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Cover:

- Top left: A massive rally in Rabwah¹, the same location where an Ahmadi was fatally stabbed (details inside).
- Top right: A cleric spewing hateful rhetoric in front of an Ahmadiyya office in Rabwah.
- Center: A large procession through the streets of Rabwah, symbolizing the collective hatred towards Ahmadis.
- Bottom left: Tombstones of deceased Ahmadis desecrated, a heinous act of disrespect.
- Bottom right: A sign in front of an Ahmadiyya mosque in Sargodha, falsely declaring it a non-Muslim place of worship.

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Foreword

2022 WAS ANOTHER HEAVY YEAR in persistent, uninterrupted and severe persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. There has been no relief, even though there was a major change in government at federal level in April. It seems that the present system and the current set of prominent politicians have no intention to restore basic rights and freedom of religion for Ahmadis.

While past anti-Ahmadi practices continued as before, this year the state and society came up again with innovative tactics of persecution. For example, a madrassah graduate stabbed an Ahmadi to death in broad daylight at the bus stand in Rabwah. He had never known the victim before. This was the first time such a murder happened. In Karachi, the police registered a criminal case against an Ahmadi advocate for his name, “Syed”, on complaint of religious bigots. Another case in this category of pioneering persecution was a notice posted on a public van demanding Ahmadi passengers to “*first enter Islam before entering this vehicle.*” So the content of this Report is not a replica of the past reports.

Anti-Ahmadi champions found an effective methodology to harass Ahmadis through fabricated accusations of violation of The Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011 and blasphemy laws under the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC). They have filed a writ petition with Lahore High Court wherein they challenged not Ahmadis but the provincial authorities. As a result, Ahmadis were excluded from explaining their case. No wonder then, the judge proceeded with action without the benefit of hearing the real accused. This resulted in major discomfiture to Ahmadis inflicted by the stipulation of the judge — a case of perfect mullah-state teamwork.

The report is divided into several sections, each offering unique and valuable insights into the issue at hand. The core of the report consists of Chapters 1 to 10, which present the main findings in a comprehensive and detailed manner. In addition, the report features several auxiliary sections, including the Backlog of Grave Human Rights Violations and Summarized Thematic Info, which provide useful information for those who need to gain a quick understanding of the report's key points. The report also includes an Executive Summary and Spotlights, offering a concise overview of the main findings and recommendations. The Conclusion and Recommendations section provides actionable steps for policymakers and stakeholders, highlighting the importance of addressing human rights violations. Chapter 11 is dedicated to important news headlines related to the report's theme, offering a broader context for the report's analysis and highlighting the ongoing challenges in this area. Finally, for those who prefer visual aids, all data and statistics are presented in infographics in the annexes, making the report accessible and engaging for all readers.

A synopsis of the tenure of Imran Khan as the prime minister in relation to Ahmadis, is available at Annex XI. An informative op-ed produced in Canada on Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Parvez Elahi's anti-Ahmadiyya politics is available at Annex XI

Life goes on, although it is hard on individuals directly affected. The Pakistani state, society and its marginalized communities feel pushed to the precipice at this year's end — however, the factor of hope varies from person to person and group to group. As always, Ahmadis hope for the best, next year.

Executive Summary

In 2022, the Pakistani state and society succeeded in doing worse than the previous year in the persecution of the Ahmadi community. In April, Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) coalition led by Mr. Shehbaz Sharif replaced PTI's Imran Khan in Islamabad. In the Punjab, Parvez Elahi of Pakistan Muslim League-Q (PML-Q) took over as chief minister in coalition with PTI. So Punjab remained the epicentre of bigotry, prejudice and extremism that turned violent at times.

While the general maltreatment of Ahmadis remains in high gear, there were innovations too in persecution. For example in Rabwah – the town that houses the Ahmadiyya community, a madrassah graduate took a few seconds to assess the religious identity of an Ahmadi he had never known before, and stabbed him to death in broad daylight in the presence of many people. This type of vigilantism in Rabwah is unprecedented. Another first happened in Karachi, where the police booked an Ahmadi advocate under anti-Ahmadi laws for having the name 'Syed'. Then, a transporter adorned his public van with a poster that demanded, "Ahmadi passengers should first enter Islam before entering this vehicle." Bigotry – *par excellence!*

There were eight incidents of violent assaults against Ahmadis this past year resulting in injuries, hospitalization, and long-term disability.

The police registered numerous criminal cases in league with the religious clerics (mulla) that outsourced Ahmadis'

persecutions to the state. Innocent victims, at times, suffer incarceration for years before acquittal in the court trial.

This year, the police booked 107 Ahmadis, and arrested twenty-six of them. Almost all these cases are fabricated, fake and *malafide*. Ms. Kaneez Bibi, aged 65 was booked under Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) 295-A for which she may be imprisoned for 10 years. She allegedly took down an anti-Ahmadi poster. A number of the top Ahmadi leaders were booked under PPC 295-B, the blasphemy clause on defiling the Holy Quran. A magistrate added the deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to a fallacious cybercrime case initiated two years ago against, a Director in the Ahmadiyya headquarters.

The source of all these wrongs is primarily political. Most of the political leadership in Pakistan considers anti-Ahmadi stance beneficial to their campaigns. By necessity, they do not hide their prejudice and compulsion, as quoted below.

Khawaja Saad Rafiq, a PML-N federal minister, tweeted in September 2022: "Qadianiat and Zionism is a conspiracy to thrust a dagger in the heart of Islam."

Mr. Parvez Elahi, the CM Punjab stated, "We have no friendship nor any dealing with one who does not believe in the End of Prophethood. If they [Ahmadis] want to stay, they may, as a minority . . . if they opt to leave, they should do so."

Ali M. Khan, a former minister in Imran Khan's cabinet stated proudly in latter's

presence in a rally: “Imran Khan broke the back of Qadianiat.”

Mian Javed Latif, a PML-N leader, in a video accused Imran Khan at length of being pro-Ahmadi. It was little else than conjecture. He concluded thus: “Every institution should consider and play its role that if this mischief [Ahmadis] gains momentum, Pakistan will be immersed in such bloodshed (khoon raizy).

The Azad Jamu & Kashmir (AJK) Assembly should seek to establish its credentials, but opted to openly lead in bigotry. It passed a lengthy resolution on actions to be taken in support of Khatme Nabuwwat, against Ahmadis. The details are available in the main text and original as Annex IX

These few mentions should suffice; they explicitly show the path taken by the state actors. Where it leads to is mentioned subsequently.

Defiling of Ahmadi mosques continued relentlessly. In most cases, it was the police and the administration that undertook the sacrilege. Seven mosques were damaged and three others were defaced with hateful graffiti.

On mulla’s bidding, the authorities in Punjab vandalized Ahmadis’ graves by toppling and smashing headstones of 173 graves this year. Vigilantes, on their own, desecrated 24 other graves. On one of these, they graffitied *Kutta Qadiani* (Ahmadi dog) and in Peshawar, they dug up an Ahmadi’s grave who died 25 years ago, and dumped his remains outside.

The judiciary and lawyers played an important role in the Ahmadiyya issue. We respect our judges; they have at times provided us relief, however they are part of the Pakistani society, so it is difficult for them to stay head and shoulder above the national

average. For due regards to them, we mention briefly only the court news — but withhold our general comments.

A local court in Peshawar acquitted two men on the charge of killing an Ahmadi homeopath in his clinic last year. One of them was caught red-handed.

The *Dawn* reported on January 16, “These men blamed for showing distorted version of Quran. LHC denies port-arrest bail to the accused belonging to Ahmadi community.

“Publication of blasphemous material is a danger to national security, joint actions will be required: Lahore High Court”

Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court (LHC) on a petition by mulla Hassan Muawiyah, an anti-Ahmadi activist, required principal secretaries to the PM and the CM gave an undertaking to the court regarding the implementation of a 2019 verdict requiring action against people involved in publication of “unauthentic copies of the Holy Quran.”

The authorities took follow-up action against Ahmadis as directed by the judges. Some of the top Ahmadi community leaders were booked under penal code provisions that enforce life imprisonment as penalty. However, following facts were ignored by the courts:

- No Ahmadi was heard at these court proceedings.
- Ahmadis have not published the Holy Quran after the promulgation of the relevant Act.
- Prior to the Act, the Qurans published by Ahmadis were always error-free and authenticated, as per rules.
- Calling a translation “unauthentic, blasphemous material, distorted version, Tehrif (Distortion) etc.” is not valid nor

justifiable, as only the Arabic text can be authentic, standard, and free of error. All translations vary, and are to some extent different, so are the Ahmadiyya versions, most of which have been rated high by acknowledged scholars, like those from the renowned Al-Azhar of Egypt.

The situation in the education sector remained unsatisfactory in many ways. Authorities included the subject of “End of Prophethood” in syllabi. The semi-government Air University’s courses for year 2021-22 in Islamic Studies and Ethics include a section, essentially against Ahmadis, titled “Seal of the Prophets: Constitutional Status of Qadianiat.”

Eighteen Ahmadi students were expelled from two schools in District Jhang, Punjab for their faith. The Educators (Mithial Campus) stood second by expelling four. In Islamabad all five Ahmadi students were expelled from a hostel.

Amnesty International LUMS Chapter were told to drop the Ahmadi speaker Dr. Mirza Sultan Ahmad from their seminar on the theme: Tolerance in Pakistan.

While the above incidents concerned the elite, the quantum of hateful propaganda among the working class in intensified. Conferences were held at various locations, always with fair names like *Milad*, *Khatme Nabuwat*, and *Shane Risalat*, but the mulla use the event to lambaste Ahmadis and agitate the participants with sectarian hate.

Mulla Naeem Qadri went overboard in his hateful burst in a video. He incited the viewers to kill pregnant Ahmadi women, so that no children are born in Ahmadiyya faith.

Ahmadi women faced unique forms of discrimination too. A female teacher was fired in Lahore from job for her faith. Faiza Ahmad,

a lecturer in Superior University since 2015 had to resign due to severe hostility. Ms Mubeen, a college student was harassed by her principal on false accusations. Unfortunately, these days most Ahmadi students have to be discreet in disclosing their religious identity for fear of backlash.

Threats remain a useful tool for anti-Ahmadi opportunists. It is often that an Ahmadi has to vacate his rented house or shop due to threats, only for it to sometimes be taken over by their blackmailers. Qamar Abbas of District Sargodha was threatened by mulla with murder. As a consequence and as a precaution, his wife and children have had to relocate.

Lack of freedom of religion becomes real to most Ahmadis at the occasion of Eid ul Adha. They are no longer free as before to offer traditional animal as Ahmadis have been booked after complaints to police by hostile neighbors. This could seriously spoil the joy of the festival.

In addition to state and cleric sponsored violence, social pogroms and communal violence remain a major threat to Ahmadis. The 12,000 men who assemble at the anti-Ahmadi rally in Rabwah in October arrived only to upset the majority Ahmadi town. Attendees are affected by hostile propaganda and get motivated to indulge in violent extremism. They gain a religious cause and action gives them a sense of power. In Rabbani Colony, Faisalabad, a bully came to an Ahmadi’s shop Abdullah Traders, objected to the shop’s name and told him to remove the board. In response to the refusal, he called a few TLP supporters to the spot who came and beat up the Ahmadi. He had to vacate the shop for his life.

Anti-Ahmadi activists, helped by the authorities, have succeeded in making life very strenuous in Ahmadi homes and offices.

The conduct of the press and media could fill a special report. The leading Urdu daily, the *Jang*, Quetta edition, on October 4, published a 5-column anti-Ahmadi headline on a story

that had nothing to do with Ahmadis, whatsoever. The story was about the prison department and the treatment of its inmates, while the headline read:

“The Muslim Ummah will have to act in unison to crush Qadianism.”

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Spotlights - 2022

- An Ahmadi was stabbed to death in Rabwah in broad daylight on August 12, 2022. The killer had not known the victim earlier. He assessed him to be an Ahmadi after asking him couple of questions.
- At 14 locations, Ahmadiyya mosques were damaged, sealed, worship denied, threatened, graffitied, covered to hide minarets etc. mostly by or with help of authorities.
- The police desecrated or destroyed 173 Ahmadis' tombstones.
- The principals of two schools in District Jhang expelled 18 Ahmadi children from their institutions. The Educators (Mithial Campus) expelled four Ahmadi students in District Attock; the authorities took note here and attempted to redress the harm.
- The police registered a criminal but fabricated case against some members of the top Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-B etc.
- A police case was registered in year 2020 against a Director of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan. This year a judicial magistrate added the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to his charge sheet.
- Malik Ilyas Awan, Vice President Pakistan Muslim League-Q, Punjab sent an application to the Deputy Commissioner of District Khushab asking him to expel all Ahmadis from the district.
- This year the police booked 107 Ahmadis in cases based on religion.
- Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a former minister of state claimed: "Imran Khan Govt broke the back of Qadianiat," (translation), while addressing a rally at Abbottabad on April 9.
- Khawaja Saad Rafique, a PML-N federal minister, tweeted in September 2022: "Qadianiat and Zionism is a conspiracy to thrust a dagger in the heart of Islam," etc.
- Mr. Parvez Elahi, the CM Punjab while announcing his plan to construct a mosque somewhat like the great Blue Mosque in Istanbul, elaborated that 'It will be (boldly) written on the exterior that no Qadiani is allowed inside.' "We have no friendship nor any dealing with one who does not believe in the End of Prophethood. If they (Ahmadis) want to stay, they may, as a minority . . . (but) if they opt to leave, they should do so," he added.
- Amnesty International LUMS Chapter was told to drop the Ahmadi speaker from a seminar on theme, "Tolerance in Pakistan".

- The courses in the Air University Islamabad campus for the year 2021-22 in Islamic Studies & Ethics include a section against Ahmadis, titled: "Seal of the Prophets: Constitutional Status of Qadiyaniat".
- A court in Peshawar acquitted two men on the charge of killing an Ahmadi homeopath in his clinic. One of them had been caught red-handed.
- AJK Assembly passed a lengthy Resolution on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) in April 2022.
- Ashfaq Ahmad was buried in 1997 in Sangu Hayatabad, KP. On May 20, 2022, anti-Ahmadiyya elements dug up his grave and dumped his remains outside.
- At more than 10 locations, Ahmadis faced great difficulties in performing cattle sacrifices (Qurbani) on their festival of Eid-ul-Adha.
- Mr. Parvez Elahi (of PML-Q, supported by the PTI) took over as chief minister of the Punjab in July. Within three days, he had a government letter issued, marked 'MOST URGENT' 'REMINDER' with a 'TIME LIMIT' to all the Divisional Directors "to ensure implementation of the amendment regarding oath of Khatme Nabuwwat in the true letter and spirit" in Nikah formalities.
- A police case was registered against Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, an Ahmadi Advocate in Karachi because he wrote 'Syed' with his name.
- Mr. Asghar Ali Kalar, an Ahmadi, aged 70, was wrongfully booked under the blasphemy law PPC 295-C in Bahawalpur. He died in custody on January 10, 2022.
- In a video, mulla Naeem Chattha Qadri, issued a statement to kill pregnant Ahmadi women. The cleric said that it is necessary to do this so that no new Ahmadi is born.
- 12 members of German Bundestag wrote a letter to the prime minister of Pakistan Mr Shahbaz Sharif on September 28, 2022 on violation of fundamental rights of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat.
- A two-member bench of Supreme Court of Pakistan pronounced in their verdict that Art 260(3) on Ahmadis "neither disowns them as citizens of Pakistan nor deprives them of their entitlement to the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution."
- In October, Mian Riaz Pirzada, Federal Minister of Human Rights speaking in the National Assembly said: "People of the Ahmadi community are stabbed to death in broad daylight. They demolish their homes, their mosques, minarets of their places of worship... If one raises a voice in the Assembly, (it will amount to nothing that) an Ahmadi was killed....".

Backlog of Grave Human Rights 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 this year as well by this government that came to power by replacing a 'na-ahl' (incapable regime). 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/or 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.*
- *Mullas are permitted and facilitated to hold numerous hateful and provocative rallies in Rabwah every year.*
- *Participation in elections, even at local level, remains denied through devious rules and requirements.*
- *Ahmadiyya daily and four other periodicals have remained proscribed.*
- *Ahmadiyya schools and colleges have not been denationalized.*
- *Transmission and relaying of Ahmadiyya TV channels remains blocked.*
- *Ahmadis are made to accept and state against their conscience their 'Non-Muslim' religious status to obtain national identity card.*
- *Entry of religion in passport remains in vogue.*
- *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.*
- *Six Ahmadis, incarcerated on false, fabricated or fake grounds in religion-based cases remained in prison due to official tyranny, malice or inaction.*
- *Various bodies of the UN had mentioned Pakistan in their dispatches for maltreatment of Ahmadis. The US had put Pakistan on the Countries of Particular Concern (CPC) list thus requiring it to improve its HR and FoRB dealings with minorities. Various political leaders in the US, the UK, Germany etc. had written to Pakistan's highest authorities to restore basic and human rights of Ahmadis in the country, but they chose to disregard these and take no action on these fair and crucial 'recommendations'.*

Summarised Thematic Info Regarding the Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan during 2022

Ahmadis murdered for their faith

- *Mr. Naseer Ahmad was stabbed to death on August 12 in Rabwah (Chenab Nagar) in broad daylight, simply for being Ahmadi. The attacker did not know him previously.*
- *Mr. Abdul Salam was stabbed to death on May 17 in L Plot, District Okara, Punjab.*
- *Mr. Asghar Ali Kalaar, prisoner in a fabricated blasphemy case died during incarceration on January 10 in Bahawalpur, Punjab.*

Faith-based assaults

- *On March 5, two men attacked Dr. Mansoor Ahmad's clinic, killed his non-Ahmadi cousin Dr. Muhammad Shahid Ahmad, and shot Mr. Jawad Ahmad in the leg in Peshawar.*
- *On August 6, a mob beat up Mr. Shamshad Ahmad and his sister in Chak No. 128, District Sahiwal. The mob shouted intentions to stone them.*
- *Mr. Naveed Ahmad, Ahmadi, was attacked on April 27 while returning home, along with three non-Ahmadi friends in Chak 261 Udhwali, District Faisalabad. He got bullet injuries. His friends remained safe.*
- *Mr. Sami Ullah from Faisalabad was severely injured in a firing attack in May.*
- *On March 18 one Afzal aka Chanda entered Mr. Abdul Latif an Ahmadi's shop in Taunsa Sharif, District D.G. Khan, struck him with a hammer which severely injured him. He, however, survived.*
- *In June, a neighbor of Mr. Talat Mehmood, Ahmadi, attacked him and injured him in the head in Sehinsa, District Kotli. Mehmood got stitches at the hospital.*
- *Sajid Mehmood and his family faced faith-based hostility in Kotli, Azad Kashmir. On May 2, his in-laws survived a murderous attack. The attacker was arrested.*

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 the police booked one hundred and seven Ahmadis, arrested twenty six of them. Detail of these cases is given in Annex I.

- *The police booked Ms. Kaneez Bibi, aged 65, Ahmadi, under PPC 295-A with FIR No. 56 in Police Station Badhiana, District Sialkot on February 2, and arrested her.*
- *Four Ahmadi office-bearers, Messrs. Abrar Ahmad (local president), Ahmad Bilal Bajwa (vice president), Irshad Ahmed and Muhammad Rashid were booked with FIR No. 118 under PPC 298-C in Police Station Dijkot, District Faisalabad on February 19, 2022. The case was registered on fabrication that Ahmadis' place of worship resembles a mosque and Kalima (Islamic creed) is inscribed on it.*
- *The police booked Mr. Muhammad Yousaf, Ahmadi, under PPC 295-A in Police Station Jhak Atra, District Dera Ghazi Khan on February 2, and arrested him.*
- *A police case was registered against Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq Advocate with FIR No. 172 under PPCs 298-B, 298-C and 34 on November 21 at Police Station City Court Karachi, for his name Syed.*
- *The police booked Inamullah and Nouman Ahmad, two Ahmadi brothers, on fabricated false accusation with FIR No. 878 under articles 109, 511, 376/3, 363 on October 29 at P.S. Housing Colony, Sheikhpura. They were arrested.*
- *The police registered a criminal case against some members of the top Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-B, the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C and the Punjab Holy Quran Act 2017 on December 6 with FIR No. 661/22 in P.S. Chenab Nagar.*
- *The police booked 11 Ahmadis namely, Dawood Ahmad, Maqsood Ahmad, Jahanzeb Ahmad, Ansar Ahmad, Muhammad Ahmad, Shafiq Ahmad, Waqas Ahmad, Ashfaq Ahmad, Liaqat Ahmad, Nisar Ahmad and Faryad Ahmad under articles 337F(i), 337A(i), 337H(2), 506/B, 148, 149, 337L(2), in P.S. Phool Nagar, District Kasur on December 17, 2022.*
- *The police registered a case against five Ahmadis with FIR Nr. 699, under sections 298-B and 298-C in Police Station Wazirabad City, District Gujranwala on November 11.*
- *The police booked four Ahmadis namely, Mubashar Ahmad, Cheragh Din, Naeem Ahmad and Ghulam Hussain with FIR No. 59 under articles 337(iv), 337A(i), 334, 337 F(i), 337L(ii), 147, 148, 149, 504 in P.S. Nagar Parkar, District Tharparkar, Sindh on December 27.*

Ahmadis Behind Bars

- *This year 26 Ahmadis were arrested. There are those who face arrest every year but some of them remain behind bars for long. Six Ahmadis are in prison for their faith at the end of this year, five of them since 2020 who were denied bail even by the Supreme Court.*

Cyber Crimes laws

- A police case was registered against a Director of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan vide FIR No. 99/2020 at FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore on October 28, 2020 under section(s) 295-A, 153-A of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 R/W section 11 of the Prevention of Electronic Crime Act, 2016. Judicial magistrate Chaudhry Ghulam Murtaza Virk added PPC 295-C in the case in December this year. The sentence under this clause is death.

Freedom of religion denied

- On the night of 7th and 8th December at around 2 a.m., a police force came with heavy machinery and vehicles, blocked the road in front of the mosque in Baghbanpura, District Gujranwala, switched off nearby lights, destroyed the minarets, and took away the debris with them. During this demolition, the security cameras and the wall of the mosque were also damaged.
- On September 13, the DSP and SHO along with 13 policemen came around midnight and destroyed the only remaining minaret of the mosque in Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, as the other one was demolished back in 1974 by a rioting mob.
- On August 30, under the demands of TLP the SHO threatened Ahmadis of Mityal, District Jhelum with severe consequences. Ahmadis had to remove the minarets, for lack of protection from the state.
- On January 30 at midnight, nine boys came to the Ahmadiyya mosque of Kunri, District Umarkot and smashed the camera with stones.
- On February 19, some unidentified opponents set fire to a wooden structure adjacent to the Ahmadiyya mosque in Goth Ali Murad, District Badin, Sindh. The fire engulfed the mosque and damaged its roof.
- In the dark hours of 15-16 April 2022, the police sprayed out the Kalima from the Ahmadiyya mosque in Talharh Bali, District Khushab.
- On June 3, the local administration along with the police took away 'Mashallah' plates from the front walls of three Ahmadis' houses in Ghoghyat, District Sargodha.
- On June 9, an unidentified person blackened the word 'Ahmadiyya' and graffitied Kafir Khana (infidel house) on the outer wall of 'Bait ul Zikr Ahmadiyya' in Chak Chatha, District Hafizabad.
- In June, the DSP told Ahmadis of Pind Dadan Khan, District Jhelum to remove the Kalima (Islamic creed) from their place of worship.

Official prop to persecution of Ahmadis

- PML-Q along with PTI ruled the Punjab. Mr. Parvez Elahi of PML-Q is the chief minister who issued orders through a 'MOST URGENT' 'REMINDER' with a 'TIME LIMIT' of one-day for implementation, "to ensure implementation of the amendment regarding the oath of Khatme Nabuwat in the true letter and spirit in Nikah (marriage) formalities".
- Khawaja Saad Rafique, a PML-N federal minister stated in a tweet, that:
"Qadianiat and Zionism is a conspiracy to thrust a dagger in the heart of Islam,".
- Mr. Imran Khan and his party held a sizeable rally on April 9, in Abbottabad where Khan and bigwigs of the party addressed the crowd. One of the speakers was Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a former minister of state. His theme was anti-Ahmadiyya, and he claimed:
"Imran Khan govt broke the back of Qadianiat." (Translation)
- Malik Ilyas Awan, Vice President Pakistan Muslim League-Q, Punjab sent an application to the Deputy Commissioner of District Khushab asking him **"to expel all Ahmadis from the district."**
- Syed Ali Musa Gilani, son of Mr. Yusuf Raza Gilani a former prime minister from PPP, told the following false story in his campaign speech that:
"When Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was doomed to be hanged, he sent for Mufti Mahmud and Maulana Kausar Niazi and told them, "Tomorrow I shall be hanged but both of you are Maulvis, so be my witnesses that at the time of accountability on Doomsday, tell Allah as supporting evidence that this is the Zulfikar who declared Qadianis to be Non-Muslim to protect the honour of Thy Prophet."
- TV channels, the official PTV and the private Geo News aired this video statement on September 14, of Mian Javed Latif, a PML-N federal minister: "(Then what about) the attack on the foundational issues of Islam and providing nourishment to Qadianiat! When he initiated the 'New Pakistan', didn't every Qadiani unit in Karachi become active? Was this a mere coincidence? Also, on push from a professor, students of the Lahore Management University were driven to Rabwah with official protocol and were made forcibly to express solidarity with Qadianis. Was this also a mere coincidence? And, didn't Imran Khan tell foreign media prior to assuming power, that if he came to power, the Qadianis would enjoy religious freedom? Every institution (Idarah) should consider and play its role in that if this mischief (fitna) gains momentum, Pakistan will be immersed in such bloodshed (khoon raizy)...."
- Mr. Nehal Hashmi, of PML-N and a former senator spoke in a talkshow on April 29 that, **"... This is a conspiracy (sazish) of Ahmadis. Ahmadis are in league with them.... These are a fitna (great mischief) and the Pakistani people will not spare them."**
- On April 24, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan issued a tweet, quoting a part-Hadith with his own vernacular translation: "I am the last Prophet; there is no Prophet after me."

- *The not-so-new Hajj form has come to our notice. Every Muslim pilgrim going to Makka for Hajj is required to apply to the Govt of Pakistan for permission. We provide its translation here.*

Affidavit: I affirm on oath that:

I am a Muslim and believe the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) to be the last Prophet and believe most ardently (Dil o Jan say) in his finality.

Moreover, I attest that Khatam an Nabiyyeen wal Mursaleen Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H.)'s end of Prophethood was complete, final and unconditional, and I do not believe in anyone nor believe him to be a Prophet or Messenger in any sense or meaning of these terms. I do not belong to the Qadiani or Lahori Group or who call themselves Ahmadi or by any such name; I send curses on such a claimant, and consider such a claimant, including Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, to be a liar.

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Signature of the Applicant

- *Thefridaytimes.com. issued that, "Governor Tessori Desires Punjab-Like Finality of Prophethood Clause in Sindh Marriage Certificates".*
- *President endorsed Rahmatul lil Alamin wa Khataman Nabiyyeen Authority Bill (The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 16, 2022)*
- *The MPAs, 1) Ms Humaira Khatun, 2) Inayatullah Khan, 3) Sirajuddin Khan, all of JI moved an anti-Ahmadiyya resolution in KP Assembly in June. A provincial minister thanked the movers of the Resolution, and the Assembly passed it unanimously.*
- *A police contingent accompanied by a few laborers destroyed 45 Ahmadiyya tombstones in the local graveyard, on demand of opponents of the Ahmadiyya community in Premkot, District Hafizabad on 4/5 February.*
- *On April 6, Assistant Commissioner Daska along with the SHO Police Station Motra and a heavy contingent came to the graveyard and destroy 43 tombstones on Ahmadi's graves in Peeru Chak, District Sialkot.*
- *The police desecrated 30 gravestones of Ahmadi's in Ghoghyat, Tehsil Bhera, District Sargodha on May 11.*
- *The AC sealed the Ahmadiyya part of the cemetery and denied burial there to an Ahmadi woman in Peeru Chak, District Sialkot in November.*
- *Unidentified miscreants levelled 16 Ahmadi's graves in Chak 203 RB Manawala, District Faisalabad on August 21-22.*
- *Maulvi Umar Hayyat and his associate Ali desecrated graves of four Ahmadi's with 'Muhammad' and 'Ali' written as part of the names on the gravestones. They graffitied 'Kuta Qadiani' (Ahmadi dog) on the back of the tombstones in Prem Kot, District Hafizabad on November 22-23.*
- *Unidentified miscreants tore down three Ahmadiyya gravestones at midnight in 89 Ratan, District Faisalabad on November 20.*

- On May 20, anti-Ahmadiyya miscreants dug up the grave of Ashfaq Ahmad who was buried in 1997 in Sangu Hayatabad, Peshawar, and threw out his remains.
- Mr. Muhammad Akram, an Ahmadi, passed away on February 3 in 354 JB, District Toba Tek Singh. At the time of burial, some miscreants came there, filled the grave with earth and denied burial. The Numberdar was contacted to settle the matter, but he did not cooperate.
- In July 2020, on demand of the opponents, the police destroyed the tombstones of 67 Ahmadis in Trigri, District Gujranwala. Later, in December 2020, the AC sealed the said graveyard and sent up a proposal to allot another place for Ahmadis. Ahmadis have no place to bury their dead since then.
- District Education Authority's Chief Executive Officer (Chiniot) issued an order, No. 2024/(G) dated August 27, 2022, through the District Education Officers to all the stake holders to verify their records and ensure that 'Ahmadi/Qadiani' students were registered in 'their own religious synonym' – whatever that means. Compliance certificate was demanded within 3 days – 'without fail'.
- A controversial billboard on the issue of Khatme Nabuwat was put up by mulla Ilyas Chinioti, an MPA of PML-N near the toll plaza on Sargodha Road in Rabwah.
- AJK Assembly passed a lengthy Resolution on the issue of Khatme Nabuwat (KN) (End of Prophethood), and openly gave all the wrong reasons to indulge in this exercise. Here we do not repeat all that, but translate below some of the demands made in their Resolution:
 - The End of Prophethood (KN) syllabus that was introduced in KP schools should be incorporated in the AJK curriculum.
 - Quranic verses with translations and the 'Seal of Prophecy', the Hadith and the Kalima should be displayed or hung in golden letters on AJK Assembly building, and in government buildings, offices, and at the KN Chowk Chhattar 2 miles.
 - All Muslim officials, government servants and citizens of this state should produce KN affidavits at the time of their induction, posting and marriage, and these should be placed in their (personal) records.
 - All the KN resolutions passed in AJK Assembly since 1973 should be compiled and published. Moreover the Proceedings of the National Assembly of Pakistan, as also all the KN laws and judicial verdicts should be securely kept in the Legislative Assembly of Azad Kashmir.
 - All the existing laws on the issues of Khatme Nabuwat, Namus Risalat (Honour of Prophethood), Namus Sahaba and Ahle Bait (Honour of the Companions and the Family) should be effectuated.
 - The exalted name of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) should be written thus in all documents: Rahmat ul il Aalameen, Khatam al Nabiiyeen, Hazrat Muhammad Sallal Allahu Elaihe wa Sallam.
- The police installed a board on the road outside the niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Ghoghyat, District Sargodha, which read, **"This is not a Muslims' mosque; it is a place of worship for the (Qadiani) Jamaat"**.

- *Khatme Nabuwwat has been made part of the syllabus for the first time: Speaker National Assembly Asad Qaisar's address at the occasion of distribution of (monthly) donation to Ulama Karam (respected mullas).*

The Bench and the Bar

- *The daily Jang E-paper published the following report (extracts) in its issue:*
Publication of blasphemous material is a danger to national security; joint actions will be required: Lahore High Court (LHC)
Rawalpindi (Our reporter). Justice Abdul Aziz of LHC (Rawalpindi) expressed displeasure over lack of action on orders of the higher judiciary against publication of blasphemous material and demanded a report from federal ministries, PTA and FIA on next hearing concerning follow-up action on court orders. He ordered presence of the current and the former DPO Chiniot on failure to arrest the proclaimed offender involved in placing the blasphemous material on social media. ... The High Court ordered that on the next hearing the present and previous DPOs should personally appear in the court....
- *The daily Dawn; Lahore published on January 16 that, "Three men blamed for sharing distorted version of Quran (sic). LHC denies post-arrest bail to the accused belonging to Ahmadi community."*
- *The daily Dawn published a report by its staff reporter on a hearing held by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court on a petition by Mr. Hassan Muawiyah, an anti-Ahmadi activist based in Lahore. This news report (extract):*
Centre, Punjab vow action against altered Quran publication
By our staff reporter 2022-12-08
LAHORE: The principal secretaries to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi on Wednesday gave an undertaking before the Lahore High Court regarding the implementation of a 2019 verdict requiring action against the people involved in publication of unauthentic copies of the Holy Quran. ...
- *The daily Dawn published the following:*
Incomplete implementation of 2014 court verdict on minorities lamented
By our Staff Reporter 2022-06-20
LAHORE: Speakers at a conference on the 8th anniversary of the landmark judgment regarding minorities' rights regretted that implementation was largely missing. They urged the government to attend to directives issued on June 19, 2014 by then Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani. ...
- *The prestigious dawn issued the following report (extract):*
PESHAWAR: A local court has acquitted two men on the charge of killing an Ahmadi homeopath in his clinic on the outskirts of the provincial capital last year.

Hateful propaganda

Note: Numerous conferences and rallies mentioned in this section were held under cover of fair names of Milad, Khatme Nabuwwat etc. but in fact were anti-Ahmadiyya hate propaganda.

- Mullahs are allowed to hold a special conference every year in Rabwah — the center of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan, where Ahmadis are more than 95% of the population. Mullahs come from far and wide to hurl abuses against the residents of this town and the personages they respect. On September 7, a conference was organized by mulla Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, administrator of Madrassah Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) and Deputy Amir (president) Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (MTKN).
- On 9 October, Majlis e Ahrar Pakistan organized a Khatme Nabuwwat Conference on the occasion of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) (Eid Milad ul Nabi) in Rabwah.
- Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (MTKN) held a two-day conference in Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) on October 27-28.
- The 60th Fateh Mubahila Conference was held on 26-27 February 2022 in Chiniot.
- Mulla Tauseef Ahmad, of Jamia Masjid Khatme Nabuwwat, Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) sent an application to the Deputy Commissioner against Ahmadi teachers working in local and suburban public schools.
- Xari Jalil of voicepk.net, a third party source, released an op-ed on the deliberate outburst of the mulla Naeem Chatha Qadri. Its headline:
Video shows TLP leader inciting violence against pregnant Ahmadi women
- On February 26, Rajanpur Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat invited an anti-Ahmadi mulla Irfan Mahmood Barq to Rajanpur. On February 27, he held anti-Ahmadiyya sittings in different parts of the city, two of which were at the Government High School. The school assembled the students in the playground and mulla Barq delivered fifty-minute anti-Ahmadiyya lectures. He promoted there his anti-Ahmadiyya book, “Radde Qadianiat (Rebuttal of Qadianiat), Islam aur Science k katehry mein (in the courtroom of Islam and Science)”.
- Anti-Ahmadiyya wall chalking was done at various places in Peeru Chak, District Sialkot and a couplet was written on front of the Ahmadiyya mosque: **“Tell me what you want? Head of a blasphemer!”**
- On January 29, at 6 o'clock in the morning, some hate mongers wall-chalked on the local Ahmadiyya mosque in Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh: **“Long live Tajdaare Khatme Nabuwwat: Hizb Allah — Death to the false Messiah”.**
- An anti-Ahmadiyya rally was held in Sillanwali, District Sargodha on August 24 in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat.
- AMTKN organized a Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Shah Latif Town, Karachi on November 13.
- Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith Aalmi Punjab held a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Gujranwala on March 31.
- Some hate monger wrote with black color on the main door of the Ahmadiyya mosque in Azizabad, Karachi: **“False prophet Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani was a British slave (Repent).”**

Ahmadi women

- *Mrs. Tariq Majeed Rana, Ahmadi was a teacher in Green Town, Lahore. She was fired from the job for her faith in February.*
- *Ms. Faiza Ahmad, Ahmadi, had been teaching at Superior University, Lahore since 2015, but had to resign on February 26, 2022 due to severe hostility.*
- *Miss Shams ul Mubeen is a Second Year student at Degree College, Chak 209 RB District Faisalabad. The principal harassed her with false accusations in April.*

Threats

- *Mr. Qamar Abbas's relatives in Sillanwali, District Sargodha have imposed a social boycott against him. Mullas declared him infidel and threatened him with murder. His wife and children are no longer staying with him.*
- *Mr. Saif ur Rehman is a businessman. A non-Ahmadi, Muhammad Waris, demanded a machine from him and threatened him with murder if his demand was not met.*
- *Qari Saeed threatened Ahmadi with police cases on Eid festival through social media in Qamarabad, District Naushehro Feroze. Saeed posted the following this year, before Eid:*

Qadianis, being non-Muslim, are not allowed to undertake Qurbani on Eid festival. In case they do so, they shall be booked under PPC 298-C.

Qadianis violate the Constitution and law by openly using Islamic rituals and fraudulently portraying themselves as Muslim and part of Ummat e Muhammadi (Muhammad's followers).

- *Some clerics along with ten madrassa students came to Master (teacher) Fazal Ahmad's house on July 13 at Dastagir Colony, Karachi and threatened him with severe consequences.*
- *An anti-Ahmadiyya activist did graffiti "**Death to Qadiani (Ahmadi)**" on his house in Chianwali, District Gujranwala.*
- *Imran Ahmad, Ahmadi runs a shop in Mehran Town, Karachi. Six persons along with a mulla came to his shop and took photos. They threatened and asked the locals to boycott him.*
- *Irfan Ahmad Qureshi, Ahmadi of Rawalpindi, received a threat call from a private number that did not appear on the screen.*

Civic discrimination

- *The principal of Sajid Public School and that of the Bright Vision School expelled 18 Ahmadi children from their institutions in District Jhang, Punjab in October.*
- *The Educators (Mithial Campus) expelled four Ahmadi students in District Attock in September.*

- *Five Ahmadi students were expelled from hostel in Islamabad in October.*
- *The courses in the Air University Islamabad campus for the year 2021-22 in Islamic Studies & Ethics include a section against Ahmadis, titled: "Seal of the Prophets: Constitutional Status of Qadiyaniat".*
- *A sticker posted on public transport. This was shown in a tweet @Khalid_Malik11. Its translation in English:*

Warning

It is strictly forbidden for a Mirzai to board this vehicle, who follow Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the liar, claimant to fake and fabricated Prophethood.

Mirzais who call themselves Qadiani/Ahmadi/Lahori should first enter Islam before entering this vehicle.

- *Mr. Rashid Ahmad set up a junk shop in Rabbani Colony, District Faisalabad and named it Abdullah Traders after his son Abdullah. On February 18, a bully entered his shop, objected to the shop's name (Abdullah Traders) and told Rashid to remove the poster. He called 15 to 20 TLP men to the spot. They came, raised slogans and beat up Mr. Ahmad. He had to vacate the shop for his life.*
- *Mr. Kashif Zahoor Pal of Rachna Town, Lahore was forced by the opponents to vacate his shop.*
- *Mr. Luqman Ahmad of Channi Qureshiyan, District Chiniot is a homeopath and was forced by the local mullas to vacate the shop. Ahmad had to comply.*
- *The administration of Sillanwali, District Sargodha wrongfully deprived Mr. Abdul Aziz, local Ahmadi president, of his property, a plot of land, by sealing it.*

Miscellaneous

- *Amnesty International LUMS Chapter told to drop the Ahmadi speaker Dr. Mirza Sultan Ahmad from their conference.*
- *The weekly The Friday Times, published in December an op-ed titled: **A Religio-Political Dilemma: How Far Can Parvez Elahi Afford to Take Anti-Ahmadi Bigotry in Punjab?***
- *The daily Jang, issued at Quetta (capital of Baluchistan province), in its issue of October 4, published a 5-column anti-Ahmadi headline on a story that had nothing to do with Ahmadis, whatsoever. The story was about prison department and the treatment of inmates, while the headline read:*
 - **"The Muslim Ummah will have to act in unison to crush Qadianism."**
- *Rana Ashfaq Ahmad, an Ahmadi's condolence was made problematic by a bigot in Qazi Ahmad, District Nawabshah in February.*
- *Journalist Riaz Sohail of BBC Urdu. Com posted a report on Ahmadis' situation in Pakistan on January 27. Its headline is: Declining population of Ahmadi community in Pakistan: 'No one wants to leave his country, but children cannot be left at the mercy of oppressors'*

- *The daily Dawn printed on March 5 a newsreport with the headline: Bilawal links Peshawar blast (57 dead in mosque) to non-implementation of NAP. Alleges PTI government has soft corner for terrorists.*
- *Humanity First donated £100,000 for emergency assistance to Pakistan. (Press Release by H.F. On September 23, 2022)*

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Special Reports



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.





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... 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.

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1a. Amnesty International LUMS Chapter told to drop Ahmadi speaker

Lahore; 1st week of Dec 2022:

In a series of tweets, Amnesty International LUMS Chapter told how they were ordered to ‘drop’ an Ahmadi guest speaker they had invited to talk on Tolerance in Pakistan with regards to marginalized minorities. Three of these are reproduced below:

Amnesty LUMS @AmnestyLUMS

On 6th December 2022, Amnesty International LUMS Chapter intended to host a talk on tolerance in Pakistan with members of various marginalized minorities. Unfortunately, we were abruptly told to drop the Ahmadi representative we had called to speak last night.¹

The guests were approved days ago, but OSA randomly chose to recheck our guest profiles. Following which they told us our Ahmadi speaker could not come to the talk.²

While we are continuing with the talk the irony of a particular speaker being dropped on a talk about Tolerance in Pakistan speaks volumes. To make our dissatisfaction known, we will leave an empty seat representing the dropped speaker. Please join us at 6pm today³.



Voice of America report on the incident

VOA reported⁴ this incident at some length on December 9, 2022. Extracts — translation from Urdu:

“Amnesty International LUMS Chapter arranged a seminar on religious tolerance, on December 6. Representatives of Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Shia and Ahmadi communities were invited to it. Dr Mirza Sultan Ahmad was invited to represent Ahmadi community, but

the invitation was regrettably withdrawn, a few hours before the event.

Dr. Mirza Sultan Ahmad is a ‘child specialist’ by profession, however, he has written books on history and evaluation of Pakistan’s constitution and its subsequent amendments.

VOA made numerous attempts to contact Ms. Maheen Shafiq the president of Amnesty

¹ <https://twitter.com/AmnestyLUMS/status/1600096252137508864?s=20>

² <https://twitter.com/AmnestyLUMS/status/1600096257963335685?s=20>

³ <https://twitter.com/AmnestyLUMS/status/1600096267119390720?s=20>

⁴ <https://www.urduvoa.com/a/lums-faces-criticism-over-banning-ahmedi-speaker-to-talk-on-tolerance-09dec2022/6869345.html>

LUMS, on this issue but she was reluctant to express her views.

Dr. Ahmad told us that initially the date of this event was changed, thereafter his name was dropped from the list of speakers. When he asked the reason of this exclusion, the LUMS administration could not give a satisfactory response.

According to him, there are universities where one can freely express one's views so that students can see the whole picture, but now it seems that such issues could not be amply discussed in universities like LUMS.

Commenting on the situation of minorities in Pakistan, he was of the view that hateful propaganda is undertaken against minorities in the whole country. It continues even now, he said.

While talking to VOA, Peter Jacob, the chief executive of Social Justice Pakistan, a Christian, said that the prevailing environment in the country results in such incidents. The topic of the seminar was 'Tolerance', well-known guest speakers were invited to it. No extremist views were to be expressed. Despite this the LUMS administration was pressurized to drop the Ahmadi representative. This is unpleasant, as it does not send a positive message, he said.

BBC Report

BBC published an article¹ on this issue on December 8, 2022. We produce below a few extracts of the same, translated in English from original Urdu.

"Tolerance, about which he intended to talk, is in a state that even institutions like

He further said that the issue was not that of LUMS or any other university but Pakistan as a country and nation needs fair reputation. There is no need to get upset if anyone talks about equality, tolerance and justice.

Ramesh Singh Arosa (Sikh MPA) said that international HR organizations, including Human Rights Watch continue to express their reservations on religious intolerance in Pakistan. Anti-Pakistan resolutions are passed on world forums; if such things happen in the country, a negative picture is bound to emerge.

Mind you, this is not the first time in LUMS. Even before, events have been cancelled or invited guests have been disinvited without giving any reason.

Dr. Mirza Sultan Ahmad stated that this does not happen only in universities, it is rare that major media outlets condemn propagation of religious hate.

It may be noted that the government of Pakistan continues to deny discriminations against minorities including Ahmadis. The government maintains that all minorities enjoy rights in Pakistan as per the Constitution."

LUMS, under pressure do not allow us to examine, so said Dr Mirza Sultan Ahmad, a member of the Ahmadi community...

BBC tried to seek reasons of this incident from the concerned people, however the LUMS university administration did not

¹ <https://www.bbc.com/urdu/articles/cd12zo48z530>

respond. They, however, did accept that unfortunately they were told to drop the Ahmadi representative invited last night.

Dr. Mirza Sultan Ahmad, with reference to the message issued by the administration, said that students who had invited him were very sorry but their hands were tied. “This is not the first occasion; this kind of treatment to Ahmadiyya Community is routine in Pakistan,” he said. I am author of five books and have written hundreds of articles on persecution of Ahmadis; who else could speak better than I on this subject, asked Dr. Ahmad.

Mr. Taimur Rehman, the moderator of this seminar said that he was told by the LUMS president that the (University) administration had told him to drop Dr Sultan Mirza. “We received the call, and we are under pressure not to invite him,” they said, however, they did not disclose who called them and pressurized them.

The purpose for which this event was organized was set aside. Scholar Javed Ahmad Ghamdi, a panelist, also condemned the incident. It is a fact that Ahmadi community is not safe in Pakistan. If as Pakistani, we do not accept them as a minority, then what is their status? He asked. He stated further, “To deny them education, threaten their lives, boycott them in deals, not accept them in government offices or high ranks (elsewhere), all this has gone on and goes on now — in fact, all this is on the increase with the passage of time. Now it is not acceptable to us that they speak about it on any forum. This sort of treatment of LUMS is indeed regrettable, as LUMS is considered to be an institution where one enjoys freedom of expression. If such platforms are denied to Ahmadis, where will they go? There is need to understand that before their denominational identity (*mazhab*) they are humans and Pakistanis. It is the responsibility of the state to protect their fundamental rights – this is not visible anywhere, he elaborated.”

1b. LHC judicial notice - worthy of record

Lahore, December 08, 2022:

The daily *Dawn* published a report¹ by its staff reporter on a hearing held by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court on a petition by Mr. Hassan Muawiyah, an anti-Ahmadi activist based in Lahore. We reproduce below this news report.

Centre, Punjab vow action against altered Quran publication

By our staff reporter 2022-12-08



Lahore High Court

LAHORE: The principal secretaries to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi on Wednesday

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1725180>

gave an undertaking before the Lahore High Court regarding the implementation of a 2019 verdict requiring action against the people involved in publication of unauthentic copies of the Holy Quran.

Justice Shujaat Ali Khan was hearing a petition by Hassan Muawiyah who alleged that the Ahmadi community and other non-Muslims continued to publish and upload copies of the holy Quran with distorted Arabic text and mutilated translation on the internet and Google play store, only to mislead Muslims.

The Principal Secretary (PS) to the PM, Dr. Tauqir Shah told the judge that the premier had been apprised of the court's order and he had decided to place the matter before the cabinet and form a committee in this regard. Justice Khan hailed the decision. Dr Shah said a complete action plan would be presented before the court at the next hearing.

The PS to CM Muhammad Khan Bhatti, told the court that the chief minister had presided over two meetings on the matter.

The judge observed that the court's prime concern was not the number of meetings

conducted by the government, but implementation of the order. Mr. Bhatti said the order would be implemented in letter and spirit. When will it be implemented, "Should we adjourn the case for 2050?" Justice Khan asked Mr. Bhatti with annoyance. He observed that apparently the provincial government did not want to enforce the verdict.

He directed both the governments to submit detailed compliance reports on the next hearing.

The petitioner contended that repeated applications had been filed with the home department and police for action against the suspects in light of the judgement. The conduct of the respondent authorities was in violation of the law and the court's decision.

In its 2019 judgement, the court had ordered the government to ensure the copies of holy Quran were duly approved by the Quran Board before their publication in press and on the internet. The court had also directed the Quran Board and the government to keep a vigilant eye on the publication and printing of any religious material, in particular the holy Quran, against its original text or authentic meaning.

Our comments

- We, as an implicated party respect the opinion of the worthy high court and the judge. However, as the complainant did not name the Ahmadi community as accused (deliberately), nor the court found it essential to require the community, or its advocate present its position on the issue, Justice Khan's observations and remarks could not have the benefit of hearing the opinion of all concerned. We therefore mention a few relevant facts regarding the issues mentioned in the above report.
- The complainant has given wrong impression to the court that Jamaat Ahmadiyya was involved in printing 'the holy Quran with distorted Arabic text and mutilated translation'.
- As for 'mutilated translation', the situation is well known to Hassan Muawiyah who is a mulla, that almost

all Muslims and scholars believe that the Quran has numerous in-depth meanings. Everyone knows that even primary meanings of a scripture vary in translation to some extent with different scholars. In Pakistan, there is an edition of the Holy Quran with eight simultaneous different translations by different scholars. It would be very difficult and personalized to pinpoint a 'mutilated' version.

- Ahmadis have translated and published the Holy Quran in 76 languages in the past with great effort, care and expense. Some renowned translating houses once rated the Ahmadiyya English translation of the Quran as the best among all the competing versions. Thus, it is unfair to spuriously call Ahmadiyya translation 'mutilated'.
- The above report shows that the PS to the PM intimated that this matter would be placed before the cabinet and then referred to a committee so as to formulate a 'complete action plan' for presenting before the cabinet, at the next hearing. As for Ahmadis are concerned the PM is welcome to do that, however would it not be better for the cabinet and all the concerned authorities to attend to issues like flood relief, failing economy, political instability, low standard of education, mega-corruption, TTP's terrorism menace, Baluchistan violence, bad law and order situation all over the country, etc. than giving high priority

to a non-issue raised by mulla Hassan Muawiyah.

- The same is true for the CM Punjab, who held two meetings on this matter. We do not list here all the real issues faced by him in the province (he knows them well), but remind him that the Allah he believes in knows the innermost motivations of humans created by him. No apparent, fake and fabricated religiosity, statements and commitment to Islam will succeed in misleading Him to judge a human in His own way.
- Justice Khan reportedly asked Mr. Bhatti with annoyance, "Should we adjourn the case for 2050?" No need, your honour, just send for an Ahmadi to appear before you, and he will let you know the ground reality, and we think that will help the honourable judge decide the case in the same hearing. Also, to become fully informed on Ahmadiyya belief and commitment to the Holy Quran, he may spare some time to listen to the conclusive Friday sermons of the Ahmadi Khalifa delivered on February 3, 10 and 17, 2023; these are available on internet. This will help His Lordship give a better-informed, fair and enlightened judgment.
- Following legal opinion of the Supreme Court is most relevant to this case:
In religious issues, the state should not yield to individual: (SC) Justice Faiz Isa ¹

¹ The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 17, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1726774>

1c. Ahmadiyya mosque defiled

Baghbanpura, District Gujranwala; Jun, Dec 2022:

An anti-Ahmadiyya activist Faizan Ahmad wrote to the DSP Baghbanpura Police against the local Ahmadiyya mosque and demanded 'ban on Ahmadis from using 'Islamic' epithets etc. and immediate sealing of their place of worship which was



Before



After

built in mosque style'. The police sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation and demanded demolition of the minaret and the niche. After hearing the Ahmadiyya position, they expressed intention to refer the matter to the local peace committee. This committee comprises five mullas, so it was most likely that they would create more problems for Ahmadis.

