PM (Mr. Abiy Ahmed) wins Nobel Peace Prize

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2019

US recognizes occupied Golan Heights as Israeli territory

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 26, 2019

Bangladesh court sentences 16 to death for burning teen alive

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 25, 2019

Multiple blasts at Afghan mosque kill 62

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 19, 2019

America is governed by Americans. We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism.

U.S. President Trump’s speech to the UNGA on September 25, 2019

Jammu, Kashmir and Laddakh formally divided in two parts (by India)

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 31, 2019

Indian top court allows temple’s construction on Babri Masjid site

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2019

Seven sentenced to death in BD for cafe attack (on foreigners)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2019

Imran decries world’s silence over Kashmir

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 12, 2019

Threat letters to Muslims in Germany. Two mosques stoned. Qurans desecrated.

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, June 12, 2019

US urges India to contain violence on basis of religion

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 15, 2019

Death toll from attack on Mali herders (a Muslim tribe) rises to 157

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 28, 2019

BD court sentences five ‘war criminals’ to death

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 29, 2019

Private US diplomacy averted war: FM

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2019

Former Dutch MP (right-hand man of anti Islam politician Geert Wilders) converts to Islam

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 6, 2019

New Zealand in a daze after mosque attacks

Gunman live streams shootings that left 49 dead

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 16, 2019

Lok Sabha passes citizenship bill, excludes Muslims

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 9, 2019

Belgium: Ban on cattle-slaughter cause of concern to Muslims and Jews

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, January 4, 2019

Twin blasts at church kill 21 in Philippines

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 28, 2019

**Two Indian fighter jets downed, pilot captured
PAF engages six targets in India-held Kashmir**

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 28, 2019

Sexual abuse adopted as a tool in Kashmir and Palestine: Maliha Lodhi

The daily Jang; Lahore, April 28, 2019

Over 200 die as bombs devastate Lanka on Easter

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 22, 2019

JUI (India) asserts Kashmir to be inseparable (atoot) part of Bharat (India)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, September 13, 2019

US to send more troops to Gulf on Saudi, UAE request

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, September 22, 2019

About 1.9m Assam Muslims lose citizenship (in India)

The daily The News; Lahore, September 1, 2019

Trump vetoes bill to end US support for war in Yemen

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 18, 2019

EU MPs call for an end to ‘persecution of religious minorities’ (in Pakistan)

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, May 3, 2019

Fasting strictly forbidden in China. Penalties for violation of instructions. Keeping long beard, putting on veil, offering salaah and opposition to drinking is termed extremism.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, May 10, 2019

‘Cow vigilantes’ kill three men in India

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 20, 2019

(Saudi King’s) Approval to station US forces in Saudi Arabia

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 21, 2019

Dozens of countries defend China or Xinjiang in letter to UN

Russia, Saudi Arabia among states that respond to criticism by Western states

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 13, 2019

134 countries participate in international conference on peace and tolerance

The daily Aman; Faisalabad, June 11, 2019

Riyadh rallies allies against Tehran at Makkah summit

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 1, 2019

Modi remains silent as religious freedom shrinks in India: US report

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 24, 2019

Blast on bus kills 34 Afghans, wounds 17

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 1, 2019

Kurdish-led forces proclaim end of IS ‘caliphate’

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 24, 2019

Indians fire cluster munitions on areas along LOC

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 4, 2019

India-occupied Kashmir under lockdown

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 5, 2019

New Delhi sheds fig leaf, robs held Kashmir of special status

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 6, 2019

Indian envoy told to leave Pakistan, trade suspended

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 8, 2019

After Emirates, Bahrain also bestows highest award on Modi

The daily Jang, Lahore; August 26, 2019

Kabul: 63 dead, 183 injured in suicide attack on a wedding reception

The daily Jang, Lahore; August 19, 2019

70 child abuse victims sue Catholic Church in New York

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 15, 2019

40 migrants feared drowned as boat capsizes off Libya

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 28, 2019

Germany seeks Poland's forgiveness 80 years after start of WWII

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 2, 2019

Myanmar's army chief barred from US over Rohingya 'ethnic cleansing'

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 18, 2019

Attack on Jewish store in US leaves six dead

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2019

UN condemns human rights abuses against Rohingya

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 29, 2019

US Ambassador Sam Brownback on Twitter:

One of India's great strengths is its Constitution. As a fellow democracy, we respect India's institutions, but are concerned about the implications of #CAB Bill. We hope the government will abide by its constitutional commitments, including on religious freedom.

@IRF-Ambassador on December 14, 2019

15 Pak-origin elected (MP in UK elections)

The daily Jang; Lahore, December 14, 2019

Riyadh forced Islamabad to skip Malaysia moot: Erdogan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 21, 2019

g. Political

Safdar sent to jail on judicial remand

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 23, 2019

Maryam, cousin remanded in NAB custody

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 10, 2019

Rana Sana's son-in-law arrested

The daily Dawn, Lahore; August 10, 2019

So-called liberals have become blind in opposition to Imran Khan: Fawad Chaudhary

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 29, 2019

I'm the spokesman (Awaz) of the religious lobby; no operation is planned: Sh. Rashid

The daily Jang; Lahore, April 6, 2019

NAB grills Hamza in money laundering case

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 13, 2019

I believe in jihad; an attacker on madrassahs will have to advance over my dead body: Sh Rashid (Fed Minister of Railways)

The daily Din; Lahore, March 19, 2019

JI holds Safeguarding the End of Prophethood Conference in Lahore on theme 'Khatme Nabuwat and our Responsibility.' Liaqat Bloach spoke.

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, April 29, 2019

PPP to stand with govt if Fazl uses religious card in Dharna

The daily The News; Lahore, September 21, 2019

Bilawal elected NA human rights panel chairman

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 6, 2019

One who stole 15 chicken is in prison, while another who stole 15bn (rupees) is Chairman of Public Accounts Committee, and a father and his daughter who looted 300bn were granted bail: Minister of Information

The daily Jang; Lahore, February 9, 2019

Terminal hurt to world peace is attributable to Jewish-Qadiani lobby: Mian Shafiq (of PTI)

The daily Din; Lahore, March 18, 2019

Gulbadin Hikmat Yar, former PM Afghanistan along with his delegation met Senator Siraj ul Haq (of JI)

The daily Jang; Lahore, June 25, 2019

Hamza Shahbaz arrested by NAB at Lahore High Court

The daily Jang; Lahore, June 12, 2019

Not a national action plan but an economic plan is needed to save the country: Fazlur Rahman (JUI)

The daily Jahan-e-Pakistan; Lahore, June 24, 2019

Former president Pervez Musharraf is fighting for his life. His health has deteriorated and he is losing weight fast. He is unable to return home: Musharraf's advocate.

The daily Jang; Lahore, June 13, 2019

NAB arrests Firyal Talpur (sister of ex-president Zardari) in Fake Accounts Case

The daily Jang; Lahore, June 15, 2019

Nawaz not allowed to meet family over Eid days

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 8, 2019

Zardari nabbed after rejection of bail plea

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 11, 2019

Imran feels certain that if Sharifs, Zardari bring half their looted wealth to country from abroad, rupee's value will rise

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 4, 2019

Rana Sana, president N-League Punjab arrested

Accused of links with drug mafia

Arrested on way to Lahore from Faisalabad

The daily Jang; Lahore, July 2, 2019

NAB freezes 23 properties of Shahbaz, relatives

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2019

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

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 4, 2019

h. Miscellaneous

LHC misread Khadija case evidence: SC

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 30, 2019

Imran wants CJP to 'restore' public trust in judiciary

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2019

Abu Bakr Baghdadi (IS) eliminated in U.S. raid: Trump

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2019

Fawad (Fed Minister) calls ex-CJP (Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhary) incompetent judge, seeks accountability

The daily Dawn; Lahore, May 19, 2019

Corrupted and non-standard copies of Holy Quran should be forfeited forthwith: LHC First ever judgment in past 150 years in vernacular in Lahore High Court

The daily Din; Lahore, May 4, 2019

For the first time in the country, the input to national treasury is growing rather than going to pockets of the rulers.

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 17, 2019

SC throws out review plea, ends Asia's ordeal

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 30, 2019

Pakistan passport listed among five worst

Only Somalia, Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq are lower on the Henley Passport Index

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 10, 2019

SHO at large after his driver arrested with 10KG drugs

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 9, 2019

Ex-speaker of KP Assembly (Mr. Asad Qaisar) found to be illegally using official vehicles.

DG Audit orders recovery of Rs 1.1m from Qaisar

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 3, 2019

IGP Punjab should move against those who translate the Quran incorrectly: Lahore High Court (Justice Shujaat Ali Khan)

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, March 6, 2019

SC bench questions allotment of 20 kanals for construction of Jamia Hafsa (in Islamabad)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 13, 2019

Ministry of Religious Affairs holds Holi festivity in Islamabad

The daily Jang; Lahore, March 28, 2019

Two suspects thrash judge after bail rejection

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 14, 2019

150,000 fake arms licenses issued from DC office, Lahore; 5 officials referred to NAB