The police told Ahmadis to hide the minarets by putting iron sheets on them. Ahmadis complied. However, the opponents continued to put pressure on the police and the administration for the removal of the minarets.

The opponents applied to DC Gujranwala against the minarets. At this, the police sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation to the CPO office where the delegation met with the district security officer and SSP operations on December 3, 2022 and informed them of the Ahmadiyya position. The police said that it is being asked by non-Ahmadis to change the

time of Friday prayer of Ahmadis in Gajju Chak, and it is being said that Ahmadi children read the Holy Quran in a loud voice while they are not allowed to read the Holy Quran. Also, the Holy Quran should be taken out of the Ahmadis' houses, confiscated and an FIR should be registered for possession of the Quran, they added. On this, the Ahmadiyya delegation said that if the authorities entertain such illegal requests, the opponents would harass Ahmadis further by making more demands. The police replied that the District Intelligence Committee had decided that minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque be removed.

On December 7, 2022, the delegation met with ADCG Gujranwala. He advised Ahmadis to be patient and bear up the treatment, as that was the state policy.

Later, on the night of 7th and 8th December at around 2 A.M., a police force came with heavy machinery and vehicles, blocked the road in front of the mosque and switched off

the nearby lights. The police destroyed the minarets and took away the debris with them. During this demolition, the security cameras

and the wall of the mosque were also damaged.

The daily *Dawn*, Lahore of December 12, 2022 published the following news report:

Minaret of Ahmadi place of worship removed in Gujranwala

GUJRAT: The authorities ordered the removal of the minaret of an Ahmadi place of worship in Gujranwala's Baghbanpura area last week.

According to the representative of the Ahmadi community, police cordoned off the street and switched off the lights before going ahead with the removal of the minaret on December 7,

Some religious outfits had been pressing the administration for the last one year to get the minaret removed from the front side of the building since the law bars the Ahmadis from making their places of worship resemble a mosque.

The building's management had placed steel sheets around the minaret to hide it from public view after the administration advised

them to do so in order to avoid a law and order situation.

Official sources said the administration sprang into action after some religious groups asked it to get the minaret removed. The administration called a meeting of the district intelligence committee as soon as an organization lodged a complaint with the police.

The administration also held a meeting with the representatives of the Ahmadi community to sort out the matter. The authorities told them that there was no alternative but to remove the minaret as passions were running high in the city and things might get out of control.

The administration decided to carry out the operation after obtaining the Ahmadis' consent, according to sources.

Our remarks

- No law bars Ahmadis from making their places of worship resemble a mosque.
- The administration had 'advised' the Ahmadis to place steel sheets around the minaret to hide it from public view. Imagine the absurdity of the advice.
- The District Intelligence Committee is a tool of the district administration.
- It is wrong that the authorities had no alternative but to remove the minaret. The administration is expected by the Constitution and law to uphold HR and FoRB of all citizens and not yield the writ of the state to bigots and extremists.
- It is incorrect that Ahmadis' consent was obtained to carry out the operation. Ahmadis agreed only to not fight the operation if undertaken by authorities and not private parties.
- The Punjab is ruled these days by Mr. Parvez Elahi (PML-Q) in league with PTI that is verbally committed to *Riasat Madinah*.

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1725918>

1d. A report by BBC on Ahmadis in Pakistan

January 27, 2022:

The BBC posted a report¹ on Ahmadis' situation in Pakistan on BBC Urdu website, prepared by their journalist Riaz Sohail. As this source and the journalist are essentially a third party, their views and report carry weight and credibility. We produce below most of its extracts, doing away with the non-essential and disputed quantum of decline in Ahmadiyya population.

Declining population of Ahmadi community in Pakistan: 'No one wants to leave his country, but children cannot be left at the mercy of oppressors'

Riaz Sohail

BBCUrdu.com, Karachi

January 27, 2022

It was noon in Bazid Khel, on the outskirts of the provincial capital Peshawar. The routine of life was going on when a 16 or 17-year-old boy entered a private clinic and looked around curiously. When the staff asked the boy the purpose of his visit, he replied, "I am a patient. I want treatment from a senior doctor."

The 'senior doctor', was Dr. Abdul Qadir, who had just finished his worship and was sitting in his office at the clinic. The youth entered his room, pulled out a pistol and started firing. Drenched in his own blood, Dr. Qadir passed away on the spot.

The incident took place on February 11, last year.

According to Dr Qadir's son, his father was taken to a nearby hospital but could not survive. However, the attacker was caught by the clinic's guards.

In 2021, Dr. Qadir, Ahmadi was the fourth member of the community to be target killed. Following the wave of attacks on the Ahmadiyya community, many Ahmadi families have fled Peshawar, some to other cities of Pakistan and some abroad.

More than half reduction in population of the Ahmadi community in Pakistan

If the 2017 census in Pakistan is compared with the 1998 census, the population of the Ahmadi community in the country is clearly declining.

According to the census data released last year, the Ahmadi community constitutes about 0.09% of the total population of Pakistan. According to the 1998 census, the Ahmadi community had a population of 0.22%.

Jamaat Ahmadiyya spokesman disagrees with the official figures.

He says people are fleeing because of the persecution, but it has been going on since 1980. He said that this number is very low in view of the natural increase in population. According to him, the population of the Ahmadi community in Pakistan is currently around 0.4 – 0.5 million.

It should be noted that the Election Commission of Pakistan had stated that the

¹ <https://www.bbc.com/urdu/pakistan-59678778>

number of Ahmadi voters in 2018 was 167,000, majority of whom were living in the Punjab and Sindh respectively.

Is the Ahmadiyya community hiding its identity?

Hafiz Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Aide to Prime Minister Imran Khan on Religious Harmony and Chairman of the Pakistan Ulema Council said that he did not agree that the Ahmadiyya population had declined that much over time.

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Fazlullah Qureshi, a former Federal Secretary for Planning and Census, Assistant to the Government of Pakistan says the Ahmadiyya community do not disclose their religion because of the restrictions.

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On the other hand, Dr Ali Usman Qasmi, Associate Professor, Lahore University of Management Sciences, said that the provinces and religious minorities express disagreement on the census results. He said that many people belonging to the Ahmadi community do not disclose their identity for risk to their lives, especially those who live outside Rabwah, as they feel less secure.

He further added that the main reason for the population decline is migration which has increased in the last 15 years. This is a trend that did not exist before. Instead of the record of migration to Europe and America, we should look at the countries that are easy to enter for average poor Ahmadis.

Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya spokesman did not deny the displacement but said he did not have the data. However, he did not agree with the claims of concealment of identity. He says that this is possible only if the family tree has been running as Muslim since 1974, and no one has changed it.

He added that an affidavit has to be given for identification, and if it is not disclosed, it is considered a crime.

Attacks on Ahmadis: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a hotspot

The attack on Dr Abdul Qadir in Bazid Khel, a suburb of Peshawar, was not the first.

His son said that in January 2009, the banned Lashkar-e-Islam Mangal Bagh group attacked his house and tried to drag away one of his doctor cousins. He said that Dr. Abdul Qadir and his bodyguards resisted on that occasion during which a bullet hit him in the thigh but they managed to save his cousin. However, one of his bodyguards was killed in the incident.

Dr. Abdul Qadir's son said that his cousin's clinic was inside the house which had been attacked once in the past in which a woman was killed, and due to this serious situation he had to move to a safe place. This affected his education and his father's medical practice.

During the rule of former Pakistani dictator General Zia-ul-Haq, the government of Pakistan enacted Ordinance XX on April 26, 1984, which made it a punishable offense for Ahmadis to adopt and practice Islamic rites, for they were declared non-Muslim in 1974. Members of the Ahmadi community were banned from calling themselves Muslim.

The Ahmadiyya Community claims that the killings of Ahmadis began on May 1, 1984. According to the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, 273 members of the Ahmadi community have been killed in the last 38 years, with the highest death toll in the Punjab where 69% of killings occurred.

Sindh ranks second with 23% of such deaths. This is followed by five percent in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and three percent in

Balochistan. However, in recent times, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has seen more attacks and deaths.

The local president of the Ahmadi community in Peshawar is a former retired colonel. Talking to BBC, he said that initially the situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was much better than in Sindh and Punjab.

He said that in 1984, his community was attacked and crops were burnt in several areas, including his village, after which members of the community migrated to Peshawar, where, according to him, intolerance prevailed, but there were no murders.

"During the last one and a half years, planned operations have been carried out. An environment was first created for Ahmadi lawyers to leave their (legal) practice because of this campaign. The cases they had taken up, were given up," he said.

He further said that a pamphlet was published against Ahmadi doctors in which their names and details of hospitals in which they practiced were provided, and the people were asked not to consult them for treatment.

There were 20 to 25 Ahmadi doctors in Peshawar alone. In this situation, those who were government teachers and other employees, took long leave, or were transferred to other areas.

'Parents are complaining that their children will not learn from Ahmadi teachers'

According to the son of the slain Dr Abdul Qadir, when the situation improved in Peshawar after the first attack on his father, he returned and shifted to another place.

"My father started practicing again but then processions would come out and slogans

were chanted and abuses were shouted. Leaders of political parties and elected



Dr. Abdul Qadir killed in February last year

representatives stand with these elements because they need their votes, and if they do not stand with them they are told that they support 'Qadianis'. They are afraid that they will not get votes next time," he said.

He added that he was in the teaching profession but was fired several times for being a "Qadiani".

"Some student would point me out. After that, the administration would say that I was teaching well, but the parents are complaining that their children will not learn from a Qadiani teacher," he said.

He said that many a time he started a new job and settled down, but then all would end due to such complaints. "Then I would go to a remote area and start teaching again, and my father would also sit at home and start a small clinic. He would get there a notice to vacate the building. Financially, we were constantly going down," according to him.

Dr. Abdul Qadir's son said that his younger sister was maltreated by her teacher who said that "Ahmadis are worse than infidels".

My father went to the *tandoor* in the morning to buy bread, the baker said, "Doctor, you have come today. It will not be good if you come here again."

'Take him away and inject him with poison

Dr. Abdul Qadir's widow said that due to the gravity of the situation, she had to shift her house eight times in the last one and half years.

She said, "People don't socialize with us. When we would go out, they would signal to each other that they are Ahmadis, do not talk to them, if you talk, your mouth will become befouled. If there was no water in the house, they would not even give water. They used to say that we should give up our belief or else we should have no relations with them."

Speaking to the BBC, she said that on several occasions her landlord would tell him: We are doing all this under duress.

Dr. Qadir's widow says that her youngest son was well-educated but went completely silent after the trauma.

"He was taken to a psychiatric rehabilitation center," she said. "He remained under treatment for a few days and we do not know how the staff got to know that he was an Ahmadi; at this the in-charge of the center, a retired brigadier told us to take him away and inject him with poison. Can anyone say that to a mother? "

She said, "My son also went missing in May after my husband died in February last year. He told the (rehabilitation) center that he was going to his brother, but after that we did not know where he had gone. We also filed an application with the police. I don't know if my son is alive or not. When I sit down to eat or drink, his picture begins to show in front of me."

"Subordinates refused to work with me, saying he is an Ahmadi."

Ahmadiyya Jamaat local president in Peshawar is a retired colonel from the Army.

He asserted that once he was discriminated by fellow officers by asking him to separate his crockery. But other officers, who were in majority, resisted and said that they should separate their dishes, but they would eat with him in the same dishes.

"After retirement, there was a lot of discrimination," he says. "In the company I work for, the subordinates refused to work with me, saying that I am an Ahmadi. After that, my boss from Islamabad came to Peshawar and told the employees about the advice given by a *mufti* that if, he is a professional and did not interfere in other matters then there is no harm to work with him. After this the subordinates agreed to work with me."

A spokesman for the Ahmadiyya Community said that there were Ahmadi population in Kohat, DI Khan, Bannu, Para Chinari and Sarai Noring in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa but these have reduced greatly — in Peshawar too.

'Even Rabwah is not safe now'

The center of Jamaat Ahmadiyya is located in Rabwah, District Chiniot of the Punjab; it is now administratively called 'Chenab Nagar'. According to a spokesman for the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, the center was set up in 1948 in deserted and abandoned lands; it now has a population of about 70,000, of which 90% are Ahmadis.

No unusual security arrangements are seen in Rabwah. A few blocks of cement have been placed in the town center, while only one police van can be seen standing in a corner. Unarmed Ahmadi volunteers perform security duties at the entrance.



On the other hand, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, an Aide to Prime Minister Imran Khan on Religious Harmony claimed that no Muslim could enter the area belonging to the "Qadianis" without their permission and even the police have to ask them before entering.

Rabwah is a temporary refuge for members of the Ahmadi community affected by the killings and attacks in Pakistan, but the community spokesman said that Rabwah is no longer safe.

"There are no civic facilities here. Development work does not happen because we are not voters of political parties even though it might be the highest tax-paying town in the district. There is no industry. We have to go out for jobs and when they find out that we are Ahmadis, they don't give us jobs," he said.

The Ahmadi community in Rabwah has two hospitals of its own, while there are about eight schools, a college and a university. According to the spokesperson, one has to go out (of the city) for professional education, where identity has to be declared. Hostel-like

flats are built in Rabwah where temporary accommodation is arranged, while limited number of houses are available for rent in the city.

Ali Murad (pseudonym) used to do business in Lala Musa. He was attacked in August last year, after which he moved to Rabwah. He says that after that his business closed down and his life came to a standstill.

"My house (there) is locked. Children cannot go to school. Looks like they're at a dead end and it's dark ahead. I don't understand what to do. No matter where one was born and raised where, I cannot go back there now. Even here in Rabwah, there is no place for rent," he commented.

"Citizens also have a duty to accept supremacy of the Constitution and the rule of law"

On the other hand, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, an Aide to Prime Minister Imran Khan on Religious Harmony claims that no Ahmadi has been attacked in the last six months.

He said that the culprits of both the incidents in Peshawar and Nankana have been arrested and this is the first time that not only the government but also religious scholars have condemned it. He said that the state would continue to fulfill its responsibility to protect its citizens.

"The Constitution and the law of Pakistan give all such rights to Qadianis which are available to other citizens. Citizens also have a duty to follow and recognize the supremacy of the Constitution. Qadianis openly conceal their identities. They do not believe in the constitution and the law concerning them and do not register themselves (accordingly)," he said.

The local president of the Ahmadi community in Peshawar says that it is difficult to pursue murder cases because the plaintiffs get scared which leads to adjournment of the hearings, thus benefiting the accused.

Dr. Ali Usman Qasmi, a professor at LUMS University Lahore, says that the government machinery is not visible at all when it comes to Ahmadis.

"The law, its language and the court decisions in this regard are such that if any Ahmadi expresses his faith, he is considered a Salman Rushdie. If anyone wants to kill him, our law not only considers it a natural act but also praises it," he says.

He said that even if legal action is taken, the atmosphere in the media or courts becomes such that supporters of the accused gather there, clerics come in number and a group of lawyers crowd the premises.

"The whole justice system works in such a way that even if the government wanted to, it would not be able to stop this hatred," he said.

'The fact is, if I hadn't been in the army, I wouldn't be here today.'

About two dozen close relatives of the local president (a retired colonel) of the Ahmadi community in Peshawar have migrated abroad.

He says he is worried about his children, what profession they could take up, how they will deal with the prevailing situation and whether they will be able to withstand this pressure or suffer breakdown.

"My daughter and son are in university. I want them to shift abroad; that's a better option. I don't want them to stay here. If my youngest son wants to stay in Pakistan, then joining the army is a better option, because of the fact that if I were not in the army, I would not survive here today," he said.

The widow of the slain Dr Abdul Qadir says that she is trying to send her children abroad. "No one wants to leave his country, but these children cannot be left at the mercy of oppressors. Where a person is born and raised, he leaves his country only under duress," she added.

Dr. Abdul Qadir's family of five is now waiting to go abroad for which they are making efforts. If they succeed in this, there will be a reduction of another Ahmadi family in Pakistan's minority.

Right to Vote for Ahmadis in Pakistan

TO PARTAKE IN ELECTIONS AHMADI MUSLIMS ARE PLACED ON A SEPARATE ELECTORAL LISTS, THEY ARE GIVEN THE CHOICE;

- REMAIN ON THE LIST AND VOTE AS A NON-MUSLIM (REQUIRES TO ACCEPT NON-MUSLIM STATUS)
- COME OFF THAT LIST AND VOTE AS A MUSLIM (REQUIRES TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION)

Both choices are inconceivable to Ahmadi Muslims.

DECLARATIONS BY THE CANDIDATE

ELECTION ACT 2017

AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

(iii) I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophet-hood of Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

[Note: This paragraph is for Muslim candidates only and is not applicable to non-Muslim candidates.]

DECLARATION AND OATH TO REGISTER AS A MUSLIM VOTER

ELECTION ACT 2017

AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

I, _____ (name of the voter), do solemnly swear that I believe, in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.

(Name & Signature of Voter)

DESPITE JOINT ELECTORATES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLACED AHMADIS ON A SEPARATE LIST OF VOTERS, AS NON-MUSLIMS. THEY AMENDED THE LATEST ELECTION ACT 2017 TO INCLUDE ALL THE DISCRIMINATORY AND PROHIBITIVE PROVISIONS TO PREVENT AHMADIS' VOTING.

RESULTANTLY, AHMADIS HAVE NO REPRESENTATION ANYWHERE IN PAKISTAN. EVEN IN RABWAH, WITH 95% OF AHMADI RESIDENTS, THE LOCAL COUNCILS DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE AHMADI REPRESENTATIVE. PRACTICALLY, AHMADIS HAVE NO SAY IN THEIR LOCAL AFFAIRS. THEREFORE, ESSENTIAL CIVIC SERVICES LIKE WATER, STREETS, SEWAGE, ETC. ARE IN A DEPLORABLE STATE IN THIS TOWN OF 60,000 POPULATION.

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Murders in the Name of Faith; Assaults and Attempts



Ahmadis have been murdered in greater numbers for their faith since the promulgation of Ordinance XX. Till now hundreds have been killed, and in vast majority of cases the culprits were not held accountable. People are told by mullas that Ahmadis are Wajib ul Qatl 'must be killed'. All this encourages criminals to attempt murder.

These murders are prompted by the organized hate campaign that goes on openly all the time. The instigators are well-known to authorities. But the laissez faire attitude to Ahmadi killings encourages the death squads to persist in their evil instigation, planning and implementation. Madrassas play an important role in this. This year a madrassah graduate asked a few questions to an Ahmadi, whom he did not know before, assessed his religious identity and stabbed him to death in broad daylight at a busy bus stop. This type of attack had never been undertaken before. Similarly, another madrassah student stabbed an Ahmadi to death in the presence of his children. Numerous other attacks resulted in injuries, although not fatal.



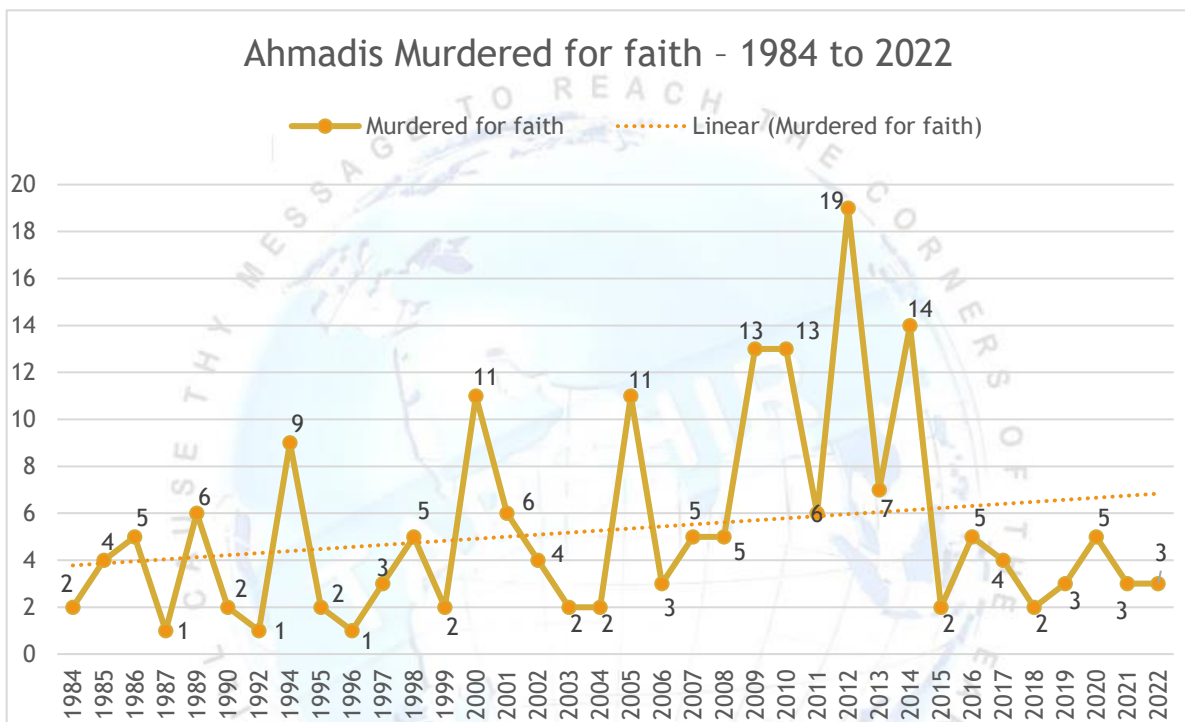


No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice.

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)

276 Ahmadiis have been murdered since 1984.



- The chart does not include 86 Ahmadiis who lost their lives in 2010 during the attack on two Ahmadiyya Mosques in Lahore. 124 Ahmadiis were injured in that incident.
- In addition to these 473 Ahmadiis survived attempts for murder
- A clear rise (linear) in the faith based murders of Ahmadiis can be seen. Currently at 7.26 per year, including martyrs of Lahore incident 2010.

Ahmadi stabbed to death in Rabwah for his faith

The killer had not known the victim before

Rabwah (Chenab Nagar) August 12, 2022:

Press Section of the Ahmadiyya central office issued the following press release (Translation):

An Ahmadi was brazenly stabbed to death in the open in Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) in religious hatred.

The killer shouted religious slogans; arrested at the site

Ahmadis no longer consider themselves safe as a result of unrestrained promotion of hate against them.

Chenab Nagar (PR). A religious rabid stabbed an Ahmadi to death today at about 08:00 at the bus stand. As per details, 60-year old Naseer Ahmad was at the bus stand when a religious extremist Shehzad Hasan told him to raise slogans: *Labbaik Ya Rasulullah; Khadim Rizvi Zindah Baad*. The killer shouted *Mun Subba Nabiyyan Faqtuluh* and attacked Mr Naseer Ahmad with a knife. The victim died on account of repeated stabs. The killer was arrested on the spot.

As per initial information, the murderer is Hafiz Muhammad Shehzad Hasan Sinjalwi, resident of a village near Sillanwali, District Sargodha.

He joined madrassah Anwar ul Quran in area P.S. Muhammad Wala in year 2005 and graduated in 2010.

The victim Mr Naseer Ahmad was a resident of Darul Rahmat Sharqi, Rabwah. He was a thorough gentleman. He had no vendetta with anyone. He was killed solely for being an



Mr Naseer Ahmad

Ahmadi. He left behind a widow and three daughters.

Mr Saleemuddin, the Ahmadiyya Spokesman expressed deep sorrow and grief on this beastly murder and said, “Murder of an Ahmadi in broad daylight by a religious fanatic is extremely regrettable. Ahmadis are not safe in their city where they are 95% of the population. Ahmadis no longer consider themselves safe as a result of unrestrained promotion of hate against them. These promoters of hate are well known; why do the authorities not take action against them as per law? Violence in the name of religion can be stopped if these hate-mongers are disciplined. Those who promote religious rabidity and incite murder of innocent men should be restrained under law.”

It is learnt that the killer first asked the victim if he was an Ahmadi. On confirmation, he took out the dagger. The victim died before he could reach the hospital.

It is not out of place to ask the proprietors and supporters of such madrassahs to assess the kind and quality of output of their enterprises. Is this the Islam that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) brought and propagated? According to many, what the killer did was quite the opposite of the Quranic teaching and the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.).

The vernacular print media did not give due space to the gory incident. For instance, a national Urdu newspaper spared the space of a postage stamp to print this news.

The same newspaper provided two-column



space to the following statement of a mulla, that was hardly a news:

“Implementation of the 1973 Constitution is the need of the time: Zahid Qasmi”

A few days later, Mr Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the UN issued a tweet, very apt and timely from (@antonioguterres):

“Hate speech continues to fuel violence against vulnerable members of society, including ethnic & religious minorities.

It is essential that all countries, faith leaders and other influential figures condemn all incitement to hatred & violence based on religion or belief.”¹

Note: The UN SG is right, but so long as the world community continues to give precedence to national interests, and national leaders hold their vote banks closest to their hearts, the human rights and FoRB of marginalized communities will remain on back burners.

Grisly Murder of an Ahmadi

L plot, District Okara; May 17, 2022:

The Press Section of the Ahmadiyya headquarters issued the following press release on May 18, 2022.

MURDER OF AN AHMADI AT THE HANDS OF A RELIGIOUS STUDENT FOR REASONS OF FAITH

Those spreading hate speech and inciting violence against the Ahmadiyya Community should be held accountable under the law:
Spokesperson Ahmadiyya Community

Chenab Nagar (PR) On 17th May, 2022 an Ahmadi Mr. Abdul Salam of L-Plot, District Okara was stabbed to death by a religiously motivated person, for reasons of faith.



Mr. Abdul Salam

¹ <https://twitter.com/antonioguterres/status/1561565759041568769?s=20>

According to the details, at around 17:45, when Mr. Abdul Salam was returning to his home from agriculture fields a person named Ali Raza, also known as Mulazim Hussain, attacked and fatally stabbed Mr. Salam. The culprit immediately ran away from the place of the incident. It is being reported that the attacker is a student at a religious institute and belongs to the same village where Mr. Salam resided.

The deceased was 35 years old and was a very generous and a humble human being. He had no personal enmity with anyone. He was only killed for his Ahmadiyya faith. He has left behind a widow and three children (2 sons Qamar-ul-Islam of age 6 years, Badar-ul-Salam of age 4 years and a daughter Sehar-ul-Islam almost 2 years old).

Spokesperson Ahmadiyya Community, Mr. Saleem-UD-Din while condemning the brutal murder of Mr. Salam expressed his utter support for those who are left behind. He said that the government has failed miserably in protecting and safeguarding the lives and properties of Ahmadis living in Pakistan. Recently, similar attacks were carried out against 2 Ahmadis residing in District Faisalabad. Due to current circumstances, Ahmadis are feeling vulnerable. He also said that the hate speech and incitement to violence against Ahmadis is being carried out with impunity. This incitement to violence is mainly carried out by religious extremists through the display of stickers, banners etc. in educational institutes, residential areas and in other places of public gatherings. In order to gain short-term political gains, the politicians are also seen exploiting the Ahmadiyya Community by issuing baseless allegations against them. The Spokesperson has demanded that the elements propagating hate speech and inciting violence against the Ahmadiyya Community should be held accountable under the law while apprehending the culprit behind the death of Mr. Salam. End

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We may add some additional information on this most hurtful criminal attack.

As for the victim, he was a man of good reputation, known for his hospitality and generosity to the poor, regardless of their caste and creed. He had no personal vendetta against anyone. He was an office bearer in the Ahmadiyya set-up.

The killer is a madrassah-educated young man. He is a supporter of the notorious Tehrik Labbaik. The madrassah he attended is of the Barelvi School, the same as of TLP who gained notoriety in killing several law-enforcement

officials during the 2021 agitation and the march on Islamabad.

The assassin attacked the victim several times with a big knife. He thrust his blade at the vitals of the victim's upper body, seriously damaging his entrails, heart



etc. It seems he had been well briefed and trained. He committed the horrible crime in the presence of victim's little children. How the horror of this violence will haunt them all their lives! They will never shout: Daddy is home. Their loving father died on the spot.

The madrassah that the murderer attended had preached anti-Ahmadiyya hate. Before that, at a function, in a hateful speech, the speaker had urged the staff and the students to take extreme action against Mirzais and Qadianis. Ahmadis have been routinely termed blasphemers for simply being Ahmadis. Such madrassahs where violence, militancy and hate is taught should have been closed down as per government's own declared policy.

The eyewitness accounts show that the murder was well planned. The murderer was motivated, trained and supported. A selected few from the village and the madrassah helped him with preparation, reconnaissance and escape.

It is regrettable that there is a vast gap between the government's well-considered public policy and its implementation on ground.

The National Action plan announced after the massacre in APS in 2014 was a well-considered plan to fight militancy and violence in the name of religion. Madrassahs received special mention therein. However, subsequently the daily *Dawn* reported: "The army is reportedly dissatisfied with the lack of

movement on the issue of madrassah reforms, proscribed organizations and sectarian groups; foreign funding of seminaries and action against hate speech."

The same can be said about the much-trumpeted ***Paigham-e-Pakistan***¹ of 2018 sponsored by the President (*read* Government) with endorsement of hundreds of Ulama-e-Karam from all over the country. And one may ask:

- 1) Why did the Punjab Government issue numerous instructions in 2018-2022 regarding support to the *Khatam e Nabuwat* doctrine, and
- 2) Why the exceptional emphasis on religion in the Single National Curriculum that also lacks flexibility and is like a strait jacket for change.

It deserves a mention that the national press, civil society and political pundits did not highlight this heinous incident, as they did earlier in December 2021 when Srilankan Priyantha Kumara was killed in Sialkot. Granted that the number of people involved and their handling of the dead victim was different in the two incidents, but the motivation of the perpetrators and the result was identical. Known vloggers and talk show presenters who appear greatly concerned with the state of the State, preferred to stay silent this time. However, it should be acknowledged that some people from the village L-plot openly expressed sympathy for the bereaved family and condemned the murderer. The mulla, who runs the madrassah, shut it down and fled—for the time being.

¹ <https://gcwus.edu.pk/wp-content/uploads/Paigham-e-Pakistan.pdf>

² <https://www.dawn.com/news/1175232/Commanders-want-anti-terror-fight-re-energised/>

Death during Incarceration

Bahawalpur; January 10, 2022:

Mr. Asghar Ali Kalaar, Ahmadi prisoner in a religion-based case passed away. He was 70.

Mr. Kalaar accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1971. He was a very decent and genuinely pious person and developed well as a practicing Ahmadi.

In September 2021, anti-Ahmadi elements conspired successfully to use his mobile phone ID to get him implicated in a blasphemy accusation. He, of course, could not even imagine insulting the Holy Prophet PBUH. Hafiz Javed Mustafa, a cleric of Jamia Saeedia,

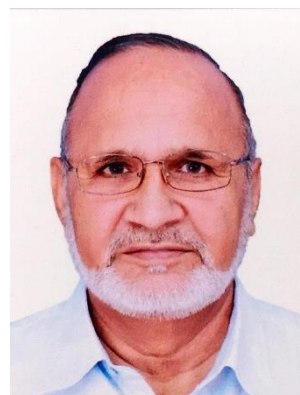


Bahawalpur had him booked by the police and arrested under PPC 295-C (penalty death).

It is noteworthy that anti-Ahmadi mullas do not hesitate to indulge in fraud, lies and deceit to worsen Ahmadis.

While incarcerated, he developed serious health problems. They admitted him in Victoria Hospital, Bahawalpur.

Doctors undertook his endoscopy and administered him five bottles of blood.



Mr. Asghar Ali Kalaar

After the arrest, Mr. Kalaar had applied for bail that was pending before an ASJ. On January 8, the ASJ told the police to put up relevant records on next hearing, scheduled on January 11.

Mr. Kalaar health worsened and he vomited blood. He died in hospital on January 10, fifteen weeks after arrest in this fake and fabricated case.

Ahmadi's clinic attacked in Peshawar, leaving one dead

Bazid Khel, District Peshawar; March 5, 2022:

Two assailants entered the clinic here of an Ahmadi, Dr. Mansoor Ahmad. Both the attackers disguised themselves as patients; one of them covered himself with a veil (*burqa*). He then opened fire. Dr. Muhammad Shahid Ahmad, a non-Ahmadi, who was sitting in place of Dr. Mansoor Ahmad, was shot dead on the spot. Another

employee Mr. Jawad Ahmad was shot in the leg.

The killer also fired at other people in the clinic, but luckily they remained unhurt. The



Dr. Mansoor Ahmad

assailants then managed to escape.

Dr. Muhammad Shahid Ahmad was 35 years old. He left behind three mourning children and his widow. Dr. Shahid was the son of Dr. Mansoor Ahmad's cousin.

Last year, on February 11, 2021, Dr. Abdul Qadir, Ahmadi, was shot dead in a nearby medical center.

Mob attacked Ahmadi family

Chak No. 128, District Sahiwal; August 6, 2022:

Mr. Shamshad Ahmad's father Mr. Abdul Shakoor, a Pak soldier, died in the 1971 war. The army decided to install a memorial board in his native village; and for this, they invited Shamshad Ahmad, his sister and mother at the site.

On August 6, the troops in plain clothes arrived at the spot and started placing the board in a square twenty kilometers from the village. Meanwhile, Shamshad and his sister received a phone call that announcements had been made in two mosques to gather people in the square. At the time, the army personnel stepped up their work, while people started gathering there. The army personnel left as soon as the board was installed. Then the crowd tore down the board. They were apparently led to protest against the word Shaheed (martyr) for Mr. Shakoor. The infamous TLP led the protest.



The mob beat up Shamshad Ahmad and his sister. Some of Shamshad's family members sat in their car and tried to escape, but people coming from the village stopped them and tortured them. These victims somehow managed to escape, but having gone a little further, they stopped the car for some check-up. The mob caught up with them, so they left quickly to reach safety.

Shamshad Ahmad and his sister were severely harassed and tortured by miscreants. They numbered around four hundred. The mob

Translation:

Lahore Havildar Abdul Shakoor, Martyred
Unit 30 Ounjab Regiment, Battlefield Eastren Bangal,
Pakistan, Martyred in Pakistan-India War, 1971
Lance Havildar Abdul Shakoor, while valiantly fighting,
gave his life in battle in Comilla Sector. He suffered
martyrdom while fighting the enemy and has made the
nation and country proud till the end of times.

shouted intentions to stone them. The video of this incident went viral on social media.

Shamshad soon went back to Germany with a heavy heart.

Ahmadi survives attempt on life, with severe injuries

Chak 261 Udhwali, District Faisalabad; April 27, 2022:

Mr. Naveed Ahmad, an Ahmadi, was attacked while returning home in the company of three non-Ahmadi friends. While his friends

remained unharmed, Mr. Ahmad sustained two bullet injuries, one in the neck and the other in his arm.

In July 2021, a hostile and unruly mob attacked Ahmadis' homes in this village. Ahmadis defended themselves. The police booked five Ahmadis thereafter and arrested Mr. Naveed Ahmad. During the investigation, four of the accused were released, while Mr. Naveed Ahmad remained detained under various clauses, including the anti-terrorism clause 7-ATA. However, a court later removed the 7-ATA clause against him, leaving the other clauses bailable.

On January 26, 2022, Magistrate Faisalabad Bushra Anwar ordered Mr. Naveed Ahmad's release after the plaintiff withdrew the statement of the case. After spending six months behind bars,

Mr. Naveed Ahmad was finally released from prison. However, extremist groups, including the TLP, were unhappy with his release and threatened both Mr. Naveed Ahmad and the plaintiff. The police have claimed to have identified the attackers.



Ahmadi from Faisalabad severely injured in a firing attack

Chak 261 Adhuwali, District Faisalabad; May 2022:

Assailants injured Mr. Sami Ullah, Ahmadi, in an armed attack. He is 28.

Mr. Sami Ullah was opening his shop, adjacent to his home, when the attackers came on a car and a motor bike. He ran inside his home to save himself, but the attackers chased and shot him inside his house. One bullet hit his arm while the other hit his ribs. The assailants fled the scene after the assault.

There has been a significant increase in opposition to Ahmadis in this area in the last few years. Ahmadis who put up some



resistance for self-defense are harassed with official assistance.

Ahmadis do not know what to do to protect themselves.

Hostility against Ahmadi

Kotli, Azad Kashmir; May 2022:

Sajid Mehmood and his family are facing faith-based hostility. On May 2, 2022, his in-laws survived a murderous attack. The attacker was arrested.

Mulla Arshad Yusuf was most vocal there. He demanded that Ahmadis should be expelled from the district.

Peoples Party Poonch Division, Azad Kashmir organized an End of Prophethood conference in Baral Palandri. Clerics demanded release of the attacker as they justified his attack over Ahmadis' proselytizing.



Ahmadi survives attempt on life

Taunsa Sharif, District D.G. Khan; March 18, 2022:

Mr. Abdul Latif, an Ahmadi runs an electrical shop. One Afzal aka Chanda entered his shop and struck him with a hammer severely injuring him. The victim, however, survived.

The police were informed of the incident. They filed an FIR against the attacker and arrested him.



Ahmadi injured in attack

Sehinsa, District Kotli; June 2022:

A neighbour of Mr. Talat Mehmood attacked him and injured him in the head. He had made similar attempt on Mehmood earlier as well. Mehmood got stitches at the hospital. Later the village seniors fined the felon fifty thousand rupees, and he was told to give a goat to Mr. Mehmood. They warned him to desist from such acts in future.



A haunting anniversary

May 28: Twelve years ago, on this date we published a story titled:

Massacre of Ahmadi worshippers during Friday Prayer in Lahore

Eighty six Ahmadis slain, 124 injured

We must duly mention that a Christian also was killed in the attack; he was a worker at our Garhi Shahu mosque.

May 28 comes back every year and reminds Ahmadis of the great tragedy heaped on them. We do not mention it every time in writing, but it is only appropriate that occasionally, every few years, we vent our grief and distress; a reminder could kindle some sentiment of regret and remorse in decent members of the Pakistani society. In Persian they say *Gahey gahey baz khan een qissa e parina ra* (Occasionally, do relate the old story).

Briefly, in a meticulously planned attack, sectarian terrorists slaughtered Ahmadi worshippers who had assembled for Friday Prayer in two Ahmadiyya mosques, in Garhi Shahu and Model Town. The absence of any effective police presence and the delayed intervention by them enabled the terrorists to succeed in their gory operation, as planned.

This was the single most barbaric attack on the Ahmadiyya community; more people were killed in a single day than in the earlier 16 years put together. The dead included Judge Munir A Sheikh the Ahmadiyya Amir of Lahore Jamaat, Major Gen ® Nasir Ahmad president of the Model Town Chapter, Mr. Mahmud Shad a missionary, Mr. Ejaz Nasrulla a nephew of Late Sir Muhammad Zafarulla Khan former President of the International Court of Justice at Den Haag, and a number of community officials.

Other highlights of the slaughter

- The terrorists had a field day in Garhi Shahu and operated unhindered for hours while the security forces assembled outside the mosque and awaited orders to intervene. The terrorists killed at leisure. One of them shouted the slogan: “Khatme Nabuwwat – Zindah Baad” Later, when the targeted dead bodies were assembled in the veranda, it looked like a small pyramid. The Elite Force entered eventually when all was over. An op-ed in the daily Dawn of May 30, 2010 mentioned: “Dozens of policemen armed with semi-automatic weapons and guns were seen rushed to the scenes of the blood bath. They were seen huddled together either behind a wall or some other cover, without firing a single bullet...And then to cap it all the celebratory gun fire by the Lahore police which has now become their hall mark every time they finish their job. What was there to celebrate? The deaths of seventy-nine people???”
- At the Model Town, somewhat similar event unfolded but with a difference. While the terrorists were killing worshippers rapidly one after the other, one worshipper leaped at the criminal and overpowered him. Another terrorist was also subsequently held. Both were then delivered to the police who arrived

approximately half an hour later. This was perhaps the first occasion when terrorists in action were apprehended. The police later took the credit of having arrested the terrorists. They, however, delivered the injured terrorist to a state hospital, without informing the doctors that this criminal had indulged in violent terrorism. The assassin was, however, recognized by an injured victim who reported his identity to the hospital administration.

- A provincial minister later mentioned that the terrorists had stayed at Raiwind prior to the attack. Raiwind is the town from where members of Tablighi Jamaat make sorties for Tabligh. Mullas of the Khatme Nabuwwat faction, Ahrar Islam and some other such groups reacted aggressively to the subsequent wave of general sympathy for Ahmadis. Munawwar Hasan, Amir Jamaat Islami warned that another Khatme Nabuwwat movement could be launched as in 1953. (In 1953 anti-Ahmadi riots, law and order situation became precarious and martial law had to be declared in Lahore. Both the provincial and central governments fell). This time PPP leaders in Lahore stated: “Recent events (in Lahore) are the works of Tehrik Taliban who are in collaboration with Lashkar Jhangvi, Jaish Muhammad and Sipah Sahabah.” The daily Aman, June 5, 2010. It is known in religious and security circles that these groups have close links with Khatme Nabuwwat organizations in Pakistan.
- It is very relevant to mention that the federal authorities claimed that they had forewarned clearly the provincial government of the probability of such an attack on Ahmadis, for the provinces are responsible for law and order in their

domain. DG ISI, General Pasha, in a subsequent hearing before UBL Commission, testified: “In Lahore the police protected those who attacked Qadianis last year (2010) 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. (497-OBL Commission Report released by Aljazeera). Even the HRCPC claimed to have forewarned the authorities. Ahmadis themselves had earlier conveyed their “grave concern” about the probability of the sort of tragedy that eventually materialized in Lahore.

- During the attack and subsequently, the electronic and print media covered and commented on the incident. Although sympathetic voices were raised, especially in English media, there were numerous outlets that behaved badly and thus became mentioned in archives. Some TV reporters, reporting LIVE, were very reluctant to say that Ahmadis had assembled for ‘Friday Prayer.’ They were also at a loss, how to refer to the mosques where the event was unfolding. The press conference by an Ahmadi leader was attended by reporters from a number of TV channels, but none of them exercised their media freedom, or had the courage to air the program. A PTV commentator had the audacity to say that the police intervention was very successful. Ahmadis’ reaction to the great tragedy was very different than the norm in Pakistan. They took out no procession, and indulged in no agitation. In a letter to

an editor, a non-Ahmadi participant in the funeral of an Ahmadi youth wrote that he found no one beating his/her chest, crying loudly or even audibly sobbing.

- The Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Community issued guidance in a statement:

“The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat is a peace loving true Muslim Jamaat. Thus there will be no improper reaction from any Ahmadi. Our salvation lies in our supplication to God Almighty, and we believe that He has, and always will help us.”¹

- Ahmadi responded most obediently to their Khalifa’s advice. A widow who lost her husband in the massacre, sent her 10-year old son to the same mosque in Lahore the next Friday for Prayer, despite warning of a repeat attack, and asked him to pray at the same spot as his father. Some aspects of the bloodshed were special and striking. A couple had two sons; both died in the attack. Waleed was a student at FMH College of Medicine. His Principal wrote in a condolence letter to his father: *“We all were shocked to hear this tragic news and are appalled and heartbroken at the loss of your bright, charming and lovable son. There are no words to adequately express our heartfelt sorrow. The world has lost someone very special.”* It is worthy of mention that Waleed’s paternal and maternal grandfathers were both murdered by anti-Ahmadi assassins, in mid-1980s in Sindh when General Zia promulgated his infamous Ordinance XX. Waleed was his parent’s only son.

- We regret to not omit the mention that there were some bigots in the civil society who distributed sweets at this catastrophic incident.
- This incident sent shock waves all over the world. Foreign governments, NGOs, human rights organizations expressed strong condemnation of the killings and issued statements. The UN Secretary General Ban K Moon strongly condemned the attacks. He said that for long Ahmadi have been exposed to the risk of violence and discrimination. Ahmadi delegations from foreign Jamaats like UK, Canada, Norway, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden etc. visited Lahore to offer their condolences to the bereaved families and to express solidarity with the Pakistan Community.
- Reaction from major institutions was rather mute. PPP leadership in the federal government showed sympathy with the stricken community. Mr. Nawaz Sharif, the president of PML-N, who had no state portfolio, made a very brief but bold statement in public that Ahmadi were an asset to the country and should be considered as brothers. The mulla keeps on referring to this to worsen him politically.
- Only a month later, terrorists attacked the visitors in the shrine of Data Gang Bakhsh in Lahore. The LHC chief justice took suo motu notice, visited the Darbar and issued a call to the City Police Officer to appear in his court, so as to ascertain whether the tragic incident took place due to security lapse. No such initiative came forth after the twin attack on the Ahmadiyya places of worship, although

¹ <https://www.alislam.org/press-release/terrorist-attacks-on-ahmadi-mosques-in-pakistan/>

the dead numbered twice the number of victims of the massacre in Data Darbar. Had it come, this attack on the shrine would have been deterred.

- Some women members of the National Assembly managed to secure a sympathetic resolution in the Assembly over the incident, however the Senate of Pakistan decided to hold back any expression of condemnation of the terrorist act.

This brief will not be complete without following mentions:

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2. A high level Inquiry Committee was formed by the Punjab Government to look into the tragic incident. What happened to it and where are its proceedings and findings? The Committee did not ask for the Ahmadiyya community's views or comments.
3. The provincial chief minister decided not to make a sympathy visit to the Ahmadiyya Community, nor had a look at the site, nor went to the hospital to enquire after the wounded. What kept him from these minimal official, political and social norms?

We end with a comment by renowned Declan Wash:

*"This past week though I am silent, the massacre of 94 members of the minority Ahmadi community on May 28 has exposed something ugly at the heart of Pakistan, its laws, its rulers, its society."*¹

(For more details please refer to our Annual Report for Year 2010 pp.6-16.)

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¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2010/jun/07/ahmadi-massacre-silence-pakistan>

² Guardian.co.uk on 7 June 2010

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Imprisonments & Prosecution on Religious Grounds



Ahmadis continue to be booked, arrested and sentenced to imprisonment terms under Ahmadi-specific laws, blasphemy laws and other laws, for their faith. PPC 295-C has been imposed fraudulently with criminal intent to create Asia Bibi scenarios. Anti-Ahmadi laws and PPC 295-A are likewise agitated with malafide intentions.

Most serious blasphemy sections like PPC 295-C and 295-B are applied in FIRs with little justification. Bails are often denied, now even in higher courts. The judges dole out imprisonment sentences. This year one hundred and seven Ahmadis were booked. The mulla and the state this year maliciously targeted the top leadership of Ahmadis in Pakistan and booked them under PPC 295-B that provides imprisonment for life. An innovative case was booking an Ahmadi advocate for his name 'Syed'; this had never happened before.

Following stories provide essential details.





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 observance.

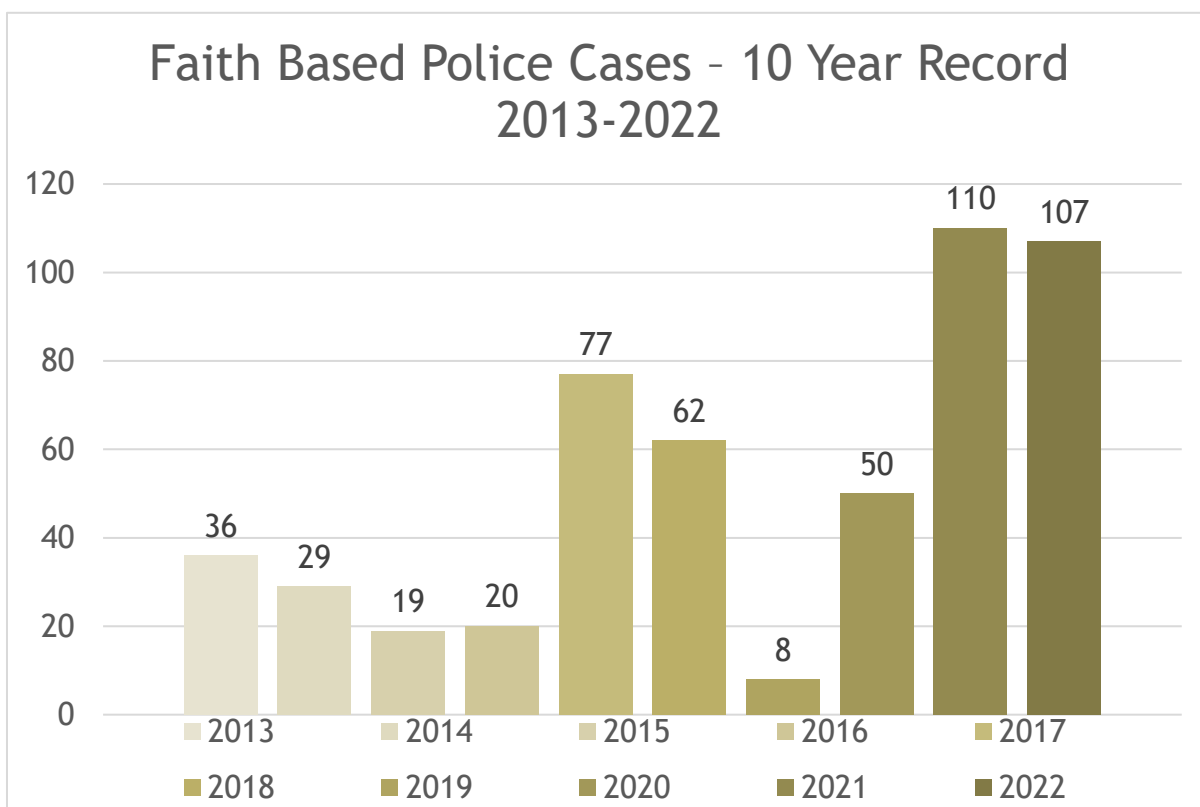
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ARTICLE 18)

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 18)



There has been a significant increase in faith-based cases over the past two years, with the current number of cases standing at **217**. This figure is equivalent to the cumulative number of cases recorded in the preceding five years.



- **107 Ahmadis were booked by the police this year, and 26 of them were arrested.**
- **A 65-year-old woman, Ms. Kaneez Bibi, was booked under PPC 295-A, which carries a potential sentence of 10 years in prison. She allegedly removed an anti-Ahmadi poster.**
- **At the end of this year, 6 Ahmadis remain in prison for their faith**
- **Five Ahmadis have been in prison since 2020 and were denied bail, even by the Supreme Court.**

Ahmadiyya top leadership booked under blasphemy clause

Rabwah; December 6, 2022:

The police registered a criminal case against some members of the top Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-B, the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C and the Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011, on December 6, 2022. The blasphemy clause 295-B prescribes imprisonment for life.

The FIR 661/22 was registered in P.S. Chenab Nagar on complaint of a mulla MH Muawiyah, on authority of a letter issued by Punjab Quran Board Lahore dated December 5, 2022. His complaint on this issue against some concerned authorities is currently being heard by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court, wherein Ahmadis are not part of the proceedings.

The FIR is registered against some of the Ahmadiyya top leadership in Pakistan.