The daily Jang; Lahore, April 6, 2019

1 million species risk extinction due to humans: draft UN report

The daily Dawn; Lahore, April 24, 2019

Every Pakistani is in debt of Rs. 1,64,922/-

The daily Jang; Lahore, June 12, 2019

Railway engines failed 3,700 times since January 2015

The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 15, 2019

Karachi still among world's 10 least livable cities. Known for its refreshing Alpine tap water, convenient public transport and varied cultural life, Vienna has been judged as the world's most livable cities.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 5, 2019

Pakistan told to pay \$5.9bn to mining firm

PM's aid Firdous says law ministry and attorney general are looking into matter in the light of international laws

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 14, 2019

IMF okays \$6bn package to 'foster strong growth'

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 4, 2019

That he (Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui) was unfit to be a judge was proven when he delivered some of the most hate-fuelled, bigoted judgments of recent times in his short stint at the bench.

Saroop Ijaz in the monthly The Herald, July 2019

Agreement over 35000 madrassahs' registration with Ministry of Education

The daily Khabrain, Lahore; August 28, 2019

Entry of over 200 ulama banned in Sargodha region

The daily Aman, Faisalabad; August 29, 2019

74 die, 40 hurt in RY Khan train inferno

The daily The News; Lahore, November 1, 2019

115 ulama banned (by Sindh government) to enter Sindh

The daily Jahan-e-Pakistan, Lahore; August 30, 2019

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

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 21, 2019

Rampaging lawyers storm govt hospital

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 12, 2019

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

The daily The Express Tribune; Lahore, December 20, 2019

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

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, December 2, 2019

i. Op-eds, etc.

Op-ed: Justice on Trial

Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui's case, similarly, shows why the trial of a judge in Pakistan is more often than not meant to punish him for something other than his personal or judicial misconduct. He should never have been appointed a judge of the Islamabad High Court (or any court) in the first place. That he was unfit to be a judge was proven when he delivered

some of the most hate-fueled, bigoted judgments of recent times in his short stint at the bench. He should have been held accountable for displaying an undiluted hatred – bordering on incitement to violence—against the already vulnerable minority groups. He was not. When he did face accountability it was making a speech in a bar room at the Islamabad High Court wherein he alleged that security and intelligence agencies were influencing the judges.

This is not to suggest that he should have been exempt from the general and important principle of judges speaking through their judgments and not through speeches or news tickers. On the contrary, politics, even what one considers the right kind of politics in a particular instance, does not make the judges’ code of conduct redundant.

Taking a full stock of misconduct and abuse of power in the case of both Siddiqui and Justice Chaudhary would have helped the cause of both judicial independence and the accountability of judges.

(Saroop Ijaz in the monthly the Herald, July 2019)

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Imagine how strong Pakistan’s position in front of international community would be if it had no anti-Ahmadi laws/blasphemy laws in place. We weaken ourselves when we oppress our minorities. It is in our best interest to repeal these laws and face the world with heads held high.

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Statement: By Ms. Jannat Hussain, AC Attock

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

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

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

December 12, 2019

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

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

Twitter at 0830PST on December 14, 2019

Extract from a book: Pakistan under siege

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

The laws also affect how ordinary citizens respond to militant violence. When militant groups target minorities that have been otherized by the state because of their faith or their religious views and militants claim it is because of these very reasons that they targeted them—the targeted minorities do not always generate sympathy from ordinary Pakistanis.

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

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Imran Khan [@ImrankhanPTI.1day](#)

Wishing all our Hindu citizens a happy Diwali

Mona Farooq @moonalala

It is nice of you to wish Hindus Diwali, but how about condemning the attack on one of the mosques of an already marginalized Ahmadiyya community in Hasilpur?

It was teared down in your own Riyaste Medina.

Is it the justice you promised?

Are Ahmadis not citizens of Pakistan?

11:33 PM – 26 Oct 2019

Op-ed: Qadianis attack Pakistan again?

... At the world level, Qadianis are fast seeking the sympathies of the non-Muslim powers over their fake persecution. Peace and Qadianis are mutually contradictory. Qadianis have always hit the roots of Pakistan through collaboration with foreign powers. They are declared enemies of Islam and Pakistan, and their conspiracies against the beloved country are no secret. Belief in the End of Prophethood is fundamental to every Muslim's faith. We cannot bear up at all with the appointment of Qadianis on important posts in this country that was acquired in the name of Islamic creed (*Kalima Tayyaba*). They should be removed forthwith from important posts and barred from anti-Islam and anti-Pakistan activities. In this, not only the government should meet its constitutional and Sharia responsibilities, the people themselves should keep an eye on Qadianis' activities and report these; it is their weighty responsibility.

(Kamran Goraya in the daily Khabrain of August 20, 2019)

Op-ed: From the Friday Times, Lahore

Walter Benjamin said, “If they are successful, even our dead in their graves will not be safe.” He was referring to the fascists and authoritarian extremists of his era, in the 1930s.

(Hurmat Ali Shah in The Friday Times, March 1-7, 2019)

(**Note:** The above is relevant to the attack on Ahmadiyya graveyard in Model Town, Lahore on December 2, 2012 when 120 graves were vandalized with police complicity, during the rule of Mr. Shahbaz Sharif.) *Ref: p.77 of our Annual Report 2012*

Op-ed: Resident Evil

The horrors of 1971 stand as clear historical evidence of elite culpability. So does the emergence of the comedian moustached, executioner-eyed tyrant, previously known for the slaughter of Palestinian men, women and children in Jordan. Zia-ul-Haq deliberately unleashed the demons of bigotry, hypocrisy, ethnicity, sectarianism, the Kalashnikov culture and the curse of heroin on the people of Pakistan. He survived in absolute power for 11 long years, longer than any of our other rulers, thanks to the unwavering fealty of the elite. His sudden death was a matter of happenstance. It is entirely characteristic of our rulers that we still do not know, or do not want to know, who was responsible.

...

She did not realize, perhaps no one did—as to how deeply the evil legacy of Zia had soaked into the nation’s soil, poisoning it with extremist violence and systematic, highly organized terrorism. *(Salman Tarik Kureshi in The Friday Times; January 11-17, 2019)*

Op-ed: The Rouge Cleric

The fact that Lal masjid cleric Maulana Abdul Aziz, who was involved in the Lal Masjid riots in the country under the Musharraf regime, dodged the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration and was able to deliver a sermon at Lal Masjid is alarming to say the least. This is not the first attempt made by the cleric to go against the writ of the state. He tried to regain the post of Khateeb of the mosque in November 2018 as well. His several attempts to get hold of a microphone in Lal Masjid was followed by the government in 2017 as well. He also stirred another controversy in 2014 after he openly extended support to the perpetrators of the Army Public School attack in Peshawar by calling it a reactionary move by the terrorists.

The situation which has developed post the recent Pak-India tension within the country is that the government is showing great willingness to cleanse the land of radical voices which promote hate speech and prompt people for indulging in violence. This commitment has been reinforced by Pakistan’s participation in the dialogue to end the war in Afghanistan. Pakistan has facilitated the talks between the United States of America (USA) and the Taliban in Qatar to ensure a diplomatic end to the war. This along with the continuing pressure by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) leaves no space for the Pakistani government to show any leniency towards elements within the state which now promote a narrative which has been labeled as anti-Pakistan by Prime Minister Imran Khan.

(The daily The Nation, Lahore; March 24, 2019)

Op-ed: SC and minority rights

It is an ironical turn of events that the judgment for which former chief justice Jilani has won accolades at home and abroad is yet to be properly implemented. Chief Justice Jilani took *suo motu* notice of a letter complaining of lack of proper action in the case of the terrorist attack on a Peshawar church in September 2013 in which 81 people were killed. He also took notice of petitions on attacks on Hindu temples and shrines and the threats to the Kalashas as well as Ismailis in Chitral. The three-members bench headed by the chief justice made some recommendations:

...

Finally the court passed an order to ensure compliance with its directives in these words: "The office shall open a separate file to be placed before a three-member bench to ensure this judgment is given effect to... the said bench may also entertain complaints/petitions relatable to violations of fundamental rights of minorities in the country."

Nearly five years down the line, the Supreme Court judgment remains largely unimplemented. The importance of the court's directives cannot be contested. Moreover, the minorities have accepted the judgment as a charter of their demands. Recently, two civil society organizations moved the Supreme Court for directing expeditious implementation of the verdict. The court created a one-man commission to present a compliance report, but nothing is known about its labours. This arrangement, it may be submitted, amounts to disregarding the points in the judgment.

The minorities find it difficult to keep the hope of justice alive.

(I A Rehman in the Dawn, April 11, 2019)

Op-ed: Bilawal carried the day

Maulana (Fazl ur Rahman) and Maryam Bibi (of PML-N) hate Imran Khan to the extent that if this hatred was poured into a river, the flowing water would start boiling....

This op-ed writer has always taken the stand that religion is used as fuel for politics and profit in Pakistan....

For the past 70 years politics is played on the basis and in the name of religion, in Pakistan. Leave aside progress, the entire body politics is poisoned with sectarianism. This experiment has been a complete failure. Religion went out of our lives and got embossed on political standards of religious parties. Lies, breach of promise, adulteration, commercial malpractices and tax-avoidance has become rampant. In the country we have no faith in others; abroad none is ready to have faith in us. Monitory corruption (*haram khuri*) is so common that public servants receive full pay but do not attend office on time nor do their day's work.