Hassan Muawiyah had put up a complaint on this issue in 2019 and the police and other

authorities had undertaken inquiry and inspection and sought our reply in writing. After all this, it appeared that they were satisfied and the issue had come to an end. However, Muawiyah and his Forum are persisting in their efforts to deny religious freedom to Ahmadis and intend leaving no stone unturned to that end.

It is relevant to mention that since long Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan have stopped printing and marketing the Holy Quran in compliance with law, even though it is the primary scripture of Ahmadis. However, if the mulla and his accomplices think that they will make Ahmadis in Pakistan delink themselves from the Holy Quran, they are in for utter disappointment and total failure.

The registration of this FIR manifests the malicious and successful nature of extremist anti-Ahmadi activism in the country helped by certain state officials.

Ahmadi woman arrested in religion-based case

Sohdrecki, District Sialkot; February 2, 2022:

The police booked Ms. Kaniz Bibi, aged 65, Ahmadi, here under PPC 295-A with FIR No. 56 in Police Station Badhiana, District Sialkot and arrested her. She allegedly took off an anti-Ahmadiyya poster.

As per the information, Tehrik-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) posted here a poster inciting hate and violence against Ahmadis. The plaintiff accused that she allegedly tore it up which insulted the sacred scriptures.

A magistrate accepted her bail request and released her on bail on February 10, 2022.

In fact, putting up a hateful poster is a violation of Pakistan law PPC 153-A and 295-A which prescribes imprisonment of up to ten years. The police failed to book the prime mover (of TLP) but went for an easy victim — an Ahmadi woman.

This case was also initiated by the police, and not by a common citizen. This is a new

trend whereby the miscreants and bigots are now outsourcing such complaints to the Punjab Police.

We produce (right) the poster that she allegedly took off. The title reads; **‘Qadianis should enter Islam before entering this shop.’**

The poster also mentions the ownership and contact details of the Tehrik-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).



Poster

Blasphemy clause added to an old case against an Ahmadi Director

Lahore; December 2022:

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

The case was registered on the application of Shehzad Ahmad Baryar, Advocate High Court, on the plea that in a YouTube program, Mr. Saleemuddin allegedly used Islamic terms extensively and injured his feeling by

commenting on *‘Finality of Prophethood Declaration Form’*. The complainant got his application endorsed by the Sessions Court, Lahore that directed the Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore to register the said case. This program was recorded and uploaded on YouTube seven years prior to the registration of the case.

The petitioner filed another plea under section 30 in the court of judicial magistrate Chaudhry Ghulam Murtaza Virk, who added PPC 295-C in the case. The sentence under this clause is death.

Released after seven and half years in prison

Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura; January 14, 2022

The three Ahmadis, Messrs. Ehsan Ahmad, Mubashir Ahmad and Ghulam Ahmad were released after completing their reduced sentence.

A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis under PPC 295-A on May 13,

2014 at Police Station Sharqpur accusing them of tearing an anti-Ahmadi poster from the wall of a local shop in their village. Although the local Panchayat intervened and settled the issue, the mullas refused to make peace, held a demonstration and insisted that the police register a case against the accused.

The police did that under PPC 295-A etc, and arrested one, Mr. Khalil Ahmad.

A couple of days thereafter, one Saleem Ahmad entered the police station and shot dead Mr. Khalil Ahmad who was under detention. Mr. Ahmad left behind a widow, two sons and two daughters.

The remaining three were arrested two months later, on July 18, 2014. A year thereafter, Section 295-C was added to their charge sheet on judicial orders. They were sentenced to death on October 11, 2017. An appeal was then made before the Lahore High Court.

A DB comprising of LHC judges Justice Abdul Aziz and M Amjad Rafiq heard the case, and gave verdict that PPC 295-C be vacated, and sentenced them to 10 years' imprisonment and fine of Rs 500,000/- each.

Allowing for relief provided on various occasions to all prisoners, these accused had overstayed their sentence, so they were released from prison.

Ten years ago the well-known weekly *The Friday Times* published an op-ed by dauntless Yassar Latif Hamdani, titled: **Do Ahmadis deserve to live in Pakistan?**¹

Five years' imprisonment to an Ahmadi

Peshawar; November 2022:

A minor named Imran Ali falsely accused Mr. Abdul Majeed, Ahmadi, aged 20, of blasphemy on September 10, 2020. The police succumbed to the pressure of mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, with FIR No. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. He was arrested on 13.09.2020. He is currently in Peshawar Jail. His family had to leave the town. His father passed away during his incarceration.

Since the registration of the false case and the arrest, the hearing of this case was going on in the Sessions Court Peshawar. Additional Sessions Judge Tahir Aurangzeb Khan heard this case. On completion of the trial, the ASJ acquitted Mr. Majeed of the blasphemy charge but declared him guilty of hurting religious feelings, thereby awarded him 5 years' imprisonment. Majeed has been in captivity in Peshawar Jail for more than two years now

Police case against an Ahmadi — a sample case

Karachi; November 21, 2022:

A police case has been registered against Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq Advocate with FIR No.

¹ Note: It is somehow removed from the 'The Friday Times' website. It was earlier available at <http://www.thefridaytimes.com/beta3/tft/article.php?issue=20120831&page=8>, however, the same is available here <https://www.newageislam.com/islam-and-sectarianism/yasser-latif-hamdani/do-ahmadis-deserve-to-live-in-pakistan/d/8503>

172 under PPCs 298-B, 298-C and 34 on November 21, 2022 at Police Station City Court Karachi.

The plaintiff in the case, Muhammad Ahmad, has taken a stand in the FIR that earlier on September 26, 2022, he had filed a case against the officials and management of the Qadiani Jamaat for constructing the Ahmadiyya Bait-ul-Zikar in the style of a

mosque in Martin Quarters, Karachi, under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 527 at Police Station Jamshed Quarters, Karachi. He further wrote that the said case is being pursued by a Qadiani lawyer Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq on behalf of the Qadiani Jamaat. In the papers, using Islamic rituals, he has written 'Syed' with his name, which he is not allowed according to Pakistani law (*sic*), so legal action should be taken against him.

پولیس فارم نمبر ۵۰۲۳ (۱)

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بعدالت جناب علاقہ مجسٹریٹ صاحب تھانہ سٹی کورٹ کراچی

ابتدائی اطلاعی رپورٹ نسبت جرم قابل دست اندازی پولیس رپورٹ شدہ زیر دفعہ ۱۵۳ مجموعہ ضابطہ فوجداری

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3	محل وقوعہ جرم (سٹی کورٹ کراچی) مال اگر کچھ ہو گیا ہے	جرم دفعہ 298/B/C/34 ت پ			
4	جاء وقوعہ پر فاصلہ تھانہ سے اور سمت۔	برمقام اندرون کمرہ عدالت JM صاحب کورٹ نمبر 117 ایسٹی کورٹ کراچی جانب مشرق بفاصلہ 200 قدم از تھانہ۔			
5	کارروائی متعلقہ تفتیش اگر اطلاع درج کرنے میں کچھ وقت ہوا تو اس کی وجہ بیان کی جائے۔	تفتیش مقدمہ SIO صاحب تھانہ ہذا کریگی۔			

دستخط انگریزی:۔۔۔ محمدہ۔۔۔ ASI

اس وقت مسی محمد احمد ولد عبدالقاسم کی درخواست نمبر 622 تاریخ 21-11-2022 دفتر ہیڈ عرصے سے اجازت اشران بالا برائے قاضی مقدمہ من SIP علی اصغر کو برائے قاضی مقدمہ موصول ہوئی جس کی نقل ذیل ہے بخدمت جناب SHO صاحب سٹی کورٹ کراچی درخواست برائے FIR میں مسی محمد احمد ولد عبدالقاسم سنہ پلاٹ 689 ٹیکٹ نمبر 201 ایچ جی دیو قاطرہ جناح کالونی جمشید کواٹرز کراچی میں بعد فیملی کے رہائش پذیر ہوں میں نے مورخہ 26-09-2022 کو تھانہ جمشید کواٹرز میں مقدمہ الزام نمبر 527/22 بجرم دفعہ 298-C تعویبات کے تحت رجسٹرڈ کرایا تھا آج مورخہ 21-11-2022 کو کورٹ نام JM-XIIV صاحب ایسٹی کورٹ کراچی میں نامزد ملزمان (1) ظہیر احمد (2) ناصر احمد (3) یاسر (4) شہزاد احمد (5) ظفر اور فیم اللہ عیثیٰ ہونے کے ساتھ ان کا وکیل جو کہ خود قادیانی ہے اس نے کورٹ میں 249-ا۔ لہ دفعات کے تحت درخواست داخل کی جب میں نے کورٹ سے درخواست وصول کی تو میں نے دیکھا کہ کاغذ پر جو کہ لف تھا اس پر سید اللہ الرحمن اور مولانا سید کمالیہ تھا جبکہ دوسرے کاغذ D پر سید اللہ الرحمن اور فیمہ نصیعی علیہ رسول لہ اکرمیم کے الفاظ لکھے ہوئے تھے آئین پاکستان کی دفعہ آرٹیکل (3) 260 تعویبات پاکستان کی دفعہ 298/B/C کے تحت قادیانی شہاز اسلام استعمال نہیں کر سکتے لہذا علی احمد طارق نے اپنے نام کے ساتھ سید کا لفظ استعمال کیا ہے SYED AHMED TARIQ لکھا ہے لہذا میرا دعویٰ بلا ملزمان پر اٹھا کر اسلام اور اپنے نام کے ساتھ سید کا لفظ استعمال کیا ان کے خلاف 298/B/C کے تحت مقدمہ درج کیا جائے اپنے آپ کو مسلمان ظاہر کرنے کا ہے العارض محمد احمد ولد عبدالقاسم دستخط انگریزی تاریخ 21-11-2022 فون نمبر 0313-2788891

کارروائی پولیس:۔۔۔ میں ڈیوٹی آفیسر SIP علی اصغر تصدیق کرتا ہوں کہ موصولہ درخواست کی نقل حرف با حرف تحریر کی گئی موصولہ درخواست سے مضمون نوعیت جرم دفعہ 298/B/C/34 ت پ کا ہونا یا یا جاتا ہے لہذا مقدمہ ہذا حسب اجازت اشران بالا برخلاف ملزمان متحرکہ بالا (1) ظہیر احمد (2) ناصر احمد (3) یاسر (4) شہزاد احمد (5) ظفر (6) فیم اللہ (7) ایڈویٹ علی احمد طارق قائم کر کے نقول FIR بمذہب درخواست برائے آئندہ تفتیش سپرد SIO صاحب تھانہ ہذا کی گئی۔ بقیہ نقول FIR حسب قاعدہ تقسیم ہوگی

Copy of FIR registered against the Ahmadi lawyer

Ahmadi arrested in religion-based case

Basti Ahmadpur Jhakkar Imam Shah, District DG Khan, Punjab; February 2, 2022:

The police booked Mr. Muhammad Yousaf, Ahmadi, here under PPC 295-A in Police Station Jhak Atra, and arrested him the next day. He allegedly took off a panaflex of religious content.

Opponents of Ahmadiyyat have agitated communal feelings in this village recently.

They put up a panaflex with the Quranic verse *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* on top, and wrote underneath,

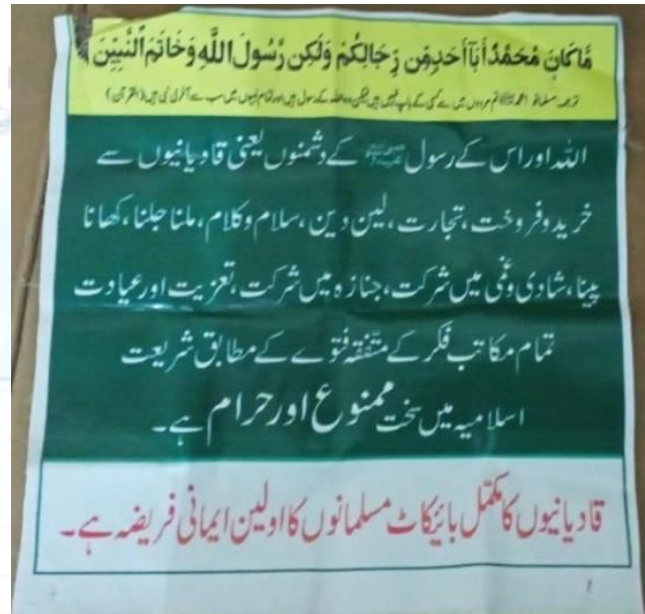
“As per Islamic Shariah, and a consensus of all schools of thought it is utterly forbidden and Haram to deal with, trade, socialize, have meals with, participate in ceremonies and rites, visiting the sick and console over death of Qadianis who are the enemies of Allah and His Prophet. Total boycott of Qadianis is the foremost religious duty of Muslims.”

This message has nothing to do with the verse *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* of the Holy Quran. Allegedly, Mr. Yousaf tore the poster. At this, the opponents assembled and demanded that the police register a criminal case against him. The police detained him overnight at the police station and let him off the next day.

The opponents persisted in agitation. Mr. Yousaf was told to present himself before the DPO. He was then booked and arrested.

This incident raises a few important questions. The incident happened after a group put up an extremely hateful sectarian message in public on a panaflex, so:

1. Putting up this panaflex was a flagrant



violation of Pakistan law PPC 153-A and 295-A. What action the police took against the perpetrators of this outrage?

2. If the police take no action against such bigots who promote intense hate against a small community in a village, how is it possible to restrict all Ahmadis to tolerate public incitement to hate and likely consequential violence?
3. Is it not for the state to effectively discourage violent extremism and open calls for social and communal boycotts, etc?

Ahmadi arrested

Rajanpur; March 2022:

Mr. Muhammad Abdullah is the sole Ahmadi in his family. His wife and three children are also Ahmadis.

His wife got estranged from him and went to live with her parents who are not Ahmadi.

The husband and wife developed a dispute about the temporary custody of the children.

As a result, the wife arranged an incursion into his quarters, which proved futile. The in-laws went to court.

On March 4, 2022, oddly, the police, in a raid, arrested the Amir of Jamaat Ahmadiyya, District Rajanpur, perhaps for acting friendly to Mr. Abdullah.

Four Ahmadis booked under anti-Ahmadi law

Chak No. 88 JB, District Faisalabad:

Four Ahmadi office bearers, Messrs. Abrar Ahmad (local president), Ahmad Bilal Bajwa (vice president), Irshad Ahmed and Muhammad Rashid were booked with FIR No. 118 under PPC 298-C in Police Station Dijkot on February 19, 2022. The case was registered on pathetic excuse that Ahmadis' place of worship resembles a mosque and Kalima (Islamic creed) is inscribed on it.

It is noteworthy that the complainant is not a local resident, but the police itself. This is something new in police attitude in the Punjab. The FIR mentions that Ahmadis have constructed their place of worship like a mosque with Kalima on it, and this hurts the sentiments of Muslims. It also mentions that

Ahmadis have named their place of worship a 'Masjid'. This is a false accusation. For the police to take such suo motu notice is very unusual, even wrong. Minarets and niches have nothing to do with any religion; in fact, it is only a design, and has little religious significance. The Holy Prophet's (PBUH) mosque in Madinah had no minarets. So, for the Faisalabad Police it is inappropriate, indeed wrong, to reserve the right to build minaret only for constitutional Muslims.

Ahmadis are often dragged ruthlessly in such cases through bigotry and prejudice, as worship places of other religions also have towers, minarets, steeples etc.

Police case registered against Ahmadis

Bhulair, District Kasur; December 7, 2022:

A local mulla Abdul Rauf of Tehrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) initiated a fight in a snooker game with an Ahmadi which took turn for the

worse. A number of men joined both sides and there was an exchange of fire shots. Someone called on police helpline, who intervened, and

both the parties were called the same evening by the SHO to Phool Nagar police station. The TLP local president and other mullas also gathered on this occasion. The police detained four persons from both parties in the fight and presented them before the court the next day where the court reconciled the parties and ended the matter.

Later, the TLP gave the incident religious color, met the DPO and asked him to demolish the Ahmadiyya mosque. They declared a complete boycott of Ahmadis, and demanded exile of Ahmadis from the village.

Mulla Abdul Rauf told the police that Ahmadis had taken revenge for the action taken against their niche and minarets. (Two months ago, on demand of the opponents, the

police covered the minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque). On demand of this mulla, the police booked 11 Ahmadis namely, Dawood Ahmad, Maqsood Ahmad, Jahanzeb Ahmad, Ansar Ahmad, Muhammad Ahmad, Shafiq Ahmad, Waqas Ahmad, Ashfaq Ahmad, Liaqat Ahmad, Nisar Ahmad and Faryad Ahmad under articles 337F(i), 337A(i), 337H(2), 506/B, 148, 149, 337L(2), in the police station Phool Nagar on December 17, 2022. The opponents announced a rally in the village for this.

The notorious TLP, a Brelvi extremist political party has adopted anti-Ahmadiyya activism as a policy to promote their politics. Most of the hype in defiling the Ahmadiyya mosques can be attributed to them.

Five Ahmadis booked under anti-Ahmadi laws

Wazirabad, District Gujranwala; November 11, 2022:

Opponents lodged a complaint with police that the *Qadianis* had built a mosque-style place of worship, and used Islamic rites openly. The police registered a case against five Ahmadis with FIR Nr. 699, under sections 298-B and 298-C in Police Station Wazirabad City, District Gujranwala on November 11, 2022.

This mosque was built way back in 1915.



Wazirabad Mosque

Fabricated police case against two Ahmadi brothers

Chichoki Mallian, District Sheikhpura; October 29, 2022:

Opponents are busy in anti-Ahmadiyya activities here. In October 2022 the opponents graffitied “295-C Red Zone” opposite to the

Ahmadiyya mosque. Ahmadis informed the police who erased the graffiti.

Local TLP activists sent a minor girl to the local Ahmadiyya president home with

planning to falsely prosecute Ahmadis. Meanwhile the miscreants stood outside and provoked the locals by accusing two Ahmadi brothers for amoral act with minor girl.

The police booked Inamullah and Nouman Ahmad, two Ahmadi brothers, on fabricated false accusation with FIR No. 878 under

articles 109, 511, 376/3, 363 on October 29, 2022 at police station Housing Colony, Sheikhpura. They were arrested.

Additional Sessions Judge Sheikhpura Sanjeeda Akhtar rejected their post arrest bail.

Four Ahmadis booked in the wake of minarets

Karachi; September 2022:

Ahmadiyya Hall in Karachi is in use of Ahmadis for religious purposes for well over half a century. On the complaint of Abdul Qadir Patel, a non-Ahmadi, the police registered a criminal case against four

Ahmadis on September 9, 2022 with FIR No. 527/22 under anti-Ahmadiyya Sections PPC 298-B, 298-C and 34 in PS Preedy, Karachi. The detailed story is given in Chapter 4 of this Report.

Fight between two groups

Bahuman; District Sheikhpura:

There was a fight between two groups of this village. Six Ahmadi families also reside there. All these people are relatives but have developed mutual hostility. A few Ahmadis are on friendly terms with one of the two groups. A clash resulted in the death of a 20-year old man Zain Ali of the hostile group that indulged in an aggressive violent attack.

It is learnt that an Ahmadi Mr Rai Nasir Ahmad had to quit the village for some time and shift elsewhere. Recently, as a result of a peace accord, he was brought back to the village. Some in the hostile group, who are of the TLP (Tehrik Labbaik)

party, did not like it, and they rallied out, shouting anti-Ahmadi slogans, headed for an Ahmadi's farm house where a number of non-Ahmadis were also present. These people urged the aggressors to desist from hostile conduct, but the visitors refused and turned to stoning the people at the farm house. In the face of this provocation and risk the non-Ahmadis there took to firing, resulting in the death of one of the raiders.

The police of PS Bhatti named nine persons

in this case and arrested eight of them. Three of them are Ahmadis. Police booked them in FIR No. 579 of May 7, 2022



Funeral of Zain Ali

under Sections 302, 324, 148, 149 and 7ATA. Along with the non-Ahmadis, the police arrested three named Ahmadis, Rai Nasir Ahmad, his son Rai Asad Nasir and Mr Kazim Hayat. In addition, they detained Mr Iftikhar Ahmad (the local Ahmadi president) and Mr Wasim A Mangla (Ahmadi religious teacher); both were not named in the FIR.

The opposition painted the incident in the social media wrongfully in religious color, and tried to incite the people to indulge in extreme action against Ahmadis. Mulla Saad Rizvi, head of the TLP came over from Lahore to lead the funeral prayers of the dead attacker. After the ritual, he was forcibly buried in the section of graveyard, allotted to Ahmadis.

After the incident, the opponent group, mostly comprising TLP, took out a procession

and attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque. They demolished four minarets and damaged the dish antenna there and the roof of the washroom. In view of the dangerous situation, Ahmadi families shifted out of the village.

In response to the TLP propaganda, the police have taken a clear stand that the fight was among two hostile groups on personal grounds; religion is not the issue at all.

It is noteworthy that the killed individual was a part of the attacking group who had come out and violently raided an Ahmadi's farm house. The defenders fired in self-defence. Ahmadis did not resort to firing; accusing them of murder is wrong.



Destruction caused by the mob in the mosque.

False complaint filed against Ahmadi on job

Sukheki, District Hafizabad; January 2022:

Mr. Rahat Jameel, an Ahmadi, is working as a clerk in the Canal Department. Zulfiqar Ali, a worker in his department, petitioned DC Hafizabad against him saying that Mr. Jamil had preached Ahmadiyyat to him and threatened serious consequences and dismissal in case of not converting to Ahmadiyyat—a lie of course.

The Deputy Commissioner forwarded the report to Assistant Commissioner Hafizabad who inquired from the concerned persons. In this regard, the SDO Hafizabad sub-division reported that the petition is false and baseless; Mr. Jameel has never preached his faith. Similarly, other officials of his department also stated that they have never

talked about Ahmadiyyat in the office. Therefore, the Assistant Commissioner filed the petition and warned the plaintiff that he

could be arrested for making a false accusation.

Ahmadis dragged to police for using Islamic epithets

Peeru Chak, District Sialkot; February 2022:

Muhammad Bilal wrote to the Deputy Commissioner against six Ahmadis, namely Messrs. Yaqoob Dogar, Maqsood Dogar, Abdul Khaliq Dogar, Abdul Salam Dogar, Jameel Ahmed Dogar and Ghulam Hai-ud-Din. He accused them of writing Islamic rites, Quranic verses, *Kalima* and *Durood Sharif* on their homes and shops. He wrote that being non-Muslims, Ahmadis pretended to be Muslim and used Islamic inscriptions; this hurt religious sentiments of Muslims. This a crime under the Constitution and the law, and according to the decision of the Supreme

Court, this use of Islamic epithets is blasphemy (*sic*). The applicant demanded action against Ahmadis.

The bigot forgot that these inscriptions are a part of the Ahmadi faith, and the Constitution grants freedom of faith to all citizens.

The parties were then summoned to the police station where Ahmadis stated their position on the issue. The police conveyed that they will decide the follow-up.

Ahmadis wrongfully and severely harassed by police

Chak 88, District Faisalabad; June 14, 2022:

For some time, opponents of Ahmadiyyat have been approaching the police in various districts of Punjab, especially in Faisalabad, against the minarets, niches and inscriptions on Ahmadiyya mosques. In this regard, the police registered a case under section PPC 298-B against Ahmadi elders of Chak 88 on February 19, 2022.

Subsequently, the police called the local Ahmadi officials to Dijkot police station and pressurized them to remove the minaret and the *Kalima* (Islamic creed) from the Ahmadiyya mosque. Ahmadis suggested to the police that they would cover the minaret and the *Kalima*, to which the SHO police replied that even this option was now over.

On June 14, the police sent for the local Ahmadiyya president who went to the police station along with another Ahmadi. The police demanded a written statement that Ahmadi would abide by any decision of the lower court regarding the mosque. Ahmadis stated that they have a right to appeal against the decision, and the police themselves are a party in this case, so this demand was wrong and unlawful.

The police threatened them with registration of a case under 16 M.P.O. for disturbing law and order, and detained them at the police station.

Police detains local Ahmadiyya president

Trigri, District Gujranwala; June 17, 2022:

A man was using his cell phone in front of Mehmood Ahmad Butt's home, the local Ahmadiyya president, who asked him the reason for roaming around. Later, the police detained Mr Butt, as the TLP (Tehreek Labaik) got involved and the situation got tense. The police claimed that Mr Butt was under protective custody. They shifted him elsewhere on assembly of a mob at the police station.

The complainant agreed to withdraw the case after some influential people intervened.

However, he reneged on intervention of Rana Ikram ullah, an anti-Ahmadi activist, who called on him, accompanied by 20 to 25 men.

On June 20, 2022, the police released Mr Butt.

Fabricated application against Ahmadis filed in a court

Chak No. 46 North, District Sargodha; September 2022:

Mr. Asad Akram Khachela, son-in-law and nephew of Muhammad Aslam Khachela, filed a petition with the Sessions Judge against seven Ahmadis under section PPCs 22-A and 22-B. He complained against mosque-style minarets on the Ahmadiyya place of worship, copy of Quran with Ahmadiyya translation and a booklet written by the founder of Ahmadiyya Community, etc. He accused Ahmadis of committing a crime by building their place of worship in the style of a mosque and storing hateful material. He demanded registration of a criminal case and severe action.

The judge told the police to inquire and report. The police did the investigation and reported that the place of worship was old. There are two small minarets and no loudspeaker is installed. No audible call to

prayer is made. The minarets are 45-46 years old, and no impartial evidence is available regarding the distribution of pamphlets. The petitioner has neither appeared nor produced any local person in support of the allegations. Tariq, who had been named in the application regarding the advertisement, stated that the statement in the application was not presented to him. His name was deliberately included in the application without his consent. Similar requests were made earlier by the two parties. The application has been found to be fabricated and baseless. It has been made only to pressurize the Qadiani community, the police reported.

The case remained sub-judice.

A personal dispute given communal trend to worsen Ahmadis

PS Shehr Sultan, District Muzaffar Garh (Punjab):

The police registered a case here against 8 Ahmadis on 9 September 2022, with FIR No. 593, under sections concerning force and property.

The issue was illegal occupation of an Ahmadi's house. It was sub-judice. The dispute led to an attempt to re-possess it.

The opponent party turned the personal dispute into a communal one by seeking help from the notorious Tehrik Labbaik (TLP). They laid siege to the police station.

The police calmed the mob down by registering a criminal case against eight Ahmadis, namely Messrs. Mahmud Ahmad,

Sharif Ahmad, Saghir Ahmad, Shoaib Ahmad, Javed Ahmad, Jameel Ahmad, Adil Sharif and Wahid Hasan.

The police raided the house of Mr. Shoaib Ahmad to arrest him. He was not there, so they detained his 80-year old father Mr. Bashir Ahmad, instead.

As the issue was agitated greatly on social media, the provincial political section took interest and moved in support of the Ahmadi-bashers.

It is tough these days to be an Ahmadi citizen in the Punjab.

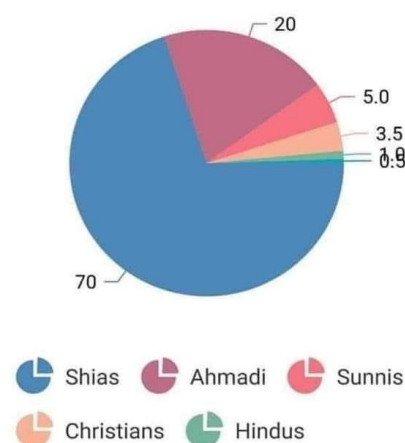
Blasphemy cases 2020 – an analysis

Centre for Social Justice has issued the under-given chart¹ of blasphemy cases registered in Pakistan in the year 2020 against individuals from different religious communities. This pie-chart shows the percentage share of each sectarian/religious community. While factual, it does not display an important aspect of the plight of Ahmadis.

This chart² shows that 20% of the cases were registered against Ahmadis. That is true, but not the whole truth.

Ahmadis are essentially a very small community in the overall context of Pakistan's population. For it to share 20% of the national

Pakistan Blasphemy Cases 2020 – Centre for Social Justice



¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1605527>

² <https://twitter.com/nailainayat/status/1357034008304119808?s=20>

blasphemy load is enormous and almost unbearable. We explain.

We assume that the blasphemy cases of the chart comprise all those registered under the PPCs of the two Sections in the series 295 and 298, as these deal with religion only. For the purpose of this analysis, we take it that among the official Muslims in Pakistan, Sunnis are 85% while the Shias are 15% approximately. Ahmadis in Pakistan number about half a million.

The number of Ahmadis who faced criminal charges under various clauses of Sections 295 and 298 series in year 2020 was 34.

A simple mathematical calculation would show that this number (apparently only 20%

of the total) if applied to the Shia community would equate in sectarian demography if 2176 Shias had been booked. As for Sunnis, cases against 12,580 of them would have proportionally the same demographic effect as 34 Ahmadis. Going by the percentages given in the pie-chart these figures on the ground were mercifully much lower – 119 and 9 only.

While there could be slight difference in the logic and calculation of CSJ figures and ours, the fact remains that Ahmadis are relatively greatly persecuted through the application of blasphemy laws. This is done through a malicious joint effort of the religious bigot and the careerist jack-in-office.

Ahmadis behind bars

1. Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, etc. were booked on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department, Lahore that works under Federal Investigation Agency arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested dated 30.09.2020 on reporting to the FIA office; they are in Camp Jail Lahore.

Syed Ali Abbas, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet on June 29, 2021. Thus, they are now exposed to penalty of death.

The SC rejected their post-arrest bail application.

2. Mr. Abdul Majeed s/o Mr. Abdul Waheed, resident of Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, District Peshawar, aged 20, was accused of blasphemy by a minor named Mr. Imran Ali. The police succumbed to the pressure of the mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 which carries a sentence of death, on September 10, 2020 with FIR Nr. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. He was arrested on 13.09.2020. The ASJ acquitted Mr. Majeed of the blasphemy charge but declared him guilty of hurting religious feelings thereby, and awarded him five years imprisonment.

3. Mr. Shiraz Ahmad etc. were booked by Cyber Crime Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019 under FIR Nr. 88, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11, for allegedly creating a group “Sindh Salamat” and allegedly sharing Ahmadiyya content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021. Subsequently the trial court added section 295C of PPC to the said case.
4. Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020 in a fabricated case under Sections 298-C, 295-B, PECA-11 and 109. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021 and was expected to be released in four to five days after paper formalities. On February 27, when Malik Zaheer Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore team arrested him under FIR Nr. 88 as outlined in the above case, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.



4

Worship Places under Attack; Worship Denied



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

This year at fourteen locations Ahmadiyya places of worship were attacked, damaged, handed over to others, worship denied, repairs obstructed or their construction was stopped.

This was most hurtful, because in most of these incidents, authorities, not the goons, inflicted these hurts and grief.





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 observance.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ARTICLE 18)

Therein 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;

PREAMBLE CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN

You are free; you are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to your mosques or to any other place or worship in this State of Pakistan. You may belong to any religion or caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of the State.

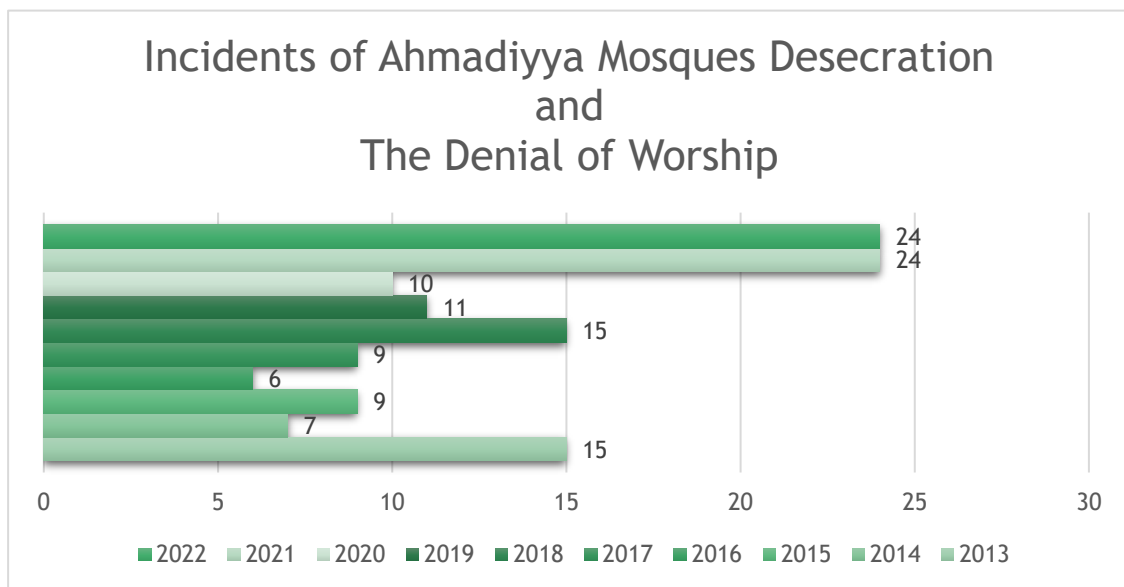
MR. JINNAH'S PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN (AUGUST 11, 1947)



Ahmadiyya Mosques / Worship Centres Desecration and Threats / Denial of Worship

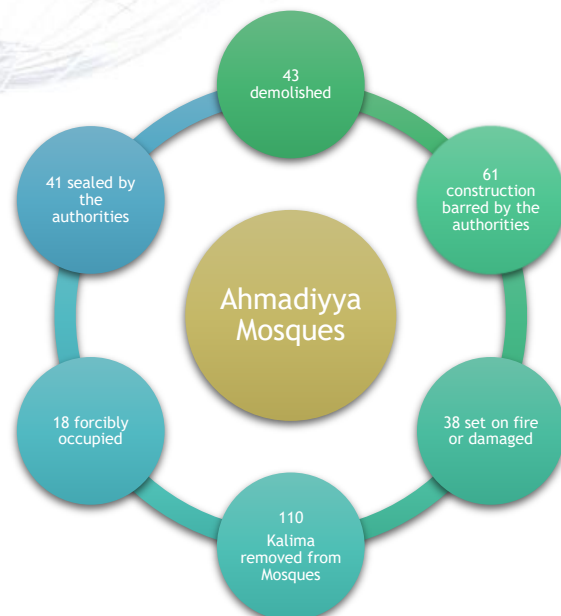
130 Incidents in the Last Ten Years

62% of these incidents occurred in the last
two years



The list includes only incidents related to Ahmadiyya mosques/ worship centres.

Since 1984 (Updated)



Minaret of the Ahmadiyya mosque demolished by the police

Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh; September 13, 2022:



Before

The police, on demand of religious bigots, destroyed the minaret of the local Ahmadiyya mosque.

Two men came here and took pictures and videos of the minaret on September 12, 2022. The next day, a police vehicle came, and an intelligence officer told Ahmadis that a complaint had been filed against the minaret. Later on, the DSP sent for Ahmadis. The DSP showed them the pictures and videos and told them to demolish the minaret. The Ahmadiyya delegation asked for some time to consider the demand. The DSP said that there was no time, and he told Ahmadis to do this forthwith,

and shift the families, residing there, to another place due to the threat of an attack (by miscreants).

The Ahmadiyya delegation conveyed to the police officers that they will not remove the minaret themselves. The police officials threatened Ahmadis to hold them responsible for any riot.

Later, the DSP and SHO along with 13 policemen came around 12 o'clock and destroyed the only remaining minaret of the place of worship, as the other one was demolished back in 1974 by the rioting mob.



After

Ahmadiyya mosque defiled further

Baghbanpura, District Gujranwala; Jun, Dec 2022:

An anti-Ahmadiyya activist Faizan Ahmad wrote to the DSP Baghbanpura Police against the local Ahmadiyya mosque and demanded 'ban on Ahmadis from using 'Islamic' epithets etc. and immediate sealing of their place of worship which was built in mosque style'. The detailed story on this is given in Chapter (



1c. Ahmadiyya mosque defiled).

Minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque demolished

Pind Dadan Khan, District Jhelum; June 2022:



Before

Before this, Naveed Shahzad, a TLP activist, filed a complaint with authorities that Ahmadis were building minarets in their worship place and Islamic phrases are written on Ahmadis' tombstones. The DSP sent for Ahmadis and told them to remove the *Kalima* (Islamic creed) from their place of worship.

Ahmadis had to comply with these absurd and unfair orders.

The police pressurized Mr. Wasim Mukhtar and Mr. Sohail Ahmad, Ahmadis to remove tombstones from the graves of their relatives. They were also told to demolish minarets from the Ahmadiyya mosque. Police did this on behest of a TLP mulla, and Ahmadi elders weren't taken on board.



After

Ahmadis compelled to remove minarets from their mosque

Mityal, District Jhelum; August 30, 2022:

The opponents displayed anti-Ahmadiyya flexes, against which Ahmadis submitted an application to the DPO requesting legal action against these elements. Police tried to take down the flexes, but some people stopped them from doing so, and Tehreek Labbaik (TLP) workers gathered outside the police station and started shouting slogans.

TLP wrote to the police that Ahmadis had built their place of worship on the main road and installed traditional Muslim minarets that resemble those on mosques. They also wrote that the words "*Tehreek Labaik Ya Rasoolullah*" were graffitied on the wall of the

washroom as insult, (although it was written by the members of TLP, which was later erased by the police). TLP demanded registration of a police case against Ahmadis or removal of the minaret from their mosque. They were assured by the police, and the crowd dispersed at around 3 o'clock.

On 31st August, police sent for an Ahmadiyya delegation. They went to the police station and met the SHO. He told them to take down the minarets. Ahmadis refused to do it themselves. The DSP said that if the minarets were not removed, then Ahmadis would have to appear in the peace committee to defend

their position. Later, when the Ahmadiyya delegation was going to meet the peace committee, the SHO came and informed that Ahmadis had taken down the minarets themselves, and the matter stands resolved.

Later, it was found that the SHO had threatened the Ahmadis through local people that the situation had worsened there and no one would come to help them. Ahmadis had to remove the minarets, for lack of protection from the state.



رضوی صاحب کی طرف سے اہم اعلان

آج مورخہ 31 اگست رات 12 بجے تک کا وقت ہے اگر قادیانیوں کی عبادت گاہ سے وہ نشانیاں ختم نہ کی گئی تو جہلم کی تاریخ کی سب سے بڑی کال دی جائے گی اور میں خود اپنے ہاتھوں سے وہ نشانیاں ختم کرونگا

Translation: An Important Announcement from Rizvi Sahib

If by midnight, 31st August, all the visible Islamic symbols are not removed from the Qadiyani place of worship, there will be a call-up (for demonstration) and that will be the largest call-up in the history of Jehlum, and I will remove those symbols with my own hands.

Ahmadiyya mosque damaged by miscreants

Kunri, District Umarkot; January 30, 2022:

Ahmadiyya mosque is located here on the main road; Makrani Baloch live nearby, their children pass by the mosque to go to madrassah. They often hurl stones at Ahmadis' homes and chant anti-Ahmadi slogans while passing in the evening. At midnight on January 30, nine boys came to the mosque and smashed the camera with stones. Ahmadis reported the incident to the police. After that, the boys while passing by said that they were going to attack this mosque on Friday and break its minarets.



Kunri Mosque

Ahmadis informed the police of the situation.

Ahmadiyya mosque closed down by police in Sindh without any judicial orders

A press report

The daily *Ummat* Karachi published on February 27, 2022 the following news item (translated). This news item throws plenty of light on the conduct of the ulama, the authorities, and the vernacular press.

Mirpur Khas: Decision on changing the appearance of the *Qadiani* place of worship

The management will be told; if you do not alter the appearance, the district administration will act: Deputy Commissioner assures ulama

Mirpur Khas (Ummat News): After the ultimatum given by *Tehreek-e-Tahffuz-e-Namoos Rasalat Pakistan* to change the appearance of the mosque-style *Qadiani* place of worship, the Deputy Commissioner Mirpur Khas assured the leaders of the *Tehreek* and of other religious and political parties that the appearance of the worship place will be changed by next week. According to details, on the call of the *Tehreek*, on the occasion of the Day of Condemnation, a final ultimatum was given to the district administration of Mirpur Khas to change the appearance of the *Qadiani* worship place by March 4. After that Deputy Commissioner Mirpur Khas Salamat Ali Memon contacted local leaders of the *Tehreek* along with other religious and political parties and invited them to his office. Representative of *Tehreek-e-Tahaffaz-e-Namoos Rasalat Pakistan*, Maulana Muhammad Osama Kharani, Hafiz Akbar Rashid of Ulama Action Committee, Maulana Zaheer Ahmed of Sunni Coordinating Council, Hafiz Ehtesham ul Haq, Mufti Muslim of Jamaat-e-Islami, Najamuddin, Noor Ilahi, Hakim Ali Kashkuri of Ahl e Sunnat organizations, Muhammad Atiq, Babar Obaid of Jamiat Ahl e Hadees, Muhammad Irfan, Maulana Taj Muhammad of Jamiat Ulema e Islam met Deputy Commissioner Mirpur Khas Salamat Ali Memon on his invitation.



¹ *Ummat* Karachi published on February 27, 2022

During the meeting with the delegation, the Deputy Commissioner said, “We too are Muslim and bound by the Constitution and law. The administration had immediately sealed the mentioned worship place after receiving an application from the *Tehreek* to change the appearance of the



mosque-style *Qadiani* worship place. Now we have decided that we will first issue orders to the administrators of the said place of worship built in the style of a mosque, to change the appearance of the said place of worship on their own, if they do not do so immediately, then next week, the district administration will implement the rule of law and order by changing the appearance of the place of worship of the *Qadianis* built in the style of a mosque.”

On this occasion, in the presence of the delegation, Deputy Commissioner Mirpur Khas contacted SSP Shuja Abad, District Mirpur Khas and issued necessary instructions to him regarding the matter. On the other hand, Hafiz Ehtesham Ahmed, General Secretary *Tehreek-e-Tahaffuz-e-Namos-e-Rasalat Pakistan* said, “We hope that Deputy Commissioner Mirpur Khas will fulfill his promise of changing the appearance of this place of worship built like a mosque before next Friday and apply the rule of law and order by doing so, otherwise, we will be entirely free to give any plan of action after March 4.”

Our Comments:

1. Abbas Nasir wrote in the prestigious daily *Dawn* on December 5, 2021 an op-ed titled “Fiddling while Rome burns”. He concluded the state of the federation as: “The result is that Pakistan is poised at the edge of the precipice.” In this situation, the Ulama, the bureaucracy, the politico-religious parties, the vernacular press (and indeed the top leadership, indirectly) are totally involved in self-created issue of the appearance of a place of worship of a community on which minority status is imposed. If the country comes to harm, these groups can blame only themselves for indulging in wrong and bizarre priorities – because, indeed, they were fiddling while Rome burnt.
2. The perpetrators of this and such atrocities should ask themselves if the respected great founder of this country visualized and instructed its leaders to shape this country in this form; if not, how do they justify such gross deviations to themselves? Is such conduct not a national crime?
3. Pakistan has recently protested to India on maltreatment of its Muslim citizens by the state and the society. How can it justify to itself the same sort of treatment (if not worse) of its Ahmadi citizens?

“Do you enjoin others to do what is good and forget your own self, while you read the Book? Will you then not understand?” *Al Quran: 2-44/45 (Tr.)*

Ahmadiyya mosque's roof partly burned down

Goth Ali Murad, District Badin, Sindh; Jan-Feb 2022:

On February 19, some unidentified opponents set fire to a wooden structure adjacent to the Ahmadiyya mosque in the village. The fire engulfed the Ahmadiyya mosque and half-burnt its roof. Locals came out to extinguish the fire to save the attached houses.

On January 23, another incident took place here. A day before the wedding of an Ahmadi girl, the wedding tents were torn open by unknown persons with a blade at midnight and set on fire. The Ahmadi family had to pay the cost of the damage to tents.



Ahmadiyya Mosque Goth Ali Murad, Dist. Badin

Attempt to torch Ahmadiyya mosque

Rawalpindi; August 30, 2022:

Unidentified miscreant tried to set Ahmadiyya mosque on Murree Road on fire

with petrol, at around 12:30 a.m. However, he did not succeed in the attempt.



Screenshots from CCTV



The matter was reported to the police. So the police inspected the site on 13 September

2022, and examined the nearby streets, and made enquiries from the neighbourhood and the shopkeepers. The senior police officers

showed adequate concern with the attempted arson.

Unlawful demand against Ahmadiyya mosque

Bhlair, District Kasur; September 15, 2022:



Before

Tehreek Labbaik (TLP) took out a procession here in which almost all the participants were outsiders. The police of the nearby village whose people were participating in the procession accompanied the troublemakers. The police came to the Ahmadiyya mosque on the complaint of Rana Nazar Hussain, who is not a resident of this village. The SHO visited the mosque and told Ahmadis to take down the minarets by 10 o'clock next morning, claiming these to be against the law. He was wrong; there is no law that Ahmadiyya place of worship cannot have a minaret or niche. He threatened Ahmadis with the registration of an FIR in case of non-compliance.

An Ahmadiyya delegation met the DPO and submitted a written request. The DPO said that whatever happens will be dealt with according to the law. He further stated that Ahmadiyya place of worship in Patuki does not have any minarets, so you should also remove them from here. After that, a meeting was held with

the DSP. He stated that the issue would be handled as per law. He phoned the SHO and stopped him from taking action until Monday. On September 17, the local Ahmadi president was informed that a few boys of the TLP were heading towards the village. It was feared that a procession would follow. Similarly, the SHO also came over and told Ahmadis to comply with the previous orders of taking down the minarets to resolve the issue.

Ahmadis were made to write an affidavit affirming that the niche and the five minarets will be covered so that passersby would not be able to see them. Ahmadis have undertaken to hide the niche by a surrounding wall in the adjacent plot and by installing cement or fiber sheets etc to cover the minarets.

The place would look ugly, so would the village; but the TLP and the authorities have little aesthetic sense for their own reasons, when dealing with Ahmadis.



After

Problem in worship

Lahore:

Karak House in Lahore is an Ahmadiyya property. The local community is facing problems in using it for religious purposes.

The only legal restriction on Ahmadis is to not call their mosques '*Masjid*' (PPC 298-B). Ahmadis in Pakistan abide by that, but anti-Ahmadi elements expand it at will to deny Ahmadis religious assemblies of any kind. Ahmadis are not allowed to build places of worship, and if they get together in small numbers at private locations for religious purposes, they are obstructed to do that.

Karak House is one such place. The mulla is active for years to deny Ahmadis its use for

religious purposes. Some in the official circles lean towards Ahmadis to provide some semblance of freedom of worship, while there are others who think that a denial to Ahmadis will improve their felicity in the Afterlife.

The Military Estate office has recently sent a fresh Notice to Ahmadis. The issue is sub-judice as well. The Law Ministry is also involved.

One wonders why the authorities are not moved by their Constitutional and International commitments to FoRB to Ahmadis, and thereby clinch this non-issue.

Actions against Ahmadiyya center in Lahore

Johar Town, Lahore; November 2022:

Opponents are maneuvering against Ahmadiyya Bait-ur-Rehman, Johar Town, Lahore. They have repeatedly submitted applications to the court and the administration. In all these activities, the neighbor of Ahmadiyya Center, Maulvi Ehsanul Haq, Maulvi Laeeq, Hasan Muawiya and the president of the local society Sheikh Nasir, are at the forefront. They have taken the matter to the police several times on various pretexts.

On November 6 at evening prayer time, the police came to Bait-ur-Rehman, took pictures of the hall and left a message to send the person in-charge to the police station immediately. After some time, the police came along with mullas and asked for the Ahmadiyya missionary. The security guard did

not open the door of the center and while talking on the phone, the police were told that Ahmadis would not meet in the presence of the other party. Ahmadis demanded a separate meeting.

On November 7, Ahmadis met with a senior police officer and informed him about the Ahmadiyya position. He referred the matter to his juniors. Ahmadi met accordingly and informed them that the opposition has developed a method that after some time they call the police and harass Ahmadis even though the High Court or the DC office have not granted them any relief. Opponents have made it a practice to put pressure on the local SHO to compel Ahmadis to make incremental concessions violating their rights.

Ahmadis were called to the SP office on November 8. The new SP was informed about

the entire past situation. He asked Ahmadis to remain careful.

Minarets of Ahmadiyya mosque under threat

Martin Road, Karachi; September 16, 2022:

On September 16, the Police and Rangers came to the Baitul Hamad, Martin Road, Karachi and met the local Ahmadiyya president. They said that people have objections against the minarets on the Ahmadiyya mosque, so Ahmadis should remove these to put an end to the issue. The president told them that these minarets are old and he would not remove them. The officials said that they knew that Ahmadiyya Jamaat is a peaceful Jamaat and this worship place is quite old but some people come to the police station with complaints every day. The officials solicited cooperation from Ahmadis.

Thereafter the police sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation to the police station the same day. The SHO confirmed that the worship place was old but the mullas have

approached high officials for removal of minarets. Ahmadis told him that they are law-abiding, and there is no law against minarets on Ahmadiyya places of worship. According to the law, Ahmadis are not allowed to call their mosque a 'Masjid' so they follow it; there is a ban on the *Adhan* (call for prayer), they do not call *Adhan*. Ahmadis do not have big loud speakers in their mosque. If these opponents say tomorrow that Ahmadis' names are the same as theirs or they breathe like them or they walk like them, will he still call them at fault? they added. "If it is written somewhere in law that minarets are illegal, then give us that quote and we will seek guidance from our elders", they argued. Their argument was weighty, and the issue rested there for the time being.

Four Ahmadis booked in the wake of minarets

Karachi; September 2022:

Ahmadiyya Hall in Karachi is in use of Ahmadis for religious purposes for well over half a century. One, Abdul Qadir Patel, in his sectarian zeal, prepared a representation to the police to deny Ahmadis this facility for the assembly, worship, etc.

Patel complained that the place looks somewhat like a mosque and any Muslim could mistakenly go into it for worship. He wrote down that the place was under the

management of 1. Mr. Sabahat Ahmad, 2. Colonel Suleman, 3. Mr. Abdul Rashid, 4. Mr. Nasir Ahmad. He demanded registration of a criminal case against the four accused and other members of the executive committee, for exemplary punishment under law. He also demanded that the minarets, niche and the dome, *Shaair-i-Islam*, should be demolished as per the constitution of Pakistan (sic).

The police initially took no action on this maniacal application, so he approached a sessions court under section 22-A and 22-B, on which the judge ordered registration of a case as per law. In the meantime, it is learnt that PS Preedy, on their own initiative, registered a criminal case, against the named four Ahmadis on September 9, 2022 with FIR No. 527/22 under anti-Ahmadiyya Sections PPC 298-B, 298-C and 34.

Ahmadis filed writ petition against the order of the Justice of Peace. The High Court graciously suspended the Order till next date

of hearing. However, there was no specific order concerning the FIR already registered.

October 6, 2022 was the date of hearing in Sindh High Court, Karachi. The Court rejected the plaintiff plea for registration of a police case, as the FIR had already been registered. Ahmadis filed another writ petition for the bail of one of the nominees in the above-mentioned case, Mr. Sabahat Ahmad, and for eviction of the case. At this, the Court granted the pre-arrest bail to Mr. Ahmad and gave next date of hearing for both matters.

Renovation of Ahmadiyya place of worship barred in Lahore

Green Town Lahore; February 2022:

A fiber shed was being installed in the prayer center Baitul Nassar, when people from the neighbourhood gathered there, objected and stopped the work. They said, "We do not tolerate Ahmadis worshipping here, so no one

should worship here except the locals and no construction should be undertaken. If you don't comply, we can do a lot." The shed installation work had to be stopped.