...There is only one solution to this problem; religion should be pulled out of politics and dealings, and should be practiced in our daily conduct. I should not vote for a party on the basis of religious belief, but should see if I follow Islamic teachings dawn to dusk... .

If you do not agree to declare religion a purely personal issue, don't; go on doing politics in the name of religion, but (at least) do show (political) morals like those in Singapore, the UK and Canada. *(M Izharul Haq in the daily 92 News, June 29, 2019)*

Tweet by Reham Khan:

Imran Khan's ex-wife Reham Khan also condemned the forced conversion of the Hindu girl. On her twitter page, Khan posted, "Another case of a Hindu female child forcefully converted and married off. Disgusting but there will be no action as politics comes first for all players."

(<https://gulfnnews.com/world/asia/pakistan/another-forced>)

AN IMPORTANT REFERENCE: THE 1981 DECLARATION Proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 25 November 1981. The 1981 Declaration is presently the most important global instrument regarding religious rights.

Mr Natan Leiner, Professor of International Law, wrote the following in his article "The Nature and Minimum Standards of Freedom of Religion or Belief" for the Norwegian Desk Book on Facilitating Freedom of Religion or Belief (extracts):

"Despite these shortcomings, the 1981 Declaration text constitutes a far reaching catalog of generally recognized human rights related to religion or belief. Where the 1981 Declaration is unclear, authoritative interpretations of the 1966 Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are helpful. The 1981 Declaration follows the pattern of the Covenant in drawing the distinction between basic rights in the inner forum—thought, conscience, and religion—and the external manifestations of religion—worship, observance, practice, and teaching. Only external manifestations, which are in some cases listed, may be limited if such limitations are prescribed by law and necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals, or the fundamental rights of others. The 1981 Declaration does not distinguish the rights of nationals and the rights of aliens.

"The catalog of religious rights is listed in the comprehensive, but not exhaustive, text of article 6. It includes the right to worship and assemble and to maintain places for this purpose, to establish institutions, to make, acquire, and use materials necessary to the religion, to produce relevant publications; to teach the religion in suitable places, to receive financial contributions, to train and appoint appropriate leaders; to observe days of rest and to celebrate holidays and ceremonies; and to communicate with individuals and communities on religious matters at the national and international levels. Some of these same rights appear in articles 10 and 17 of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe's "CSCE" 1989 Concluding Document of the Vienna meeting.

"On the whole, the 1981 Declaration is a reasonably good text, which, more or less, reflects the international community's present understanding of the minimum standard for matters of religious rights. It is to be noted that the Special Rapporteurs appointed since 1986, have been performing the role usually assigned to formal mechanisms incorporated into mandatory treaties. There is certainly room for improvement and some recommendations have been advanced to that effect. But this does not detract from the positive aspects of the document, which enlarges the scope of specific articles in the obligatory 1966 Covenants. So long as no progress is made on the Draft Convention and there are no signs of such progress, the 1981 Declaration is a very positive step in the international effort to ensure human religious rights." p. 74

Conclusion

This year too Ahmadis faced marginalization, discrimination and persecution as in previous years, with some fresh initiatives and outrages. Most of these were attributable to official policy.

A lot more was inflicted in the realm of freedom of worship especially targeting of Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship. At 11 locations, mosques and places of worship were damaged, sealed, closed down, worship forbidden or construction stopped. This was most hurtful. In Sindh, the administration and police officials themselves destroyed the niche of an Ahmadiyya mosque.

Mullas and authorities found in the new cyber crimes laws a fresh source of persecution of Ahmadis. These laws were reportedly promulgated to prevent serious anti-state and anti-society activities including spread of pornography, but the Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore joined hands with notorious Mulla Muawiyah to book and arrest Ahmadis for indulging in projects that involved translation of the Holy Quran.

Some leaders of the ruling PTI government and a few mullas like Ashrafi and Muneeb, on state pay roll, unabashedly bad-mouthed Ahmadis in public. A federal minister, Mr. Swati, stated in public, "I curse them (Ahmadis), and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat."

The judiciary, some judges at the high court level, felt free to target Ahmadis. Last year it was Justice Shaukat Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court; this year too Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court issued a 40-page judgment on implementation of the Punjab Holy Quran Act 2011. It is recommended reading for these who need to grasp the level and trend of delivery of justice with some judges of Pakistani high courts. At lower level, two murderers of Ahmadis in two different cases were set free by session judges. Arrest of those who murder Ahmadis is a rare happening, however their acquittal reflects on the quality of police work, prosecution and/or judges. The state of lawyers' community can be ascertained by the news that Islamabad Bar Association made *Khatme Nabuwwat* affidavit essential for its membership July 2019 onward.

Bureaucracy's attitude towards Ahmadis is perhaps worse than other pillars of the state, as officials are mostly careerists. In Attock, Assistant Commissioner Jannat Hussain picked up some courage and spoke in favour of human rights of minorities, and mentioned Ahmadis in the context of sectarianism. This aroused some protest. Her colleagues in the administration and police refused to support her and urged her to explain and apologize for her audacity. Thereafter she was made to lead a procession on Human Rights Day, whose participants chanted 'Countless curses on Qadianis'.

Ms Shireen Mazari, the Federal Minister for Human Rights, despite repeated requests by the Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan, did not spare time to hear them.

The year ended with the news that Punjab Assembly unanimously passed a resolution seeking most stringent anti-blasphemy laws. This is beyond our comment. We only quote here the steely human rights activist YL Hamdani:

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

*Op-ed: Pakistan is a theocracy
@the Real YLH, daily times. com.pk/529370/*

Particulars of Police Cases Registered on Religious grounds against Ahmadis during 2019

S.No.	Number	Names of Accused	Police Station	FIR No.	Date	Penal Code	Remarks
1	1	Mr. Zafar Abbas Joiya	Joharabad city, District Khushab	184	22/05/2019	PPC 298-C	Arrested
2	2	Mr. Muhammad Mahmood Iqbal Hashmi	FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore	88	20/06/2019	PPC 295-A, 298-C, 2016 PECA 11	Arrested
3	3	Mr. Maqbool Ahmad Naz	Kotli, Azad Kashmir	234	25/06/2019	PPC 298-C, 298, 153-A	
4	4-5	Mr. Muhammad Mustafa, Mr. Washal Umar	Hasilpur Sadr, District Bahawalpur	555	25/10/2019	186, 506	Arrested
5	6-8	Mr. Waqar Ahmad, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz, Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla	FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore	152	12/11/2019	PPC 298-C, 295-B, 295-A, PECA-11, PPCs 120-B, 109, 34	Waqar is In prison

PPCs and their penalties

- 506—two years' imprisonment and fine
- 298—one year imprisonment and fine
- 298-C—three years' imprisonment
- 295-A—ten years' imprisonment
- 295-B—imprisonment for life
- 186—three months' imprisonment and fine
- 153-A—five years' imprisonment and fine
- 120-B—imprisonment for life, etc
- 109—penalty as in main offence
- 34—penalty as in main offence
- PECA-11—three years' imprisonment and fine

Updated Statistics of the Police Cases
registered against Ahmadis on religious grounds, in Pakistan
 (From April 1984 to Dec 31, 2019)

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	453
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, etc.	825
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>Ek Harf-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	49
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	1222
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 charged in cases:	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 mosque in 2008	

Statistics of other Human Rights violations

((From 1984 to December 31, 2019, except where mentioned otherwise))

• Number of Ahmadis killed	265
• Number of Ahmadis target-killed this year	3
• Ahmadis assaulted for their faith	393
• Number of Ahmadiyya mosques demolished	29
• Number of Ahmadiyya mosques sealed by the authorities	40
• Number of Ahmadiyya mosques set on fire or damaged	25
• Number of Ahmadiyya mosques forcibly occupied	17
• Number of Ahmadiyya mosques, construction of which was barred by the authorities	59
• Ahmadis' bodies exhumed after burial	39
• Burial of Ahmadis was denied in common cemetery	70
• Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' houses and shops	44
• Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' mosques	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:

a. 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*

b. refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as '*Ummul Mumineen*'

c. 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

d. refers to, or names, or calls, his place of worship 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 (category PPC 295)

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

Hateful and inciting Anti-Ahmadi Panaflex installed in Lahore

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

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



Universal Traders
Businessmen of Akbari-Mandi
(Lahore)

The absence of identity

Usman Ahmad

(an Ahmadi)

August 01, 2019



So lost am I with where to begin that perhaps the best place to start is with this moment; me staring blankly into the screen of my desktop trying to pull together in my head all the missing parts of myself. The effect is inconclusive. Almost hypnotic. But it brings no clarity to my thoughts, only a sense of resentment at myself for scuffing my shoes as I beat the top of my feet against the floor to release all the nervous energy that rises out of my frustration.

It is a familiar ritual. This is not the first time I have found myself struggling to respond to a giant swell of hatred that strikes against the very truth of who I am. With it, a dull sort of pain thuds at the back of my head. I feel insufficient and small and inarticulate. And undone.

At times like these, I am also struck by an unnerving absence of trauma equal to the many visceral agonies that have defined the lives of so many others around me. I have not lost a child or a parent in a sectarian killing. I did not grow up being called an infidel at school. I have not had the door to my home graffitied with abuse. I have not been incarcerated for ordinary acts of everyday life. There is though a part of their experience I have shared in, that of being an Ahmadi in Pakistan, a country where we are permitted to live in, but never allowed to belong to.