Threat to Ahmadiyya places of worship

275 RB Kartarpur, District Faisalabad; March 2022:

Hafiz Rafaqat who leads prayers in another village, came along with two of his friends, took pictures of the two Ahmadiyya places of worship here. Later, it was learnt that he lodged a complaint with PCP (Pakistan Citizen Portal) that the *Qadianis* had built two mosque-style places of worship, and Islamic rites were used openly.

In addition, it was alleged that Quranic verses had been used on houses and graves; this had caused a strong wave of grief and anger among Muslims; therefore, legal action should be taken against them.

Ahmadis feel threatened and insecure.

Kalima removed from Ahmadiyya mosque

Talharh Bali, District Khushab; April 13, 2022:

Police came to the Ahmadiyya mosque here and detained four Ahmadis including a local missionary allegedly for inadequate security measures. Later, the police released them after the assurance given by the Ahmadiyya administration.

On April 14, 2022 the police checked some other mosques. The mullas demanded removal of the *Kalima* on the Ahmadiyya mosque, for being visible from outside.

Ahmadis told them that they would not remove the *Kalima* themselves, nor would allow any civilian to do so, but if the officials in uniform remove it, Ahmadis will not resist.

Police insisted that Ahmadis remove the *Kalima*, and threatened them with a police case.



Kalima blackened at Talharh Bali Mosque

In the dark hours of 15-16 April 2022, the police sprayed out the *Kalima* from the Ahmadiyya mosque.

Islamic inscriptions removed from Ahmadis' homes

Ghoghyat, District Sargodha; June 3, 2022:

Earlier, police destroyed Ahmadis' gravestones here. On June 3, 2022 the local administration along with the police took away 'Mashallah' plates from the front walls of three Ahmadis' houses. Ahmadis felt harassed and wronged.

In the same context, the police demanded recorded evidence that the minaret and niche

of the Ahmadiyya mosque were built prior to 1984, otherwise threatened their destruction.

This attitude of the local authorities is highly sectarian and discriminatory against a small harmless community.

Five Ahmadis booked under anti-Ahmadi laws

Wazirabad, District Gujranwala; November 11, 2022:

Opponents lodged a complaint with police that the *Qadianis* had built a mosque-style place of worship, and used Islamic rites openly. The police registered a case against five Ahmadis with FIR Nr. 699, under sections 298-B and 298-C in Police Station Wazirabad City, District Gujranwala on November 11, 2022.

This mosque was built way back in 1915.



Wazirabad Mosque

Application to the AC - Translation:

To Assistant Commissioner Wazirabad

Respected Sir,

It is reported that in Moti Bazaar and Bakar Gala areas, the Qadianis have built a mosque-like room with a minaret in Moti Bazaar, which is hurting the sentiments of Muslims. Qadiani members are not allowed to construct mosque-like rooms or minarets, and therefore, it is requested that action be taken under sections 298-B and 298-C PPC. An immediate order should be issued to demolish the structure and declare it unauthorized.

Irfan Ilyas Butt s/o Muhammad Ilyas Butt Kashmiri
Resident of Khanki House, Mufti Coloney, GT Road, Wazirabad
Amir-PP51 Tehrik Labbaik Wazirabad
NIC No. 05201-7689062-9
0301-6207057

Hostility against Ahmadis in Faisalabad

District Faisalabad; June 2022:

Ahmadis are facing hostility in Faisalabad for long. Consequently, there is a significant increase in hostility towards Ahmadis. Ahmadis who put up some resistance are harassed with official assistance. Assistant

Commissioner Samundari sent for the local Ahmadiyya president and raised the mosque issue. In Chak 88, the police pressurized Ahmadis to demolish minarets and erase the Kalima (Islamic creed). Ahmadis offered to

cover them, so that passersby could not see them, but the police refused the option to the marginalized community.

This is despite the Supreme Court verdict that everyone is free to worship privately according to one's belief.

Freedom of worship curtailed

Khareppar, District Kasur; June 2022:

An Ahmadi gifted a piece of land to the Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya. A mission house was already present at the location. Ahmadis undertook construction of outer walls of this property. Someone filed a complaint with the SHO that Ahmadis were building a worship place there. The police visited the site and summoned the stakeholders to the police station on June 05, 2022, and told Ahmadis to

bring along the registration of the property. The SHO informed Ahmadis of the complainant's reservations and told them that they would not offer congregational prayer without obtaining an NOC. It was claimed that the neighborhood will be disturbed by the Ahmadis' worship, but they were shown the site map and told that the neighbors are Ahmadis, who had no objection against ritual worship.



The SHO told Ahmadis to expand their existing worship place, install CCTV for security, and to get an NOC for the new place if they wanted to worship there. The police forced Ahmadis to sign an undertaking not to build a worship place there without permission.

Hostile move against Ahmadiyya mosque

Okara; June 2022:

An anti-India rally was taken out in Okara city after Friday prayer, on June 1. When the rally passed in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque, they chanted anti-Ahmadi slogans. Arriving in front of the Press Club, they made speeches, referred to the minarets of the Ahmadiyya mosque, and demanded the DC and DPO to demolish these.

On June 15, one Wasim Abbas Kamboh Advocate wrote to SHO Police Station A

Division Okara that Jamaat Ahmadiyya had raised mosque-style minarets and other inscriptions at the Ahmadiyya worship place in F-Block in violation of the Constitution of Pakistan and the decisions of the High Courts (sic). This illegal act of the Qadianis accused has severely hurt the feelings of the Muslims, therefore action should be taken against the accused by removing the minarets and other structures, he wrote. In this regard, the police

officers visited the Ahmadiyya mosque the same night. They asked Ahmadis to submit their reply in writing, which they did on June 17.

Ahmadis stated that there is no law that forbids Ahmadis to have minarets or Islamic epithets in their mosques. This mosque was

built prior to Ordinance XX of 1984; as such, the Ordinance does not apply to this mosque. Similarly, this issue was raised with the DC Okara a few years ago; the case was closed after due process.

Okara; October 2022:

On October 14, an Ahmadiyya delegation was called to the DC office, where a meeting was held with senior officials. The Ahmadiyya delegation submitted their position verbally and in writing along with various decisions of the judiciary in this regard. The authorities expressed their compulsion in the face of (assumed) threat to law and order. Ahmadis made it clear to them that they would not undertake any demolition of the minarets nor

make any changes to the building. It was the duty of the administration to deal with crowds and mobs. The DC told Ahmadis to raise the outer walls of Ahmadiyya mosque and cover the minarets with fiber sheets, so these are not visible from outside.

Ahmadis agreed to co-operate in implementation of these rather freaky proposals.

Graffiti on Ahmadiyya mosque

Chak Chatha, District Hafizabad; June 9, 2022:

The local Ahmadiyya mosque is located at the main road, 'Bait ul Zikr Ahmadiyya' is written on its main gate. On June 9, an unidentified person blackened the word 'Ahmadiyya' and graffitied 'Kafir Khana' (infidel house) on the outer wall.



Ahmadiyya mosque targeted

Chak 88 GB, Hasyana, District Faisalabad; 30 June & 1 July 2022:

Opponents of Ahmadiyyat approached the police here against the minarets and inscriptions on Ahmadiyya mosque. Subsequently, the police registered a case under section PPC 298-B against four Ahmadi elders of Chak 88 on February 19, 2022. They are on bail.

Later the opponents filed a writ in the court for expeditious follow-up. At this, the police called the local Ahmadi elders to Dijkot police station and pressurized them to remove the minarets and the Kalima (Islamic Creed) from the Ahmadiyya mosque. Ahmadis informed them of their rights under law and Constitution.

On the night of June 30, the Tehsildar, the Patwari and a police contingent came to the village. Ahmadis feared desecration of their mosque by these officials, but due to non-availability of the Town Committee staff, there was no action and the police went back. On July 1, a heavy police contingent along with more than 20 police vehicles and the staff of the town committee assembled at the Dijkot police station till late at night, but took no action.

On August 5, the police sent for Ahmadis. The Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station and met the senior police officers.

They told the Ahmadiyya delegation that they were under a lot of pressure and the situation had become sensitive. If Ahmadis allow it, they will remove the minaret and the Kalima of the mosque. One senior police officer said that according to the Constitution, Ahmadis were not allowed to build minarets, at which he was told that there was no such provision. The police then threatened them with cancellation of their bails and inclusion of their names in the Fourth Schedule. The police told Ahmadis to remove the minaret and the Kalima within a few days.

On August 7, Ahmadis met with higher police officers on this issue. The officers told them that they were looking for a way out, only the minarets and Kalima should be removed, in the first instance. At this, Ahmadis offered that they would raise their walls as to cover the minarets and the Kalima. In reply, the officers said that they would talk to the opponent party and then get back. They told Ahmadis that the law is against them; if the police wanted, they can remove both the things. Ahmadis told them that they will not do this themselves, nor would they allow any civilian do that, but if the police want to undertake this enormity, Ahmadis will not confront the police.

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Even Dead not Spared



This year, the Punjab Police committed the unspeakable outrage of desecrating the Kalima and other scriptural writings on gravestones of Ahmadis. In all, 120 such desecrations and demolitions were undertaken by authorities on behalf of religious extremists. The Punjab was ruled throughout this year by a coalition government of PTI and PML-Q. Mr. Parvez Elahi was the chief minister from July 27, 2022 on-ward.

In addition to the above, the encouraged religious goons did the same or worse to 24 graves.

A hassle or altercation over burial is always immensely disturbing and stressful for the family of the deceased. Although the law does not forbid burial of Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis in a common cemetery, mullas often attempt to deny Ahmadis a peaceful burial in common cemeteries where their elders were buried in the past. Police and Admin often take the side of the majority and compel Ahmadis to make fresh arrangements which is often very problematic at short notice.

At Peshawar they dug up the remains of an Ahmadi who died 25 years ago and dumped these outside.





Cemeteries, like places of worship and other holy sites, are an essential element of the manifestation of the right to freedom of religion or belief. Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) enshrines the right to manifest religion or belief in a community with others. Religious communities typically have religious rites and practices for the disposal of the deceased in their own cemeteries that are protected under Article 18. The International Religious Freedom Act, as amended (IRFA), specifically notes that the desecration of cemeteries is a violation of the freedom of religion or belief.

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Trespassing on burial places, etc.:

Whoever, with the intention of wounding the feelings of any person, or of insulting the religion of any person, or with the knowledge that the feelings of any person are likely to be wounded, or that the religion of any person is likely to be insulted thereby, commits any trespass in any place of worship or on any place of sculpture, or any place set apart for the performance of funeral rites or as a, depository for the remains of the dead, or offers any indignity to any human corpse or causes disturbance to any persons assembled for the performance of funeral ceremonies, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both..

PPC-297 (PAKISTAN PENAL CODE ACT XLV OF 1860)



Police desecrate 53 Ahmadis' graves in Gujranwala

Talwandi Khajurwali, District Gujranwala; July 6 & 7, 2022:

The Punjab Police again committed the same enormity as they were used to during the earlier Usman Buzdar (PTI) rule. They destroyed 53 Ahmadiyya gravestones — in District Gujranwala.

Earlier in June 2022, the opponents had written to Rahwali Cantt police station against the use of Islamic inscriptions in the Ahmadiyya cemeteries of Talwandi Khajurwali. The police was investigating the issue. The police told Ahmadis that their graves had Kalima written on them. They were told that the Constitution does not forbid Ahmadis use of Islamic scripts, but as per law they cannot pose to be Muslims. Ahmadis can surely act according to their beliefs within their own walls. Therefore, Ahmadis offered to build a wall around their graveyard to solve the issue. The police didn't agree to that.

There are two Ahmadiyya cemeteries in Talwandi Khajurwali; one is located on Thatta Dadar Road and the other on Ballewala Road. There are a few graves of Ahmadis in the joint cemetery.

At about midnight of 6 and 7 July, 2022, a heavy police force from Rahwali Cantt arrived at the Ahmadiyya cemetery at Ballewala Road in five vehicles and broke down 19 tombstones there. Thereafter they went to the cemetery at Thatta Dadar Road, and destroyed 34 gravestones there. The police thus destroyed 53 Ahmadis' tombstones in total, and took away all the debris with them. Prior to the operation, the police had blocked the surrounding area by putting up a barricade, and no one was allowed to come near.

The Punjab is ruled jointly these days by PML-Q and PTI, with Mr. Pervez Elahi as the chief minister.



Police destroyed 45 Ahmadiyya tombstones in District Hafizabad, Punjab

Premkot, District Hafizabad; 4/5 February 2022:

A police contingent accompanied by a few laborers destroyed 45 Ahmadiyya tombstones in the local graveyard, on demand of opponents of the Ahmadiyya community.

The Ahmadiyya Press Section SAA tweeted: *“The illegal act taken by the @DHafizabad Police against the Ahmadiyya Community is not only an act of violation of Human Rights, but also it is an act that has further dimmed the face of our beloved country Pakistan in the eyes of the international community.”*¹

A few of the destroyed tombstones carried no Islamic words whatsoever; still these did not escape police outrage. Tombstones put up even before 1974 (nearly half a century ago) were not spared, despite their historic value.

A few months ago, a local anti-Ahmadi activist, Omar Hayat wrote to DPO Hafizabad against pious and Islamic writings on Ahmadi homes and graves. Ahmadis have built their place of worship like a mosque, the bigot complained. He also put up a writ in the Sessions Court, which the judge disposed off on November 22, 2021.

The miscreants agitated the issue once again in January this year. The DSP Sadar sent for the president of the local Ahmadi community and told him to efface all those writings that had been covered two months earlier with plates, and report compliance to the police. Ahmadis told him that they do not efface scriptural writings and referred to the verdict of the Sessions Judge. The DSP paid no attention to that and threatened: *“Wait till a procession will come out, will set your homes on fire and burn you all as was done in Peoples Colony, Gujranwala (where three Ahmadis died), then the Sessions Judge will come to save you.”* He also threatened Ahmadis with being booked under PPC 295-C (penalty death).

A few days thereafter, the police itself undertook the sacrilege. In the meantime, an activist of TLP, who was drunk, beat up a servant of the Ahmadi District Amir. At another occasion, he hurled abuse against Ahmadis outside the Amir’s residence and beat up Mr. Akhlaq Ahmad, an Ahmadi. The police were informed of these violations of communal peace, but they apparently took no formal notice.

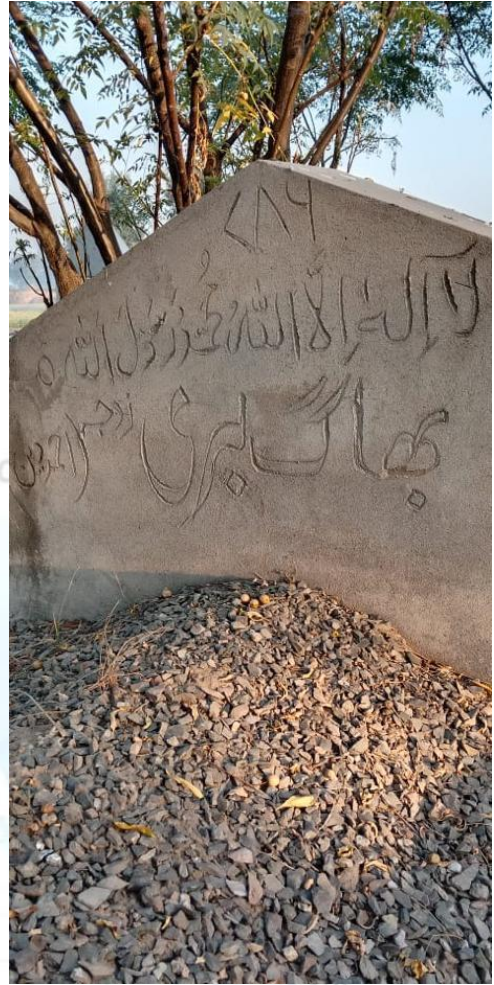
Voice of America initially reported² the incident, but for reasons, removed it from the website and pointed it again with additional information. We produce below some extracts from the same that report the official response:

¹ <https://twitter.com/PressSectionSAA/status/1490265236846305283?s=20>

² <https://www.urduvoa.com/a/ahmedi-graves-desecrated-by-punjab-police-in-hafizabad-07feb2022/6430498.html>

- According to the police spokesman the actions taken on 4/5 February night were necessary to maintain law and order in the area.
- DC Hafizabad told VOA that this issue was discussed a few days earlier in the District Intelligence Committee and they deliberated on its legal aspects. According to him, the Ahmadi community was on board, and no action was taken without their consent, nor should it have been taken.
- The DC said that the Ahmadiyya community had given in writing that they would remove Islamic Shaair from their homes and graves. They did remove these from their homes but not from their graves; this again caused (communal) tension.
- The DC said the law-enforcing departments and the district administration are persistently monitoring the whole issue; local Ahmadi community is in contact with us all along. They are co-operating with us and they have no problem.
- The DC Hafizabad stated that both the parties had signed an agreement on Stamp Paper according to which the Ahmadi community was given six days to efface all writings considered pious by Muslims.
- The high district official told (us) that Muhammad Luqman, the District General Secretary of the Ahmadi community had committed his people on a Stamp Paper that they are not under any pressure of the Police, District Administration or anyone else.
- On termination of the given six-days deadline by the police, the SHO Police Station Sadr Hafizabad toured the village and reported that the agreement has been implemented and the Ahmadi community had effaced all Islamic writings on their homes.
- The DC and DPO presented the issue to the District Peace Committee, wherein the Police was instructed to take necessary action to maintain law and order and to destroy (*khatam kiyay jain*) tombstones of such graves.
- Ahmadi spokesperson accused the police and the district administration to use the disputed laws to placate anti-Ahmadi elements.
- In response to the Ahmadis, the Deputy Commissioner said that the removal of Islamic words from graves was Ahmadis' responsibility. However when the administration undertook the same, the graves have not been desecrated, no grave was destroyed so those who are propagating desecration of graves are entirely in the wrong.

We do not undertake here a detailed analysis of the 'rights and wrongs' in the above statements; they betray clearly the stress, strain, and plight of the local Ahmadi community at the hands of the bigots, the police and the administration.



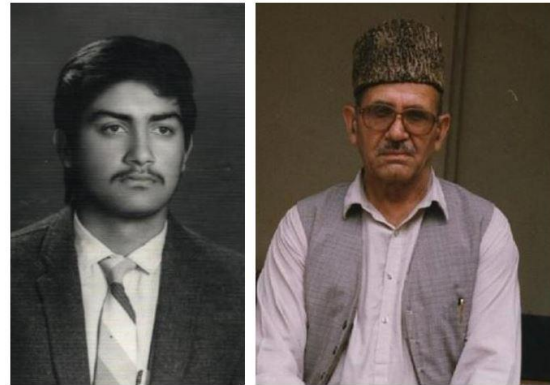
Premkot, Dist. Hafizabad

Extremists dig up Ahmadi remains and dump these outside, after 25 years

Sangu Hayatabad, Peshawar; May 20, 2022:

Ashfaq Ahmad was buried in 1997 in Sangu Hayatabad. On May 20, 2022, anti-Ahmadiyya elements dug up his grave and dumped his remains outside. On receiving the information, his sister along with a woman went to the graveyard, gathered his remains and buried them elsewhere. There is a risk that the perpetrators could repeat this enormity at other locations in the area.

In the recent past, several Ahmadis were target-killed in Peshawar area. The killers threatened attacks in posters wherein they



Son
Ishfaq Ahmad (whose remains were removed from the grave)
Reason - he was an Ahmadi Muslim

Father
Dr Muhammad Sarwar Khan (who was shot dead at his doorstep)
Reason - he was an Ahmadi Muslim

gave their phone numbers. The authorities failed to take effective measures against the extremist bigots. The province is ruled by PTI.

As an alarming note, we have presented his photograph along with his father - an Ahmadi physician who was murdered for his faith on March 19, 2008

Forty-three gravestones of Ahmadis dead destroyed by the Punjab Police

Peeru Chak, District Sialkot; April 2022:

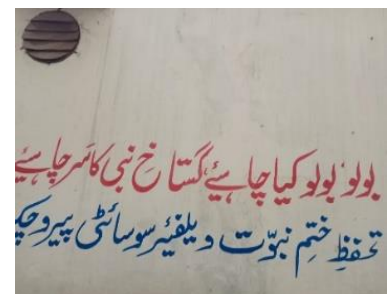
Anti-Ahmadiyya wall chalking was done here at places and graffiti was done on the front of the Ahmadiyya mosque: **“Tell me what you want? Head of a blasphemer!”** Ahmadis informed the police.

Bilal Butt, an anti-Ahmadi activist of *Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat*, filed a complaint with PS Motra against Ahmadis for allegedly violating anti-Ahmadiyya Sections PPCs 298-B and 298-C. On March 24, the locals went to the neighboring village and

announced there to come to Peeru Chak to help Islam by prosecuting *Qadianis*.

These religious thugs

then went to see DSP Daska and accused Ahmadis of using Islamic rites.



Wall Chalking

On March 28, the SHO police came to the graveyard and started destroying Ahmadis' tombstones along with locals. Ahmadis asked him to show the formal orders. At this, the police quit and left. They had desecrated two graves by then.

On April 6, Assistant Commissioner Daska along with the SHO police station Motra and a heavy contingent came to the graveyard and destroyed 43 tombstones on Ahmadis' graves.



Ahmadiyya graveyard sealed and burial denied to an Ahmadi woman, grave discrimination and violation of Ahmadis' HR by officials

Peeru Chak, District Sialkot; November 2022:

An anti-Ahmadi activist of *Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat*, filed a complaint with PS Motra against Ahmadis for allegedly violating anti-Ahmadiyya Sections PPCs 298-B and 298-C. On March 24, the locals went to the neighboring village and urged them to come to Peeru Chak to help Islam by prosecuting Qadianis. On March 28, the SHO police came to the graveyard along with locals and started destroying Ahmadis' tombstones. On April 6, Assistant Commissioner Daska along with the SHO police station Motra and a heavy contingent came to the graveyard and destroyed 43 tombstones of Ahmadis.

This graveyard has the graves of Ahmadis on one side and non-Ahmadis' on the other, and has been thus shared for the past 71 years. A few days ago an Ahmadi woman Ms. Bushra Bibi died. Arrangements were made for her burial in the said cemetery, but the administration, on the complaint of mulla, did

not allow Ahmadis to bury the dead. The administration was told by Ahmadis that this place is reserved for the burial of Ahmadis. The officials threatened that Ahmadis should 'cooperate' otherwise their names would be put in the Fourth Schedule and a criminal case could be registered against them. They were told that every time it is Ahmadis who cooperate with the administration while the opponents create problems and get away with their wrongful demands. They have four graveyards in the village, while Ahmadis have only one.

This matter was then sent to the District Core Management Peace Committee, on which they opined that the cemetery was allotted to Muslim emigrants at the time of Partition, the majority of whom were Qadianis. Despite the constitutional amendment, there was no dispute over the burials until 6 months ago. Later, differences arose, and the situation has

become volatile which can cause a dangerous incident at any time. Apart from the disputed cemetery in Peeru Chak there are four cemeteries for Muslims. The Qadiani side has more graves in the disputed cemetery. Organizations that maintain law and order should find a permanent and sustainable solution to this so that there will be no threat to peace, they timidly suggested.

On this, surprisingly the AC decided to seal the Ahmadiyya part of the cemetery and said

that some other area of the government land would be allotted for the cemetery. Ms. Bushra's dead body had to be carried away from her village for burial elsewhere.

The province of Punjab is ruled these days by the PTI and PML-Q. A few days later, Mr. Imran Khan the PTI chief stated elaborately in his political sermon to his huge rally in Rawalpindi: *"No society can progress sans justice."*

Authorities destroy another 30 Ahmadiyya gravestones

Ghoghyat Tehsil Bhera, District Sargodha; May 11, 2022:

The Punjab Police again committed the enormity as they were used to during the Usman Buzdar rule. They destroyed 30 Ahmadiyya grave stones — this time in District Sargodha.

The situation of Ahmadis has been deteriorating here for the last four years. The mulla staged a sit-in on May 9, 2022, in Miani Chowk. The administration lifted the sit-in by promising them compliance with their demands within three days.

In this regard, the office of the Deputy Commissioner sent for the Ahmadi seniors on May 10. District Police Officer, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, DO Special Branch, a

meeting. They started by saying that the District Intelligence Committee had decided that they have to maintain peace at all costs. Detention orders and 4th Schedule nominations have also been decided. The DPO pressurized the Ahmadiyya delegation to remove the *Kalima* from the gravestones themselves. The Ahmadiyya delegation conveyed their stance that they will not remove it themselves but if the administration does this, they will not resist. They also told the Ahmadiyya delegation to sign the note of proceedings. The next day, the administration destroyed the tombstones of 30 Ahmadis' graves, with the help of a cutter. They cut off the part with Arabic inscriptions and took the



major of Military Intelligence, CTD, District Officer of IB, and ISI officers attended the

debris with them. The operation was

undertaken at 3 p.m. when most people were inside homes due to extreme heat.

The authorities in this huge province should know that you do not maintain peace

by insulting and persecuting further the already marginalized sections of the society. You are expected to maintain peace by use of all lawful means at your disposal against aggressive bigots and sectarian thugs.

Ahmadiyya graveyard desecrated in Faisalabad

Chak 203 RB Manawala, District Faisalabad; August 21-22, 2022:

Unidentified miscreants leveled 16 Ahmadis' graves situated in the pre-partition common graveyard. Ahmadis informed the police about the incident. The following news item was published in the Friday Times¹, (extracts):

Unidentified Miscreants Desecrate 16 Ahmadiyya Graves

The Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya (JA) claimed on Tuesday that unidentified miscreants had desecrated 16 graves in Faisalabad district.

The men, according to the JA, desecrated the graves located in a walled communal graveyard in Chak 203-RB Mananwala on the midnight of August 21 and 22. The graveyard has been functioning since 1947.

The JA said the incident had left the kin of those buried there grief-stricken. They, the community said, expected the government to mete justice.



Ahmadis are severely persecuted in Muslim-majority Pakistan where discrimination enjoys legal and constitutional sanction. An Ahmadi was earlier killed in a targeted attack on May 17. The burial of two Ahmadis was impeded separately over the year. An Ahmadi worship place was sealed in Mirpur Khas. The graves of 173 Ahmadis have been desecrated. Thirty-one confession-based cases have been lodged. ...

Four more Ahmadiyya graves desecrated in Hafizabad — this time with graffiti

¹ <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2022/08/24/unidentified-miscreants-desecrate-16-Ahmadiyya-graves/>

Prem Kot, District Hafizabad; November 22-23, 2022:

Maulvi Umar Hayyat and his associate Ali are active in inciting the people against Ahmadis. These two miscreants desecrated graves of four Ahmadis with ‘Muhammad’ and ‘Ali’ written as part of the names on the gravestones. They graffitied ‘Kuta Qadiani’ (Qadiani Dog) on the back of the tombstones.

Earlier, they accomplished with the help of the police, desecration of 45 Ahmadis’ tombstones in February.



Three Ahmadiyya gravestones torn down in Faisalabad

**89 Ratan, District Faisalabad;
November 20, 2022:**

Unidentified miscreants tore down three Ahmadiyya gravestones at midnight. Police were informed about the incident.



Burial denied to Ahmadi

354 JB, District Toba Tek Singh; February 3, 2022:

Mr. Muhammad Akram, an Ahmadi, passed away on February 3, 2022. Arrangements were made for his burial and a grave was prepared. The cemetery is divided in two sections but these have not been allotted yet. At the time of burial, some miscreants came there and

started filling the grave; they said that they will not allow an outsider’s dead body to be buried there. The *Numberdar* was contacted to settle the matter, but he was not cooperative. The dead body had to be taken far away for burial.

Ahmadis stopped from offering funeral prayers of an Ahmadi

Arukay, District Sheikhpura; January 16, 2022:

Mr. Munir Ahmad, an Ahmadi, died here. He was the only Ahmadi in the village, and had no children. Ahmadis arranged for his last

rites, meanwhile his non-Ahmadi relatives gathered at his residence. They stopped Ahmadis from offering Mr. Ahmad’s funeral

prayers and burial, and insisted that only they would undertake the final disposal of the

deceased. Ahmadis had to concede to avoid conflict.

Ahmadiyya graveyard under threats

Sahiwal, District Sargodha; November 2022:

In 2003, 4 kanals of land was allotted to Ahmadis for a cemetery in Sahiwal, District Sargodha. Ahmadis had started with burials and had constructed a surrounding wall and a room there. Muhammad Yusuf Rahmani, an opponent applied on various forums against the Ahmadiyya graveyard, like Assistant Commissioner, SHO Sahiwal police station and also in the court under 22A and B. In this petition, he accused Saeed Ahmad, an Ahmadi, of putting proselytizing pamphlets on the wall and when told to stop, he engaged in preaching and occupied the said area and built a graveyard there (sic). Earlier, the accused had attempted to build a Qadiani place of worship in Nawan Lok, which was foiled by the scholars. Due to his actions, the

religious sentiments of Muslims have been hurt so action should be taken against him, he complained falsely.

The Assistant Commissioner sent for Ahmadis. The Ahmadiyya delegation showed him the allotment papers, to which he objected that the allotment orders need to be accompanied by transfer documents, which are missing. Therefore, Ahmadis should present some solid evidence of ownership; otherwise, the graves of Ahmadis will be removed. Moreover, he called for reports from Tehsildar and Patwari. Earlier, two officers along with mullas visited the site. The case now lies in a court.

Police action against tombstones in Ahmadiyya graveyard

Talwandi Khajurwali, District Gujranwala; June 2022:

Opponents filed a complaint with police against the Ahmadiyya cemetery in Talwandi Khajurwali, District Gujranwala, under 100 signatures of people from the surrounding villages. The police sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation on June 3 and told them to remove Islamic writings from gravestones. The delegation quoted the law and offered that Ahmadis would build a wall around the

cemetery, but the police insisted on the opponents' demand.

The matter is under police process. Ahmadis feel greatly discriminated and depressed.

Subsequently, the police removed 53 gravestones from two graveyards. See details under the first story in this chapter.

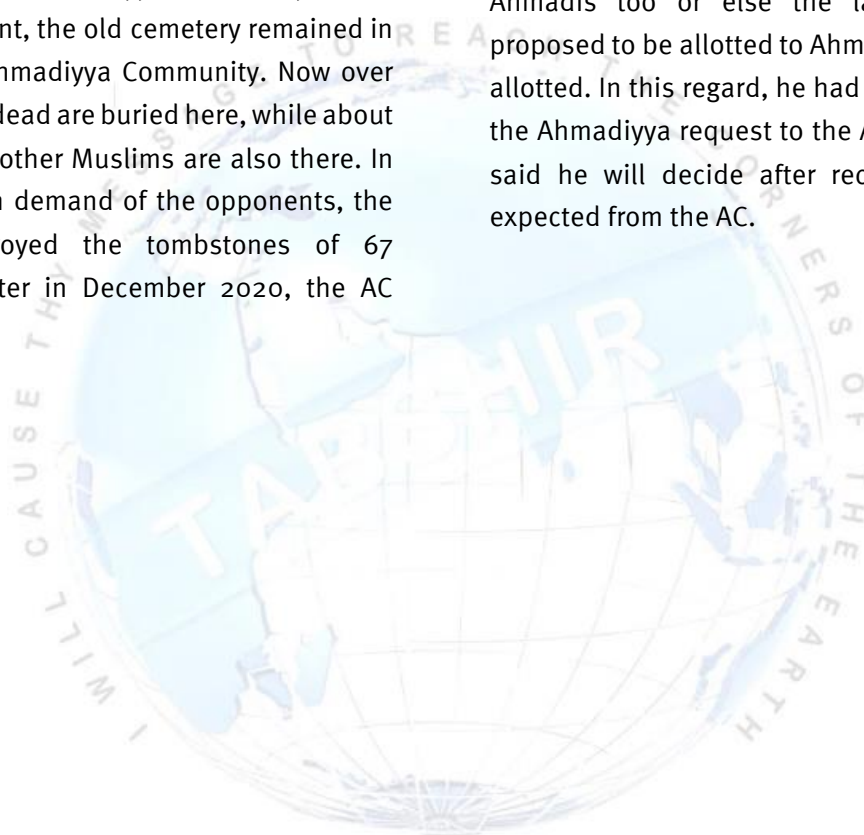
Where to bury the dead after sealing of Ahmadiyya graveyard?

Trigri, District Gujranwala; December 2022:

There was a common cemetery here in which Ahmadis and other Muslims used to bury their dead. In 1967, after the acquisition of land, a cemetery, about one kilometer from the village, was allocated for the rest of the Muslims, and the villagers, by mutual consent and unanimous decision, gave the old cemetery to the Ahmadiyya Community. Under this agreement, the old cemetery remained in use of the Ahmadiyya Community. Now over 230 Ahmadi dead are buried here, while about 50 graves of other Muslims are also there. In July 2020, on demand of the opponents, the police destroyed the tombstones of 67 Ahmadis. Later in December 2020, the AC

sealed the said graveyard and sent up a proposal to allot another place for Ahmadis.

On December 7, 2022, during the meeting with ADCG (Additional Deputy Commissioner General), this matter was discussed and he was told that the Trigri graveyard had been de-sealed for Muslims; it should be de-sealed for Ahmadis too or else the land that was proposed to be allotted to Ahmadis should be allotted. In this regard, he had earlier marked the Ahmadiyya request to the AC. On this, he said he will decide after receipt of report expected from the AC.



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Problems in Education Job & Businesses



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

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

Expulsion of 22 Ahmadi students from schools this year for the faith of their parents is horrific. Numerous Ahmadis had to close down their businesses in rented premises, as the religious bigots demanded that from the proprietors. Tehrik e Labbaik, the infamous religious political party, plays a leading role in all such activities. Essential details of various incidents are made available in this chapter.





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)

The States Parties to the present Covenant undertake to ensure the equal right of men and women to the enjoyment of all civil and political rights set forth in the present Covenant.

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ARTICLE 3)

Every citizen shall have the right and the opportunity, without any of the distinctions mentioned in article 2 and without unreasonable restrictions to have access, on general terms of equality, to public service in his country.

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ARTICLE 25)



Nationalization of Ahmadiyya Schools & Colleges

- Between 1947 and 1972, Ahmadiyya Community owned and operated a number of educational institutions in Punjab, Pakistan. In 1972, the government of Pakistan introduced a policy of nationalization of educational institutions throughout Pakistan. Hence, 8 schools and 2 colleges were nationalized by the government. These include;
 - Talim-ul-Islam (Primary and High) School, Rabwah
 - Nusrat Girls (Primary and High) School, Rabwah
 - Fazl-e-Umar High School, Rabwah
 - Talim-ul-Islam High School, Kharian, Gujrat
 - Ahmadiyya Primary School, Shadiwal, Gujrat
 - Talim-ul-Islam Primary School, Chukananwali, Gujrat
 - Talim-ul-Islam High School, Ghatialian, Sialkot
 - Ahmadiyya Girls High School, Sialkot
 - Talimul Islam College, Rabwah
 - Jamia Nusrat College, Rabwah

Note (The case of two colleges is slightly different)

- In 1996, a gazette notification No: SO (A-1) SA-1-18/90-A-III dated 28-07-1996 was issued by the Government of Punjab giving the owners of nationalized educational institutions the option to regain control of their institutions upon fulfilment of certain criteria and interest returned numerous other institutions to their original owners.
- Despite fulfilling all terms & conditions & repeated requests from the Community, the Punjab Government has taken no action.
- All the terms and conditions prescribed by the relevant authorities were complied with, and a sum of Rs. 1,10,12,483/- equal to the emoluments and allowances of the staff for six months to one year was deposited in the government treasury at that time.
- The Supreme Court in its ruling of Feb 22, 2000 clearly stated that the ownership of nationalized institutions rests with the original owners. However, this right of ownership has been denied to the Community despite the clear verdict of Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- Again in July 2002, under the revised notification No. S.O. (R&B) 1-18/90-A-III a scheme for Denationalization of Nationalized educational institutions to previous managements was issued. Subsequent to the revised notification, the Community applied to the Government of the Punjab on 13.7.2002 to denationalize these as well. The government has not done so. The community moved writ petitions in the Lahore High Court. However, the hearing on these writ petitions is also pending for the last two years and this matter is still lingering.
- To-date the Punjab Government has not denationalized Ahmadiyya institutions despite several reminders sent by the Ahmadiyya community to the government since 1997.

Education

18 Ahmadi children expelled from schools

District Jhang, Punjab; October 2022:

An Ahmadi girl was told by her teacher in Sajid Public School to not write the epithet *Sallalaho Eleihe Wasallam* in Arabic script next to the Holy Prophet (PBUH), as she might write it incorrectly. She complied. Some miscreants made an issue of this, told the shopkeepers to boycott Ahmadis, and took out hostile processions after the Friday prayer.

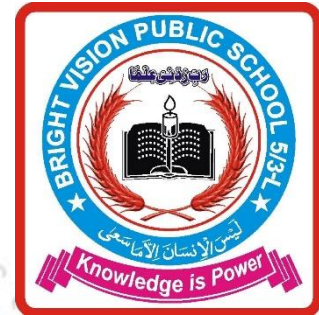
The situation became agitated and the police and security agencies had to intervene. They rendered their own reports.

In fact, Ahmadis, as much as most non-Ahmadis, routinely use in vernacular respectful epithets when referring to the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the Prophets, the Companions and all holy personages in Islam. All scholars in religious academia know this in Pakistan.

However, in the face of the mulla, and due to inadequate support from the administration, headmasters and principals find it

more convenient and opportune to expel Ahmadi students. Here also, the principal of this school and that of the Bright Vision School expelled 18 Ahmadi children from their institutions. Other schools in the area are reluctant to accommodate them. Social boycott of Ahmadis has been imposed in the area.

It is a distressing situation.



Four Ahmadi children expelled from school for their faith

Mithial, District Attock; September 22, 2022:

International Human Rights Committee issued the following Incident Report on September 24, 2022 (extracts):

CHILDREN IN PAKISTAN EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL JUST FOR BEING AHMADI MUSLIM WITH BLATANT DISCRIMINATION & DENIAL OF RIGHT TO EDUCATION

A school in Pakistan has expelled four Ahmadi students merely on the basis of their faith and belief.

In a shocking expulsion document, the franchise of The Educators Schools Network in Attock, Pakistan blatantly violated the basic human right to education.

In its expulsion document, the Principal wrote:

“The following students who were studying in this institute are being withdrawn on the basis of Qadianiat [a derogatory term for Ahmadis] Religion.”

We add the following information and developments received subsequently. These children were studying in this school, The Educators (Mithial Campus), for the last three years. Their names and classes are as follows:

- Miss Hazifa Nasir Class III
- Miss Anila Aaqib Class VI
- Mr. Abir Ahmad Saifi Class IX
- Miss Namrah Qureshi Class X

Anti-Ahmadi hate campaign has gone on in this area for long, and the authorities have done little to confront it or reduce it. For example, a cricket tournament is held regularly in Kasran, and the publicity posters mention specifically: **“Qadianis are not allowed to participate in it.”** The authorities let it pass as if un-noticed.

This hate-campaign had entered this school as well and the Ahmadi children faced ill-will, ridicule and harassment from some of their fellow students and even some teaching staff. Reportedly there was pressure, internal as well as external, on the lady principal to



throw out the Ahmadi students. It is learnt that the principal, unwillingly and woefully, issued the letter: See Annex IV

“The following students who were studying in this institute are being withdrawal on the basis of Qadianiat Religion.

“Institute is unable to keep continue their study from now onward.” (sic)

The issue got publicity on social media etc, and some sections of H.R. organizations, journalists and civil society expressed their concern over it. The BBC issued a report on the incident in its bbc.com/urdu; so did the independenturdu.com. As a result, some senior officials in the district administration, education, police and the school management had a meeting with the parents of the victims and decided to step backward from the expulsion of the children from the school. The principal was good enough to apologize over the incident.



The school administration, thereafter, asked the parents to sign a statement of reconciliation. The parents felt hesitant to do that without further consultation and deliberation, as sending the children back to the school in the resultant atmosphere of greater hostility and prejudice might be of the unacceptable degree.

Ahmadi students expelled from hostel

Islamabad; October 2022:

Five Ahmadi students from Rabwah took admission in various universities in Islamabad and booked a room in a boys' hostel located in Sector F-8. They paid two months' fee in advance. The hostel management asked for the ATM slip of the fee deposited. The slip that was sent to them had Rabwah written on it. For this, they expelled

these students from their hostel saying that they are Ahmadis, and they do not accommodate Ahmadis. Further, hostel management said that they have 24 hostels, where they do not accommodate students from religious communities. A bizarre and false reasoning! Almost all students in Pakistan belong to some religious community.

Anti-Ahmadiyya lectures at government school

Rajanpur; February 27, 2022:

On February 26, local *Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat* invited an anti-Ahmadi mulla Irfan Mahmood Barq to Rajanpur. On February 27, he held anti-Ahmadiyya sittings in different parts of the city, two of which were at the Government High School. The school assembled the students in the playground and mulla Barq delivered fifty-minute anti-Ahmadiyya lectures. There, he promoted his anti-Ahmadiyya book, "*Radde Qadianiat* (Rebuttal of *Qadianiat*), *Islam or Science k katehry mein* (in the courtroom of Islam and Science)".



Irfan Mahmood Barq

Ahmadi lady teacher fired from job

Green Town Lahore; February 2022:

The wife of Mr. Tariq Majeed Rana, an Ahmadi, living in this neighbourhood is a teacher in a local school. After the agitation of Green Town Ahmadiyya worship place, she

was fired from the job. When contacted, the school principal said that he did that unwillingly as he was under pressure.

Anti-Ahmadiyya course in Air University

Islamabad; December 2022:

Ahmadis face opposition in all walks of life in Pakistan. In the past few years, opposition in the education field has also increased. This includes expulsion of Ahmadi students from educational institutions simply for being Ahmadi, the teaching of the End of Prophethood in schools and colleges, and problems created for Ahmadi teachers.

The courses in the Air University Islamabad campus for the year 2021-22 in Islamic Studies & Ethics includes a section against Ahmadis, titled: "Seal of the Prophets: Constitutional Status of Qadiyaniat". This course covers various topics regarding Ahmadiyya leadership, *fatwas* (religious edicts) against Ahmadis and other anti-Ahmadiyya matters. Air University is a semi-government university established in 2001-2. Currently, the chairman of the university's board of governors is Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Babar Sidhu, the current chief of the Pakistan Air Force, while members include Dr. Zarqa Mehmood a senator, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed

former chairman of the Higher Education Commission, etc.



Non-Muslim students and teachers are generally believed to be 'unequal others' but all of them are not believed to be equally unequal. Therefore, it is also helpful to have an idea of the subtle differences in discrimination with regard to different communities. Of all "non-Muslims", the Ahmadiyya community suffers the most from discrimination and oppression, an example of which can be observed in the above-mentioned case.

A high priority education issue in Chiniot!

Chiniot; August 27, 2022:

These days when Pakistan is facing flood disaster of 'Biblical dimensions', huge economic downturn, political turmoil, sky-high inflation etc., the high-sounding District Education Authority's Chief Executive Officer (CHINIOT) is agitated over faith identity of Ahmadi students. He issued an order, No. 2024/(G) dated August 27, 2022, through the District Education Officers to all the stake

holders to verify their records and ensure that 'Ahmadi/Qadiani' students were registered in their own religious synonym – *whatever that means*.

The order threatens surprise visits and warns the concerned authority and Head Teachers with 'strict action' in case of any lapse. Compliance certificate was demanded

within 3 days – ‘without fail’. This letter is produced as Annex V.

Ahmadi student harassed by the principal

Chak 109 RB, Jaranwala District Faisalabad; April 18, 2022:

Miss Shams ul Mubeen is a student of Second Year at Degree College, Chak 209 RB District Faisalabad.

On April 18, someone graffitied against the Principal on college walls and tore up Quranic verses, Ahadith and Khatme Nabuwat inscriptions. The Principal accused Mubeen of the mischief; she vehemently denied the accusation.

Thereafter the college administration posted a notice that the one guilty of tearing away Quranic and Hadith posters will be duly punished.

Under the circumstances, Mubeen had to stop going to the college. However, in view of the commencement of the exams, she has started attending the college again.

A mulla wrote to the DC against Ahmadi teachers in Rabwah

Rabwah; October 2022:

Mulla Tauseef Ahmad, of Jamia Masjid Khatme Nabuwat, Muslim Colony sent an application to the Deputy Commissioner against Ahmadi teachers working in local and suburban public schools. He fabricated his demands at length and came up with pleas unfit for any civilized person or society. For instance:

Ahmadi teachers should be replaced with Muslim teachers.

All Ahmadi headmistresses of government schools should be removed from their posts.

Schools, roads, buildings etc. in Rabwah are named after Qadiani elders; these should be renamed as proposed by Muslims.

Qadiani teachers should be forbidden to teach the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran. Etc.

In reality, the issue had come up due to some disputation between two non-Ahmadi teachers. The education department has sorted it out appropriately. This letter is produced as Annex VI.

Religion and education

Lahore; January 25, 2022:

The daily *Dawn* published¹ the following noteworthy news by its Staff Reporter in Lahore:

Govt. bent upon imposing extreme religiosity on students

Lahore: On the International Day of Education the civil society stakeholders in education reforms showed concerns about the recent measures introduced in school education in Punjab, terming it loaded with religious content and nomenclature, changing the very character of school education in the province.

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) and Working Group for Inclusive Education (WGIE) released an update on Monday about the education policy confusions in the province.

According to the stakeholders, instead of modernizing education and introducing creative and inquisitive learning, the government had relied on religion-centric reforms. The steps made public education next to seminary education, which would be a

colossal loss to an already challenged education sector.

Comment: Extreme religiosity involves giving high priority and unprecedented gravity to only one aspect of the belief in the End of Prophethood and thereby emphasizing the sectarian difference between Ahmadis and other Muslims. Relevant to this is the Punjab Government's instruction to schools that 'Students should be imparted repeated lessons on End of Prophethood, in the light of Quran and Hadith during the Islamiat and Arabic periods' as per CEO DEA Sialkot Circular dated August 17, 2021. In our opinion, this Directive practically promotes sectarianism and religious hatred.

A sample report from the education sector

Lahore; 2015-2021:



Ms. Faiza Ahmad, Ahmadi, had been teaching at Superior University since 2015 but had to resign on February 26, 2021 due to severe opposition.

Faiza faced opposition at the university for her faith. She was harassed in various ways. On days, she was maliciously assigned duty in the two campuses of the university at a distance of two kilometres. While she was

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1671298>

doing her MSc, an attempt was made to block her distinctive success. She nevertheless stood first and won 'Gold Medal'. Her opposition escalated when a university teacher went to England for a PhD, and the head of the department accused Faiza of sending him to England after converting him to Ahmadiyyat. Other teachers also joined the head in this case and accused Faiza of preaching Ahmadiyyat to students. A committee was set up to look into the matter, and they threatened Faiza that if the allegations were substantiated, she could be booked under PPC 298-C. In this situation, Faiza had to resign. When Faiza's boss saw her

resignation, he said happily, *"It was very painful for five years. Thankfully, it's over."*

Faiza's brother Mujeeb Ahmad was a second-year student of University of Engineering and Technology Lahore (UET) when other students came to know that he was an Ahmadi. They started opposing Mujeeb, and at one occasion tried to strangle him. Similarly, Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad, the father of Faiza and Mujeeb, got a chance to study abroad, but someone informed the management of his Ahmadiyya faith. They sent someone else abroad in place of him.

Ahmadi students were told by teacher to not learn Islamiyat

89 Ratan, District Faisalabad; November, 2022:

Three Ahmadi students were compelled by their Islamiyat teacher to take up Ethics

instead of Islamiyat because of their Ahmadi faith.

Jobs, Business, etc.

Ahmadi beaten up and forced to close down business

Shahzad Colony, District Faisalabad; March 2022:

Rashid Ahmad set up a junk shop in Rabbani Colony, and named it Abdullah Traders after his son Abdullah. On February 18, a bully entered his shop, objected to the shop's name (Abdullah Traders) and told Rashid to remove the poster. He called 15 to 20 men of TLP to the spot. They came, raised slogans and beat up Mr. Ahmad. They told him to take down the poster of his shop. When Mr. Ahmad climbed on a stool to do that, they pushed him off the stool, tore down the poster, and threatened him with registering an FIR.

Some people assembled there, but on learning of the Ahmadiyya identity of the proprietor, no one took a stand for him. In the meantime, Ahmad's brother reached the spot, closed the shop, and they went home.

Thereafter *Tehreek-e-Labaik* distributed leaflets of *Tajdar Khatme Nabuwwat* and asked the people of the area to boycott Mr. Ahmad and his family.

After two days of this incident, they held an End of Prophethood conference in the same neighborhood. They slandered Mr. Ahmad's son Mr. Shafiq Ahmad in the rally, and forced the shop owner to get his shop vacated.

Ahmad vacated the shop on February 21, 2022. Then, on February 25, an End of Prophethood conference was held again outside his house, where they used vulgar language against the Ahmadiyya Community.

Ahmadi coerced to vacate home and close business

Rachna Town, Lahore; May 2022:

Mr. Kashif Zahoor Pal had rented a shop and a house here and started his work as an electrician and sanitary hardware. On 15 March 2022, some shopkeepers came to him and asked him if he was a Qadiani? At this, Mr. Pal replied, "Yes, I belong to Ahmadiyya Community." After that, the shop owner and the landlord told him to vacate the shop and house because he is a non-Muslim.

A local grocery store owner Hassan, along with his two companions Sami and Asad, is leading this hate campaign; they also threatened to kill Mr. Pal.

Mr. Pal had to migrate from Lahore in this dreadful situation.

Business problems due to faith

Islamabad; January 2022:

Mr. Nasim Ahmad, Ahmadi, was one of the accused in the police case concerning a school owned by an Ahmadi in Rajanpur. The police detained him for months in this case. He had an oil business in Islamabad, for which he had rented four shops and a flat. While incarcerated, he was told to vacate the rented building as the owner intimidated excessive pressure from the religious lobby.

Accordingly, Mr. Ahmad vacated the building and acquired on rent a business

location a few furlongs away. However, on January 21, the owner visited him and told him to vacate the shops and the flat, as he was a Qadiani. He, however, offered a concession: “If you disassociate yourself from the Mirza, we’ll treat you as a brother; otherwise vacate the building in February.”

Mr. Nasim Ahmad assured him that he would vacate the shops.

Ahmadi homeopath told to vacate clinic

Channi Qureshiyan, District Chiniot; June 17, 2022:

Mr. Luqman Ahmad started his practice in a rented shop with the name “Luqman Clinic”. A non-Ahmadi, Dr. Mulazim Hussain opposed him in professional rivalry. He met the shop owner and agitated him over Luqman’s faith, however the proprietor refused to go along with him. Later, Hussain went to a local mulla

Qari Ehsan Ullah who invited mullas from the Muslim Colony in Rabwah to build pressure on the shop owner. It worked, and the landlord gave three days’ notice to Luqman to vacate the shop.

Ahmadi made to vacate shops

Islamabad; June 2022:

One Nadeem pressurized the landlord of Atiq Ahmad Tahir, Ahmadi, to get his shops vacated because Tahir is Ahmadi. Nadeem told the shop owner that Ahmadis don’t believe in the end of prophethood, “I will ask a cleric about this”, he replied.