Do you know what that feels like? To live in a home that is not a home, in an empty space that stretches out from the distant echoes of the past to the infertile darkness of the future. As much as one may try to overcome it, you can never get used to being cast as an outsider in a place that is supposed to be yours. There is no way to prepare for the shrinking of your reality to the point where the only things that remain part of your world are the ones that are impossible to maintain. Instead you disappear. Not completely. Traces of you are seen in the bodies of strangers. You are the hollow pause of a conversation. When you do assume the fullness of your form, it is worn by others, and then it is denied.

How am I supposed to account for all of this? I have tried and written and written and written in search for a deeper realisation or a sense of understanding of what it means for people to live with the wounds of hatred. Yet the only thing that has ever held true is that there is no nuance to the foundational reality of their existence or the texture of their suffering; no way of being seen as anything other than a transgression; just different ways of not belonging.

As I continue to drum my fingers against the keyboard, there is something missing. A central idea, or an insight, or any real point that I want to get across. For years I have sought rapprochement with the irreconcilable. Something between malice and acceptance, between the cold and the warmth, between the living and the dead. I have never found an answer.

Actually no. That's not quite true. There was much I did discover. Just nothing that lay beyond the wreckage of betrayal and heartbreak.

This is what I do know.

In the conception of what it means to be a Pakistani, the place of Ahmadis is conditional and contingent. We are marked out as different and expected to live with what that entails. Our core identity isn't based on what we are, but what we are not. 'Non' is the chosen prefix to our entire existence. To be anything other than an Ahmadi is to be human and universal. We know this because we are not part of this equation. Hatred of us lies at the central formation of Pakistan. It is the moral principle by which people recognize themselves and operate together.

There is nothing that lies outside of this, but that was never what I needed to understand. The things I have always struggled to see the most are the self-evident truths that have stood as clear as day before me. Their edges are sharper than they have ever been because they no longer give way to the blur of a question mark; to things uncertain and mysterious and full of alternative potentials.

It suddenly crosses my mind that maybe even this is not important. This time the hostility that has brought me back here could just be about me. Sometimes you write just to fill a void, to allow yourself a moment of personal intimacy. It is a sort of company. A companion to bear the weight of your living. I cannot resolve the idea that the country to which I belong wants nothing to do with me or that it is well past the point from which it can be rescued from its bigotry. I am mostly speaking to myself now. There are always other ways of making sense of the world. Of being free, a little bit freer anyway. You don't have to speak for everyone all of the time. But you do have to speak, even if what you say struggles to reach out to a deeper layer of meaning. Because of the absence of your identity. Because the privilege of silence is another thing they have taken away.

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Shireen Mazari and human rights

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No one gave Shireen Mazari the memo that she is neither the Foreign Minister nor the Defence Minister of Pakistan. She holds the portfolio of Human Rights Minister. The Human Rights in that Ministry pertain to the human rights of the hapless citizens of Pakistan and has no nexus with whatever else is happening elsewhere. In fact her jurisdiction does not even extend to Azad Jammu and Kashmir, which is supposed to have its own government.

Mazari's appearance of Mehdi Hassan's program Upfront on Al-Jazeera was one of those moments that this writer was thoroughly embarrassed as a Pakistani. She was not only caught lying out of her teeth but she appeared entirely ignorant of the very constitution that she tried to quote in her defense. First of all let us be clear on something. The 2nd and 3rd Amendments to the Constitution of Pakistan vitiate and militate against the very spirit of Jinnah's promise to the Ahmadi community and others made repeatedly including but not limited to on 23 May 1944 when Jinnah refused to accept the position that Ahmadis should be excluded from the Muslim community. However who cares about Jinnah in Pakistan now? Consider for example the fact one of the newspapers he founded was destroyed by this state in the 1960s and efforts are underway to destroy the second one as well. His sister was denounced as a CIA/Indian/Afghan agent by the regime in 1964-1965. So clearly the Jinnah argument does not work in modern day Pakistan that is a majoritarian theocracy diametrically opposed to what he put forth as the vision for the country. Hence no PhDs are allowed in the country on his life, politics and work.