Afterward, the shop owner gave a deadline of June 2022 to Mr Tahir for the evacuation.

Meanwhile, Nadeem propagated hate to the adjacent shopkeepers who urged the proprietor to get the shops vacated earliest. The landlord told Tahir on May 15, 2022, to speed up the evacuation. He interrogated Tahir about his belief and pressurized him to vacate the shops quickly.

Tahir had to comply.

Ahmadi fired from job for his faith

Peshawar; February 2022:

Mr. Anees Ahmad, a resident of Peshawar, has been working in a private company 'BAND BROAD' since 2019. In June 2019, his company's staff refused to work under him because of his faith. The CEO intervened and resolved the issue. After that, when a spate of murderous violence occurred against Ahmadis in Peshawar, the attitude of his staff changed again. Meanwhile, his company started work in Tehkal, a village outside Peshawar, but the locals stopped those

alleging objectionable acts. They would not let them work in the area. However, after negotiations, they agreed to let the work proceed, but then, for little reason, they started calling the company a 'Qadiani company' and demanded that the company remove Mr. Ahmad, or face protests. A *Khatme Nabuwwat* organization joined them and delivered Friday sermons against the company. In this situation, the company asked Mr. Ahmad to resign. He had to comply.

Ahmadi made to vacate shop

Mithi, District Tharparkar (Sindh); September 2022:

Muhammad Ashraf opened a retail shop in front of the police-line in Mithi. When people came to know that he was an Ahmadi, some of them expressed hostility. A man living near the shop told the people not to purchase anything from him. The man told the owner of the shop that if he got the shop vacated from the Qadiani, he would pay him double the rent. Thereafter, he sent the local cleric to the shop owner. The cleric threatened the owner that if he did not get the shop vacated, a police case would be registered against him.

The owner informed Muhammad Ashraf about the whole situation. One day when he was sitting with Ashraf, the opponents, the cleric and a few locals came to the shop and said that they will rent the shop and pay double the rent, but they will not tolerate any Qadiani's shop in their locality. The cleric told him that this was absolutely right; trade with Qadianis is illicit (in *Sharia*) so, the owner asked Ashraf to vacate the shop. Ashraf had to agree.

TLP activists in action

Silhoke Chatha, District Gujranwala; March 2022:

Mr. Adeel Ijaz, an Ahmadi, resident of Rasool Nagar, District Gujranwala, ran a mobile shop in Silhoke Chatha. Tahrik-e-Labbaik (TLP) activists told him to vacate the

shop; he had to comply. In anti-Ahmadiyya hatred, TLP activists washed the shop before setting up their office in it. TLP is busy spreading hatred against Ahmadis in this

village and inciting people against Ahmadis and urging their social boycott. They are planning to desecrate Ahmadis' graves in the common cemetery of the village.

TLP is the party that killed 8 policemen a few months ago in the Punjab.

Problems at job

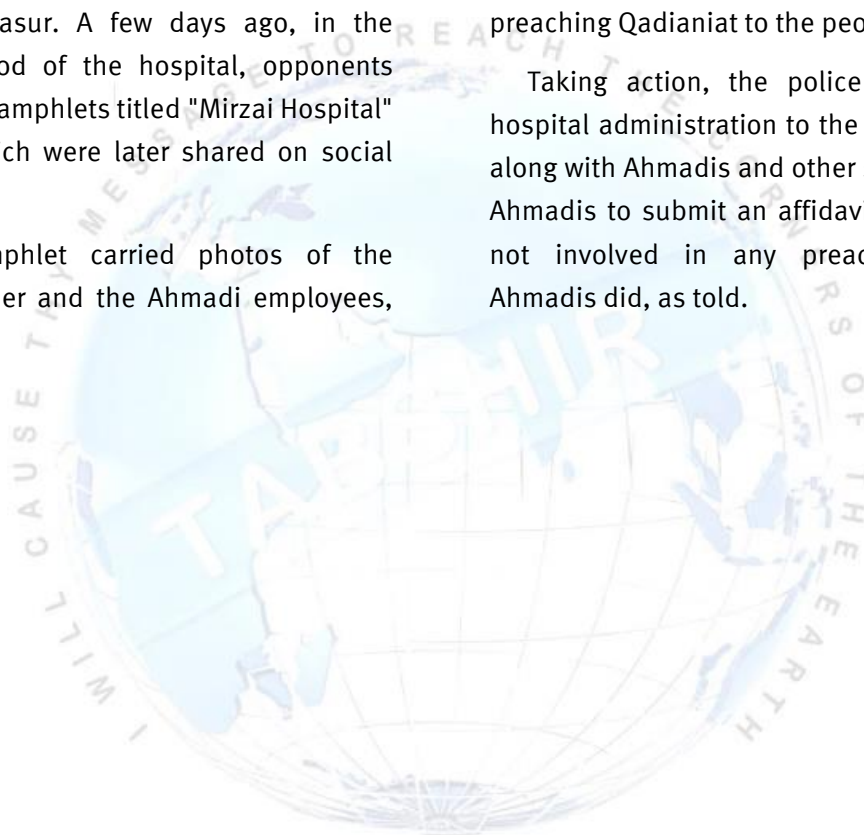
Pattoki, District Kasur; August 2022:

A few Ahmadis work in Lahore Laser Eye Hospital Pattoki and Madina Hospital Pattoki in District Kasur. A few days ago, in the neighbourhood of the hospital, opponents distributed pamphlets titled "Mirzai Hospital" at night, which were later shared on social media.

This pamphlet carried photos of the hospital owner and the Ahmadi employees,

with text that Qadianis working in Lahore Laser Eye Hospital and Madina Hospital are preaching Qadianiat to the people.

Taking action, the police sent for the hospital administration to the police station, along with Ahmadis and other staff. They told Ahmadis to submit an affidavit, if they were not involved in any preaching activity. Ahmadis did, as told.



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The Judiciary's Role



The judiciary's role in the treatment which Ahmadis received at the hands of the state would deserve a wholesome analysis and comment at some future date. Three Ahmadis arrested by FIA under Cyber Crimes law for promoting Quranic knowledge remain in prison for denial of their plea for bail. They were initially charged for blasphemy related to the Holy Quran. Thereafter a sessions judge added the charge under PPC 295-C—unbelievable, but a fact. Ahmadis believe that their raison d'être as a religious community is primarily to restore the highest status of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the Holy Quran. In this foreword we reserve our opinion, and let the essential details of a few cases mentioned below for this year highlight Ahmadis' exposure to 'justice' in Pakistan.





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)

All persons are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law. In this respect, the law shall prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (ARTICLE 26)

Historically, the judicial branch has often been the sole protector of the rights of minority groups against the will of the popular majority.

DIANE WATSON (FORMER MEMBER OF US CONGRESS)



Another pious judge – from LHC

Rawalpindi; November 2022:

Judiciary is the last resort of the persecuted and the marginalized in the modern age. Ahmadis have faced and continue to face severe persecution and harassment at the hands of the state and the society for the last half a century, against which higher judiciary did occasionally come to their succour and provided some relief. For this, they are grateful. However, all said and done, the judiciary is a part of the overall Pakistani society, and to expect it to be very different from other institutions of the state would be unrealistic, even unintelligent.

It is not rare that Ahmadis got a rough deal at high court level. Some judges' verdicts and observations in open court created a very hostile atmosphere when cases involving Ahmadis, under religious and Ahmadi-specific laws, came up for hearing. It is surprising that on such occasions some judges decide to care more for 'piety' than justice, and they display their commitment to religion as self-recommendation. Some of these are on record.

For instance, the Daily Dunya reported on June 10, 2021: "Lahore High Court Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan has directed the federal government: Qadianis or people who have been declared non-Muslim should be identified and cases should be registered against those who distort Islamic teachings which is a crime under the laws of Pakistan. The government should file a case against them that privately individuals should come

and file a case is against the law."¹ Qasim has since retired. Also on record is Justice Farooq Haider, also of LHC, for his endorsement of a sessions court verdict that Ahmadis are forbidden to keep books of their founder in their possession,



Justice Muhammad Qasim

otherwise face charges under the blasphemy sections PPC 295-C and/or PPC 295-B. Subsequently, a superior bench demolished this verdict. We should not fail to mention here the well-known (former) Justice Shaukat Siddiqui of IHC who wrote in year 2018 a 172-page verdict against Ahmadis, without ever hearing an Ahmadi or their advocate even for a minute — almost unbelievable. And the boasts of being very righteous!

In November 2022, we came across another judge of Lahore High Court (Rawalpindi Bench) who went out of his way to show his deep concern about 'blasphemy', etc. when a case concerning Ahmadis came up for hearing. He linked it quickly to national security, Islamic punishments, rape of minor girls etc. We refrain from comments, but will restrict ourselves to report only his observations reported in the press.

However, before that, we should mention briefly the essentials of the case. Like most

¹ https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2021-06-10&edition=LHR&id=5655932_13645304

people, and all other denominations, Ahmadis also had produced their Urdu translation and short commentary of the Holy Quran. This was prior to legal restrictions imposed later. Once non-Muslim status was imposed on Ahmadis, the mullas and bigots urged and the state obliged them in a big way by imposing numerous unfair and senseless restrictions in this context on Ahmadis. Laws were promulgated that prohibited Ahmadis from publishing their primary scripture, the Holy Quran. They were forbidden to translate it, stock it, sell it, etc. The hostile lobby expanded the purport of the law beyond its words and prosecuted Ahmadis for holding sort of Quran classes or even organizing them through social media. As a result, it is years that Ahmadis have stopped publishing the Quran. They hold no stocks, no sales, no buys, nothing, of their holy scripture. However, hostile elements continue to pressurize police, authorities, even courts to pursue Ahmadis for imagined acts of violation of the Quran Act. In this, some official departments like FIA (Lahore office) became servile to the mulla who wielded power with the political bosses in Islamabad. The situation, although essentially baseless and concocted, is unbearable for the innocent accused. One such case was placed before Justice Abdul Aziz of LHC (Rawalpindi Bench) who hurried to accept on face value what the complainants and the prosecution told him. The man accused in this fabricated case was Mr. Saleemuddin, the Ahmadi Director of General Affairs – a big catch with anti-Ahmadi mullas.

The daily Jang E-paper published the following report (extracts):¹

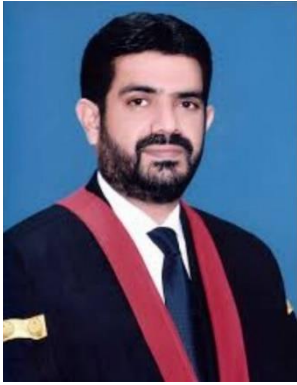


Lahore High Court Rawalpindi Branch

Publication of blasphemous material is a danger to national security; joint actions will be required: Lahore High Court (LHC)

Rawalpindi (Our reporter). Justice Abdul Aziz of LHC Rawalpindi expressed displeasure over lack of action on orders of the higher judiciary against publication of blasphemous material and demanded a report from federal ministries, PTA and FIA, on next hearing concerning follow-up action on court orders. He ordered presence of the current and the former DPO Chiniot on failure to arrest the proclaimed offender involved in placing the blasphemous material on social media. While hearing the petition of Hafiz Omer Nawaz and Aamar Zafar on the propagation of blasphemous material on social media, the court expressed displeasure over separate rendition of reports from federal ministries. He remarked that the relevant ministries will have to take joint actions in tackling this grave (sangeen) issue. Satisfactory results will not be obtained through separate actions by the ministries.... Propagation of blasphemous

¹ Daily Jang Nov 19, 2022 <https://jang.com.pk/news/1160817>



Justice Chaudhri Abdul Aziz

material is a danger to national security. It is a constitutional responsibility of the state to ensure the security of the country. The basis of this mischief is pornographic material and websites. One occasionally heard registration of a rape case in a police station, now rape of seven year old girls is common occurring...Crimes have become prolific because of non-implementation of Islamic punishments...Advocates for the complainants took the position that the IT Ministry and PTA have not taken due actions to stop the dissemination of the blasphemous material....Justice Chaudhri Abdul Aziz remarked that an appeal was made against the LHC verdict to control the blasphemous material, during the rule of the party that claimed to establish the Riasat Madinah. Does this party and the IT Ministry support the position that the corrupted version of Quran be uploaded on social media? The IT Ministry

and PTA have no intention to stop the publicity drive. Now this Court will see to it, how the IT Ministry and PTA take no action against this publicity drive of the blasphemous material. This court is not concerned with the appeal of the IT Ministry to the Supreme Court – it is up to the Supreme Court and the Ministry. To date the Supreme Court has not undone the verdict against the propagation of the blasphemous material. This Court will ensure action on high court orders by the IT Ministry and the PTA. The High Court orders strict compliance by the IT Ministry and PTA of its orders and to take action against the publicity drive of the blasphemous material. The court expressed great displeasure over the non-arrest of the accused involved in publicity drive of the blasphemous material. He observed that the DPO who holds meeting with the person accused of publicity of the blasphemous material should resign and become an office worker (Munshi) in Chenab Nagar. The High Court ordered that on the next hearing the present and previous DPOs should personally appear in the court....The hearing was postponed till November 25.

Outre? Non!

LHC judicial notice - worthy of record

Lahore, December 08, 2022:

The daily *Dawn* published a report by its staff reporter on a hearing held by Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court on a petition by Mr. Hassan Muawiyah, an anti-Ahmadi activist based in Lahore. The detailed story is given in Chapter 1b (*above*).



Lahore High Court

Supreme Court rejects plea for bail

Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, etc. were booked on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11 allegedly for a quiz program concerning Ahmadiyya literature including the Holy Quran. The police arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi religious teacher under this FIR on May 26, 2020.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested on appearance in reporting to the FIA office; their plea for bail was rejected by lower court on September 30, 2020.

In response to a plea of the opponents, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet on June 29, 2021. This exposes the accused to penalty of death.

On March 9, 2021, Additional Sessions Judge Lahore Hamid Hussain rejected their pleas for bail. They filed an appeal in the

Lahore High Court against the decision, and



The Supreme Court of Pakistan

Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafique rejected it on August 30. Thereafter they filed appeal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Meanwhile, the trial of the case goes on in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Lahore.

The Supreme Court heard the bail application on April 20, 2022. The two-member bench comprising Justice Mazhar Alam Miankhal and Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail reserved the decision, and later rejected the plea.

They are behind bars for two and half years over an alleged petty faux pas concerning religion. They are exposed to penalty of death.

Supreme Court set aside bail cancellation order

Lahore, April 2022:

The Supreme Court of Pakistan set aside bail cancellation order dated 09.08.2021 of Additional Session Judgement and order of Hon'ble Court in revision and ordered for release of Mr. MM Iqbal Hashmi on original bail, He was under arrest for allegedly sharing Ahmadiyya content in a WhatsApp group 'Sindh Salamat'.

Mr. Hashmi, Mr. Shiraz Ahmad, and others were booked by Cyber Crimes Police Station

Lahore on June 20, 2019, under FIR 88 under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11 for allegedly creating the group 'Sindh Salamat' and sharing Ahmadiyya content in it.

Mr. Hashmi was arrested but was released on bail on August 24, 2019.

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad was arrested from his home on February 25, 2021.

One, Mr. Zahir Ahmad, Ahmadi from Lahore implicated in another religion-based case, was arrested from the jail on February 23, 2021, although he was not even named in this case.

The plea for bail of the accused mentioned above was rejected on March 30, 2021.

Judge Syed Ali Abbas ASJ Lahore ordered that the deadly section PPC 295-C be added to his charge sheet.

As a result, all three were incarcerated in Camp Jail, Lahore.

LHC heard the plea for bail and rejected it on January 12, 2022.

Iqbal Hashmi etc. case was initiated under PPC 295-A; however, with time, it is blown big with PPCs 295-C and 295-B added to it that provide for death penalty and imprisonment for life, respectively. Their bail plea was then made to the Supreme Court.

A three-member bench of SC was appointed to hear the appeal against the decision of the high court. Finally, the Supreme Court released Mr. Hashmi on April 27, 2022. The SC rejected the plea for bail of the other two accused.

Peshawar court acquits two of Ahmadi homeopath's murder

September 27, 2022:

The prestigious Dawn issued the following report (extract) under the above headline.¹

PESHAWAR: A local court has acquitted two men on the charge of killing an Ahmadi homeopath in his clinic on the outskirts of the provincial capital last year.

Additional sessions judge Attaullah Jan ruled that the accused facing trial, Ehsanullah of Bara tehsil in Khyber tribal district as well as his co-accused of Darra Adamkhel, a juvenile person, were given the benefit of doubt for acquittal in the murder case.

He added that Ehsanullah, who was in custody, would be released forthwith if he was not wanted in any other case.

The co-accused has already been freed after the grant of bail. ...



Dr Abdul Qadir

The deceased, Dr Abdul Qadir, 65, was attacked in his clinic in Bazidkhel area on Feb 11, 2021, by the prime accused during a visit. Ehsanullah, who pretended to be a patient, allegedly fired gunshots at the homeopath and tried to escape.

The co-accused was arrested after he, as the police claimed, was named by the prime

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1712150/peshawar-court-acquits-two-of-ahmadi-homeopaths-killing>

accused as his accomplice during initial investigation.

The prime accused had allegedly told police that the co-accused had provided him with the pistol used in the murder.

The FIR of the targeted killing was registered at the Inqilab police station under Section 302 of the Pakistan Penal Code and Section 13 of the Arms Act.

The complainant in the case was Dr Ibne Amin, who claimed that he was present at the clinic

and had gone to another room for attending a phone call when he heard fire shots.

The complainant claimed that he chased the prime accused and caught him near the clinic before handing him over to the policemen, which showed up later.

He claimed that his cousin was killed for religious reasons.

The family members of the deceased didn't pursue trial. ...

Man gets death penalty in blasphemy case

Muzafarabad, (AJK) June 25, 2022:

Following is a news item from the daily Dawn of June 26, 2022¹. It deserves to be placed on record for its relevance to FoRB in Pakistan in general and Azad Jammu and Kashmir in particular.

Man gets death penalty in blasphemy case

MUZAFARABAD:

An additional district criminal court in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) on Saturday handed down capital punishment and imposed a fine of Rs. 1 million on a man charged with blasphemy.

The decision under Section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code was pronounced by the court comprising Judges Mohammad Ikram Malik and Ajmal Mahmood Shaheen in Dhirkot subdivision of Bagh district.

In the challan, the police informed the court that one Hafiz Zaheer Ahmed, a school teacher who would also deliver sermons in a local

mosque, noticed a social media post by Muhammad Shafique in which he had described himself as a prophet and had thus committed blasphemy.

Reproducing the Urdu language post, the police named some 23 people in the challan, saying that they and countless others across the globe had read that blasphemous content, which had triggered a strong reaction and exasperation among the people of faith, particularly local residents.

An FIR was registered against Shafique on June 26, 2020 after approval of the DIG police of Poonch and the district judge, with Dhirkot police as complainant.

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1696764>

An important press report on SC verdict

Lahore; June 20, 2022:

The daily Dawn published the following report¹ on a conference held to examine progress on implementation of a Supreme Court verdict given in 2014.

Incomplete implementation of 2014 court verdict on minorities lamented

By our Staff Reporter 2022-06-20

LAHORE; Speakers at a conference on the 8th anniversary of the landmark judgment regarding minorities rights regretted that implementation was largely missing.

They urged the government to attend to directives issued on June 19, 2014 by then Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani².

According to the data sheet issued by the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), a Supreme Court bench had conducted 28 follow-up hearings that passed 80 supplementary orders to the federal and provincial governments for implementation of seven original orders given in 2014. The orders were about establishing a national council (commission) for minorities, developing a curriculum for peace, implementing job quotas, curbing hate speech, inculcating social and religious tolerance, and penalizing human rights abuses against religious minorities.

The speakers underlined that although the quality of implementation improved after the one-man-commission was constituted by the Supreme Court, yet the overall compliance is lagging far behind. Speaking on the occasion,

CSJ executive director Peter Jacob observed that the federal and provincial governments had achieved 22 percent compliance in eight years after this verdict was passed by the apex court means that full compliance will require 24 years of wait. He refuted the claim of the federal ministry of education before the apex court that the curricula textbooks were compliant with article 22 (1) of the Constitution of Pakistan.

Retired Justice Nasira Iqbal said: Eight years since the passing of the Jilani judgment, and we are still waiting for its implementation. It is the responsibility of the government to implement court orders and address serious issues that minorities face in Pakistan.

She said the judgment underlined the equality of rights for all irrespective of faith, therefore, the government must develop inclusive and tolerant curricula for all as proposed in the court directives.

Advocate Saroop Ijaz stated that the findings and directives of the judgment had the potential of reforms and scope to contribute to advancing religious freedom and building a tolerant society. Unfortunately, the federal and provincial governments failed to capitalize on this verdict to realize the equality of rights and respect for diversity in Pakistan.

Advocate Saqib Jilani remarked that the Constitution guarantees all citizens without discrimination fundamental freedoms enshrined in articles 20, 22 (1) and 25, therefore, the federal and provincial

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1695669>

² <https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/559e57644.pdf>

governments should fulfill their constitutional responsibilities by addressing gaps in governance, and implementing proposed measures to effectively promote and protect minorities' rights in the true spirit of the judgment.

Michelle Chaudhry, president Cecil and Iris Chaudhry Foundation, observed that the National Commission for Minorities and Taskforce on Minorities constituted through notifications and resolutions in May 2020 and June 2022 were an eyewash to portray as the

full compliance with court orders, but in reality, both of these actions are in total disregard of the verdict.

The CSJ has produced three compliance assessment reports authored by Peter Jacob, studying gaps in the implementation of court orders i.e.

'When Compliance Fails Justice'¹, 'A long Wait for Justice'² and 'Justice Yet Afar'³, published in 2016, 2019 and 2021, respectively.

Supreme Court's advice

Islamabad; August 25, 2022:

Following news item appeared in the The News International, Aug 25, 2022.⁴ (extract):

SC judge advises NCHR to take suo motu notice of atrocities against minorities, social issues

By M. Waqar Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: Justice Mansoor Ali Shah of the Supreme Court of Pakistan Wednesday suggested that the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) should take suo motu notice on social and environment issues of the country, including atrocities being committed against minorities, corporal punishment at madrasas, minimum wage, use of plastic bags and floods in Balochistan and their effects on

the mental health of people. "Section 9 of the National Commission for Human Rights Act 2012 gives the right of suo motu to the commission on the violations of human rights and it should exercise its powers on human rights violations in the country, including corporal punishment at madrasas, which is a serious area of concern. Corporate punishment in madrasas is very depressing. It is high time that we should be brave and strong enough to look at what is happening to the minorities, including Hazaras and Ahmedis, in the country," Justice Mansoor Ali Shah said while speaking delivering his keynote address at the launch of a NCHR report on mental health. ...

¹ https://csipak.org/pdf/reports-studies/CSJ_compliance_judgment_report_final_24.11.16.pdf

² [https://csipak.org/pdf/A%20Long%20Wait%20for%20Justice\(website\).pdf](https://csipak.org/pdf/A%20Long%20Wait%20for%20Justice(website).pdf)

³ https://csipak.org/pdf/Justice_Yet_Afar_BOOK.pdf

⁴ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/985282-sc-judge-advises-nchr-to-take-suo-motu-notice-of-atrocities-against-minorities-social-issues>

Police case registered on orders of judge

Garhi Shahu, Lahore; February 15, 2022:

In July 2021, on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, an anti-Ahmadiyya activist Ali Jassim Butt Advocate applied to police for registration of FIR against Mr. Abid Naseem Chughtai, an Ahmadi, and some unknown Ahmadis for allegedly offering Eid prayers in Darul Zikr Lahore.

For good reason the police did not register an FIR. So, Butt filed a petition in a court, under sections 22-A and 22-B.

In pursuant to the order under section(s) 22-A and 22-B, the Garhi Shahu police registered an FIR against Mr. Abid Naseem Chughtai and unknown Ahmadis under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 122 on February 15, 2022.

On February 16, a police officer came to Darul Zikr and inquired about Mr. Chughtai.

Ali Jassim is a mischief-monger; he is promoting sectarianism in Lahore and is holding the administration hostage.

Fair verdict of the Supreme Court

Islamabad:

Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan, a two-member bench comprising Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice M Amin Khan, in a verdict overturned orders of lower courts and the Lahore High Court that could have set a dangerous and unjust precedence in prosecution of Ahmadis.

Briefly, three Ahmadis of Shaukat Abad, District Nankana were booked under anti-Ahmadi laws in 2020 and were arrested. One of those three accused died during his incarceration. The other two were released on bail, however, they remained under trial.

On-demand of the opponents, a magistrate ordered that PPCs 295-C and 295-B be added to the charge sheet. These sections provide penalties of death and imprisonment for life respectively. The magistrate based his decision on the wrong presumption that Ahmadis, while reciting the *Kalima*, consider their founder to be the Muhammad PBUH.

Thereafter, Sessions Judge Nankana upheld the magistrate's decision on May 3, 2021. Ahmadis appealed to the high court against this decision. Justice Farooq Haider endorsed the entire verdict of the Sessions Judge, and dismissed Ahmadiyya petition.

This decision conveyed in principle that any Ahmadi who recites the *Kalima* (Islamic Creed) or is in possession of the Holy Quran is guilty of blasphemy against the Holy Prophet and the Holy Quran. In the written verdict the Ahmadiyya place of worship was termed an 'unholy place.' This was a matter of great concern, as it exposed all Ahmadis to great harm. So, Ahmadis appealed against it in the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court issued a written verdict on March 24, 2022. It observed that the trial and the revisional courts had not correctly examined the ingredients necessary to constitute the offences punishable under

sections 295-B and 295-C and the petition was therefore converted into an appeal and allowed. Accordingly, sections PPC 295-C and 295-B added to the charge sheet were removed.

The honorable judges issued a 9-page verdict *Crl. P.916-L/2021*¹ (*against the order dated 24.5.2021 of Lahore High Court, Lahore passed in Crl. Misc. No. 31929 of 2021*). This

worthy verdict is very readable as it clarifies a number of unfair assumptions and positions against Ahmadis. The judges rightly pointed out: *“Article 260(3) of the Constitution though declares the Ahmadis/Qadianis as non-Muslim, it neither disowns them as citizens of Pakistan nor deprives them of their entitlement to the fundamental rights guaranteed under the constitution.”* (Para 12)

A murderer on the loose

Sheikhupura; November 2022:

Supreme Court acquitted Nauman, who killed an Ahmadi Mr. Humayun Waqar in 2007. Now he has resumed anti-Ahmadi activities. Two months ago, he threatened two Ahmadis and demanded extortion money, following that an FIR was registered against him and he was arrested. Later he was released on intervention of some respected citizens on the

condition that he will not indulge in anti-Ahmadi activity. He undertook all this in writing in police presence. Now on November 18, 2022, this felon opened fire at the house of Ahmadi Rana Fazal Ahmad. Luckily, the family remained safe. The police have promised to investigate. Ahmadis submitted a complaint to the police in this regard.

Released — after all

District Faisalabad; January 8, 2022:

In July 2021, a mob attacked Ahmadis' homes in Chak 261 Udhwali, District Faisalabad. Ahmadis defended themselves, and five were booked by the police. Mr. Naveed Ahmad was arrested and detained, but the anti-terrorism clause against him was removed later. Raja Shahid Tauqir ASJ

Faisalabad rejected Mr. Naveed's plea for bail on January 8, 2022. Mr. Naveed then filed a bail application in Lahore High Court. On January 26, 2022, Magistrate Faisalabad Bushra Anwar ordered his release after the plaintiff withdrew the statement of the case. Mr. Naveed spent six months behind bars.

¹ https://www.supremecourt.gov.pk/downloads_judgements/crl.p. 916 | 2021.pdf

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The Administration; the Mulla



A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP between the Pakistani state and the mulla was General Ziaul Haq's idea. 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 legacy.

The Punjab is ruled these days by Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf led by Mr. Imran Khan, and PML-Q. Mr. Parvez Elahi was the chief minister of this province for six months. Mr. Khan's affinity for the ultra-right wing has a history and has been talk of the town and was mentioned in dispatches. It is provinces that control law and order, and administer religious issues in their domain. Punjab gave a very tough time to Ahmadis.

The administration in Pakistan allows for and follows even the wishes of the chief executive, provincial and federal. The police do the bid of their political masters. Azad Jammu and Kashmir's political establishment also is a leader of this unholy alliance against the Ahmadiyya community. KPK is little different.

This year there were cases of loss of security, harassment, threats to livelihood etc. of Ahmadis at numerous locations.





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)



Ruling party's leader asks expulsion of Ahmadis from his district

Khushab; July 30, 2022:

Malik Ilyas Awan, Vice President Pakistan Muslim League-Q, Punjab sent an application to the Deputy Commissioner of District Khushab asking him to expel all Ahmadis from the district. We provide a picture of the original (in vernacular at Annex VII), and translate its content below: It is relevant to mention here that this Vice President is that of PML-Q, the party of Mr. Parvez Elahi, the chief minister of the Punjab.



Malik Ilyas Awan (PML-Q)

To The Deputy Commissioner Khushab

Subject: According to the Constitution of Pakistan, provision of security to Qadianis in Joharabad city is a joke with the Constitution; it should be stopped. (Sic.)

Respected Sir

It is submitted that Qadianis may not worship freely in the Islamic state of Pakistan. The government of Bhutto Shaheed granted them space in Chenab Nagar, for a specified period. They may not worship at any other location.

I submit that the State of Pakistan is an Islamic State created in the name of Allah and His Beloved Messenger, whereas Ahmadis offer Friday prayers at the house of Tariq Virk in New Satellite Town, Joharabad and preach their faith, which violates the law of the land and the Islamic law. Our policemen are posted there for security; what would they think, that they are guarding the lives of opponents of End of Prophethood, or whether it is loyalty to the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.). Secondly, it has a negative impact on our children.

I request that their security should be terminated forthwith, and an inquiry should be held. Those who do not believe in the End of Prophethood should be expelled from the district. Thank you.

Your sincerely,

Malik Ilyas Awan, Member of the Supreme Council of End of Prophethood, Vice President of Pakistan Muslim League-Q Punjab

0300-6550006

Signed/-

PML-N leader uses religion card Talks of bloodshed with reference to 'Qadianiat'

Islamabad, September 14, 2022:

TV channels¹, the official PTV and the private Geo News, aired a video statement today of Mian Javed Latif, a PML-N federal minister. In this, inter alia, he is seen criticizing the rival PTI chief, Imran Khan by accusing him of tilt towards Ahmadis thus committing a great religious faux pas. We produce its translation below:

“(The question is) Whether you supported Imran Khan or not?”

“(Then what about) the attack on the foundational issues of Islam and providing nourishment to Qadianiat! When he initiated the ‘New Pakistan’, didn’t every Qadiani unit in Karachi become active? Was this a mere coincidence? Also, on push from a professor, students of the Lahore Management University were driven to Rabwah with official protocol and were made forcibly to express solidarity with Qadianis. Was this also a mere coincidence? And, didn’t Imran Khan tell foreign media prior to assuming power, that if he came to power, the Qadianis would enjoy religious freedom? Every institution (Idarah) should consider and play its role in that if this mischief (fitna) gains momentum, Pakistan will be immersed in such bloodshed (khood raizy)....”

Mian Javed Latif MNA, was Chairman Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage.

We hold our comments, but reproduce below tweets on this statement from two eminent intellectuals and activists, and a few third-party comments:

@reema.omer²

Shameful and deplorable how PML-N continues to (in)flame religious sentiment, misuse blasphemy allegations, and target the already persecuted Ahmadi community to discredit its political opponents.

Such desperate tactics at this time show the party has little else left to its politics.

Rabia Mehmood:@ Rabail 26³



Using #Ahmadis, our most persecuted minority, as scapegoat to score political points does not only prove PMLN's Mian Javed Latif is bigoted scum but also someone inciting hate & violence. He is lying in this video.

Fraternal Condemnation

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/live/qUdF9uYycpo?feature=share>

² https://twitter.com/reema_omer/status/1570060240812384256?s=20

³ <https://twitter.com/Rabail26/status/1570052027606073344?s=20>

Lahore. Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal condemned his fellow cabinet colleague, Javed Latif, for his remarks against former Prime Minister Imran Khan at a press conference, saying that the religion card should not be used against political opponents.¹

Mr. Asad Qaisar (of PTI) responded by claiming that “*Imran Khan raised the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat worldwide.*”²



Asad Qaisar

The next week

Minister Javed Latif had planned to hit two birds with one stone. He was quite safe from Ahmadis, but the other bird, Imran Khan has huge claws who attempted to lift him up and drop him from a well-deserved height. The daily *Dawn* of September 20 printed a two-column headline: Ministers booked for ‘endangering Imran’s life. Senate body takes ‘stern notice’ of Latif’s speech. Extracts from the *Dawn* report³:

“LAHORE/ISLAMABAD: Punjab police on Monday booked two PML-N ministers, as well as two senior officials of state run PTV on terrorism charges for allegedly ‘fanning religious hatred’ against ousted prime minister Imran Khan and endangering his life.

“Green Town police registered an FIR under Section 9 (punishment for acts intended or likely to stir up sectarian hatred) and Section 11X (3) (responsibility for creating civil commotion) of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997 against Federal Information Minister Marriyum

Aurangzeb, Federal Minister Mian Javed Latif, PTV Managing Director Sohail Khan, as well as the broadcaster’s Controller Programmes, Rashid Baig, on the complaint of a local prayer leader.

“Mr. Latif had, in a Sept 14 press conference, declared the Pakistan Tehreek-Insaf (PTI) chairman a ‘non-Muslim’ and supporter of the Ahmadiyya community. The FIR accused Mr. Latif of “consulting” Ms. Aurangzeb in relation to his press conference and organizing it in collaboration with her, the PTV managing director and the broadcaster’s controller programmes. The individuals have been accused of endangering Mr. Khan’s life through their actions.

“Latif, an MNA from Sheikhpura, had gone to jail last year for a few weeks for allegedly ‘inciting the people against the state institution, including the army’. In a television programme, he had said his party would not say ‘*Pakistan Khappay*’ (an expression of allegiance to the country) if anything happened to Mr. Sharif, Mr. Latif had become a ‘favourite’ of Ms. Sharif after the episode, observers said.

“Separately, the Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan spokesperson said in a tweet on Monday: “For petty political point scoring, certain ministers are engaged in concentrated hate campaign against a persecuted community. This isn’t 1st time we are the target of such campaigns. Those who themselves have been victims in the past are again playing with fire at our cost.

“Stern notice

¹ *The Express Tribune* September 16, 2022 - <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2376943/iqbal-cautions-colleague-against-using-religion-card>

² *The daily Dunya*, September 15, 2022 – Also <https://bitterwinter.org/anti-ahmadi-hate-speech-for-electoral-purposes/> – also <https://tribune.com.pk/story/2376660/govt-under-fire-for-weaponising-religion-against-imran>

³ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1711058>

“The Senate Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting separately took ‘stern notice’ of the speech delivered by Mr. Latif.

“The committee, chaired by PTI Senator Faisal Javed, on Monday directed the Ministry

of Information and Broadcasting to conduct an internal inquiry on the matter and submit a report to the committee within seven days. The committee saw bipartisan support for a call to end hate speech. It was further agreed that such matters should be treated above party lines. ...”

Parting present by religious bigots

Lahore:

In October 2021, the Punjab Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution seeking inclusion of oath of *Khatme Nabuwwat* in the *Nikah* (marriage) documents. The Speaker later explained that it was very important to include such affidavit because some cases had been reported in the past that after marriage the groom turned out to be a *Qadiani*; as such all doubts and suspicions should be removed before the marriage takes place.¹

Now a notification has been issued by the Governor that “he is pleased to make relevant amendments in the West Pakistan Rules under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1962, with immediate effect.”

We produce this Notification as Annex VIII to this report.

Para 4 of this Notification provides an Affidavit for the parties to prove their Islamic credentials. It contains the following sentence (Tr): “*I consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be a Jhoota (false/liar/fabricator) Prophet.*”

It may be asserted authoritatively that never in the past 14 centuries, anywhere else, a Muslim was identified formally by this

affidavit or by the definition of *Khatme Nabuwwat* mentioned in it. It is an innovation. Also, it is bizarre, inappropriate, and unethical to uphold your religious identity by calling bad names to the holy personages of people of another belief or denomination.

The Ahmadiyya Community adheres to the principle of KN; however, it strongly condemns the abuse aimed at its founder in the said KN oath.

This affidavit will have to be signed by the bridegroom, the bride, the witnesses to the *Nikah* ceremony, the official who administers the *Nikah* and the registrar of the *Nikah*.

In addition, it is relevant to point out that through this affidavit the government has made it mandatory that the registrar of marriages would have to be a legal Muslim. It is obvious, that the registrar’s post is a clerical one, and one of any religious beliefs should be able to handle it. This reminds one of another Punjab Government order in the recent past that all teachers of Arabic language will have to be of Islamic faith.

On the issue date of this Notification, Mr. Pervaiz Elahi was the Speaker, Mr. Usman

¹ *The Daily Nawa-i-Waqt, October 27, 2022*

Buzdar the Chief Minister and Ch. Muhammad Sarwar the Governor of the Punjab.

Elahi was not elected to his coveted post of the chief minister.

Within two weeks, both the governor and the chief minister had lost their jobs, while Mr.

Controversial billboard put up in Rabwah

Rabwah; June 3, 2022:

A billboard on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat was put up by mulla Ilyas Chinioti, an MPA of PML-N near the toll plaza on Sargodha Road in Rabwah. The board contains a verse from the Holy Qur'an and a cherry-picked Hadith: *"Soon there will be thirty false Antichrists in my Ummah; all of them will be claimant of Prophethood, although I am the last Prophet and there will be no Prophet after me."* Also written below the board is, *"Unanimously passed Resolution no. 101/2021 of the Punjab Assembly (Government of Punjab)."*

The clerics did not seek permission from the district administration to put up the board in Rabwah. Therefore, the administration stopped them; also to maintain peace, as the location is an Ahmadi-majority area. But Chinioti insisted on putting up the board there, and threatened to protest in front of the Punjab Assembly if the administration did not

relent. About a hundred mullas gathered there on this occasion. Later, under their pressure, the administration allowed them to put up the board.



The administration, would, of course, not allow Ahmadis to put up a board there with a verse of the Holy Quran and a Hadith that would support Ahmadiyya understanding of the Khatme Nabuwwat.

Whither equal treatment of all the citizens!

Chair Ulama Board and Emir Majlis Ahrar call on Mr. Parvez Elahi, Speaker Punjab Assembly

Lahore:

The daily The Nation published the following report in its issue of February 05, 2022¹. We reproduce it below, without comment:

Parvez Elahi lauds Ulema's role in elimination of sectarian violence

¹ <https://www.nation.com.pk/06-Feb-2022/parvez-elahi-lauds-ulema-s-role-in-elimination-of-sectarian-violence?version=amp>

Tahir Ashrafi all praise for Punjab Assembly Speaker over legislation regarding Khatm-e-Nabuwwat

Punjab Assembly Speaker Ch. Parvez Elahi has lauded the role of Mutahida Ulema Board in elimination of sectarian violence and extremism within the country. We should have the spirit of tolerating, listening and accepting each other's point of view. Ulema should guide the government for solving people's problems. He said while talking to Pakistan Mutahida Ulema Board Chairman Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Majlis Ahrar-e-Islam Emir Syed Kafeel Bukhari, and others who called on him in the Speaker's Chambers here on Friday. Thanking the Speaker, Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi apprised him of the three-year performance of the Ulema Board. Ashrafi told the Speaker that the Mutahida Ulema Board provided guidance to different institutions, courts, government ministries in 208 cases besides clearing 326 academic teaching books wherein no material was included against any sect or religion. He also paid tributes to Speaker Ch. Parvez Elahi for

rendering religious services. "Credit goes to you for unanimous religious legislation in the Punjab Assembly. Your role in the unanimous legislation over Khatm-e-Nabuwwat will be written in golden words. Inter-faith harmony was promoted during your tenure of government. Oath about Khatm-e-Nabuwwat was included in Nikah Nama, teaching of Holy Quran was made part of compulsory



education up to primary 'nazira' and with translation up to matriculation", he said, adding that inclusion of subjects of Khatm-e-Nabuwwat and blasphemy in the academic syllabus were proof of Ch. Parvez Elahi's immense love for the Holy Prophet (SAWW).

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt¹, of the same publishing house, reported this meeting in Urdu and printed the Speaker's photo with Ahrar leaders:

Mulla tasks police to undertake evil

Peeru Chak, District Sialkot; January-March 2022:

Anti-Ahmadiyya wall chalking was done here at various places and a couplet was written in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque: **"Tell me what you want. Head of a blasphemmer!"**

Ahmadis informed the police; the SHO PS Motra came and removed it. Thereafter the

situation worsened for Ahmadis. Wall-chalking was done again in the village, and the authorities effaced it.

Bilal Butt, an anti-Ahmadi activist of Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat, filed a complaint with PS Motra against Ahmadis, Messrs. Yaqub Ahmad Dogar (local

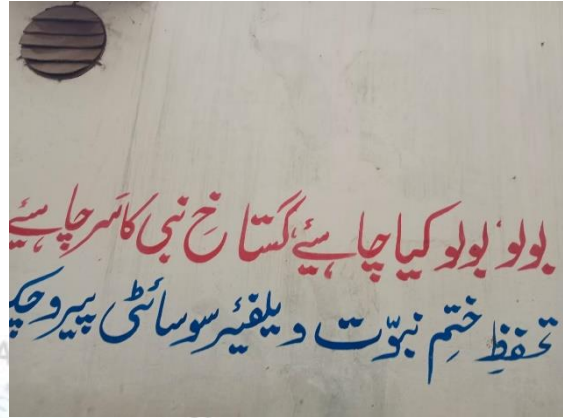
¹ The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, - February 5, 2022

Ahmadiyya president), Maqsood Ahmad Dogar, Abdul Khaliq, Jameel Ahmad, Malik Abdul Salam, Muhammad Yaqub and Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din for allegedly violating anti-Ahmadiyya sections PPCs 298-B and 298-C.

On March 24, the locals went to the neighboring village and announced there to go to Peeru Chak to help Islam by prosecuting *Qadianis*. These opponents went to see DSP Daska with accusation that *Qadianis* had used Islamic rites.

On March 28, the SHO police came to the graveyard and desecrated Ahmadi's tombstones along with locals. Ahmadi's asked

him to show the formal orders. At this, the police quit and left. They had desecrated two Ahmadi's tombstones.



Anti-Ahmadiyya activities in Tharparkar

Tharparkar; December 2022:

Mr. Mubashir, an Ahmadi missionary, is serving as a teacher in the mission's school and as the local Ahmadiyya president in Kohara. He is a convert from Hinduism. Recently, his relatives came over drunk to his house and started making noise. He went out to protest, and a hustle started there. This complicated the situation and the police got involved.

Senior Ahmadi leadership in the district approached the police and explained them the facts of the incident, its background and the political support to the opposition. A senior influential was then approached and requested intervention to promote peace and harmony. This has borne fruit and the situation is now calm.

Property rights denied on demand of mullas

Silanwali, District Sargodha; March 2022:

Mr. Abdul Aziz, Ahmadi, has a property here, which he rented out to the medical college. The mullas protested against this for some time. *Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat* complained to the Town Committee that *Qadianis* were going to construct a place

of worship there. The administration promptly sealed the said property on mullas' demand.

Mullas then approached the WAPDA office and demanded that the electricity meter installed there be removed. They also invited mullas from Sargodha to join them in this drive.

Mr. Aziz contacted the concerned office to get the construction plan approved, but they hesitated saying that they were under pressure from the mullas.

A higher office, however, promised to do the needful.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Chiniot

Chiniot; February 26-27:

The 60th *Fateh Mubahila* Conference was held on 26-27 February 2022 in Chiniot. Mulla Abdul Ghafur (General Secretary International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement Sindh), Mulla Zahid Al-Rashidi of Gujranwala, Qari Ahmad Ali Nadeem (President Khatme Nabuwwat Pakistan), Syed Kafeel Shah Bukhari of Multan, Mulla Shahid Imran Arafai of Sahiwal, Mufti Tahir Masood of Sargodha, Mulla Ilyas Chinioti MPA and some other politicians including Hafiz Ammar Yasir (Minister for Minerals, Punjab), Capt. (R) Safdar (PML-N, son-in-law of Mr. Nawaz Sharif), Ikhtiar Wali Khan (MPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Bilal Tariq Tarar (MPA, Lahore) and Ghulam Muhammad Lali (MNA) participated.



During the conference, the mullas stated that *Qadianis* who have strayed from Islam are invited to Islam by believing in the finality of prophethood and thus become entitled to the pool of *Kausar* on Doomsday. Pakistan's nuclear assets are not safe without removing the *Qadianis* from key posts. The silence of human rights organizations on the violation of basic human rights by *Qadianis* in Chenab

Nagar is beyond comprehension. The intent to take control of any religious seminary in the



Capt. R Safdar at the conference

country, including Islamabad, will not be allowed to succeed under any circumstances, they asserted.

On this occasion, they approved the following resolutions:

- This *Ijtema* (conference) pays homage to the male and female members of provincial assemblies from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab who have included the affidavit of *Khatme Nabuwwat* in the marriage form.
- This *Ijtema* demands column of religion in the identity card.
- This *Ijtema* demands from the Punjab government that a third party audit of the so-called *Qadiani* welfare organizations be carried out and the 1034 kanals of land purchased by *Qadianis* in Chenab Nagar be demarcated.
- This *Ijtema* declares that insulting the Prophets, Companions, Ahle Bait and

other holy persons by *Qadianis* and the non-religious on social media be treated as terrorism. Legal action should be taken against them.

- This *Ijtema* pays tribute on behalf of the entire Muslim *Ummah* to Afghan Taliban for liberation of their homeland from the infidel powers and the establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan after 20 years of struggle.
- This *Ijtema* salutes the courageous Muslim daughter of India, Muskan Khan, for taking the bold step of raising the slogan *Takbir* to save her *hijab* (veil) and thus challenging extremist Hindus.

- This *Ijtema* calls on all institutions to work for the welfare of the people by finding a political solution to the ongoing political conflict in the country.
- This *Ijtema* demands the government to control the rising prices of petrol, electricity, gas and other commodities in the country.
- This *Ijtema* pays tribute to the professional sacrifices of the armed forces and agencies in fighting the incursions at country's borders and the internal interference.

Azad Kashmir Assembly's Resolution!

Muzaffarabad; April 2022:

Azad Kashmir's (AJK) status awaits finality, to put it mildly. One expects this Assembly to function cautiously and with great wisdom, so as to convey to the world its vision of the shape and content of the futuristic Kashmir, envisaged by the majority of lawmakers of the AJK Assembly and their Pakistani fellow politicians to whom the entire Kashmir is a disputed territory awaiting a final arrangement.

Regrettably, AJK Assembly has repeatedly shown a lack of concern with their international reputation, and its members have blatantly shown a face in public on religious issues that will endear them to none in the wide world except perhaps to some of their voters.

AJK Assembly passed a lengthy Resolution on the issue of *Khatme Nabuwat* (KN) End of Prophethood, and openly gave all the wrong reasons to indulge in this exercise. We

translate below some of the demands made in their Resolution and add the original as Annex IX:

- The End of Prophethood (KN) syllabus that was introduced in KP schools should be incorporated in the AJK curriculum.
- Quranic verses with translations and the 'Seal of Prophecy', the Hadith and the *Kalima* should be displayed or hung in golden letters on AJK Assembly building, and in government buildings, offices, and at the KN Chowk Chhattar 2 miles.
- All Muslim officials, government servants and citizens of this state should produce KN affidavits at the time of their induction, posting and marriage, and



these should be placed in their (personal) records.

- All the KN resolutions passed in AJK Assembly since 1973 should be compiled and published. Moreover the Proceedings of the National Assembly of Pakistan, as also all the KN laws and judicial verdicts should be securely kept in the Legislative Assembly of Azad Kashmir.

- All the existing laws on the issues of *Khatme Nabuwat*, *Namus Risalat* (Honour of Prophethood), *Namus Sahaba* and *Ahle Bait* (Honour of the Companions and the Family) should be effectuated.
- The exalted name of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) should thus be written in all documents: Rahmat ul il Aalameen, Khatam al Nabiyyeen, Hazrat Muhammad Sallal Allahu Elaihe wa Sallam.

The Hajj form in vogue

May 2022:

The not-so-new Hajj form has come to our notice. Every Muslim pilgrim going to Makka for Hajj is required to apply to the Govt of Pakistan for permission. This has been the practice in the past too on a somewhat different form, but this one is the latest that was promulgated during the Imran regime.

The affidavit required from the applicant deserves special mention for its (lack of) propriety, and malice. The language used therein to deny Ahmadiyyat is worse than ever before. We provide its translation here and place the original form at the Annex X.

This form was introduced when Mr. Imran Khan was the prime minister and Maulvi Narul Haq Qadri was the minister of religion.

The government, through this form, took it upon itself to compel all the pilgrims to curse and abuse Mirza Sahib¹, thus undertaking grave responsibility for indulging in slander and profanity against a person who is considered holy by millions the world over,

Affidavit:

I affirm on oath that:

I am a Muslim and believe the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) to be the last Prophet and believe most ardently (Dil o Jan say) in his finality.

Moreover, I attest that Khatam al Nabiyyeen wal Mursaleen Hazrat Muhammad (P.B.U.H.)'s end of Prophethood was complete, final and unconditional, and I do not believe in anyone nor believe him to be a Prophet or Messenger in any sense or meaning of these terms. I do not belong to the Qadiani or Lahori Group or who call themselves Ahmadi or by any such name; I send curses on such a claimant, and consider such a claimant, including Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, to be a liar.

Signature of the Applicant

and thus taking the risk of Divine wrath and punishment.

¹ Note: The government is guilty of compelling the Applicants to sign an affidavit contrary to their belief, as a vast majority of Pakistani Muslims, both Sunni and Shia, believe that Prophet Isa was lifted physically to the heaven, and will descend to earth in Latter Days.

Then happened the staggering regime change on 9/10 April, and mulla Nurul Haq Qadri has not been heard of since, while Mr.

Khan is on the road protesting threats to his life, property, prestige *et al.*

True colours of Jama'at Islami (JI)

Peshawar, June 2022:

Jama'at Islami (Pakistan) often poses to be relatively a tolerant, enlightened religio-political party, however this veneer is thin and often shows up its artificiality and forged nature, particularly when dealing with any issue concerning Ahmadis.

Three members (all of JI) of the KP Assembly, in June 2022, moved an anti-Ahmadi resolution¹ (See Annex XI) in the Assembly for consideration and passage. For brevity's sake, we produce (right) only the opening para of the resolution that sums up the content of the whole:

Please note the veiled threat.

The MPAs who moved the Resolution were all belonged to Jama'at Islami (JI),

- Ms Humaira Khatun
- Inayatullah Khan
- Sirajuddin Khan

A provincial minister thanked the movers of the Resolution, and the Assembly passed it unanimously. Some aspects of this Resolution and its passage deserve mention.

Ahmadis were accused of proselytization; however, no reliable evidence was put forth. A mere mention of social media messages, with no follow-up formal inquiry, is meaningless. The charge was not investigated by the police nor any report rendered. The Assembly did not bother to demand any evidence. Only the

Mr. Speaker,

We, with reference to Rule 123 of the 1988 Procedures and Rules of the KP Provincial Assembly, through you, present before this honorable House an extremely important resolution, in that this House urges the administration to take immediate notice of the proselytizing campaign of Qadianis in the University Town and Hayatabad posh neighborhoods of Peshawar and other areas in the province. The honour of the Holy Prophet and the End of Prophethood is integral to Muslims' faith. In this regard, the Provincial Government and the District Administration of Peshawar should bridle (*lagam dey*) the Qadianis, without waiting any more for some unpleasant development, and take steps to restrict them to live their lives like other minorities, as per the Constitution of Pakistan.

Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) ulama and the 'excellent' (*Jaiyyid*) ulama of Peshawar reportedly investigated. It is well-known that the ulama of the central *Khatme Nabuwwat* are sworn enemies of Ahmadis and they are poor witnesses in such cases. Also, this is something new that in KP a criminal

¹ <https://www.pakp.gov.pk/resolutions/r-no-1368/>

accusation is to be investigated by the *Jaiyyid* ulama rather than investigating officials.

It brings no credit to the KP Assembly that such a sectarian Resolution, by a party like JI, be summarily and unanimously passed without due discussion and essential inquiry. It sets a bad precedence. KP has shared

societal and social suffering imposed by politically ambitious religious elements like the Taliban, IS, TTP and even TLP. Jamaat Islami has its own identity in name, but its genes are little different than theirs.

The ruling and majority party in KP Assembly is Tehreek Insaaf (PTI).

Mulla incites people against Ahmadis

Ratoocha, District Chakwal; November 13, 2022:

A Jalsa was held in the Ahle Sunnat mosque here, where a mulla from Gujjar Khan Rawalpindi spoke. He lashed out against the Ahmadiyya Community and forbade the participants to have any relations or transactions with them. After the program, an organizer told a relative of an Ahmadi that they would also throw out the Ahmadi dead from the common cemetery.

Rizwan Ahmad, a former Ahmadi, filed an application in the police station that some people were spreading agitation in the village and saying that they would throw out the dead of Ahmadis from the common graveyard. When the police summoned the parties, the village Maulvi announced a procession against Ahmadis. The police were informed,

who came to the village before the Friday prayer and met the said mulla. The mulla mentioned in his Friday sermon that someone had filed an application against them, so everyone who believes in the End of Prophethood should reach the police station the next evening. At this, Rizwan Ahmad said that he had applied to the police. *“The mulla is spreading evil in the village and we just listen silently. If anyone has the courage, take out a dead Ahmadi”*, he challenged. The influential people of the village present there also supported Rizwan.

Later, in the police station the opposite party apologized to Rizwan and gave in writing that there will be no such mistake in future. The SHO warned these people and let them go.

Mulla incites public to boycott Ahmadis

New Dambalu, District Badin; December 2022:

Muhammad Ishaq, Ahmadi of Kot Ahmadiyya has been living in this town for a long time. He has been opposed since the beginning. There is a seminary here of Wahabi school of thought. On November 18, 2022 a mulla gave the entire Friday sermon against

Ahmadis and incited people against Ahmadis by mentioning two Ahmadis by name. After that, they now face greater opposition in society and some shopkeepers have refused to sell them anything.

Ahmadi threatened by mullas at his doorstep

Dastagir Society, Karachi; July 13, 2022:

Some clerics along with ten madrassa students came to Master (teacher) Fazal Ahmad's house on July 13 at 09:30 p.m. They were accompanied by a former student of the Master, who is now an office-holder in the management of the madrassa. Master's son, Yassir Ammar, answered the knock on the door. A mulla asked him, "Have you sacrificed an animal on Eid-ul-Adha and thus insulted the *Sunnat* (practice) of Ibrahim?" "I did not sacrifice", Ammar replied. They told him to send the head of the household to the door.

When Master Fazal Ahmad came out of the house, the clerics repeated the same question, to which he answered in the affirmative. They asked him if he had distributed meat to Muslims as well. "I give

only to those who accept the meat," replied the Master. The mullas told him angrily that a police case could be registered against him over this. Then they said, "Why did you greet us with *Salaam* when we came? This way, you have insulted Islam and we know that you also go out to offer morning prayer. Now, our committee will decide tomorrow what to do with you." After that, they went back shouting slogans.

On July 15, miscreants were seen roaming outside the Master's house. At first, the Master shifted to another place for a few days to avoid the problem, but then he returned to his home, saying his disappearance would encourage the mullas further. Brave of him!

Unbelievable, but true

On twitter, September 18, 2022:

Khawaja Saad Rafique, a PML-N federal minister, in a recent tweet, stated that:

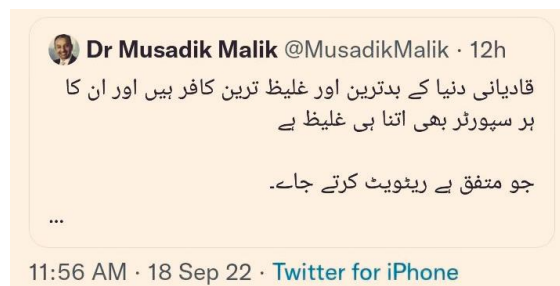
"Qadianiat and Zionism is a conspiracy to thrust a dagger in the heart of Islam," etc.

The minister has perhaps gone insane; we do not know, why. His tweet is confirmed as not fake. It refers to a tweet by a more sensible minister, Mr. Miftah Ismail. We produce below the three relevant tweets.

Initially, someone tweeted the following fabrication from an address @MusadikMalik:

"Qadianis are the world's worst and filthiest infidels, and equally filthy is their every supporter.

Those who agree, should continue to retweet."



The real Dr. Musadik Malik is a PML-N leader and a minister of state in the incumbent federal government. Reportedly he is relatively

a decent person, and someone issued the above offensive tweet from a fake account as intimidated soon afterwards by Mr. Miftah Ismail, the federal finance minister, in the following tweet from his address @MiftahIsmail:¹ “This is a fake account. An imposter pretending to be Musaddik Malik. His real account is @DrMusadikMalik”

So far so good, but then Khawaja Saad Rafique jumped in this one-sided foray and fired his unsolicited broadside on Ahmadis – a very soft target. It is in vernacular; we present it in original above and attempt an English translation that may not be able to do justice to the evil language used in the original².

@KhSaad_Rafique Replying to @MiftahIsmail and @DrMusadikMalik (sic)

“The account may be fake, but Qadianiat and Zionism is a conspiracy to thrust a dagger in the heart of Islam.

Remember that Qadianiat is not another faith, but a Great Mischief. We have no doubt in this whatsoever.

However, the human and constitutional rights of all should remain protected.



The next day Punjab Assembly condemned this federal minister for invoking the religion card³.

A few days earlier, another PML-N federal minister Mr. Javed Latif in a TV appearance had accused Imran Khan, though falsely, of pro-Ahmadi leaning.

In the following days, Mr. Latif’s remarks attracted a great deal of criticism from many quarters. Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan, a well-known politician and lawyer came to the conclusion: “Religion card: Javed Latif wants Imran Khan murdered: Aitzaz Ahsan”⁴

It is now up to Mr. Shehbaz Sharif, the Prime Minister to decide whether Mr. Saad Rafique and Mr. Javed Latif are fit to hold the posts of minister in his cabinet, who unscrupulously use religion and race to promote their politics, doing irreparable harm to the reputation of PML-N that claims lineage from Muslim League of the Quaid e Azam.

Punjab politics: a crafty mix of religion and statecraft

Lahore:

TV channel 92 News displayed the following statements of Mr. Parvez Elahi, the Chief Minister Punjab⁵.

Thanks to the Jamia Ashrafia administration; they provided me opportunity

¹ <https://twitter.com/MiftahIsmail/status/1571392749131411456?s=20>

² https://twitter.com/KhSaad_Rafique/status/1571428280032698368?s=20

³ The daily Dawn, Lahore September 20, 2022 – Also: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1711058/ministers-booked-for-endangering-imrans-life>

⁴ TV channel ARY at 0705 on September 21, 2022

⁵ TV Channel 92 at 07:02 on September 7, 2022

to participate in Khatme Nabuwwat conference.

- Qamar Javed Bajwah, the head of Pakistan Army has rendered great services to the religion of Islam.
- Allah enabled us to legislate on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat.
- Those who speak against Pakistani armed forces should use their head (*aqal karni chahiey*).
- My profound compliments to martyred activists of Khatme Nabuwwat.
- Imran Khan, Chairman PTI collected Rs 5bn for the flood-affected.
- We've also set up an Ulama Board that checks up (text) books.

- When TLP put up *Dharna* (sit down), the head of Pakistan Army held talks with them.



Ch Parvez Ilahi

- We have granted all the rights to the minorities.
- We also legislated against those who indulge in usury.
- Our effort is to spread peace and religion (*Deen*) in Pakistan.
- We made Qur'anic studies (Taleem) compulsory in all schools.
- Our effort is to provide jobs to maximum number of youth.

TLP blurts out its anti-Ahmadiyya agenda

Ghoghyat, District Sargodha; September 2022:

Opposition to Ahmadis has intensified in Ghoghyat, District Sargodha in the last 5 years. In May 2022, the police desecrated thirty gravestones of Ahmadis on demand of mullas. Ahmadis were barred from undertaking *Qurbani* on Eid ul Adha. Opponents submitted numerous applications at different levels against minarets and niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque.

On September 10, Malik Muhammad Yaqoob, Head of the notorious Tehrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) in Sargodha Division, released a video message in which he said, "Since 2019, we have made requests against the use of Islamic rituals by Qadianis in Ghoghyat, but no one heard us. If the district administration removes the minarets and niche from their place of worship by September 12, then fine, otherwise the locals along with the TLP activists will remove the minarets and niche

themselves and the responsibility for any loss of life or fighting on this occasion would lie with the district administration Sargodha."

On September 13, the district administration held a meeting with TLP, after which the said mulla issued another video message that the negotiations with the police were successful and the people should remain peaceful.

In this meeting, besides removal of the minarets and niche, the mullas presented the following 8 points:

1. Qadianis may not say *Salaam* in public.
2. Qadianis cannot participate in Muslim funerals.
3. Qadianis should be forbidden to invite Muslims to their marriage ceremony.
4. Qadianis cannot participate in the marriage ceremony of Muslims.

5. Qadianis should be forbidden to promote Quranic teachings (*Taleem*).
6. They should be forbidden to carry the Holy Quran in public.
7. They should be forbidden from *Qurbani*.
8. No Qadiani should offer ritual prayer in public.

In this regard, Ahmadiyya delegation spoke to the administration and police officials. The police said that a committee would be formed on the minarets and niche; it will report on the construction of the mosque and how old the mosque is. Also a board will be displayed outside the mosque, which will read, "This is not a Muslims' mosque; it is a place of worship for the (Qadiani) Jamaat".

On this, Ahmadis offered that instead "Bait-ul-Ahmadiyya" could be written there. However, after the Friday prayer, the police installed their board on the road outside the niche of the Ahmadiyya mosque.

It may be recalled that the TLP is a violent sectarian political party that thrives on religious bigotry. It undertook a march to Islamabad in October 2021, wherein their crowd managed to kill 8 persons including policemen. It was initially banned, but later the authorities lifted the ban under duress.



Ahmadiyya (futile) appeal to authorities

Rabwah; September 28, 2022:

Ahmadiyya central office forwarded the following request (next page) in writing to authorities to disallow mullas' sectarian

conference and processions in the Ahmadiyya town Chenab Nagar (Rabwah), scheduled on Holy Prophet's birthday.

Editor's comment:

Similar letters were written in the past years as well, however authorities authorized these conferences every year, even though they posed a substantial threat to the local population; so the authorities as well as the

locals had to remain on high alert to forestall an ugly incident.

Title: Request for appropriate action on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on October 09, 2022 gatherings and processions at Rabwah/Chenab Nagar, District Chiniot

Blessed programs have been announced across Pakistan on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on October 09, 2022 to celebrate the blessed birth of Hazrat Muhammad *Khatam un Nabiyeen* (p.b.u.h.). Programs are organized all over Pakistan on this auspicious occasion, including gatherings and processions. Processions are held in Rabwah as in other cities across the country.

In the past, in addition to narrating the *seerat* (way of life) of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) on this blessed and holy occasion, baseless allegations are made against Jamaat Ahmadiyya regarding our faith and beliefs, and the participants of the procession are incited to make extreme moves against Jamaat Ahmadiyya. This practice has gone on for many years. The fact is that every Ahmadi, by the grace of Allah, has more devotion and respect for Hazrat Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) than for all other prophets, and this is a fundamental part of every Ahmadi's faith.

On this holy and blessed occasion in Rabwah, three large processions are taken out which pass through different parts of the city chanting anti-Ahmadi slogans and making provocative speeches, and this activity continues throughout the day. On this occasion, every Ahmadi shows tolerance and patience according to his traditions and teachings. Otherwise, the reaction of a single Ahmadi could be a prelude to a major storm.

For the past few months, a systematic anti-Ahmadi hate campaign has been going on across the country, which has resulted in murderous attacks, assassinations, violence, boycotts, police cases and arrests of Ahmadis on baseless charges. Inciting anti-Ahmadi activities on the auspicious occasion of the 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal may lead to an increase in these nefarious activities this year.

Sir, you are representative of the State of Pakistan and the defender of the Constitution of Pakistan. On this auspicious occasion of 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal, every citizen expects from you that his property and life will be protected irrespective of his religion and ethnicity, and action would be taken according to the law. If it is necessary to allow the said programs, then a full official recording of these gatherings and processions should be made so that the real picture is available to you.

It is hoped that you will pay special attention to this sensitive issue in order to meet the legal requirements and cater for unforeseen developments. I shall be very grateful to you, and will await your reply.

Best wishes,

Dark theocratic clouds over the Punjab

Lahore; October 2022:

PML-Q along with PTI rules the Punjab. Mr. Parvez Elahi of PML-Q is the chief minister.

Within three days of assuming power in the province, the chief minister issued orders through a ‘MOST URGENT’ ‘REMINDER’ (See Annex XII) with a ‘TIME LIMIT’ of one-day for implementation, “to ensure implementation of the amendment regarding the oath of *Khatme Nabuwat* in the true letter and spirit in Nikah (marriage) formalities”. This order was issued in the days when the whole country was immersed in floods of Biblical dimensions and the province itself was stuck in the treacherous marsh of grave political instability.

Now, a few weeks later, after the country closely escaped bankruptcy, one finds the government of Punjab spending huge sums on prime-time advertisements on numerous private TV channels on the issue of *Khatme Nabuwat* at the occasion of solemnizing Nikahs. It is worth mentioning that in the past 14 centuries of Islamic society, no such certification of faith in End of Prophethood was ever required for the Nikah to be valid — in Sharia or in custom or law.

This ad was diligently designed by professionals. It shows a Nikah being performed by a mulla in the grand Royal Mosque of Lahore. It shows a certificate of faith in the *Khatme Nabuwat*, whose script can be easily read by viewers. It requires faith



in the last, total and unconditional faith in *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*¹... . The groom and the bride is shown looking happy over the certification. The ad² is being shown for days on end — went on for weeks.

The ad declares that “We (the advertisers, Govt of Punjab) are grateful to Allah over this great blessing (*Saadat Uzma*).³”

The ad has been shown repeatedly on TV channels ARY, Bol, HUM, 92 News etc, day after day, every few minutes. To be specific, a display can be seen shown at 21:55 on October 14, 2022.

This story would not be complete without following observations:

- The aim is primarily to gain political mileage. The PML-Q hopes to get some more votes through this campaign.
- This TV ad drive is likely to drive the wedge further between the simple-minded mainstream Muslim youth and Ahmadis — a deliberate policy with extreme right.

¹ Note: The anti-Ahmadi law provides three-year imprisonment to Ahmadis if they openly declare that they also believe 100 percent in the Holy Prophet as *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*. Also, vast majority of Muslims in Pakistan believe in the future advent of Prophet Isa among Muslims — so such certificates are a huge fraud played on Pakistani Muslims

² Translation of the screenshot above: Safeguarding belief in *Khatme Nabuwat*, A big condition imposed in Nikah, Extremely important action by Punjab Government

³ <https://youtu.be/tsBVTPKtcos>

- Part of the aim could be to oblige TV channels with plenty of ad money.
- PML-Q stands for Pakistan Muslim League–Quaid-i-Azam; thus it claims special commitment to the ideals

promoted by the Quaid. However, one the most important guidelines given by the Quaid was that Pakistan would not be a theocracy, and the state will have nothing to do with the religion of the citizen.

No end to bigotry Now Mr. Tessori, governor of Sindh,

Karachi, October 20, 2022:

Mr. Kamran Tessori of MQM-P was recently appointed governor of Sindh. Although appointed by PML-N prime minister, he immediately stepped backward to Mr. Parvez Elahi the CM of the Punjab in matters of religion. We produce below a report from *Thefridaytimes.com*¹.

Governor Tessori Desires Punjab-Like Finality of Prophethood Clause in Sindh Marriage Certificates

Sindh Governor Kamran Tessori is desirous of a clause affirming the Finality of Prophethood (*Khatm-e-Nabuwwat*) in Sindh *nikahnamas* (marriage certificates) on lines of the Punjab.

Tessori, according to *Dunya*, has penned a letter to Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah on this account. Tessori reportedly believes that the introduction of the provision will be representative of the love Muslims have for Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). In his letter, the governor has urged the chief minister to ensure pertinent departments were directed in this regard. Tessori also went to add that legislation should be introduced and directions delivered.

Including *Khatm-e-Nabuwwat* provision in the *nikahnama* was the first major policy decision of the Punjab chief minister Pervaiz Elahi. Pakistan is the sole country to undertake such measures.



¹ <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2022/10/20/governor-tessori-desires-punjab-like-finality-of-prophethood-clause-in-sindh-marriage-certificates/>

9

The Hate Campaign: Rallies, Conferences etc.



The hate campaign against Ahmadis continued unabated throughout the year despite the much trumpeted National Action Plan, the Paigham e Pakistan and the Code of Conduct. The mullas have told the government to make anti-Ahmadiyya activity an exception, and the authorities conveniently seem to agree. Statements by some leading politicians have encouraged them to persist and heighten the hate speech.

It is rather upsetting that the authorities not only fail to put a stop to the blatant hate campaign, they even provide facilities to perpetrate it. Permission is granted to take out hostile and hateful rallies and hold conferences in Rabwah and elsewhere in the name of 'End of Prophethood' are indefensible.


Numerous such rallies were held this year countrywide.

The hate campaign goes on not just through rallies but also in print and electronic media. The vernacular press has no qualms publishing blatant anti-Ahmadi statements of clerics. The mullas publish hateful anti-Ahmadi books, brochures and leaflets as well as stickers for free distribution - even for schools.

All these rallies and conferences attended by thousands, spread over days, cost money, as the boarding and lodging are free. Where does the money come from? The authorities know it but permit it, although it is a declared assessment at the top that extremism and sectarianism are both poison for Pakistan.

Unrestricted hate campaign in the Punjab and KP resulted in numerous anti-Ahmadi incidents in these provinces that were ruled by PTI in coalition governments.





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.

CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN (ARTICLE 20)

Hate and Silence: Examining Anti-Ahmadi Propaganda in 2022

In 2022, our survey revealed that there was an increase in hostile actions against the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan. These included publishing news articles, airing anti-Ahmadiyya TV shows, holding rallies and conventions, and spreading hate on social media. The situation is alarming as there is little pushback against this animosity, with the lives of Ahmadis in Pakistan worsening gradually. Unfortunately, the majority of the public either engages in spreading hate or chooses to be passive spectators.

This survey aims to highlight the gravity of the dangers faced by Ahmadis in Pakistan and how the media and administration is fueling this further. Our data is geographically limited but we believe it demonstrates the pervasive hostility that exists towards Ahmadis all over Pakistan. The survey revealed that over 2,628¹ articles were published in major newspapers in 2022 alone, containing baseless accusations against the Ahmadiyya community and calling for their exclusion from society.

These articles have a far-reaching impact, given that over 10 million newspaper copies are printed daily in Pakistan. They exacerbate the marginalization of Ahmadis, and their authors urge the government to take even harsher measures against Ahmadis, in addition to the existing blasphemy laws and anti-Ahmadiyya penal codes. We hope that this report will shed light on the numerous forms of hateful actions directed towards Ahmadis and the urgent need for action to address their plight.

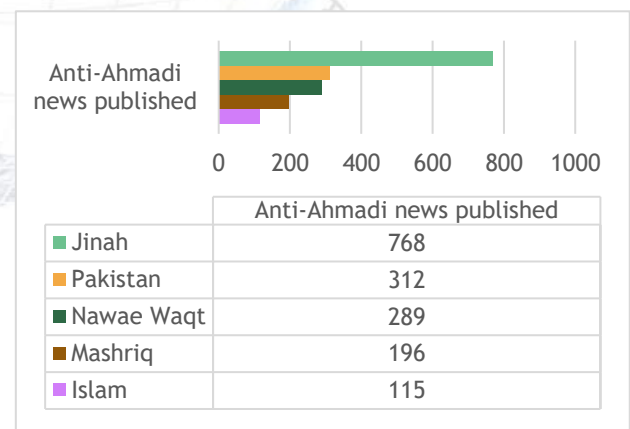
In Daily Mashriq, Dr. Ashraf Jalali, of Tehreek Labbaik Ya Rasool (TLP), falsely accused Ahmadis of misinterpreting the Quran and called them traitors of both Pakistan and Islam². Similarly, in Nawai Waqt, Maulana Ilyas Chinioti, leader of the extremist group International Khatme Nabuwat,

claimed that conducting business with Ahmadis is forbidden in Islam and that Qadianis spend 10% of their profit on campaigns against Muslims³.

The leader of Jamat-e-Islami, Mr. Siraj-ul-Haq, shared his anti-Ahmadiyya sentiments in Daily Mashriq, stating that the government has failed to stop the "conspiracies" of the Ahmadiyya Community and urging for even harsher restrictions.

Despite the already precarious situation faced by Ahmadis in Pakistan, religious clerics continue to fan the flames of hatred and call for even harsher sanctions and stated that Qadianis are trying to damage the ideological basis of the country⁴.

Although the figure of 2,628 anti-Ahmadi news items cited above represents only a fraction of the total publications disseminated in Pakistan each year, it is indicative of the pervasive anti-Ahmadiyya sentiment prevalent in much of the country's media. This harmful rhetoric has contributed to egregious acts of violence against the Ahmadi community. Despite such reprehensible actions, there has been an unfortunate lack of condemnation of such publications in Pakistan.



Bigotry against Ahmadis is not confined to print media but also present in news programs and talk shows. A popular morning show on Hum News

¹ For details see *Inforgraphics – Media Report*

² *Roznama Mashriq Lahore Dec 7, 2022*

³ *Roznama Nawai Waqt Lahore Nov 28, 2022*

⁴ *Roznama Ausaf Lahore Nov 28, 2022*

invited a lawyer who made baseless allegations against Ahmadis. The lawyer falsely claimed that Ahmadis were publishing Quran with false translations and refusing to cooperate with the Quran board.

Former Prime Minister Imran Khan and senior member of PML-N, Javaid Latif, both made derogatory statements against the Ahmadiyya Community in separate events. While Khan praised the 1973 constitutional amendment that declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims, Latif accused the PTI government of being favorable to Ahmadis. Both political parties, PTI and PML-N, share anti-Ahmadiyya views, and politicians use hate speech against Ahmadis to gather public support.

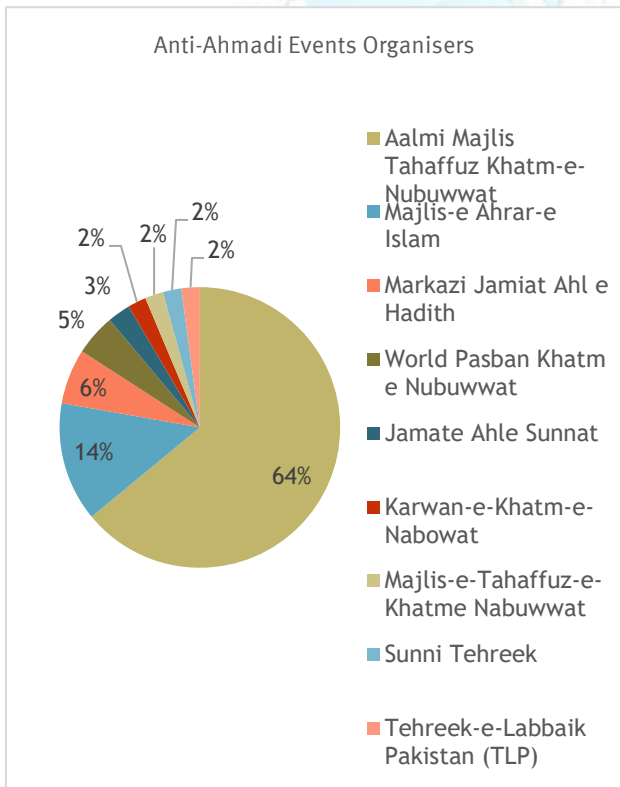
In addition to defamatory publications and TV programs, Pakistan witnesses hundreds of rallies and conventions every year against Ahmadis. According to our survey, 181 rallies were held against Ahmadis in major cities such as Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Peshawar, and even the city of Rabwah. Additionally, 47 anti-Ahmadi processions were carried out without

restrictions and received coverage by media and major newspapers. Although impossible to cover every event, the actual number is far greater. These rallies have a history of turning into violent mobs and attacking religious minorities. The rallies were primarily organized by the Khatame Nabuwat Movement and Majlis-e Ahrar Pakistan.

Unfortunately, the prejudice against Ahmadis has spread from traditional media to social media platforms. In 2022, Twitter witnessed a surge in trends calling for the exclusion of Ahmadis from society and branding them as traitors, such as #QadianiTerrorists and #CurseonQadiasnis, resulting in thousands of spiteful tweets¹. These trends frequently appeared on Twitter and Facebook, consistently ranking among the top trends. One example is Hamza Kaleem's tweet, which shared a news article labeling Ahmadis as non-Muslims with the hashtag #QadianistheworstApostates. This is a limited survey, and the actual number of such derogatory remarks is probably higher. There is a lack of accountability for those who post such hateful messages, which often lead to the murder of Ahmadis and desecration of their graves.

Amidst countless anti-Ahmadi news, only one official Pakistan's Minister of Human Rights, Riaz Hussain Pirzada, voiced support. He argued that Ahmadis' persecution on religious grounds is a violation of their human rights. The situation has become so hostile towards Ahmadis that even speaking for them is risky.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) also raised the Ahmadiyya issue. Similarly, Yasser Latif Hamdani and a few other activists expressed their concerns. Regrettably, the paucity of individuals standing up for the rights of minorities in the country, which has a population of 220 million, is concerning. The majority of the populace is inclined in the opposite direction, perpetuating intolerance and discrimination against the Ahmadiyya community.



¹ See infographics for further data

Near-ultimate in hate and inciteful speech

September 30, 2022:

A TLP mulla, disciple of Allama Khadim Rizvi, spoke such hate and promoted such violence against Ahmadis on sectarian and religious grounds that defies adequate comment. Xari Jalil of voicepk.net, a third party source, attempted an op-ed¹ on the deliberate outburst of the mulla and released it. We produce the same below for record.

Video shows TLP leader inciting violence against pregnant Ahmadi women

September 30, 2022 By Xari Jalil

LAHORE

A video of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) leader directly inciting violence against Ahmadis – especially pregnant women – is doing the rounds on social media.

In the video, Qadri is giving a ‘sermon’ to his followers, telling them to actively carry out attacks against Ahmadis especially pregnant women so as to stop the baby from being born.

“We are the descendants of Mehmood of Ghaznavi,” says the cleric from the previously banned outfit in the video. “He was such a lionheart of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) whose horse’s galloping sound, would cause the miscarriage of Hindu women.”

He then continues to incite the listening audience, to ‘raise the slogan of Tajdar-e-Khatm-e-Nabuwat (the Seal of the Prophethood) with such ferocity that causes the “Mirzai” (pejorative for Ahmadi) women to lose their unborn child in their womb.’

In the six-minute video, the leader who is the district head of the Mandi Bahauddin area, he does not stop there but goes on with his hate-speech.

“Such a blasphemer should not be born, and those that are born, we will not leave them alive,” he said referring to those from the Ahmadi community.

He also goes on to address the law enforcement agencies.

“Those of you who are from the agencies, or if there is any DPO (District Police Officer), District Commissioner or SHO (Station House Officer of the Police) present here, listen very carefully and attentively. That a dog came here one time to preach, we won’t allow him a second time.” It is unclear if he was referring to anyone specific, but the warning was clear for the LEAs if they attempted to provide protection to Ahmadi families.

TLP has a history of carrying out attacks against the Ahmadi community including the murder of Naseer Ahmad in Rabwah, in August 2022.

In July UN human rights experts expressed deep concern about the lack of attention given to widespread violence against the Ahmadi community.

On September 27, Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, CM of the most populous province in Pakistan, said that he was having a mosque built outside which a notice would be put up saying that no “Qadiyanis” (another pejorative term) would be allowed inside.

“We call upon the international community and human rights groups to stand up against this injustice against the Ahmadis in Pakistan, and urge the media and government to immediately cease



¹ <https://voicepk.net/2022/09/video-shows-tlp-leader-inciting-violence-against-pregnant-ahmadi-women/>

the spread of hate speech in the country which endangers countless innocent lives,” said a statement by an NGO the International Human Rights Committee. “We impress upon the government to honour its responsibility to provide adequate protection and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis, and to bring its laws and practices to conformity with international standards.”

No official statement has been released from the Ahmadi community as yet.

On May 5, 2020, Pakistan’s cabinet established the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) and

adopted the position of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony not to include Ahmadis among its members. Information Minister Shibli Faraz stated after the cabinet meeting that Ahmadis did not “fall in the definition of minorities.”

An estimated 4 million Ahmadis live in Pakistan, a country of 212 million, and face widespread abuse and discrimination (*sic*).

The video is given in this article. Also this video can be reached on YouTube¹.

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

Rabwah; September 7, 2022:

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

This conference was organized by mulla Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, administrator of Madrassah *Khatme Nabuwwat* (KN) and Deputy *Amir* (president) *Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat* (MTKN).

Following mullas spoke in the first session:

Maulvi Abdul Rehman of Lahore; Maulvi Usama Afzal of Sargodha; Maulvi Umer Muawiyya Qasimi of Jhang; Shehbaz Ahmad Gujjar of Jhang; Maulvi Muhammad Mughera of Kot Wasava; Maulvi Umar Usman of Chiniot; Maulvi Abdul Rehman Tabassum of Sheikhpura; Qari Azam Hussain Jamiat Ulamae Islam; Maulvi Syed Anees Shah of Okara; Maulvi

Muhammad Asif Sial; Maulvi Javed Kasuri. The gist of their rhetoric was:

Qadianis are deniers of the End of Prophethood and are outside the circle of Islam. They are the thieves of the End of Prophethood. Implement complete social boycott of Ahmadis. Muslims should stay away from them. Qadianis are apostates, they are infidels and they are deviants of the Constitution of Pakistan. The British created the Qadiani mischief to spread chaos among the Muslims so that the Muslims could not unite on a single platform. The government of Pakistan should compel all the minorities to follow the constitution, and those who do not follow the constitution should be punished. Qadianis were planted by the English, who support them till today. If Qadianis go to Europe, the European Union gives them refuge. Our literate and illiterate don’t know why the Qadianis are infidels. Qadianis are a virus, bigger than the Corona virus, which is spreading in the world. Mirza Qadiani was a false

¹ <https://youtu.be/q8-0c5RodDs>

man and an apostate. Our government has declared this false sect to be infidels. They are trying to somehow subvert the 1974 Amendment. Qadianis are mistaken; this law cannot end until the Day of Judgment. Mirza Qadiani was a denier of Jihad. During Musharraf's reign, Jihad was classified as terrorism. Maulvi Sami-ul-Haq was killed for raising his voice against the accursed Asiya Bibi. JUI and International Khatme Nabuwat Movement will not spare Qadianis. Today we celebrate as a Thanksgiving Day. Our elders have made many sacrifices to declare the Qadianis as infidels. Qadianis want to steal the belief of End of Prophethood. Qadianis try to rob our faith,



Pakistan and Constitution of Pakistan. If there is any amendment in the constitution of Pakistan, we shall completely destroy Qadianis.

The second session started at 20:50. Mulla Shabbir Ahmad Usmani chaired it, and it lasted till 02:00. Approximately 700 men attended this session.

Following mullas spoke in this session:

Maulvi Habibullah Naqashbandi; Maulvi Dr. Ahmad Ali Siraj of Makkah; Maulvi Faizullah Khan; Maulvi Gulzar Ahmad Azad of Gujranwala; Professor Khalid Latif Cheema of Cheecha Watni; Maulvi Tahir Ashrafi Chairman Ulama Council; Maulvi Malik Khalil Ahmad Ashrafi of Chiniot; Maulvi Habib Ahmad of Hafizabad; Maulvi Ilyas Chinioti MPA & Amir International Khatme Nabuwat Movement Pakistan.

These mullas said the same sort of things as mentioned above. However, we quote below what was somewhat different.

Qadianiat is a great mischief which is spreading slowly in the whole world. If they are not suppressed, the world of Islam may suffer a great loss. Listen, you were infidels; you are infidels; you will remain infidels. You are the great mischief of the present age. Qadianis enjoy full religious freedom in Pakistan, while still not recognizing themselves as a minority. We pay tribute to the members of the Assembly of 1974 who participated in this great achievement. The government should declare a public holiday on September 7. The secular lobbies are attacking the integrity of Pakistan. Illegal activities of the Qadianis should be stopped and their activities should be strictly monitored. Finance Minister Miftah Ismail openly says that he consults Mian Atif Qadiani. Can these be consulted who are enemies of the Constitution of Pakistan? Bhutto told Colonel Rafi that he had achieved one thing in his whole life, that he declared the Qadianis infidels; this would be grounds for his salvation.

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi said that be it Mirza Masroor Ahmad or his father, no one's father can ever touch the Constitution on the End of Prophethood. No blasphemy case was registered in the entire two years. Qadianis, listen, we are not ignorant of what happens. In whatever form you come, we will fight you. General Qamar Javed Bajwa rejected the offer of six million dollars by the European Union. Muslims, stay away from the social media and the dirty groups and keep your kids away as well. Mirza Masroor Ahmad and his disciples, stay within the law. If Qadianis do anything wrong, we will take all legal measures. Teaching of the Quran has become compulsory in schools. Chief Minister Parvez Elahi is trying hard, and has supported us a lot. Qadianis, you are nothing; we dealt with your elders as if dirt (*jootion ki nok par rakha*).

Some of the resolutions presented in the conference are as follows:

- ... However, in such situations (of flood), there is a dire need to keep a close watch on anti-state elements and Qadiani NGOs

- so that they cannot spread apostatic activities in the name of relief.
- Qadiani conspiracies to make the Blasphemy Law and the End of Prophethood Law ineffective have reached the peak.
- Activities of Qadianis are increasing continuously in Chenab Nagar, their armed terrorists with modern weapons patrol on mobile vehicles, and they harass the innocent Muslims and the common passersby and torture them. Qadianis do not have that right in the presence of police and the administration.
- A religion box should be included in the CNIC card, or change the color of Muslims' CNIC to display religious identity, as per the Constitution.
- Qadiani TV channel MTA is continuously spreading mischief and misguidance, and the beliefs of Muslims are being insulted and ridiculed. The government should immediately ban its broadcast. (Which the government has already done. Ed.).

- According to the Shariah, punishment of the apostasy (Death) should be implemented under the recommendations of Islamic Ideology Council.
- The motto of the army is Jihad, while Qadianis are deniers of Islamic Jihad; so they should not be commissioned in the army.
- Qadianis should be removed from key positions in all civil and military departments across the country.
- Qadianis have established their own judicial system in Chenab Nagar which is like a state within a state, so today, by establishing the official writ in Chenab Nagar, they should be bound by the law of the land.
- Qadianis are using Islamic rituals and religious symbols of Muslims by pretending to be Muslims. This ijtema demands from the government that Qadiani Ordinance should be effectively implemented and Qadianis should be prevented from using the title of Islam.

A condemnable tendency using religion for political gain

TV HUM News:

HUM TV is a private national popular outlet. It invited leaders of three main political parties for a talkshow¹. One of these was Mr. Nehal Hashmi, of PML-N and a former senator (more on him later). The anchor raised the issue of the condemnable incident in Masjid-i-Nabwi (at Madinah) a few days earlier that had shaken the nation, as it amounted to defiling a site of great religious significance.

Mr. Hashmi took the mic and blurted out that *the culprits, PTI lot who violated the sanctity of the*

holy site, were of the



Ahmadi brand. This was a flabbergasting accusation, and a lie. The anchor person immediately sensed the danger of derailing from the subject, intervened, tried to stop Hashmi and told him to not raise the issue of faith. Hashmi had

¹ Pakistan Tonight with Syed Samar Abbas on HUM TV – April 29, 2022

come prepared; he resisted the anchor's advice. The anchor, however, insisted and Hashmi raised his voice in anger and defiance, and demanded, *'Let me speak, otherwise I'll not let the program proceed further (Naheen chalnay doonga). This issue concerns the sanctity (hurmat) of the Prophet. This is a conspiracy (sazish) of Ahmadis. Ahmadis are in league with them.... These are a fitna (great mischief) and the Pakistani people will not spare them.'*

The anchor person continued to tell him to not deviate from the real issue, and talk only facts. Hashmi paid him little attention and declared in angry tone that Pakistani people will offer their necks over the issue.

This was a very serious allegation against Ahmadis by a senior member of the now ruling party, PML-N. He had accused Ahmadis of promoting and impelling an incident that had shaken, if not shocked, the Muslim majority in the country, and most people were baying for the blood of the perpetrators. Hashmi accused Ahmadis of the conspiracy but offered no proof, no evidence whatsoever. He knew that no Ahmadi was present at the scene of the incident; no Ahmadi is even permitted by the Saudis to enter the holy site, as their passports carry mention of their Ahmadiyya identity. A few days later, when an FIR was registered against the perpetrators and the planners of the incident, no Ahmadi was mentioned therein, or even hinted at — rightly so. Mr. Hashmi was guilty of forging a plain lie — and

dangerous one at that, with malicious design. He used religion to promote his political interest.

Who is Nehal Hashmi? He was born in Bihar of India in January 1960. He practiced law as a criminal lawyer in Karachi. Making petitions was his avocation and he came to be known as Mr. Petitioner. He joined PML-N and rose rapidly to become its General Secretary, Sindh. He was advisor to the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Law, Justice and, surprisingly, Human Rights —from 1997 to 1999. PML-N rewarded him by arranging his election to the Senate in 2015. However in May 2017, his membership in PML-N was suspended and he was told by the PM to resign his senate seat.

On Feb 1, 2018, Hashmi was convicted by the Supreme Court in a contempt of court case. He was sentenced to one month imprisonment, and was banned from holding public office for the next five years. The day he ceased to be a member of the Senate, he was arrested, and was released from jail after a month on Feb 28. (*Wikipedia*).

With such criminal and checkered past, the ruling PML-N would do well to reign in this wild horse. Facts, truth, decency often do not occur to him. It is surprising that he was Mr. Nawaz Sharif's Advisor on Human Rights.

The PML-N and the country can now ill-afford the toxic mix of religion and politics, and short-sighted activists who insist on repeating this dangerous game should be set aside.

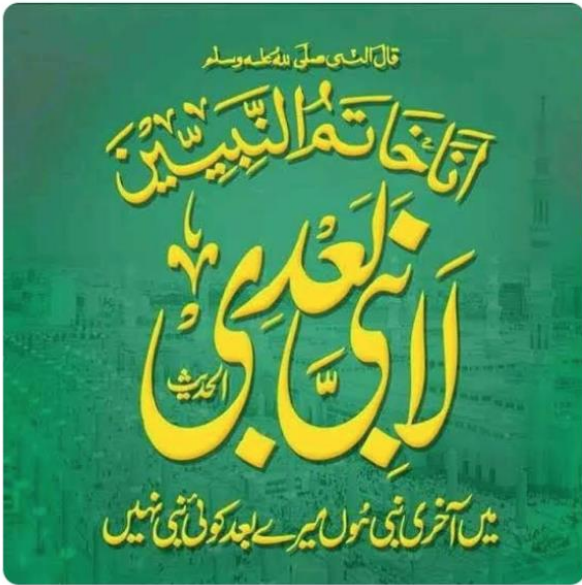
PTI's priorities!

Islamabad: April 24, 2022:

PTI government led by Mr. Imran Khan was voted out in a No Confidence move in the National Assembly on April 9/10 night. This was a major jolt, indeed a shock for its leadership. Mr. AM Khan is

one of them as he was a minister of state in that government.

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Soon after this hurtful political crash, the PTI leadership jumped into action mode and got intensely busy in efforts to regain the power in Islamabad. Mr. Imran Khan has addressed huge rallies in Peshawar, Karachi and Lahore. His top colleagues are playing their assigned roles or are acting on their own to retain or improve their vote bank for early elections demanded by the PTI. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, perhaps for lack of any other expertise or societal competence, has taken up the theme of the *Khatme Nabuwat* as his electoral punch line. On April 24, 2022 he issued the under-

displayed tweet¹, quoting a Hadith with his own vernacular translation: *I am the last Prophet, there is no Prophet after me.*

We do not indulge here in our understanding of this Hadith, but do express our surprise and wonder at the PTI's choice of this religious dogma for its election theme, while the country is faced with huge political, economic, societal and regional challenges.

Mr. AM Khan is the same man who while in the cabinet publicly termed Ahmadiyya a great mischief (*fitna*) and called for beheading of blasphemers². A number of leading intellectuals in the country have expressed serious concern over the potential of PTI (read Imran Khan) to harm the country and the nation. This is controversial; however, one Kashif N Chaudhry has come up with some data in his tweet³ as follows:



Claim: Human Rights flourished under Imran Khan

Fact: Human rights have always been abysmal in Pakistan, but got worse in Khan's Era.

Human Freedom Index, 2018⁴: 140th (world ranking) 2021⁵: 145th (Slipped 5 points)

A most hateful, inciting and provocative anti-Ahmadi conference in Rabwah

Rabwah; 27 and 28 October, 2022:

Rabwah is the central Ahmadiyya town in Pakistan. In a way, it is central to the worldwide Ahmadiyya Community. Its population is

approximately 95% Ahmadi. Despite this, the authorities allow mullas of the Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat (MTKN) to hold a two-day

¹ https://twitter.com/Ali_MuhammadPTI/status/1518017833736806406?s=20

² <https://www.ucanews.com/news/pakistan-minister-calls-for-beheading-of-blasphemers/87880>

³ <https://twitter.com/kashifmd/status/1518074094276730880?s=46&t=HOv7BmPkPllrWh8ccOpp4g>

⁴ <https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/human-freedom-index-files/human-freedom-index-2018-revised.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/2022-03/human-freedom-index-2021-updated.pdf>

conference here in Muslim Colony, transport thousands of participants from other towns, invite speakers from all over Pakistan to go rabid in their hostility to Ahmadis, and seriously threaten the peace of this town. Most of what the mullas say is unlawful and violation of the penal codes PPCs 153-A, 295-A, 298, 298-A etc. We provide below extracts, very briefly, of what was said by some of the speakers; the full statements in audio/video must be available with the authorities. It is surprising, indeed bizarre, that the authorities allow such conferences in Rabwah under known circumstances.

First Session: It started at 10:15 on October 27. Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman Sani of Lahore presided it. The audience numbered approximately 4500. Maulvi Khalil ur Rahman of Kundian inaugurated it with a prayer.

Mulla Kalimulla of Sargodha said that the process to crush Qadianis (*Sarkobi*) will continue.

Mulla Muhammad Aqib of Bannu said: We'll never submit to the slavery of the US and the UK. ... We'll pursue Qadianis all over the world.

Mulla Abdullah of Karachi said that the Mirza was an anti-Christ (*Dajjal*). He was *Dajjal*, and son of a swine. He even denied God.... All products of Qadianis should be boycotted.

Mulla Inayatullah of Quetta stated that the Mirza eventually claimed to be God (*Rabb*).

Mufti Umar Din of Hangu (ex-FATA) said that Qadianis are a hypocrite and fraudulent group. Deobandis are of three types, but they are all united in efforts to crush Qadianis, and they will pursue Qadianis till their end.

Mulla Abdul Razzaq of Kark said that Muslims pursue Qadianis because they make false claim to Prophethood. Qadianis are the filthy (*Ghaleez*) and the worst *Kafirs*.... (Qadianis) Have you seen the portrait of your Mirza? He was the worst *Kafir* of the modern times.

Mulla Ibrahim of Lakki Marwat advised that wherever Qadianis raise their head, crush it. He asserted that Qadianis are traitors to Pakistan; they are enemies of Islam and the country.

Mulla Suleiman of Jhang expressed his opinion that Qadiani mischief was slowly heading towards its termination.

Mulla Zafrulla of Larkana claimed that people in Larkana have boycotted all the Qadiani products. "The day is not far when not a single Qadiani would be found there," he said.

Second Session: It started at 13:50. Maulvi Aziz Ahmad of Kundian presided over it. The attendance was approximately 10,000.

Mulla Jamil Akhtar of Lahore said that if the authorities permit they would throw Ahmadis out of Pakistan within one month. ...Ahmadis are enemies of Pakistan.

Mulla Amjad Khan (JUI-F) expressed the view that Qadianis intend to break up Pakistan.



Posters/pamphlets distributed for the conference

Mulla Abdul Qayyum Haqqani told the audience that Qadianis are not allowed to build their place of worship.... They should accept the Pak Constitution or leave for Qadian, he said.

Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman (JUI-F) arrived at 15:30 and addressed the crowd. He told the audience, *inter alia*, that the Righteous Khalifas (*Rashideen*) fought wars for safeguarding the End of Prophethood, and they would continue to do the same. “The West supports Qadianis, we should pursue them,” he said.

Third Session: It started at about 18:00 and lasted till well past-midnight. Maulvi Nasir ud Din Khakwani presided it.

Mulla Ayub Saqib of Daska said that Qadiani leader had fled from Pakistan; the remaining shameless Qadianis would also soon flee from here.

Mulla Atif of Sargodha said that Mirza Qadiani was a drunkard and adulterer. He lived on his father’s pension. He was fond of women. How can a petty clerk in a government office be a Prophet?

Mulla Saifulla Naqshbandi said that Jews and Qadiani are ever busy in conspiracy to render Muslims’ heart devoid of the Prophet’s love.

Mulla Atiq ur Rahman Hazarvi asserted that Qadianis are no longer in a position to walk around keeping their head high....

Mulla Zahid ur Rashidi claimed that in 1953 when it was demanded that Ch. Zafrulla Khan be fired, the Prime Minister replied that in that case the US would stop supply of wheat to Pakistan. (So) It was Ch. Zafrulla Khan who led us into the slavery of America.... Qadiani Jamaat is



Fazl ur Rahman – Chairman JUI-F, at the conference

responsible for the division of Pakistan (Bangladesh).

Mulla Ziaulla Bokhari was plainly political. He said that Maulana Fazl ur Rahman was their representative in the Parliament. “We are duty bound to support and follow him”, he insisted.

Mulla Mudassar Mahmud of Taunsa Sharif said, “As long as we are alive, we will continue to protect the 1974 law that declared Qadianis to be non-Muslim.”

Mulla Zahid Mahmud Qasmi of Toba Tek Singh said that even the US and the EU are scared of the *Khatme Nabuwwat*. “A few days ago there was an Aasma Jehangir Conference in Lahore. This woman was a Qadiani and was opposed to the belief in End of Prophethood,” he said.

Mulla Matin Khalid said that (only) three thousand men attended the funeral of Mirza Qadiani. (Ms) Nusrat, the wife of Mirza Qadiani did

not take the oath of allegiance (*Baiat*) to him.

Mulla Javed Qasuri (of Jamaat Islami) expressed the opinion that the Qadiani *fitna* (mischief) will soon



come to an end.... It is the duty of every Muslim to crush Qadianis.

Maulvi Siraj ul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami, also came and spoke in the conference. He stated that Pakistan will face numerous problems (fitna) in the absence of rule by Jamaat Islami. If Qadianis want to stay in Pakistan, they should first accept their minority status – otherwise, run away from Pakistan.... Co-education is adding to our problems. This has facilitated the passage of bill on homosexuality (Ham jins parasti). The agenda of the ruling parties is the agenda of the West – they are responsible in passage of the homosexuality law. ...The present PM is licking the shoes of many states, in search of aid. This government does not have the strength to get Aafia Siddiqui released from the US prison.... Shehbaz Sharif and Zardari sought our support (in forming the government) but we refused.

Mulla Noor Muhammad of Sargodha told the audience that it was part of the faith to boycott Qadianis. “It is better to die than be treated in Qadiani hospitals by Qadiani doctors,” he said.

Fourth Session: It started at 10:30 on October 28. Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman Sani presided it. Participants numbered approximately 7500.

Mulla Abdus Sattar Gormani said that the West promotes Qadianism so as to propagate through them the explanations that are acceptable to imperialist powers.

Mulla Abdul Qayyum of Nowshera said, “Qadianis ridicule the constitution through Islamic references (*Shaair*) in their periodicals and journals; this hurts religious sentiments of Muslims.”¹

Fifth and last Session: Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman of Kundian presided over it. Attendance improved

to 12,000. The session started at 13:15 and ended at 16:15.

Mulla Abaid ur Rahman Anwar of Sahiwal indulged in hostile criticism and said that Chenab Nagar is populated 70 to 80 percent by Qadianis. We come here from far off to display our sentiments (*ghairat*) for faith. We must come here for the honor of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). Mirza, the fake claimant to prophethood, never confronted the Muslims, he said.

Mulla Alimuddin Shakir of Sahiwal said that those who blaspheme the Companions, in fact attack the belief in End of Prophethood, “We’ll boldly fight the blasphemers at all levels,” he said in attempt to kill two birds with one stone.

Following is also relevant to this conference:

1. The organizers of this conference were mostly from JUI-F.
2. Jamaat Ahmadiyya had approached the authorities well before the due date to not allow this hateful sectarian conference – but to no avail.
3. The local Ahmadi population had to remain alert and take adequate defensive measures to ensure safety during the two days. Women, children and elderly were advised to stay at home.
4. As in preceding years, we suggest again that the authorities and researches inquire into the sources of funding this sizeable congregation of 12,000 men, mostly outsiders, assembled for two days in an intense sectarian and extremist major activity. It is such extremist propaganda that trains people to jump on to the wagon of terrorism, as and when desired by the sponsors.

¹ Note: The mulla does not know or is a deceiver; Ahmadiyya periodicals have remained banned for years.

Hateful conference in Karachi

Shah Latif Town, Karachi; November 13, 2022:

Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat organized a Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Conference in Shah Latif Town, Karachi on November 13, 2022.

Anti-Ahmadiyya speeches were made through loudspeakers in this conference. The clerics asked people to boycott Ahmadis by announcing their names and told them to compel Ahmadis to leave behind their homes and properties. Moreover, the clerics incited people against Ahmadis. It has been

learned from some sources that they planned to file a false FIR against Ahmadis in



which religious provisions were to be included. This did not materialize.

Neighbours promote hatred

Sharqpur Khurd, Kot Abdul Malik, District Sheikhpura; September 2022:

Mr. Basharat Ahmad, Ahmadi, faces opposition from his neighbours. A few days ago, his neighbour invited a hostile mulla, Irfan Mahmood Burq, to his house and organized a gathering. The mulla bad-mouthed Ahmadiyya Community and urged a

social boycott of Ahmadis, forbade trade with them and told the audience to take legal action if an Ahmadi extends them Salaam. He promoted hate and violence in the audience, against Ahmadis.