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So let us proceed on the basis and indeed stipulate that the Constitution of Pakistan declares Ahmadis Non-Muslim and that the Parliament of Pakistan was vested with Godly powers to decide who is a Muslim and who is not for the purposes of law and constitution. Even so the same constitution promises complete religious freedom under Article 20, unhindered and not subject to any claw back whatsoever. So in other words the state of Pakistan may consider Ahmadis Non-Muslim but the Constitution does not allow the Pakistani state to force Ahmadis to consider themselves Non-Muslim. There can be no other interpretation and if any judge or lawyer tells you otherwise, they are either dishonest or incompetent. The so-called Human Rights Minister had no awareness of this important distinction. What followed was one shamefully ignorant gaffe after another. For example she said Ahmadis are allowed to participate in politics on Non-Muslim seats. She is obviously clueless because every citizen of Pakistan is allowed to contest any general seat under the law. The principle of joint electorate applies. Incidentally Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Bahais, Parsis and Muslims (or those who are constitutionally sanctioned Muslims at least) are on one electoral list. Only

Ahmadis are put on a separate supplemental list. This is pure discrimination. Shireen Mazari is either unaware of it or she is incapable of understanding this basic issue. The third option is that she might be lying in the face of it. Then she claimed that the issue is of the declaration of the finality of Prophethood. It is not as simple as that my dear minister. The declaration we are all forced to sign in Pakistan is not simply a declaration of finality of Prophethood. We are also forced to declare Ahmadis Non-Muslim and the founder of their sect/religion/group an imposter and a liar. Every official Muslim citizen on Pakistan ostensibly violates Sections 153-A, 295-A and 298 of the Pakistan Penal Code 1860 every time he or she gets a passport. This is perhaps the only example in the world of where the state willfully forces the majority of its citizens to violate its own penal provisions. Yet our Human Rights Minister says Ahmadis have all the rights, while also saying that the government should not have appointed Atif Mian as part of the Economic Advisory Council because it was too controversial. Furthermore she declared that there was no discrimination because Atif Mian does not live in Pakistan.

The right honourable minister reminds me of a character out of Monty Python's Life of Brian because what she is essentially saying is this: Ahmadis are not allowed to self identify, they are jailed and maimed for practicing their faith whatever it is, their places of worship (which cannot be called mosques under law) are desecrated and destroyed, their tombstones are destroyed and talented economists from their ranks are not allowed to join government, but Ahmadis have all the rights in Pakistan. One is left befuddled.

Shireen Mazari also claimed that there is no persecution of Shias in Pakistan, claiming that she was a Shia herself. We are certainly not going to question her right to self identify as a Shia whether or not she is one but she went on to claim that sectarian violence happens on both sides. I would like to know how many Sunni doctors have been target killed and how Sunni mosques and Dargahs have been attacked by Shias in the 70 years? I am not even going to start with the official discrimination against Shias in all branches and arms of the government.

The honourable thing for Shireen Mazari to do is to resign her office and seek an office more appropriate to her interests and expertise. In the event that she does not get an office more suited to her special stable genius, perhaps she can take up a career as a critic of Coke Studio as she loves to comment on every other Coke Studio song from her verified Twitter account using a government issue mobile phone and internet connection, while driving around Islamabad in an official vehicle. Surely that will be much better than making an absolute mockery of the Human Rights Ministry which is in utter shambles even otherwise. The human rights of the employees of the ministry are denied routinely, what to speak of the hapless population of Pakistan upon which Madam Minister is foisted against our will.

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SINCE THE PASSING OF THE SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENT WHICH DECLARED AHMADIS NON-MUSLIMS AND THE ZIA ERA LAWS OF 1984, STATE SPONSORED PERSECUTION AND SOCIETAL DISCRIMINATION HAS BEEN A CONSTANT IN THE LIFE OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN. THE STATISTICS FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS MAKE FOR GRIM READING. IN THAT TIME, 262 AHMADIS HAVE BEEN KILLED FOR THEIR FAITH, 388 HAVE FACED VIOLENCE AND ASSAULT AND 29 AHMADI MOSQUES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, AMONG OTHER HUMAN RIGHT ABUSES. AS OF RIGHT NOW, WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH LEGISLATION AGAINST THE COMMUNITY NORMALISES DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THEM, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THINGS WILL CHANGE ANY TIME SOON.

STATISTICS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS



ATTACKS ON AHMADI MOSQUES



BANNING ORDERS AGAINST AHMADIS SINCE 1984

- ALL OUTDOOR RALLIES & CONFERENCES OF AHMADIS IN RAWAH HAVE BEEN BANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT
- THE PUBLISHING OF AHMADI NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES HAVE BEEN BANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
- THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB HAS BANNED THE PUBLISHING OF THE QUR'AN AND ITS TRANSLATION
- THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB HAS BANNED THE ENTIRE WRITTEN WORKS OF THE FOUNDER OF AHMADIYYAT
- SPORTS EVENTS ORGANIZED AT A COMMUNITY LEVEL HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED BY THE AUTHORITIES

STATISTICS OF POLICE CASES REGISTERED AGAINST AHMADIS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