Political apprentice practices tricks of trade

Multan; October 2022:

Syed Ali Musa Gilani, son of Mr. Yusuf Raza Gilani a former prime minister from PPP, contested a NA seat recently in Multan. In one of his campaign speeches he thought it politically advantageous to refer to 'Qadianis' and the Prophet,



Syed Ali Musa Gilani

giving religious touch to his politics. What he said was uploaded on the social media, where he can be seen and heard saying the following, *inter alia* (translation):

“When Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto was doomed to be hanged, he sent for Mufti Mahmud and Maulana Kausar Niazi and told them, “Tomorrow I shall be hanged but both of you are Maulvis, so be my witnesses that at the time of accountability on Doomsday, tell Allah as supporting evidence that

this is the Zulfiquar who declared Qadianis to be Non-Muslim to protect the honour of Thy Prophet.”

We make only four brief comments on this statement:

- This statement is factually not true. The Mufti and Niazi did not meet Bhutto one day prior to the hanging, nor even one week before. Bhutto’s last days are well-recorded in various books and publications. Musa Gilani should check the facts, and desist in future from fabricating stories.

- This mention was out of place in his speech. It was obviously a misfit and an absurd effort to politically cash an issue of doubtful value.
- With this statement, he sounded more like PML-N’s Captain Safdar. Would he really opt to be Safdar’s clone in PPP?
- If this issue proved to be of little worth to the political well-being of ZAB, it is highly doubtful that it will be of any great value to a third generation *Jiala*.

Hostile innovation

Social media:

Ahmadi-bashers should not be called empty-headed and dumb, as they continue to come up with innovations and fabrications to worsen Ahmadi. They apparently succeed as well – to some extent. They initially came up with 22 anti-Ahmadi demands decades ago. They achieved all these with passage of time. One thought that would satisfy them and they will be quiet. But no, they came up with more, and almost every year they added new demands and items to that list.

Sometimes back, they put up **No Entry for Qadianis** signs in shops and markets in Lahore. This was most inappropriate for businessmen and shopkeepers, but the mulla succeeded in having this hate-promoting restriction applied in many locations in the provincial capital. What next?

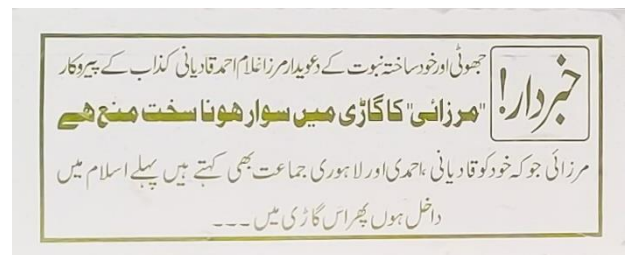
We now find a sticker posted on public transport. This was learnt from a tweet @Khalid_Malik11¹. Its translation in English would be:

Warning

It is strictly forbidden for a Mirzai to board this vehicle, who follow Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the liar, claimant to fake and fabricated prophethood.

Mirzais who call themselves Qadiani/Ahmadi/Lahori should first enter Islam before entering this vehicle.

We admit that we have not been able to precisely know the town, the vehicles and the source of this outrage.



¹ https://twitter.com/khalid_Malik11/status/1581489646684422144?s=20

Hate promotion in District Vehari

District Vehari; October 2022:

Anti-Ahmadi activities continue in District Vehari. Following three hostile incidents took place at different locations in the district:

- A mulla in Chak No. 475/EB uses foul language against Ahmadiis every morning. He is associated with a religious organization.
- Similarly, in Chak No. 163/WB, a series of anti-Ahmadi speeches were made by mullas invited

from elsewhere, because the *Numberdar* (the village chief) of this village is an Ahmadi.

- An Ahmadi teaches in a government school in Chak No. 363/EB. The opposition is trying to force her to resign, so as to fill the post by a 'Muslim' teacher. The opponents are using different tactics for this; they are also seeking help from a notorious politico-religious organization.

Hateful wall chalking in Hyderabad

Darul Barkat, District Hyderabad; March 2022:

Here a Pakhtun youth named Muhammad did the wall chalking: '**Qadianis are infidels**'. He is a madrassah student. Earlier, on 12th Rabi-ul-Awal, a

news reporter gathered a few people in front of an Ahmadi's house and made provocative speech against Ahmadiis; its video is available.

Hateful anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Gujranwala

Gujranwala; March 31, 2022:

Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith Aalmi Punjab held a *Khatme Nabuwwat* conference here. Mullas made blatant anti-Ahmadiyya hateful speeches.

Mullas said, *inter alia*, "Khatme Nabuwwat is a sensitive and fundamental belief in Islam. After the advent of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the seal of the prophets, every claimant of prophethood is a deceiver and liar. Qadianis and their facilitators, listen, we would expel robbers of the *Khatme Nabuwwat* and *Mirzai* thieves from the country." The mullas demanded implementation of the

decision of Islamic Ideology Council. Qadianis who are a rebel and apostate group of Islam should be banned fully, they said. Separate identity of the residents of Chenab Nagar should be struck, and they should be expelled from the country immediately. A separate column should be added in the National Identity Cards for Qadianis. In a resolution, they paid tribute to the Speaker of Punjab Assembly, Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, and the Punjab government for inclusion of the *Khatme Nabuwwat* affidavit in the *Nikah* form.

Hateful rally in District Sargodha

Silanwali, District Sargodha; August 24, 2022:

An anti-Ahmadiyya rally was held here in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat. The participants went over to Ahmadis' homes in Rehmat Colony and abused them on August 24, 2022.

The next day, a Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Conference was held here in which mullas from different districts participated. Hateful and

provocative speeches were made against Ahmadis and the founder of their community. The speakers forbade the audience doing business with Ahmadis and urged them to implement a social boycott of Ahmadis.

They claim that all the sects in Silanwali have formed a joint organization against Ahmadis.

Hateful wall-chalking

Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh; January 29, 2022:

On January 29, at 6 o'clock in the morning, some hate mongers wall-chalked on the local Ahmadiyya mosque: "Long live *Tajdaare Khatme Nabuwwat*: Hizb Allah — Death to the false Messiah". Ahmadis informed the city's security in-charge and requested the SHO police to follow up, on which the administration effaced this wall-chalking.

The anti-Ahmadiyya group has been very active here for

some time and is busy in anti-Ahmadiyya activities.



Anti-Ahmadiyya wall chalking in Karachi

Azizabad, Karachi; April 1, 2022:

Some hate monger wrote with black color on the main door of the Ahmadiyya mosque: "False prophet Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani was a British slave (Repent)."

Ahmadis informed the police, and they erased the hateful graffiti.



A PTI claim and its response by public

Abbottabad; May 9, 2022:

Mr. Imran Khan and his party held a sizeable rally at Abbottabad where Khan and bigwigs of the party addressed the crowd. One of the speakers was Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a former minister of state in the Imran government. His theme was anti-Ahmadiyya, and he claimed:

“Imran Khan Govt. broke the back of Qadianiat.”
(Translation)

This was broadcast live on TV ARY and is available on videos; it went viral on Twitter as people referred to it and responded to it in numbers. Most respondents were not Ahmadis while some were Ahmadis. Their responses to AM Khan’s outburst are noteworthy, and some are reproduced below for information and record.

Ibn-e-Hassan@saeedmao8417161

(Translation): Khan Sahib took it that the (national) economy was the back of Qadianiat.

I strongly condemn Ali Muhammad Khan’s hatred speech.

Syed Ali Abbas Zaidi@Ali_Abbas_Zaidi

Poor Ahmadis living in an apartheid are a soft target for this extremist leader. Must be condemned by PTI leadership.²

Naila Inayat@nailainayat

After three-and-a-half years in govt, PTI can count (on) anti-Ahmadi bigotry and use of religion as its biggest achievement³.

Syeda Nayab Bukhari@syeda1111111

Shameful⁴

Ahmad Salman@Salmanwattoo

You don’t have to be a PTI member. You have to be a decent human being to stand up for the persecuted. I stand with the minorities against the politics of hate and bigotry. Stop using them for political brownie points and for cheap publicity. Do unto others....⁵

Ali, Ali@RanaRnawaz

(Translation) I have always differed strongly with Imran Khan — Stop selling Religion dispirin (*chooran*). If it is decided that no political party will seek religious crutches, believe me the mulla will breath his last and this mischief will disappear forever⁶.

Shakir Hussain@shakirhusain

Pure evil⁷.

Aneela Hassan@AneelaHassan65

Pakistani Ahmadis are Pakistani. Persecution and discrimination on the basis of religion, faith, caste, race etc. is condemned!!!

Do not become TLP!!!

¹ Available at ARY News YouTube Channel at (10:50 min) <https://youtu.be/TkvijLRM-oo>

² https://twitter.com/Ali_Abbas_Zaidi/status/152364248296512192?s=20

³ <https://twitter.com/nailainayat/status/1523603416328847360?s=20>

⁴ <https://twitter.com/syeda1111111/status/1523863663974785025?s=20>

⁵ <https://twitter.com/Salmanwattoo/status/1523552525235806211?s=20>

⁶ <https://twitter.com/RanaRnawaz/status/1523602303886196736?s=20>

⁷ <https://twitter.com/shakirhusain/status/1523540239687426053?s=20>

Taha Siddiqui@TahaSSiddiqui

Shameful of @ PTI official members to target Ahmadi Muslims. Such hate speech for political gains must stop! It further radicalizes Pakistanis!¹

Aurangzeb@True-Human_

(Translation) In my opinion, no one will do that.

Why should one put life at risk?

Raja Ata-ul-Mannan@IamAMRaja

When we fall victims to hypocrisy and deception, you say such things.

You are crying that you are playing Religion card against an oppressed Ahmadi community. Any fear of Allah?@Ali-MuhammadPTI²

Usman@UsmanAhmad_iam

But the handsones have spent the past couple of weeks claiming their party has never ever ever ever played the religious card. First time for everything I guess.

Dr Tanya Ahmad@tanyaahmad

If they have broken our backs — which they have been trying to do since 1974 — why can't they get anything done in this country without throwing us under the bus again and again?³

A@Bhuut_

Only in Pakistan will we see a political party claiming to suppress minorities as their achievement.

I really hope the world takes notice of what we are doing to the Ahmadiyya Community⁴.

Kashif N Chaudhry@KashifMD

In last 2 weeks, 2 top PTI leaders @ShkhRasheed & @Ali_MuhammadPTI have engaged in dangerous hate speech against Ahmadis in presence of @ImranKhanPTI

2 months ago, IK himself engaged in said hate speech. This was their MO in 2018. This is their MO again — a party of extremists.⁵

Anti-Ahmadiyya graffiti

Chianwali, District Gujranwala (May 2022):

An anti-Ahmadiyya activist graffitied “**Death to Qadiani (Ahmadi)**” on his house. Non-Ahmadi locals asked him to erase the graffiti but he refused. Then an influential person told him to remove it, and he complied. Later he put up an anti-Ahmadiyya poster on his gate.

He is a mischief monger and belongs to a group who are active against the community and indulge in communal activism.

¹ <https://twitter.com/TahaSSiddiqui/status/1523641973839896583?s=20>

² <https://twitter.com/IamAMRaja/status/1523519502402699264?s=20>

³ <https://twitter.com/tanyaahmad/status/1523628607792242688?s=20>

⁴ https://twitter.com/Bhuut_/status/1523628633306263553?s=20

⁵ <https://twitter.com/KashifMD/status/1523500319791099905?s=20>

Hostility against Ahmadi

Kotli, Azad Kashmir (May 2022):

Sajid Mehmood and his family are facing faith-based hostility. On May 2, 2022, his in-laws survived a murderous attack. The attacker was arrested.

Peoples Party Poonch Division, Azad Kashmir organized an End of Prophethood conference in

Baral Palandri. Clerics demanded release of the attacker as they justified his attack over Ahmadis' proselytizing. Mulla Arshad Yusuf was most vocal there. He demanded that Ahmadis should be expelled from the district.

Ahmadis face hate and threats via social media

Qamarabad, District Naushehro Feroze; July 2022:

Qari Saeed threatened Ahmadis with police cases on Eid festival through social media. He is an anti-Ahmadiyya activist in the area. He successfully managed to get the local Ahmadiyya mosque locked up by the authorities in 2018. Later in 2019, Saeed urged people to boycott marriages and funerals of those who participated in Ahmadis' last rituals. Saeed posted the following this year, before Eid:

- Qadianis, being non-Muslim, are not allowed to undertake *Qurbani* on Eid festival. In case they do so, they shall be booked under PPC 298-C.
- Qadianis violate the Constitution and law by openly using Islamic rituals and fraudulently portraying themselves as Muslim and part of *Ummat e Muhammadi* (Muhammad's followers).

An 'Ulama Council' – its assumed role

Social media, August, 2022:

For some time now, an ad by the Markazi Ulama Council, Pakistan (Central Ulama Council, Pakistan) is in circulation. Its content is of some gravity and meaning; we produce below its translation for record:

The Chairman of PTI should explain:

- Imran Khan's stay in Multan at a Qadiani's house is of concern and condemnable.
- The family of Fazl Mukhtar Sheikh belongs to Lahori Mirzai Group.

- Qadianis, as per the historic decision of September 7, 1974, are Non-Muslim.
- The stay of the PTI Chief with a Qadiani family supports the fact that he is mild towards the Qadiani Jamaat.
- Multan is the land of *Aulia Allah* (saints); not a single Muslim was there to be his host!
- The Muslim Ulama and the nation feel distraught. It leaves a question mark on

Imran Khan that he is hosted by a group that does not subscribe to the Constitution and law of Pakistan.

- If claimant of Riasat Madinah stays with the deniers of the End of Prophethood, it is little other than deceiving the nation.

Well, we hold our comment, and leave it to posterity to read, analyse and assess the

substance of this message. A recent tweet by a non-Ahmadi prominent Muslim is directly relevant to this story, on @ZiauddinY: (*translated from Urdu*)

If you are a Muslim, do raise your voice to the protest against transgression and disorder perpetrated in the name of Islam, and do protect your belief against infamy¹.



¹ <https://twitter.com/ZiauddinY/status/1562127519083544578?s=20>

10

Miscellaneous Reports



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 five sections, namely: a. Reports from cities; b. Reports from towns and villages; c. The media; d. Disturbing threats; and e. Diverse





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 tranquillity; or

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

PAKISTAN PENAL CODE 153-A

The principles of democracy, freedom, equality, tolerance and social justice, as enunciated by Islam, shall be fully observed.

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN



a. Reports from cities

Human Rights and Govt. of Sindh – noble intentions!

Karachi, December 10, 2022:

In celebration of International Human Rights Day, HR Department, Government of Sindh had a half-page ad published in the daily *Dawn* also. It was well-designed and was expressive of the fair intention of commitment to the demands of the Universal Declaration. These deserve to be placed on record and call for a fair comment.

This ad printed boldly:

“Dignity, freedom and justice is for everyone.

“Human Rights and equality is the birthright of every human being.

“The priority of Government of Sindh is to create a society that is free from conflict and extremism, in which an environment of inter-faith harmony and justice can be nurtured.

“In this regard, Human Right Department of Government of Sindh is trying to make it possible to provide basic rights and justice to the people.

“If your fundamental rights are being violated in any way, contact Human Rights Department Government of Sindh.”

The ad listed a number of ‘Major Achievements of Government of Sindh’ in various areas of Human Rights.

The above mentioned entries are significant and their mention brings credit to the HR Department. However, it is commonly recognized that the level of grant of human rights is best judged by the way the most-marginalized group is treated. Treatment of Ahmadis in Sindh would thus serve the best yardstick. As such, we mention below only five of

the HR violative cases in urban and provincial areas of Sindh as sample.

1. The daily *Ummat* Karachi, published on February 27, 2022¹ the following news item (translation):

Mirpur Khas: Decision on changing the appearance of the Qadiani place of worship

The management will be told if you do not alter the appearance, the district administration will act: Deputy Commissioner assures ulama

Mirpur Khas (*Ummat* News): After the ultimatum given by Tehreek Tahaffuz-e-Namus Risalat Pakistan to change the appearance of the mosque-like Qadiani place of worship, the Deputy Commissioner Mirpur Khas assured the leaders of the Tehreek and of other religious and political parties that the appearance of the worship place will be changed by next week...



2. In October 2021, Mr. Rahat Ahmad Karamat, an Ahmadi, got his son and daughter admitted in the Creek View Academy, Karachi. A few days later, the principal, having talked to the school proprietor, told Mr. Karamat that his children would not stay admitted for reason of their faith, and he should claim the admission

¹ <https://ummat.net/epaper/edition.php?issue=KHI&date=2022/02/27>

refund. In response to the father's protest the principal responded, "My job is at stake". Later, she refused to talk to him further and told him to contact the office for refund.

This happened in Karachi where the head office of the HR Department of Government of Sindh is located only a few kilometers away.

3. A police case was registered against Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, an Ahmadi advocate, with FIR No. 172 under PPC 298-B, 298-C and 34 on November 21, 2022 at Police Station City Court, Karachi. One Muhammad Ahmad, a bigot, had objected to the name 'Syed' of this Ahmadi. He complained, "He is not allowed to use 'Syed' according to Pakistan laws." The Sindh Police seemed to agree to this fiction. A copy of HR Department ad in the *Dawn* should be sent to the Head Office Police Department, so that all branches of the Sindh Government are on the same page.
4. The Sindh police registered a criminal case against four Ahmadis on September 9, 2022 with FIR No 527/22 under anti-Ahmadi sections PPC 298-B and 298-C for minarets on their place of worship, Ahmadiyya Hall in Karachi.

The minarets were constructed long before the infamous anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX of 1984. These are small and hardly visible from

even a 100 yards distance. The accused are at risk of imprisonment for three years.

The matter is sub-judice, and does not reflect well on the Sindh administration and prosecution who are expected to apprise a judge against complaints that are bizarre and violative of religious norms. The objectors are ignorant of the fact that the original Prophet's Mosque (Masjid Nabvi) had no minarets, nor do they seem to know that more than a dozen faiths and denominations have different types of minarets in their places of worship. These can be seen on the Internet.

5. Street urchins in Kunri came to the Ahmadiyya mosque at night on January 30, 2022, smashed the mosque camera with stones. Ahmadis reported the incident to the police. They came again and hurled threats. Ahmadis informed the police again. We are not aware what action the police took against damage to the camera.

These sample incidents indicate that the Govt of Sindh will have to be more active and effective to ensure provision of basic rights and justice to the people (including Ahmadis).

Last but not least: It seems essential that the ruling PPP should invest some of its political capital to promote HR and FoRB. After all, that is what distinguishes it from other numerous right wing parties who exploit religion in effort to hold on to voters through religious slogans and rhetoric.

Removal of a DPO Reminds one of gross discrimination

Lahore; October 1, 2022:

The daily *Dawn* reported removal of a District Police Office (DPO) and suspension of a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) for murder in a fake encounter case. This reminds us of a somewhat similar case in March 2012, in Rabwah, when a decent Ahmadi, Mr. Abdul Qadoos, professionally

a teacher, was tortured to death by police officials, with minimal consequences for the rascals

³ **Note:** *Syed is an Arabic word that means chief, lord, master. It is used by Arabs for non-Muslims as well as Muslims.*

responsible for his murder. But first the story from the *Dawn*¹ (extract):

“Encounter killing in Vehari. IGP removes DPO for misconduct, penalizes DSP and others

By Asif Chaudhry 2022-10-01

LAHORE: Punjab Inspector General of Police Faisal Shahkar has removed the Vehari DPO on the charges of misconduct/inefficiency, suspended a DSP and ordered registration of a murder case against six police officials in a fake encounter case.

The major action was taken against them on the recommendation of Multan Regional Police Officer Riffat Raja in the wake of a fake police encounter in which a local citizen was allegedly murdered. The Additional IG South Punjab has also formed a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) to investigate the incident.

Raja had proposed major penalties against the police officers to the IGP to the extent of DPO Rana Shahid Pervaiz and DSP Sadaqat Ali. The Central Police Office (CPO) issued a notification on Friday. It mentions the words misconduct/inefficiency as a major reason behind the removal of the DPO and suspension of the DSP.

These two officers were declared guilty of concealing the facts of the encounter and death of the citizen and delayed action against the police officials involved in the encounter.”

Compare this briefly to what happened to an Ahmadi² and his tormentors, some years back.

A man named Yusuf was found murdered in Rabwah in 2012. The police, during the investigation detained unlawfully a prominent Ahmadi Mr. Abdul Qadoos, the president of his local community. For reasons of their own, needless to speculate here, they decided to make

up and implicate senior leadership of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in the murder. In early stage of



Mr. Abdul Qadoos

the investigation, senior officers admitted that they found no evidence of Mr. Qadoos' involvement in the crime, but the local investigating inspectors continued to question him to implicate others. For this purpose they detained the poor fellow for weeks, although the law does not allow the police to detain people overnight without judicial permission.

Then the police shifted Mr. Qadoos to a far away police post where the investigation continued. Witnesses, examined subsequently, stated that at the police post they heard screams, emanating from the torture of the victim, behind a wall.

The police subjected the innocent victim for days to inhuman torture, fatally injuring him. He was hung upside down from his ankles for long periods. Furthermore, whilst laid supine, an extremely heavy wooden roller, similar to those used to flatten cricket pitches, was rolled all over

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1712880>

² <https://tribune.com.pk/story/358137/in-police-custody-ahmadi-schoolteacher-tortured-to-death>

his body, as attendants stood at each side of him making sure he could not move, so as to crush his muscles. His internal and external injuries seemed to be fatal, so the police delivered him to his family. However, before that, they obtained his thumb impression and signatures on a blank paper. The doctor observed that the victim's clothes were stained with blood and his entire body was badly swollen. He was losing blood in vomits and urine. The doctors' frantic efforts failed to save the victim.

The SHO stated that a fatal disease could be the possible cause of his death. He was retained in his post even after the Department had taken notice of the shocking homicide and instituted an inquiry.

The vernacular press which normally is hostile to Ahmadis, reported: The entire area in mourning ... Business centers close — Teachers' Union announce three days' mourning; School teacher, the sole supporter of his family, dies of police torture, etc.

4000 men attended his funeral rites.

A Judicial Magistrate, in his inquiry, mentioned the following findings in his report (extracts):

- During the said period he (Mr. Qadoos) was subjected to inhuman torture.
- (Three sub-inspectors and four constables) are fully involved in a brutal murder of Abdul Qadoos, deceased.
- The respondents have not denied keeping the deceased in illegal custody for such a long period of time and handing over the deceased to his family members in a serious condition, which resulted in the death of the accused.
- The death, in the opinion of District Standing Medical Board is suggestive of due to anti-mortem trauma, mentioned in the report, leading to renal failure and its allied complications.

A witness, Mubashir Ahmad, told the Magistrate that he saw the deceased being tortured at the police post. On March 26, he found that Mr. Qadoos could barely walk and his entire clothes were stained with blood and even blood was coming out in his vomits and motions.

The Magistrate quoted Mr. Atiq ur Rahman, a witness, as, "The deceased also told him that DSP Chenab Nagar Ch. Asghar and SHO Chenab Nagar were also involved in torture on him. He further stated that deceased told him **that the police officials forced him to nominate higher officials of the Jamaat Ahmadiyya.** (*emphasis added*)

Sub-Inspector Manazar Ali, involved in torture, absconded and did not appear before the Magistrate.

The inquiry report mentioned Mr. Saleemuddin 1W25, a senior Ahmadi Jamaat official, who said that he met DPO Chiniot at least on three or four occasions and on each occasion DPO assured him that "Abdul Qadoos was innocent and they had arrested him due to pressure of the complainant..."

The Incharge Police Post stated that "SHO Chenab Nagar Khadim Hussain literally abused him and told him that he had sent Abdul Qadoos to the Chowki (post) on the direction of higher officials and DPO Chiniot...." He further stated that the SHO and DSP were involved in the said torture as they used to come to the Post routinely.

It is noteworthy that apart from the DSP getting suspended and the two investigating SIs named in the FIR as well, none else faced any departmental action. Eventually what happened to them, the police department knows best.

It is good to learn that higher police officials are now held accountable for their responsibility in police brutality in their jurisdiction.

Amnesty International LUMS Chapter told to drop Ahmadi speaker

Lahore; 1st week of Dec 2022:

In a series of tweets, Amnesty International LUMS Chapter told how they were ordered to ‘drop’ an Ahmadi guest speaker they had invited to talk

on Tolerance in Pakistan with regards to marginalized minorities. The detailed story on this is given in Chapter 1a (above).

Prejudice and brutality at airports

Lahore, Islamabad; September/October 2022:

Ahmadi travellers, at times, face condemnable and unlawful handling at Pakistan airports at the hand of security personnel. It is most un-pleasant and vexatious for any regular and rightful traveller to get off-loaded at the airport for no other reason than this religious identity. It is almost criminal — on part of a law enforcing agency.

An Ahmadi, on his way to an African country, in possession of all the required documents, visa, etc., was off-loaded by the FIA at Lahore airport in September.

This gentlemen, a fortnight later, went to Islamabad airport, all set to travel to his destination. The FIA man discovered from his documents that he was an Ahmadi, and he expressed his prejudice there openly to another official. He sent the Ahmadi to his senior for the decision. The senior’s behaviour was even more bigoted and despicable. He disallowed boarding to the Ahmadi on excuse that he had been earlier off-

loaded at Lahore; although he had the authority to let him board, regardless.

It can be reasonably assumed that the high officials of the FIA are educated and correct enough to not let religious prejudice influence their professional work, but they seem to be unaware of what their subordinates indulge in their day to day work – bringing bad name to the country and the department.



Lahore Airport

There is need to overhaul and train the lower cadres.

Lack of FoRB – Azad Kashmir

District Kotli, Azad Kashmir, August 2022:

The following two incidents happened in this district:

- The police of PS Naar sent for two Ahmadis, Messrs. Habib Ahmad and Khalid Mehmud on August 8. On reporting, they informed the two that activists of Tehreek Labbaik

(TLP) had filed a report against them of tearing down a poster. The two denied the accusation and rendered a written reply. They asked the police to show them the accusing report, but the police refused to show that.

The question arises as to why the administration and police allow themselves to be manipulated against Ahmadis by the notorious TLP that was banned earlier for its anti-state activities.

- Ten days later, the principal of Public Askari College rusticated Mr. Labeeb Ahmad, a senior 4th-Year student, on plea

that he was under great pressure of the TLP over his Ahmadi identity. If Labeeb still comes to college, he himself will be responsible for any harm, the principal said.

It seems that the Azad (Free) Kashmir is not all that *Azad*; it has submitted itself to the serfdom of TLP mullas.

Hateful and fake propaganda against Ahmadis

Korangi Wasti, Karachi; May 22, 2022:

Imran Ahmad, Ahmadi runs a shop in Mehran Town, Karachi. Six persons along with a mulla came to his shop and took photos. They interrogated about Imran Ahmad from nearby shopkeepers, and talked to a local security guard. They told him that ‘Qadianis’ blaspheme against the Holy Prophet, avoid them and it is illicit to sit and eat with them.

The guard told them that he knew Ahmadis for years, they pray regularly, observe fast and do not indulge in what they are accused of.

The visit upset Imran Khan, the Ahmadi shopkeeper.

Hostility against Ahmadis in Karachi suburb

Shah Latif Town Sector 17/A, Karachi; July 2, 2022:

Ahmadis own a truck station here and most Ahmadis here belong to transport business. On the night of July 2, around 15 youth came over from the nearby Bhains Colony mosque, and noted down the registration number plates of trucks owned by Ahmadis. This led to a scuffle. An influential person came over, caught one of the hoodlums and obtained essential information from him. Thereafter he went over to the cleric who had sent the boys and told him not to spoil the peace of the area.

The mulla did not like the fair intervention. So, posts started appearing on the social media against Ahmadis. Ahmadis had sacrificial animals for sale, at the truck station. A few boys came again, took pictures of the animals and the trucks, and uploaded them on social media. *Khatme Nabuwwat* activists urged people on social media to do no trade with Ahmadis and not buy animals from them.

Hostile graffiti also appeared against Ahmadis in Shah Latif Town and Abdullah Goth Karachi.

Commendable statements - for record

Islamabad; December 22, 2022:

Mr. Shehbaz Sharif the Prime Minister held a special event at his office in anticipation of the forthcoming Christmas and said things on the

issue of minorities that deserve a place on record. We reproduce a few of these news tickers shown ‘live’ on national TVs, and add a brief comment.

- Religions promote (*Talim dena*) fraternity and tolerance worldwide.
- Minorities are given equal rights in the Constitution (of Pakistan).
- The Government of Pakistan is guarantor of minorities' security.
- The government undertakes full protection of the rights of the Christian fraternity (*Baradari*).
- Services of the Christian Community to Pakistan are commendable.¹

The HUM TV displayed 'Christmas greetings of the PM Shehbaz Sharif to the Christian Community'².

Our comment: We, Ahmadis, fully endorse and support the observations and sentiments of the Prime Minister. It was indeed very thoughtful of him to arrange this function at his office.

We, however, do feel that the opinion expressed by the prime minister should be implemented visibly on the ground — not for Christians only, but all others who are designated as 'minorities' by the Constitution.

The Constitution imposes minority status on Ahmadis also. Ahmadis played a great role in the creation of Pakistan and continue to own it up. The past governments since 1974 have openly maltreated them. Under these circumstances, why does not the prime minister and chief ministers hold events in their offices at the occasion of Ahmadiyya festivals — say Eid ul Adha, and dare say some similar words? After all, "*(All) Minorities are given equal rights in the Constitution*". Lest someone accuses Pakistani state of hypocrisy and violation of its own Constitution!

b. Reports from towns and villages

Authorities are kept informed

Rabwah; August 2022:

Ahmadiyya head office in Pakistan wrote formally to relevant federal, provincial and local authorities informing them of the grave developments in violation of Ahmadis' human rights and FoRB, and added its comments.

These letters included, *inter alia*, mention of the following:

- Application of Malik Ilyas Awan, Vice President Punjab PML-Q, against Ahmadis
- Murder of an Ahmadi in Rabwah for his faith

As for Malik Awan, a story on his application to the Deputy Commissioner Khushab is available in

chapter 8 (above) in this report. This vice president of the ruling party, who also claims to be the Member of the Khatme Nabuwat Supreme Council, had misquoted the Constitution and other facts, and demanded that Ahmadis be expelled from the district.

Ahmadiyya presentation explained the absurdity and senselessness of Mr Awan's submission, quoted the verdicts of superior courts, and highlighted his dangerous malafide demands. It concluded:

¹ TV channel 'Samaa' at about 19:50 on December 22, 2022

² TV channel 'HUM TV' at 19:56 on December 22, 2022

“There appears to be only one aim of the above-quoted (Mr Awan’s) proceedings that hate and prejudice be spread in the name of religion. It is for this reason that there is a visible increase in anti-Ahmadiyya activities, hatred, boycott, murders and aggression.

“This sensitive issue demands your priority attention and legal redress. It is expected that as a representative of the state, you will take appropriate and lawful steps to ensure the safety of Ahmadis’ lives and properties,” it concluded.

As for the murder in Rabwah (described above in this Report) the Ahmadiyya letter mentioned:

Ahmadis are faced with intense danger and fears over such hateful activities of extremist elements. Ahmadis are exposed to edicts of being *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed.) It was hoped after the National Action Plan that appropriate and effective action would be taken against such extremist elements, however they remain active as before, without any effective counter measures by the authorities.

It is requested that in order to maintain law and order in (Chenab Nagar) Rabwah, you, as representative of the state, will kindly attend to this sensitive and urgent issue, the letter concluded.

Ahmadi’s condolence made problematic by a bigot

Qazi Ahmad, District Nawabshah; February 2022:

Rana Ashfaq Ahmad, an Ahmadi, along with his friend, went to his friend’s relative to offer condolence. The deceased’s family arranged seating outside a mosque. A man took a photo of Mr. Ahmad sitting there. Later, a mulla Hafiz Muhammad Gill lodged a report with the police against the hosts where Mr. Ahmad had gone to offer condolence and accused them of letting a ‘Qadiani’ sit next to the mosque. “They received his condolence; this insulted Islam greatly”, he wrote. Also, the said person wrote ‘Curse, Curse’ on Mr.

Ahmad’s photo and shared it on social media with tag: Qadianis’ head is offering condolence while sitting beside the mosque and the administration is idle. They demanded action from the administration. “If the administration does not stop Qadianis, we will stop them with full force”, they threatened. Later they filed a case with the Assistant Commissioner.

In this situation, Ahmadis asked the village influential people to intervene for peace.

An exceptional SHO!

Chak 96 GB, Sarih, District Faisalabad; March 17, 2022:

The police sent for the heads of five Ahmadi families resident here, and told them that they had received a complaint against them for using Islamic rites on the gravestones of their deceased. This includes the use of *Bismillah* and names such as Ali and Muhammad etc.

An Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station. There, opponents including the complainant Saqib, president of the local TLP, were present. The Station House Officer of the police

station (SHO) heard the views of both the parties. One of the opponents said that Ahmadis cannot use *Bismillah* and names like Hasan, Hussain and Muhammad etc. Also, they use Islamic rites on their cars, motorcycles and houses. “If we stop them, they pose to be oppressed; so we have come to the administration”, he added. The SHO explained that on receipt of the complaint, he studied the Constitution and contacted a couple of legal experts. There is no restriction on Ahmadis for

using *Bismillah* and the mentioned names. If there was a restriction, NADRA would not have issued them ID cards with these names, he asserted. The SHO told the opponents to come up with some

constitutional reasoning; in that case, he would remove those unconstitutional Islamic inscriptions.

Social problems for Ahmadis

Jhangar Hakim Wala, District Nankana; June 2022:

Khatme Nabuwwat organizations' mullas are busy 7/24 to disrupt a peaceful society on sectarian lines. That is no service to Pakistan and its people.

Muhammad Hanif, an Ahmadi, died on June 10, 2022. His death was announced from a non-Ahmadiyya mosque too, as it was the common practice there. At the time of the second announcement, the mulla refused because *Khatme Nabuwwat* activists had stopped him. An unidentified person phoned Muhammad Hanif's son and told him to partition the graveyard and the funeral prayer center. During the funeral, he again phoned and threatened to put a stop to the funeral rites.

A local mulla warned Ahmadis of unspecified unpleasant incident.

On June 3, a fund raising announcement was made from a non-Ahmadiyya mosque for installation of a water filter plant in the village. For this, the Ahmadis donated, which they first received but later returned the donation saying that *Khatme Nabuwwat* activists forbade them.

On June 16, *Khatme Nabuwwat* activists from Nankana and Sheikhpura came over to the village, gathered the villagers and told them to boycott Ahmadis, do no trade with them, and incited them against Ahmadis. They also told the local mulla to speak more often against Ahmadis from the pulpit.

Ahmadi writer in trouble

Kunjah, District Gujrat; June 2022:

Mr. Muhammad Siddique Mujahid wrote a book "*Kunjah, in the reflection of history*" and dedicated it to Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.), the *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*. Mullas made an issue out of it and asked Mujahid to scold the founder of the Ahmadiyya community if he believed in the end of prophethood. Mujahid had mentioned two Ahmadis, Malik Ghulam Fareed and Molvi

Muhammad Sadiq Sumatri in his book, along with their photos.

The mullas insisted on making it an issue and disturbing law and order.

Hostility in District Larkana

Qambar Ali Khan, District Larkana; August 03, 2022:

Hostility against Ahmadis has intensified as some people beat up Naseer-ud-din Chandio, an opponent of Ahmadis. He accused the Ahmadis of doing this to him. Later, he got registered an FIR against Imran Ahmed, Ahmadi, his elder brother, and brother-in-law.

Earlier, Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed an Ahmadi, and his family faced hostility due to which they had to migrate. Now Mr. Dilbar Ali is living in Mukhtiar's

house. A few days later, two persons got tough with him. The same night, an Ahmadi boy had to face a clash with his neighbour because of his belief. Also, a pamphlet against three Ahmadi families was distributed; it carried pictures of Mr. Mukhtiar and his son along with a statement that whoever identifies these people, his name will be kept secret and he will be rewarded. "We will expel all the Qadianis from Qambar Ali," the pamphlet asserted.

c. The Media

A Short History of Ahmadi Persecution - An article

Lahore; August 13, 2022:

The well-known research scholar Yasser Latif Hamdani wrote an article for the prestigious weekly *The Friday Times*, under the above title¹. It sums up well some important aspects of Ahmadis' history and background to their persecution, covering briefly even the pre-Partition years. It is recommended reading. For the purpose of research and evidence, we produce below some extracts of this article that are directly relevant to Ahmadis' situation in Pakistan:

The most terrible blot on our country's fair name is the injustice perpetrated against Pakistan's tiny Ahmadi community which has never resorted to agitation or violence and which has faced some of the worst possible laws of the 21st century when it comes to a denial of religious freedom. Not only have they been merely declared non-Muslim, but draconian laws make it impossible for them to breathe as free citizens of this country. An Ahmadi can technically be arrested for saying *Salam*,

reading the Quran or engaging in ritual sacrifice on Eid-ul-Azha.

Despite the fact that this year the Supreme Court tried to restore some balance by ruling in favour of Ahmadis' right to practice their faith within the four walls of their homes and their worship places, the two Eids brought more misery. Complaints were filed against Ahmadi citizens because they were wearing new clothes on Eid-ul-Fitr or wished people Eid Mubarak, and of course because they engaged in the ritual sacrifice on Eid-ul-Azha. Their graveyards are routinely raided and their graves desecrated. In one such incident, the human remains of a deceased were dug out and thrown to the side.

In order to get a passport or even an identity card or to get married, a Muslim citizen of Pakistan is required not just to make a positive affirmation of his faith but must abuse Ahmadis to prove his

¹ <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2022/08/14/a-short-history-of-ahmadi-persecution/>

Islamic bona fides. A member of Punjab’s ruling party recently petitioned a deputy commissioner in the Khushab district to expel all Ahmadis and their families from the district. This is Pakistan in the year 2022.

It was not always this way. After all, Pakistan’s first foreign minister who had also been Pakistan’s lawyer before the Boundary Commission was none other than Zafrulla Khan, a leading Ahmadi politician. In 1939, during a famous speech in the Indian legislature, Jinnah described Sir Zafrulla Khan in these words: “I wish to record my sense of appreciation and if I say so coming from my Party – to the Honourable Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan,

who is a Muslim and it may be said that I am flattering my own son.” This can be found on Page 972 of “Speeches, Statements and Messages of the Quaid-e-Azam. Volume II published by Bazm-e-Iqbal.

Dr. Abdus Salam did not just win a Nobel Prize in Physics but was also the founder of both Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) and Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO). Countless Ahmadi soldiers fought for Pakistan in 1948 and it was an Ahmadi general who laid down his life for the country in 1965.

A report by BBC on Ahmadis in Pakistan

January 27, 2022:

The BBC posted a report on Ahmadis’ situation in Pakistan on BBC Urdu. Com, prepared by their reporter Riaz Sohail. As this source and the journalist are essentially a third party, their views

and report carry special weight and credibility. The detailed story on this is given in Chapter 1d (above).

Ahmadiyya situation in Pakistan as assessed by a prominent vlogger

Humsub.com, February 4, 2022:

Mr. Aniq Naji uploaded on January 30, 2022 his vlog on the subject of Ahmadis’ situation in Pakistan, and proposed a solution. It is in Urdu. One Alamnigar reproduced it partly in humsub.com.pk/442283/alam.nigar-7 and commented on it. Here, we reproduce the translation of Naji’s observations, as these fairly and candidly describe the Ahmadis’ plight in their homeland:

“We should understand that Pakistani Islam is something different that has nothing to do with original religion of Islam.

“Ahmadis are being persecuted in Pakistan – no doubt about that. However, I would like to say something different to the Ahmadi community.



Look, you will have to look for an out-of-the-box solution; if not today, after another 20 years. The reason is that your current response, that you have pursued all along, has given you little except more funerals, humiliation and insults, and has put you at risk. If you continue on this path, I see no relief or justice for you for long.....

“In this situation, you have secluded yourself in a corner and expect to be respected. By respect, I mean the right to live. This is a state of paralysis (*baibasi*). I’m sorry to say that, but that is the fact.

“Your problem will not get solved in the next twenty, thirty or fifty years. This tyranny will continue. Suggestions on better treatment of Ahmadis are logical and sensible. Nevertheless, how will Pakistan act logically and sensibly in religious issues. It is not in our DNA. We will continue to defy logic, we will act emotionally, and we will shout slogans.

“You essentially appeal to our ‘sense of decency’; but we have no ‘sense of decency’. You address our collective conscience and demand the right to live, to be considered human, to be treated at par as per the Constitution; but this collective conscience is not present there; you are simply

talking to a wall. You are simply playing music to a buffalo (who is unable to appreciate it). Sense of decency does not exist there; there is no conscience...”

Thereafter, he (Mr. Naji) advised Ahmadis to give up their stance and accept that of the opponent mulla.

The column-writer replied to Mr. Naji, “If this is accepted, there shall be no more principle or conscience left in the world. Religious beliefs are not the stuff that undergoes change when the believer moves from country to country. Nor does a believer declare for the sake of convenience that he accepts this dogma for the next forty or fifty years and he will consider revisiting this belief thereafter to decide whether to maintain the same or change it. Real peace emanates from principles. Set aside principles and you’ll deprive yourself of law, order and peace.”

Deobandis today and the Taliban — a sidenote

Peshawar; July 2022:

The daily *Dawn* in its Bureau Report reported¹ the following, (extracts):

“The eight member ulama’s delegation, led by Mufti Taqi Usmani (A Deobandi top leader in Pakistan), has returned from Afghanistan after holding meetings with the TTP (the banned Tehrik Taliban Pakistan) leadership and Afghan Taliban.

“A source privy to the ulama’s delegation claimed that Mr. Usmani, respected by the Afghan Taliban as well as the TTP, was able to convince the militant group that he had reviewed Pakistan’s Constitution and there was nothing in there which could be construed as un-Islamic... .

“The source described it as a major breakthrough. There was no formal comment from Mr. Usmani, the government or the TTP... .

“While the TTP released a two-page statement reiterating its demands and calls for an Islamic system in Pakistan, Mr. Usmani in a tweet sounded optimistic that their meetings with the Afghan Taliban leadership were useful in strengthening, restoration of peace and achievement of common goals between the two countries.

“Mr. Usmani did not make any reference to their meetings with TTP leadership but said more details would be shared later. Unconfirmed reports said the outlawed group handed a charter of demands to the delegation....”

This press report is expressive of a great deal with reference to the Deobandi school of thought, the Taliban on both sides of the Durand Line, and the Pakistani state. The *Dawn*, a few days earlier,

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1702441>

had mentioned in a report that the authorities chose the Mufti Taqi Usmani-led delegation to talk to the TTP for their common denominator – Deoband School.

Very briefly, the Deoband Madrassah was opened in India (UP) in 1866 by a group of Sunni ulama motivated for reform in Indian Muslims. It flourished, but with passage of time and the country’s division through Partition, different groups in the region evolved their own interpretation of Islam and Sharia. They, however, pulled together and hard in anti-Ahmadiyya race in the initial decades of Pakistan’s history. Deobandi thought prevailed here in official circles, through Jamaat Islami, Tehreek Khatme Nabuwwat, JUI,

Ahrar etc. It also became the mainstream religious trend in NWFP (KP) and with Taliban. The rest is known history.

Extremism became accepted religious attitude with most of Deobandis in Pakistan. They wielded political influence through this philosophy. The competitor Barelvis have caught up with this strategy and have regained some lost ground, through the rhetoric of mullas like (Late) Rizvi.

We wish the best to Mufti Usmani’s official contact with confreres TTP for peace and calm in this region, however militants fed on a diet of extremism and violence over decades are like cheetahs, unable to change their spots and colors.

Media bigotry – à l’ extrême

The daily Jang, an Urdu newspaper is published from various major cities in Pakistan and has a nation-wide circulation. It is surely the most widely read vernacular newspaper in Pakistan. For long, it has followed anti-Ahmadiyya news and editorial policy, and publishes every year a special edition to celebrate the constitutional amendment on 7 September that declared Ahmadis to be non-Muslim.

The *Jang*, as a matter of routine, frequently prints news that are hostile to Ahmadis. Reports on anti-Ahmadiyya conferences and statements of even petty mullas find plenty of space in this paper. However, the *Jang* has gone berserk to the extent of being absurd, even insane.

The daily *Jang*, issued at Quetta (capital of Baluchistan province), in its issue of October 4, 2022 published a 5-column anti-Ahmadi headline

on a story that had nothing to do with Ahmadis, whatsoever. ¹ The story was about prison department and the treatment of inmates, while the headline read:

“The Muslim Ummah will have to act in unison to crush Qadianism.”



Print media rarely, perhaps never, nowhere, has ever indulged in such absurdity.

¹ Note: When pointed out, the *Jang* denied the wrong doing and reset their digital issue.

Return of carnage, and Ahmadis

Peshawar/Islamabad:

Thus wrote the daily *Dawn* on March 5, 2022¹: “A pall of gloom hangs heavy in Pakistan. Peshawar’s fragile peace — which was at times tested, but had largely endured for the past few years — was rent asunder yesterday by the indiscriminate slaughter of Shia worshippers gathered for weekly Friday prayer. As the faithful packed the halls of a mosque in the provincial capital’s Kocha Risaldar area for the congregation, at least one attacker shot his way inside the place of worship before detonating a vest rigged with explosives. At the time this paper went to print, hospital sources had confirmed 57 dead and more than 190 injured....”

The *Dawn* concluded thus its editorial with very suitable advice:

“Yesterday’s attack, grave tragedy that it is, also represents a significant setback for those who have been working to change how Pakistan is perceived internationally. There needs to be a rethink of national security policy regarding outfits that target communities for their beliefs, as well as those that enable and encourage them to further their hateful agendas in the name of some misguided ideology.”

Well, Ahmadis are such a community, and there are outfits that target them openly for their beliefs. In October 2021, Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held a big open-air rally in Rabwah, where Ahmadiyya community’s national center is located; there, the speakers spewed the following hateful statements *inter alia*, that comprised lies, slander, threats etc:

“Qadiani community comprises liars...In the near future Qadianis will flee from Pakistan”, said Mulla Irshad of Muslim Colony in 1st Session on October 27.

“We will crush the villain who commits robbery against the belief in KN,” said Mulla Abdul Razzaq in 1st Session on October 27.

“The US and allies waited to destroy Afghanistan and the beard, but they themselves met disgrace. *Qadianis* similarly will be disgraced and will flee from Pakistan,” said Mufti Azamtullah of Bannu in 2nd Session on October 27.

“Mirza *Qadiani* is the worst man anywhere. We are not acquiring Kashmir because of *Qadianis*. Bangladesh too got separated because of them,” said Mulla Abdul Shakoor of Faisalabad in the 3rd Session on October 28.

“Imran Khan’s government would like Pakistan to become a *Qadiani* state, but we’ll not let that happen. *Qadianis* consider the British to be their patrons. Mirza *Qadiani*, in order to please the British, declared Jihad to be *haram* (unlawful in Shariah); we’ll not allow this conspiracy to succeed,” said Mulla Mujibur Rahman of Sheikhpura in 4th Session on October 28.

“O *Qadianis*, we will chase and crush you all over the globe. You are traitors to the Constitution and robbers of *Khatme Nabuwwat* (KN). It is not distant future when all of you will flee from Pakistan,” said Mulla Zahid Qasimi in the 3rd Session on October 28.

Finally yet importantly, a quote from Maulvi Fazl ur Rehman (JUI-F) who is a regular visitor to anti-Ahmadi rallies: “*Qadianiat* is a great evil (*fitna*) in the Sub-continent; it must be crushed. God has chosen us to safeguard the belief in *Khatme Nabuwwat*.”

These threats are not empty threats. These convey their wishes and design. In 2010, a group of

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1678382/return-of-carnage>

terrorists attacked Ahmadi worshippers in two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore and killed 86 Ahmadis and one Christian. Ahmadis have been murdered in Peshawar in targeted attacks. Also the very next day after the massacre in Shia mosque in Peshawar, the terrorists attacked an Ahmadi's clinic in the same city and killed one person.

Because of such hateful violent extremism, hundreds of Ahmadis have been target-killed in

Pakistan since promulgation of anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX.

As for those who enable and encourage them to further their hateful agenda, as mentioned in the *Dawn* editorial, it is on record that district authorities themselves permitted, facilitated, enabled and supported the AMTKN rally mentioned above. They, of course, receive their policy instructions from Lahore, where the executives get their orders from Islamabad.

Pakistan: Activists sound alarm over hate crimes, blasphemy claims – a media report

October 13, 2022:

DW.com, a known media outlet released the following report¹ in Asia section (extracts):

Pakistan: Activists sound alarm over hate crimes, blasphemy claims

Accusations of blasphemy can spark deadly mob attacks in Pakistan

On October 1, 2022, a handicapped man was set ablaze in Ghotki, Pakistan. When the victim jumped into a nearby pond to extinguish fire, the attacker, apparently a student of a religious seminary, followed him, strangling him to death. The reason, according to media reports, were accusations of blasphemy. The video of the killing went viral online.

The killing sent shockwaves across Pakistani society, especially minority communities in the deeply religious country where most people identify as Sunni Muslims.

Just a few days later, Shiite scholar Naveed Ashiq was killed in the eastern Punjab province.

In a separate incident, a radical Sunni cleric in the same province called for the killing of pregnant

women from the Ahmadi religious sect. The Ahmadi are not recognized as Muslim under Pakistani law.

Claims of blasphemy can be especially dangerous in the deeply religious country. Human rights groups believe most accusers use these claims to settle personal scores, property disputes and other minor issues.

Records show that 1,415 people were accused of blasphemy between 1947 and 2021. According to the Center for Research and Security Studies, 81 of the accused were killed – 71 men and 10 women.



¹ <https://www.dw.com/en/pakistan-activists-sound-alarm-over-hate-crimes-blasphemy-claims/a-63396489>

Hate crimes on rise

Disturbingly, the number of incidents which involve accusations of blasphemy and hate crimes against minorities appears to be rising.

In December last year, a Sri Lankan man was lynched in Sialkot city of Punjab while this February a man accused of desecrating the Holy Quran was beaten to death by a mob in the Punjabi town of Khenewal.

Recently, a school in the city of Attock, in the same eastern province, expelled four Ahmadi children. The reason provided by the school was merely that they were Ahmadi, said Amir Mahmood, Punjab spokesperson for Jamaat-e-Ahmadi, an Ahmadi organization.

The Ahmadi representative told DW that social media was awash in hate literature against his community, complete with anti-Ahmadi banners and posters. This has, in some cases, led to blasphemy allegations, according to Mahmood.

No action from the state

Recently, a gathering of a Sunni extremist outfit in Islamabad openly chanted slogans against Shiite Muslims. Several politicians and even one of Pakistan's top judges have also openly denigrated minorities in recent years.

Activists and minority communities point to the culture of impunity as one of the reasons behind the attacks on minorities and blasphemy accusations which can also target Muslims.

Slurs, hate and persecution

The daily Dawn; July 17, 2022:

Mr. Nadeem F. Paracha wrote an article¹ in this issue of the Dawn. Its lead line was: Slurs typically target small groups and communities, and are shorthand for discrimination, hate and persecution. In this essay he writes about Jews, Muslims (Muslas), Wahabis and, of course, Ahmadis. It is well-written. We produce below the lines that mention 'Qadianis'.

Slurred Speech

... In Pakistan, one of the most persecuted people are the Ahmadiyya. They are a tiny community that were constitutionally ousted from the fold of Islam in 1974. Despite their status being degraded and their decreasing numbers, they continue to be harassed, physically attacked and their places of worship demolished.

The slur used against them is 'Qadianis'. The word is derived from the Indian town Qadian where the Ahmadiyya founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was born in 1835. In the late 19th century, he formed a Muslim sect. Religious leaders from other

Muslim sects in India, such as Sunni and Shia, and Sunni sub-sects such as the Deobandi, Bareilvi and Ahl-i-Hadith, denounced Mirza as a heretic.

But the slur 'Qadiani' has come to mean anyone who disagrees with certain interpretations of Islam. For example, non-Ahmadiyya Muslim liberals and modernist Muslims are often also dubbed 'Qadiani'. The term therefore, doesn't only mean an actual Ahmadiyya, but a Muslim who is critical of the manner in which state institutions or individuals 'misuse' Islam for cynical, political and even economic purposes.

The practice of calling moderate/liberal Muslims, Qadiani, most likely emerged in the early 20th century. It certainly peaked from the 1970s onwards, and especially during the Gen Zia dictatorship in the 1980s. For example, the progressive lawyer and activist late Asma Jahangir was often referred to as a 'Qadiani' by the pro-Zia Islamists.

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1700077>

There are just a few million Ahmadiyya left in Pakistan. Just as there were only a handful of 'Wahabi' in India in the 19th century.

State of the State

Toba Tek Singh (Punjab); October 9, 2022:

The daily *Dawn* reported¹ an incident in which an Assistant Commissioner (from a minority community), a DSP police and numerous lawyers were involved at Pirmahal, a town in the Punjab run by Mr. Parvez Elahi, the chief minister. The incident report sheds a flood of light on the governance and writ of the state in the province:

Terrorism case against lawyers for injuring AC, stealing record

TOBA TEK SINGH: The Pirmahal police have registered a case under the anti-terrorism act against a group of lawyers who manhandled the assistant commissioner over a dispute.

It is learnt that the lawyers injured Assistant Commissioner Irfan Martin in his courtroom after an exchange of harsh words over sealing of a department store allegedly overcharging the customers. He was shifted to the Pirmahal THQ hospital for first aid and getting medico-legal certificate.

Later, DSP Waqar Ahmad took him to Toba Tek Singh where he met Deputy Commissioner Chaudhry Ashraf Bhaddar and apprised him of the incident.

The Pirmahal Municipal Corporation sanitary workers staged a protest demonstration at Allah Hu Chowk on Faisalabad-Multan Road and blocked traffic for more than one hour to protest against the incident.

Sources said police had registered a case against the lawyers under section 7ATA and Sections 506,365,382,353,186,148 and 149 of PPC. Complainant Irfan Martin said lawyers Intisar Chaudhry, Rana Haseeb, Suhaib Ramay, Jamil Vaince, Shoaib Nonari Sufian, Nunari, Muhammad Hussain Fraz, Rao Noaman, Akram Nonari and their 10 unidentified accomplices came to his office, locked room from inside and clubbed him.

He alleged that the lawyers also kidnapped him, tore his clothes and also tortured his gunman Javed Niaz and civil defense employee Jawad when they tried to rescue him. The FIR added that they also took away office files and created terror besides snatching Rs10,000, a wrist watch and the ID card.

He said they forced him to decide a case in their favor but he refused.

An op-ed about Mr. Parvez Elahi, CM Punjab

Lahore; December 2, 2022:

Mr. Parvez Elahi of PML-Q is currently the chief minister of the Punjab. A few months ago he was

the Speaker of the Punjab Assembly. He is known for his open anti-Ahmadi activism. The weekly *The*

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1714156>

Friday Times, early this month published an op-ed titled: **A Religio-Political Dilemma: How Far Can Parvez Elahi Afford to Take Anti-Ahmadi Bigotry in Punjab?**¹

Mr. Elahi is important in Pak politics, as he is in close liaison with Imran Khan's PTI, arguably the largest political party in the country at present. We produce the op-ed as mosques VIII to this report.

d. Disturbing threats

Animosity faced by a proselyte

Sillanwali, District Sargodha; June 2022:

Mr. Qamar Abbas, a proselyte is facing great animosity from his family. His wife and children were taken away from him. After two months, his brothers called him to the village and told him to repent by laying hands on the Quran. They tortured

him when he refused to revert back. Qamar's wife was forced to abort her three-month pregnancy.

Afterward, the mulla declared him an infidel and threatened him with murder. Qamar had to flee from the town.

Ahmadi severely harassed

Samanabad, District Faisalabad; September 2022:

Mr. Abdul Hanan used to work in a private insurance company in Samanabad, District Faisalabad. He was an efficient worker, so another company invited him to join in a senior position. He did that, but his colleagues became jealous and proceeded to harass him on basis of faith.

His ex-colleagues are among the complainants against him, and a follower of mulla Akram Toofani of Jhal Chakian filed another petition. He is liable to be booked under blasphemy laws by the police.

Under overwhelming stress, he decided to disappear.

Applications were filed against him in Sargodha city and Jhal Chakian police stations that Abdul Hanan is an Ahmadi and preaches his faith.

Threat call to an Ahmadi

Rawalpindi; September 2022:

Irfan Ahmad Qureshi, Ahmadi, received a call from a private number that did not appear on the screen. The caller identified himself as a member of the Al-Mujahid organization and asked Mr.

Qureshi, "Are you a Qadiani?" When he answered in the affirmative, the caller used abusive words for Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani, the founder of

¹ <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2022/12/02/a-religio-political-dilemma-how-far-can-parvez-elahi-afford-to-take-anti-ahmadi-bigotry-in-punjab>

Ahmadiyyat. The caller threatened him to remain alert as he was pursuing him.

Mr. Qureshi has been living here for the past 43 years and the people of the area know that he is an Ahmadi.

Ahmadi receives threats to life

Khana Mianwali, District Narowal; September 2022:

Mr. Saif ur Rehman is a practicing Ahmadi. He is a businessman. A non-Ahmadi, Muhammad Waris, demanded a free spray machine from Mr. Rehman. On September 17, 2022, Waris telephoned Mr. Rehman and repeated his demand with threats that he was a *Mirzai* who is *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed) and he could kill him, etc, and used

extremely foul language. Mr. Rehman went to the police station and filed a complaint against him, on which the police arrested Waris. While in custody, Waris repeated his earlier statement that Rehman was a *Mirzai* and is *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be killed), etc.

e. Diverse

Pakistan politics

Rawalpindi; November 26, 2022:

Pakistan is now 75 years old. Its politics have developed a pattern that must be realistically known, assessed, analyzed and improved, if any genuine progress or amelioration is desired. A major event culminated in Rawalpindi this evening. It provides an opportunity to look inward and learn lessons.

Mr. Imran Khan, chairman of PTI, arguably the single major political party in the country, launched a powerful movement 'Long March' in November. It made numerous sorties from various parts of the country, and Mr. Khan addressed the big rallies. He has quite a following. His lectures tend to be loaded with moral and religious appeal. There is no dearth of pious motivational content, and an average audience believes what he hears, and hopes that things will improve qualitatively and quantitatively — surely.

Mr. Khan addressed the final rally at about 8 PM on Saturday the 26th November in Rawalpindi. Most television channels telecast his address LIVE. Bol TV, a supportive channel made sure that salient points of his address were simultaneously displayed in original on the bottom line.

We reproduce below English translation of four such statements for further comment:

- Justice is the main feature of human society (*Insaan ka Muashirah*).
- In the animal world, it is the most powerful who rules.
- No society can progress sans justice.
- The main fault of those in prisons is, that they are poor.

Surely, the above statements are true; these even sound like part of a sermon. One would assume that if the originator of these pious words

gains political power, all will be hunky dory. But, till April 2022, Mr. Khan was the PM and chief executive in Pakistan, and held that position since August 2018. What happened during those long years and months of his rule? We provide below brief facts and figures of his time. Before we do that, it is relevant to mention that Pakistan Constitution upholds human rights and freedom of religion or belief of all its citizens, including the minorities — of course.

- Azam Swati, a federal minister said in public, “I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat.”
- PTI regime in the Punjab not only did not ensure the sanctity of Ahmadiyya mosques, but the administration and the police supported religious thugs in their persistent attacks on Ahmadiyya worship and freedom of religion. During this period, 26 Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship were compromised including partial destruction.
- Within a few weeks of his taking over, Mr. Khan’s government organized a major conference in Islamabad on theme. “*Khatme Nabuwwat* and Muslims’ Responsibilities”.
- Desecration of Ahmadis’ graves and destruction of tombstones became routine with Punjab’s police and administration. In all, they defiled and desecrated 374 graves during this regime — a record.
- PTI and PML-Q in the Punjab came up with a joint ruling that in future, a *Nikah* (marriage)

would be valid only if the groom, the bride, the witnesses, the *Nikah* solemnizer, as also the registrar, all signed a *Khatme Nabuwwat* (End of Prophethood) affidavit.

- A school administration in District Khushab told nine Ahmadi children to leave the school — for being Ahmadis.
- During his regime, 48 police cases were registered based on religion against 193 Ahmadis, under clauses which include penalties of long imprisonment, life imprisonment — even death.
- Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, in 2019 stated in an open multi-religious meeting: “...I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country... I am speaking of Qadianis here. They are full of mischief....To speak against the Qadianis **is** religious harmony.” Mr. Imran Khan seemed to agree; as he appointed the Hafiz, his Special Representative on Religious Harmony.
- In PTI-ruled Lahore, anti-Ahmadi elements put up a huge banner with threat in bold letters that for any change to the 1973 Constitution, **“Chenab Nagar will be coloured red with the blood of Qadianis, and the world will forget even Tamerlane.”**

Wither Justice? Wither political sermons? Politicians need to honour their words, otherwise history will remember them as leaders, not of politics, but of hypocrisy.

Two Sikhs killed in Peshawar - part background

Peshawar: May 2022:

It was another sad news from Peshawar KP. Two Sikh traders were target killed in their shop on Sunday, May 15, 2022. The assailants fled from the scene of atrocity.

This news shocked the state and the society. The killing was condemned by high state officials,

the media, the civil society and HR organizations. We too extended our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families.

However, the incident should not have been a big surprise to the informed circles in Pakistan. It was waiting to happen. The religious thugs had

undertaken such activities in Peshawar in the past — but these were against Ahmadis; and the authorities had decided to turn a blind eye to these.

Let us be precise. Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, Ahmadi, was shot dead near his shop on August 12, 2020 in Peshawar. A few weeks later, Mr. Mehboob Khan was murdered for his faith in the same city on November 8, 2020. Earlier on October 5, Professor Dr Naeem ud Din Khattak was killed while driving homeward. On July 29, 2020 Mr. Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a Pak-American, former Ahmadi, was shot dead in a courtroom in the presence of the judge. The police arrested his killer, but while driving him to the police station ‘took the honour of making selfies with the smiling killer’ (these are available on record). On September 20, 2020 a man, perhaps from the same gang who had killed Mr. Mairaj Ahmad earlier, attacked his brother Mr. Gulzar Ahmad, Ahmadi and pumped bullets in the victim. The shooter fled leaving him behind lying on the floor as dead.

Last year, in February 2021 Mr. Abdul Qadir, Ahmadi homeopath was shot dead at his clinic, in Peshawar by a youth. Later in November 2021, Mr. Kamran Ahmad was shot in a factory, where he died on the spot. He is survived by two daughters, two sons and the widow.

It seemed that the authorities had left Ahmadis at the mercy of terrorists and extremists. But they showed no mercy. All along, the police were kept informed of the threats from the sectarian crazies, who at times provided their phone numbers on threat posters. The police at best were mild to these goons, and took no effective steps to deter the assailants — and murders continued to happen.

The chief minister then, as now, was Mr. Mahmood Khan of PTI. On murder of the two Sikhs he stated that the culprits would be brought to justice. He made no such statement after the repeated murders of Ahmadis. Had he acted effectively in 2020 and 2021, the murder of the innocent Sikhs would most likely not have occurred. Rana Sanaullah was right in saying: “The KP government has terribly failed in protecting the minorities.”¹

Rather than coming to the rescue of the beleaguered community, the ruling elite remained busy in agitating the issue of *Khatme Nabuwwat* in school syllabi. Mr. Asad Qaisar (then Speaker of KP Assembly) played leading role in it. The same exercise was undertaken again in 2019. In September, 2020, a hostile mob surrounded an Ahmadi’s house in Peshawar, baying for the blood of an Ahmadi for alleged blasphemy. The police rescued the family but later arrested Mr. Abdul Majeed on fabricated accusation of blasphemy, pushed by a minor. Mr. Majeed remains in prison to date, despite his innocence. The Prime Minister reacted fast after the murder of Sikhs and tweeted² his comments: “Strongly condemn the killing of our Sikh citizens in Peshawar KP. Pakistan belongs to its entire people. Have ordered a high-level inquiry to ascertain facts. The killers would be arrested & meted out exemplary punishment. My most sincere sympathies to the bereaved families.”

No such statement was made by the then PM Imran Khan, on murder of numerous Ahmadis in Peshawar. At best, once he tasked Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, his Representative, to issue some statement. He did, but many remember well that he was the one who had declared in a public meeting³, “I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country). I am speaking of Qadianis here. They are full of mischief. They

¹ The News International May 17, 2022

² <https://twitter.com/CMShehbaz/status/152580222573755968?s=20>

³ <https://youtu.be/jRBPSsQhDjo>

are misleading humanity by using the name of Muslims. To speak against the Qadiani is Religious Harmony.”

The Pakistani state must realize that long term measures are absolutely essential if you want to escape shocking incidents that have long term

consequences. Murder of two Sikhs, lynching of Sri Lankan Priyantha, blowing up of Chinese teachers, etc. will continue to happen if you are selective about reigning in agents of violent extremism.

Sheikh Rashid - a compulsive politician

Lahore, 21 April 2022;

PTI held a big rally in Lahore. Its top leadership and a few allies addressed the crowd. One of these was Sheikh Rashid of Lal Haveli, Rawalpindi — the former Interior Minister in the Imran Government. The Sheikh is surely an interesting personality, in many ways.

Rashid was the only MNA from his party, whatever its name. However, first he managed to get the railway ministry in the federation. Unfortunately, numerous railway accidents marred his tenure, so he had to switch over elsewhere. Imran elevated him to the portfolio of Interior Minister.

The proposed aim of the PTI rally of Lahore was to declare the launching of a great Freedom campaign from the city where the historic Lahore Resolution was passed that laid the foundation of the freedom struggle of Indian Muslims for a separate country.

Sheikh Rashid addressed the crowd briefly, but chose to say things of his own choice. What he said and what it implied was mentioned in an op-ed by Alam Nigar in the prestigious periodical *Humsub*.

We take extracts from ‘HumSub’.¹

The Sheikh saluted Lahore as it is the birth place of a great *Mujahid* Imran Khan. He declared this city to be his favourite because it is the city of his spiritual teacher (*murshid*) Shorish and also of Ata ullah Shah Bokhari.

The Sheikh deviated grossly from the declared *raison d’être* of the rally, and chose to declare his followership of Ata ullah Shah Bokhari.

Bokhari was the top leader of Majlis Ahrar, a party of Congressite mullas in pre-Partition days. He led this party later in Pakistan as well. He was openly opposed to the creation of Pakistan. He was of the view, “Moreover, even if you acquire a piece of land its system would be man-made, its entire structure would be based on the philosophy of Infidelity (*Kufr ka Aine*)”. On March 27, 1946, he tabled a resolution in the Working Committee of Majlis Ahrar, asserting, “As for Muslim League’s demand for Pakistan, this Working Committee cannot endorse it at all.” Bokhari was a great orator; he accused the Muslim League leadership of being entirely un-Islamic:

“Its active policy, all along has negated the interests of Muslims (*Millat Islamia*). It has persistently opposed in the Central and Provincial Assemblies, the implementation of Islamic laws. Therefore Muslims cannot expect any political, religious or social guidance from the non-Islamic leadership of the Muslim League.”

Sh. Rashid’s other icon Shorish Kashmiri was a journalist, and of the same elements as the Ahrar. His adopted name *Shorish* meant: commotions, tumult, and insurrection. He edited the Ahrar compendium of speeches (vol.1) *Khutbat Ahrar*. In these speeches, the Ahrar had indulged in insults and buffoonery against Mr. Jinnah (and other leaders of the Muslim League) who was dubbed as

¹ <https://www.humsub.com.pk/455560/alam-nigar-18/>

an agent of the British, and the Pakistan Movement was called a great mischief (*shar angaiz*).

Sh. Rashid is on record to have declared in a presser on October 27, 2021:

- We are also the warriors (*sipahy*) of Namus Risalat and Khatme Nabuwwat.
- I am the warrior of *Qala*, *Qala Rasulallah* (So said the Messenger of Allah). I sacrifice ten such lives (as the present one) on Namus Risalat. If anyone can prove in entire Pakistan that anyone has spent more time in prison

than I over Khatme Nabuwwat, I am prepared to undergo whatever punishment (is awarded to me).

For this story, we set aside Sh. Rashid's anti-Ahmadiyya bursts, but do highlight his ideological devotion to anti-Pakistan elements like Ataullah Shah Bokhari and men committed to the din and commotion (*Shorish*). His use of PTI platform for this raises the question: Are the PTI and Mr. Imran Khan of the same view on Pakistan's origin as the guru of Sheikh Rashid?

Assassination attempt on Imran: How dangerous to involve religion in politics!

Punjab; November 2022:

Imran Khan, Chairman of PTI, while on his 'Long March' to Islamabad, on board a container, was targeted in an assassination attempt in which he received bullet injuries in his leg. His colleagues put him in a vehicle and rushed him to Lahore for treatment. A number of bullets were fired in the melee. As a result, one man died while reportedly 10 were injured. The incident shocked the people; everyone, including political adversaries, condemned it. Imran made a speedy recovery and declared that the 'March' would continue from the point (near Wazirabad) where it was interrupted. Pakistan was spared a major cataclysm — at least for the time being.

The attacker was apprehended by the people nearby and delivered to the police. Someone managed to interview him, made a video recording, and shared it on social media. We produce below a few important extracts from two parts of the interview:

Q: (By attacking Imran) Did you do the right thing?

Ans: All thanks to Allah; I have no doubt in that. I am concerned that he has lived (*bachgiya hai*), it is hurtful that he has lived. My purpose has not been achieved.

Q: Why did you want to kill him?

Ans: For the reason that he claimed to be a Prophet – Prophet of the 14th century (Hijra). "The way the Prophet conveyed his message to the people. I do the same, the same way", (he said). So, my conscience did not allow me to call him a Prophet. My Prophet is Muhammad — he is the last Prophet. My Allah broke off the pen... of the Prophethood ... He put a seal on it and declared — that's it, no more Prophets. How could he say that he was the Great Reformer of the 14th century. I didn't like that. That's it. This is there in my mobile (phone). Sir, you can listen to it.

Q: Whose statement is that?

Ans: Of Imran Khan – from his own mouth.

Q: Did you talk to someone else? "This fellow calls himself a Prophet, what am I to do?"

Ans: No Sir,

Q: Well, why did you do what you did?

Ans: Assalamo Alaikum Sir, I did that as he Imran Khan was misleading the people. I could not bear up with it, so I killed him (or) attempted to kill him. I tried my best to kill him, only Imran Khan — none else.

Q. Why did you think of that?

Ans: I noticed that while there was *Azan* (call to prayers) here, he was making noise on deck (music loudspeaker). All this, I didn't like.

Q. Was it an instant decision, or a prior consideration?

Ans: It was a quick decision, in the morning. The day he started from Lahore, I decided not to spare him.

Q. Who is supporting you?

Ans: Praise be to Allah, I am on my own, acting singly. I came on my own (motor) bike.

We do not go into the validity or truth of what the hit man said, however a brief mention of Mr. Khan's (IK) religious attitude with regard to his politics is in order. He himself would not deny it, as it was his deliberately declared policy. We restrict ourselves to only those aspects that are directly related to the religious belief of Ahmadis.

As early as July 2018, IK attended on End of Prophethood conference at Golra Sharif and there declared that he believed in unconditional Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) and considered anyone claiming prophethood after the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to be a liar. In response, the Pir of Golra Sharif declared support for the PTI during the forthcoming elections.

IK took over as PM in Islamabad in August 2018. His government organized a major conference later in November 2018, on theme: **"Khatme Nabuwwat**

and Muslims' Responsibilities". Mr. Azam Swati, one of his federal ministers stated in public, "I curse them, and Imran Khan also curses Qadianis." IK did not refute the practice attributed to him.

PTI ruled in the Punjab as well, but in league with PML-Q. The provincial assembly found it convenient to pass numerous resolutions and measures that were essentially sectarian and anti-Ahmadiyya. The Education Department issued orders to emphasize the teaching of Khatme Nabuwwat in schools.

At the federal level the government dropped the name of Prof Atif Mian an Ahmadi, from the 18-member Economic Advisory Council. The cabinet decided that Ahmadi will not be part of the National Commission for Minorities. Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi of Pakistan Ulama Council declared, "I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country". Imran appointed him PM's Special Representative on Religious Harmony, etc.

KP was also ruled by the PTI. Murders of Ahmadis in Peshawar for their faith became brazen as never before.

Desecration of Ahmadiyya mosques in the Punjab became routine. Twenty-six Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship were partly destroyed, defaced, defiled, sealed, handed over to others, were ordered to be 'closed down', attacked or kept under surveillance by the opponents, were threatened through police interference, subjected to litigation, or their repairs/construction had to be stopped on orders. During the PTI rule, the authorities defiled and desecrated 374 graves, mostly by destruction of their tombstones.

This list of persecution of Ahmadis for their faith during the Imran regime is long, and our space here does not permit us even to tabulate them. All these actions made the common man greatly sensitive to the issue of the End of Prophethood. Ahmadis were not allowed by law to present their understanding of this belief. Others found it convenient to leave

the public in obscurity and be content with bigotry. No wonder that, for the first time, a man killed an Ahmadi whom he did not know or had ever met before. The killer, within a few seconds assessed him to be an Ahmadi and stabbed him to death in broad day light — at a bus stand.

Naveed, who attacked Imran Khan, is surely product of the same farm that was cultivated, watered and provided with ample manure during his regime. Eventually chicken came home to roost.

We are not alone of this opinion. Two days after the assassination attempt the daily *Dawn* reported¹

in a headline. “Govt sees religious extremism behind attack on PTI Chief.”

Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman (JUI) expressed the opinion: “Imran Khan not only misled his followers, but also pushed them to religious lunacy.”²

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, a federal minister (PML-N) came to the same conclusion: “Imran Khan is the victim of religious lunacy that he agitated.”³

There is an obvious lesson to learn, but are there enough sensible souls around in this country who would benefit from the shocking incident that jolted the state and the society like a major earthquake?

The Land of the Pure and the Land of not so pure — a conclusive comparison

The Punjab and the US, October 2022:

The word Pakistan literally means ‘the land of the pure’, while the United States has no such fundamental claims. Many Pakistanis actually believe that in the realm of religion, sociology and culture, they are superior to other peoples. Therefore, it would be useful to look at oneself in a mirror and see the reality. Two events, one in the Punjab and the other in the state of Illinois US provided this opportunity.

In a video⁴, made available on the social media on September 27, 2022, Mr. Parvez Elahi, the Punjab chief minister is seen and heard talking to a gathering standing around him (*translation*):

“By the grace of Allah, we are building a mosque at personal expense. It will resemble the Blue Mosque, a mosque in Turkiye. It will be very visible. Those who have built a mosque on instructions of (president) Erdogan similar to the Blue Mosque, their engineers were hired (by us) in Turkey. They

came, and stayed here for a month, and we had discussions with them. This mosque will be completed within a year. **It will have space for women also, however it will be (boldly) written on the exterior that no Qadiani is allowed inside. We have no friendship nor any dealing with one who does not believe in the End of Prophethood. If they want to stay, they may, as a minority. We’ll give them rights as we give rights to Christians and Hindus, (but) if they opt to leave, they should do so.”**

Surely, no top politician in the US would make such a statement in the US about its citizens. In fact, quite the reverse – the US society and people extend religious tolerance, indeed welcome, to even outsiders. This happened when the Khalifa ul

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1719073>

² TV HUM at 22:38 on November 4, 2022

³ TV Dawn at 05:24 on November 6, 2022

⁴ <https://youtu.be/WKGRWg2mESI>



Masih V, Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Community visited the US in the first week of October to inaugurate an Ahmadiyya mosque in the city of Zion, Illinois.

Very briefly, this mosque named Fathe Azeem Mosque (Great Victory) has been built to commemorate the great victory of Ahmad, the founder of Ahmadiyyat over Mr. John Dowie, a very powerful and wealthy priest who claimed to be the Elijah II. He hated Islam and openly claimed to achieve its destruction and of its followers. Ahmad who claimed to be the foretold Promised Messiah challenged him to a prayer duel in 1907, thus



seeking a Divine verdict, through a sign that the liar would die first in the lifetime of the opponent. (Dowie was much younger in age than Ahmad, and apparently in better health.) The challenge was essentially to avoid a call for death and destruction of whole peoples and restrict the risk to only two individuals. Thereafter, Dowie soon fell into a steep decline in health, wealth, power and popularity. He got struck with mania and paralyses. He died in a miserable state during the lifetime of Ahmad, and the American press admitted and called his end

‘pathetic’. It was a great victory over hate, prejudice and ill-will. Dowie, who had established the city of Zion, had declared that no Muslim was to be admitted there. Now, a century later, it has an Ahmadi Muslim population and the Fathe Azeem Mosque.

Highlights of this event with reference to FoRB in American society:

- The Zion city council authorized construction of this mosque and had no objection to name it Great Victory Mosque.
- The Council approved purchase of 10 acres of land by Ahmadis to build the mosque complex.
- The town mayor paid welcome call on the visiting Khalifa tul Masih.
- Important personalities from the city and the state called on the Khalifa and participated in the big reception dinner held to celebrate the occasion. These included a US congressman, a state congresswoman, a former Chair of the bipartisan federal commission USCIRF; the Police Commissioner, Dr. Consdine, Country State Attorney, two Rabbis, a state senator and the Executive Director of Illinois Humanities and other personalities. In all, 161 guests attended the dinner.
- The mayor presented the Key of the Zion City to the Khalifa who received it with thanks and

said.... **I am sure that now the key is in safe hands. ...**

- The town council approved construction of a 70ft high minaret of the mosque. Its design is the same as that of Minarat ul Masih in Qadian. The Khalifa laid its foundation stone.
- American Airlines named its Chicago to Dallas flight that flew the Khalifa and his staff on October 2, 2022 as the **Khilafat Flight 2022**.
- A journalist from newspaper Lake County News Sun interviewed the Khalifa, and raised



important social and societal questions relevant to not only the US but also the whole world.

- Khalifa tul Masih V stated in his keynote address¹ at the inauguration, *interalia*:

“Its (this mosque’s) doors open with an enlightened message pronouncing that the religious rights and peaceful beliefs of all peoples and communities are to be forever protected and cherished. It is the paramount objective of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to direct mankind to the path of spiritual salvation and to ensure that all peoples, irrespective of their caste, creed or culture, live together with a spirit of goodwill and harmony and in true peace and security.”

- Leading personalities who participated in the inauguration ceremony spoke at the occasion, and stated (extracts):

1. Mayor of Zion said, “It’s an absolute honour and privilege for me to welcome His

Holiness.... Blessed to be guided by His Holiness.”

2. Representative Joyce Mason of Illinois General Assembly said, “The city of Zion is fortunate that such a peace-loving and service-oriented community has decided to settle down here and build such a beautiful mosque. It is my fervent wish that this mosque becomes a beacon of hope not just for this city but for all around.” She said, “I am adding a House Resolution congratulating the Community on the inauguration of the new mosque and I’m grateful to be part of this joyous day and part of this very special community.”
3. Congressman Krishnamoorthi said, “I’m so thrilled to be part of his arrival (of His Holiness) that we entered into the congressional record of the United States, a commemoration of this historic day that will live on in history to remember what happened today and the joyous occasion... I believe that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, one of the finest communities in America and the world, dedicates itself in service to humanity.”
4. Professor Dr. Katrina Sweth, president of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice remarked: “... But really, I think we would have to say that the victory (in the Prayer Duel) went to humanity as well, because it was a victory for respect, for love, for tolerance, for all those virtues that we



¹ <https://youtu.be/fwOTFTkno6E>

now see embodied in this marvelous community.”

Compare the intent and aspiration behind the two mosques, the one planned for Gujrat and the other built in Zion.

Political twins – India and Pakistan

June 2022:

While it is not correct to call them Siamese twins, there is a great deal common between India and Pakistan. They share greatly history, culture, language, literature, arts – even religious attitudes. Regrettably, the commonality in religious attitude is obviously in its wrong and negative understanding and emphasis. We mention below authentic information and facts how the two states treat their religious minorities.

India: The daily Dawn of May 30, 2022 printed its lead editorial under the title: Ayudhiya’s ghosts (Ref: Babari Masjid). We reproduce below a paragraph from it:

In the Hindu holy city of Varanasi, formerly Banaras, tension surrounds the Gyanvapi mosque, as a group of women have claimed the image of a deity can be seen on one of the masjid’s walls. Moreover, shivling has reportedly been discovered in the ablution pond, leading to a court order calling for the sealing of the ablution area. In Mathura, a court application has been filed calling for a ban on azan at the Shahi Idgah as, according to some Hindu groups, the sanctum sanctorum of a temple dedicated to Krishna is located inside the mosque. One of the suits has been filed on behalf of Shri Krishna. Meanwhile in Delhi, Hindu extremists are targeting the historical Qutub Complex containing the Qutub Minar, calling for temples demolished by Qutbuddin Aibak in the 12th century to be rebuilt. The atmosphere in India regarding these historical disputes can be gained

Conclusion is a plea. Mr. Parvez Elahi and others of his ilk, the drumbeaters of Islam, should have some pity on the Land of the Pure, Islam and themselves, by distancing from bigotry, hate promotion, intolerance and division in the fair name of Islam.

by the fact that a non-Muslim Delhi University history professor was arrested after he questioned the authenticity of the Gyanvapi mosque shivling claims online.

Pakistan:

In Pakistan, Ahmadis are somewhat similarly targeted. Despite their commitment to the Kalima, the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the Holy Quran and the Shariah, they are forbidden to call themselves Muslim. They are not allowed to call Azan from their mosques which cannot be called masjid. Hundreds of Ahmadis have been murdered for their faith. Last year, in 2021, 110 Ahmadis were booked in police cases under religion-based penal clauses that provide for imprisonment terms up to life, and in some cases even death sentence. Since the promulgation of infamous anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX, 139 Ahmadiyya mosques have been demolished, 40 sealed by authorities, 34 set on fire or damaged, 18 forcibly occupied and construction of 61 barred by the authorities. Last year alone, the police desecrated and damaged 128 Ahmadis’ tombstones. Last month in Peshawar, Islamist bigots dug up a 24 years old grave of an Ahmadi, and threw out the remains of the dead body and its coffin. Three Ahmadis of District Sheikhpura were booked in 2014 under religious laws as also the blasphemy law. They were denied bail for years. Eventually, Lahore High Court vacated the blasphemy clause, and they were released from prison having served seven and half years behind

The vernacular press like the daily *Ummat* did not miss to claim its own pound of flesh from this hate campaign. It published a long-winded story of Ahmadiyya relief efforts, partly true, partly false; however, the headlines given are noteworthy:

Qadiani network in action in the guise of social service

Simple people are being netted through NGO Humanity First

Apostatic activities proliferate in poor neighborhoods all over the country including southern Punjab

Recipients are made to deposit their identify cards

As ever, this time also the Ahmadi community endeavored to help and assist Pakistan in its moment of need and will always do so, and no amount of hatred and hostility will ever stop them in this. Love for their country is a part of their faith.

PTI departure - its tenure

Islamabad:

The government of the ruling party PTI led by Mr. Imran Khan was ousted through a No Confidence vote in the National Assembly at night of 9/10 April 2022. It had come to power on 17 August 2018, and formed coalition governments in Islamabad and the provinces of Punjab, KP and Baluchistan. Its performance was checkered, while the opposition

accused it of incompetence and poor performance. We leave that here for the political analysts, but consider it appropriate and essential to place on record a brief on PTI's treatment of Ahmadis in the context of human rights and FoRB, during its 3 years 8 months' rule. This 4-page brief is placed at Annex XI.

A worthy statement of universal merit

Makkah; April 2022:

Muslim World League (*Rabita Alame Islami*) issued the following statement on Islamophobic unrest in Sweden:

Makkah:

The Muslim World League condemns the absurd and shameful act carried out by some extremists in Sweden — who abused a copy of the Noble Quran and inciting Muslims during the Holy Month of Ramadan. Spreading such religious hatred only encourages hostility and division in societies, harms common humanitarian values of decency and mutual respect, and ultimately only serves the agendas of extremism and counter extremism.

The MWL's Secretary General, Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars, His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, on behalf of the MWL's bodies, councils, and assemblies around the world renewed his call to Muslims in Sweden and around the world to embrace the sublime Islamic approach in dealing with such provocations with temperance, wisdom and responsibility.

These acts are designed to divide. However, we have complete confidence in the strength of Sweden's values of unity and moderation to overcome such divisiveness and hate.

This act does not represent the values of the noble Swedish people who are known for their

respect and love for everyone, especially their public declaration rejecting hatred and racism. These acts represent only the hatred of the extreme groups.

Dr. Al-Issa stressed that this barbarism will only, make Muslims more faithful, will increase Muslims belief in the values of coexistence, love, peace and harmony with all, and will only encourage them to boost the values of brotherhood and harmony in their national states.

Muslim World League

One cannot disagree with high noble principles and values pointed out by the MWL's Secretary General. These are of universal merit and deserve to be upheld not only in Sweden but all over the

world, particularly and primarily by the Muslim majority countries who are members of the Muslim World League. Pakistan is important among them.

With reference to the points made in the above Statement, particularly the highlighted parts, Pakistan would do well to withdraw the orders issued by its government, in its largest province Punjab that banned and forfeited all copies of the books authored by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani the founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement. These books are of scriptural status with Ahmadis, and their banning by the provincial government places it in the same category as the 'Hard Line' movement in Sweden.

Important observation and reminder – by Bilawal

Lahore; March 5, 2022:

The daily *Dawn* printed today a news report¹ with the headline:

Bilawal links Peshawar blast (57 dead in mosque) to non-implementation of NAP. Alleges PTI government has soft corner for terrorists.

We produce below extracts from the report:

By Imran Gabol and Shafiq Butt

Lahore/Sahiwal: The Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has condemned the Peshawar blast, blaming the government for not implementing the National Action Plan (NAP)² to check terrorism in the country and accusing it of

failing to establish the writ of the state by surrendering before terrorists.

Addressing the participants of the party's long march at Chichawatni's Rai Chowk, Sahiwal district, he said the incidence of terrorism had increased in the country as the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government lacked the capacity to face the menace.

Why the blood of the masses is cheap and terrorists are roaming free in the country, while no action was being taken against them, the PPP Chairman asked the government.....

International body's statement on Ahmadiyya situation worldwide

IRFBA, March 1, 2022:

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1678337>

² Note: The Government of Pakistan announced NAP in January 2015 to crack down on terrorism and to supplement the ongoing anti-terrorism offensive after the terrorist attack on Army Public School on December 16, 2014 in which 151 died including 132 children. After this massacre, there was a huge outcry against the atrocities of religious terrorism, and the politicians and military got on one page to take multi-pronged action against the terrorists. Mr. Nawaz Sharif was the prime minister; however, major political parties were on board. The NAP is an inclusive and readable document.

IRFBA stands for International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance. Its following members are Ex-signatories to a Statement¹ on the “Ahmadiyya Muslim Community”: Australia, Brazil, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sovereign Order of Malta, the United Kingdom and the United States.



Ahmadis in their midst, its principal and direct unnamed addressee is Pakistan, as it is in Pakistan that Ahmadis, as mentioned therein:

- Are held prisoners for exercising their religious belief for being blasphemous and self-identification as Muslims
- Are denied their right of vote through special provisions in law
- Suffer raids on their places of worship
- Are discriminated with respect to the issuance of national identification documents, etc. etc.

Although the statement addresses all countries in the world that need to improve their treatment of

We reproduce this statement in Annex XV to this report.

Islamophobia, Imran Khan – and Ahmadiyyat

March 2022:

The UN General Assembly passed a Resolution, introduced by Pakistan, to recognize March 15 as the International Day to combat Islamophobia. It was generally lauded in the backdrop of global hate crimes and state-sanctioned bias against Muslims.

Mr. Imran Khan, who is in dire straits these days did not let the event pass without drawing his extra liter of milk from the political cow. He said the following the next day in a public gathering at Swat (Tr):

“This after 1973...In 1973, Pakistan’s National Assembly decided that those who do not consider our Prophet as the last Prophet are not Muslim. The 1973 Assembly decided this. They decided that *Qadianis* who do not believe in the finality of our Prophet (PBUH) are non-Muslim; they are a minority. This (UN Resolution on Islamophobia) is the biggest achievement for the Muslim world since then. Today the UN has accepted that the

world should raise its voice against Islamophobia. 15th March has been declared as the day of Islamophobia every year.”²

In our opinion, it is unfortunate that Mr. Khan chose to put this laudable UNGA Resolution in the same category as the 1974 anti-Ahmadiyya Amendment Nr II to the Pakistan Constitution, which stands, decades later, condemned by most scholars of civics and political science including some from the PPP whose leader ZA Bhutto sponsored this Amendment.

Mr. Khan is proud of getting a resolution passed against Islamophobia, while simultaneously he is proud of the constitutional amendment that gave birth to, promoted and nourished Ahmadiphobia in this land. This is obvious incongruity. If Islamophobia has put Muslims’ lives at risk and generated discriminatory treatment of Muslims in the field of social justice, jobs, business, education, worship, etc, the Amendment II has

¹ <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-on-the-52nd-session-of-the-united-nations-human-rights-council/>
² <https://www.youtube.com/live/Xg1k927DITc?feature=share>

resulted in promulgation of Ordinance XX, hundreds of Ahmadis murdered for their faith, serious violations of Ahmadis' religious freedom and human rights and blatant discrimination in voting rights, jobs, education etc. Referring to the Ahmadiyya situation in Pakistan, International Humanist and Ethical Union conveyed to the UNHRC in 2010: "Need we remind the Council and the government of Pakistan that it was government and media support for expressions of hatred that led to the Nazi Holocaust and the genocide in Rwanda.¹"

We are not alone in taking note of Mr. Imran Khan's freak; many took to Twitter to express their censure. We reproduce here only three (from academia):

@theRealYLH²: How a representative of the public becomes selective about representing only the dominant group of the public — very Animal Farm

@SaleemDinAA³ : World connecting Islamophobia with religious discrimination is not equally wrong?

And what are we trying to achieve here by resorting to derogating terms & religion card?

@NadeemParacha⁴: In a nutshell, IK's peal of wisdom today (he comes up with one every single day)

West has Islamophobia, but we have resolved religious bigotry by ousting a whole community from the fold of Islam.

Bravo

Who will deliver rights to minorities? An op-ed in the *Independent Urdu*

Independenturdu.com, Feb 13, 2022:

The esteemed news service issued this article⁵ on February 13, 2022. It is candid on various aspects of this important issue, so we produce below translation of a few extracts:

Who will deliver rights to minorities?

...Last year, the Senate Committee on Religious Affairs rejected the bill regarding the rights of minorities. Maulana Abdul Ghafur Haidari, the chair of the committee said that the minorities already enjoyed freedom in the country; as such, there is no need of a new law, the proposed clauses are already there in the current laws.

The proposer and mover of the bill, Senator Javed Abbasi of PML-N said that it contained provisions regarding forced conversion,



safeguarding the worship places of minorities, security of inheritance, security of their properties, etc; however, the Committee comprises many individuals of special mindset who think that minorities have no problems.

Army chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, met this year the Hindu community during his visit to Nangar Parkar and said that the minorities have

¹ <https://humanists.international/2010/06/pakistan-playing-fire/>

² <https://twitter.com/theRealYLH/status/1504451765793542153?s=20>

³ <https://twitter.com/SaleemDinAA/status/1504170562205102080?s=20>

⁴ <https://twitter.com/NadeemParacha/status/1504138263665201152?s=20>

⁵ <https://www.independenturdu.com/node/93766>

equal rights in Pakistan and their protection is a state responsibility.

On the other hand, on minorities' rights, the situation has worsened, and many international associations have repeatedly criticized it in their reports....

While the Parliament rejects the bill on minorities, the state is helpless in dealing with religious extremists. One remembers that Assistant Commissioner Zeenat Hussain said the same as General Bajwa in Nangar Parkar. AC Zeenat had said that Ahmadis' rights should be respected as Pakistani citizens, however religious activists went over to her office and she had to apologize....

While the US State Department, in its recent report, has included Pakistan in the list of countries where religious freedom is grossly violated, the European Parliament has passed a resolution whereby GSP Plus status of Pakistan will

be revisited in view of the worsening of human rights and particularly the minority rights in Pakistan.

However, as in the past in Pakistan, this government also takes provisional rather than permanent steps in the field of minorities' rights. The aim is only to improve the country's image for the time being and not to grant the minorities their rights on a permanent basis.

In its 2014 verdict, the Supreme Court had ordered the federal government, in the context of minority rights to form a national council for minorities that would oversee the grant of Constitutional rights to minorities. Six years later, the federal government, rather than complying with the Supreme Court orders, has re-constituted the National Commission for Minorities. This Commission is little more than an adhoc committee.

New media law ignites heated debate

Islamabad; February 21, 2022:

The daily *The News International*¹ reported as Top Story that the President signed an ordinance making changes in the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, (PECA) 2016. It ignited a heated debate in the media about the consequences of the government move.

The new law is Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022.

This Ordinance broadens the definition of 'person', the 'aggrieved person', requires the trial court to conclude the case within six months, etc.



The implied and possible consequences of this Ordinance were brought forth by media, HR and other organizations by this ad in press.

The daily *Dawn* of February 23, 2022 published the follow-up on its front page lead story with the headlines; **“Cyber law changes assailed in high courts.”**

Lawyers' bodies come down hard on govt, vow to defend right to freedom of expression, media...”

It is learnt that on February 23 the IHC barred FIA from arresting accused under the

¹ <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/935340-new-media-law-ignites-heated-debate>

² <https://www.dawn.com/news/1676565>

contentious clause. IT minister sought rollback of the Amendment.

Lynching horror visits Khanewal (Punjab)

The daily *Dawn* on February 13, 2022 published this story¹. Although not directly related to Ahmadi, it reflects clearly and boldly the environment of violent extremism on religious grounds, in the country. It is a cause of extreme concern to marginalized communities — even to every average citizen interested in peace, harmony and the rule of law. The story:

Lynching horror visits Khanewal

LAHORE. A middle-aged man was stoned to death by a mob over alleged desecration of the Holy Quran in a remote village of Khanewal district on Saturday.

The killing comes on the heels of an identical incident in Sialkot, where factory workers lynched a Sri Lankan engineer on Dec 3 last year on blasphemy charges.

The Saturday incident took place in Jungle Dera village where hundreds of locals gathered after Maghreb prayers following announcements that a man had torn some pages of the Holy Quran and later set them on fire.

With no one ready to listen to the suspect, who reportedly claimed innocence, the villagers first hanged him with a tree and then hit him with bricks, until he died.

According to an eyewitness, a police team that reached the village well before stoning arrested the suspect but the growing mob snatched him from the SHO's custody. Chief Minister Usman Buzdar sought a report from IGP Rao Sardar Ali Khan.

A noteworthy comment: Mr. Pervaiz Rashid, a senior political leader commented upon this incident and summed up the issue in a few lines that are significant and proposed a solution to this grave problem. He said:

“The Mian Channu (District Khanewal) tragedy was neither first nor the last. So long as the state and opinion makers continue to promote bigotry (*Jahalat*), humanity will continue to perish.”²

P.S. According to BBC Urdu, the deceased's brother Zulfiqar Ahmad stated that Mushtaq Ahmad was mentally unstable, and he found all fingers cut off from the corpse.

¹ <https://www.dawn.com/news/1674819>

² *The daily Dunya, Faisalabad; February 14, 2022*

Three sympathetic sentences – a whiff of fresh air

National Assembly, Islamabad:

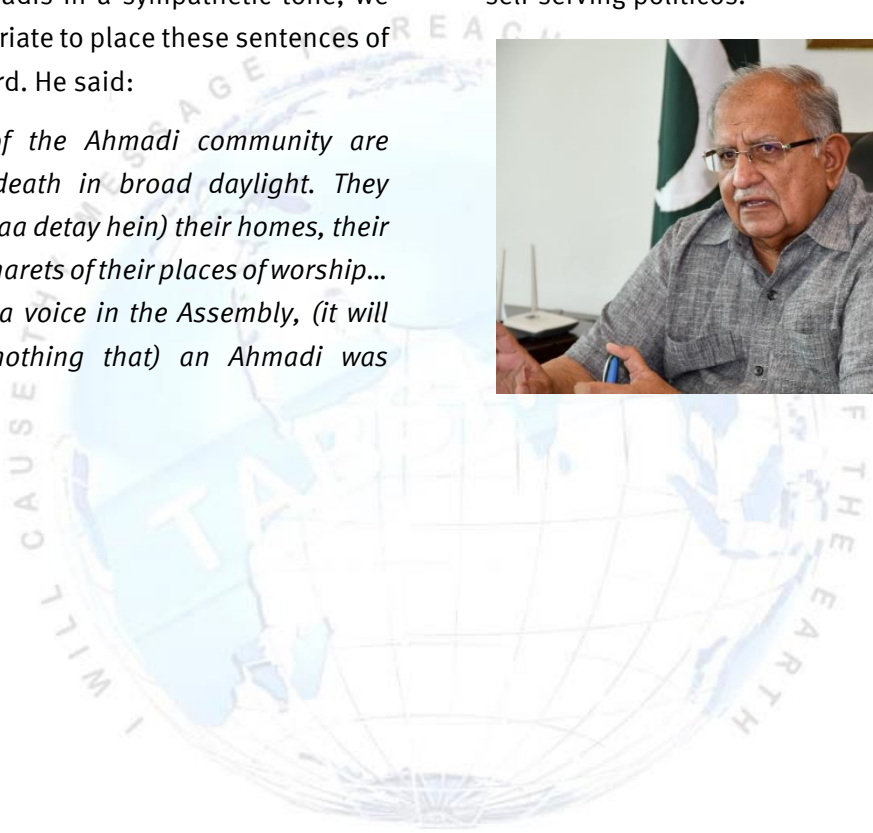
In October, Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Federal Minister of Human Rights spoke in the National Assembly. He had important things to say on the overall state of the State. He referred to the sectarian strife in the country and pointed to the plight of Ahmadis. As it is decades that someone high-up dared to mention Ahmadis in a sympathetic tone, we find it appropriate to place these sentences of merit on record. He said:

“People of the Ahmadi community are stabbed to death in broad daylight. They demolish (giraa detay hein) their homes, their mosques, minarets of their places of worship... If one raises a voice in the Assembly, (it will amount to nothing that) an Ahmadi was killed....”

Bravo, Mr. Pirzada. You have the courage to say that. Although comments made on the social media with reference to your remarks show concern for your safety, we wish you a long life, political as well, in extraordinary and bold service to the people of this rather unfortunate country overrun by mullas and self-serving politicians.



Mr. Riaz Pirzada



Conclusion

WE ASSUME that the reader is well aware of the state of the State and society in Pakistan at the end of this year. Op-ed writers are using terms like ‘political chaos, complete collapse of economy, lame-duck administration, dire straits, extremely bleak scenario,’ etc. They, in addition, point specifically to the threat of terrorism by TTP, separatist movement in Balochistan, meteoric rise in cost of living, shortage of food, breakdown of law and order, sharp decline in social and moral conduct in most sections of the society, etc.

This document reports various incidents (not all of them) of persecution of Ahmadis in the country by the state and society. It covers a wide range: murder, assaults, imprisonments, registration of police cases, severe harassment, also denial of basic rights, freedom of religion, justice, jobs, education, participation in elections, freedom of assembly, expression et al. The nature and quantum of this persecution is literally unbelievable.

Many Muslims wonder about the authenticity of Afghan Taliban’s Islam. But is the Islam practiced and shown in their own statements by Messrs. Parvez Elahi, Khawaja Saad Rafiq, Sirajul Haq, Ali Muhammad Khan etc. much different in reality and potential?

Near complete exclusion of Ahmadis from public life proves that the Ahmadis are definitely not responsible for the bleak national scenario. The responsibility lies squarely with the overbearing majority, which effectively imposes its will to maltreat Ahmadis.

Top mullas (like Maududi) voiced the opinion that Allah was annoyed with Pakistan because the Islamic Republic had been soft on Ahmadis, however after Amendment II to the Constitution ‘Allah would forgive us and our 90-year old sin would be pardoned’. (The daily Nawa I Waqt; September 14, 1974). This report and the present plight of Pakistan prove that Pakistan has failed to gain Allah’s pleasure by being intolerant to Ahmadis. Obviously, the stated reasoning and findings of mullas were faulty — entirely wrong.

Persecution is imposed on Ahmadis by the mulla, the politician, the powerful quarters, the judiciary, so-called intelligentsia, the vernacular press, and the society in general — of course, there are exceptions. A few decent and noble foreigners, NGOs, UN rapporteurs etc. advised Pakistan government to be mindful of the human rights of Ahmadis, but the self-serving guardians of this valuable geo-strategic landmass refused to pay any attention. There would be no consequences, they thought. There were, there are, and there will be.

One can only sympathize with a people who accept clerics like Fazlur Rahman, Tahir Ashrafi, and Aamir Liaquat as religious leaders, and make icons of men like Orya Maqbool Jan and Imran Khan to provide them faith-based political guidance, even though all these end up producing a state and society like the present day Pakistan that few are proud of.

This year, almost a million Pakistanis chose to quit Pakistan, 10 percent of these were highly educated, holding university degrees.

Pakistan must change, in many ways – including its treatment of Ahmadi citizens. This report proves beyond doubt that the policy and its implementation by the mulla, the state and the society is very harmful, self-destructive — thus condemnable. Their actions and verbal claims are poles apart.

Are there some worthy sons (and daughters) of the soil who would rise to tell Pakistanis to reconsider the national policy concerning Ahmadis? A change in this field could trigger a wholesome and consequential healthy change in all other spheres of national life; they are closely inter-related. This change will help the ship of the state to regain its even keel and head for a safe and gainful port.

Recommendations

We have been making recommendations to the authorities in the past in this section. The list initially was wholesome, but as little action was taken by powers that be to implement these, it became shorter by the year, and last year only two recommendations were made as they were easily doable. However, even these were not accepted, so this year we revert to a longer list, in which recommendations are made primarily in the order of their doability and facility of implementation. Not that we are very hopeful that the present set of political authorities will implement these, but one never knows — things change, sometimes suddenly and rapidly. So, if a decent plenipotentiare comes forth, he'll find this list useful in implementing what is reasonable, doable, essential, and even urgent. In addition, this will be useful to HR and FoRB activists worldwide to grasp all that is denied to Ahmadi community in Pakistan, marginalized to an unbelievable extent.

- Direct the police and the administration to desist from backing the mulla in his anti-Ahmadi campaign. Don't defile Ahmadiyya mosques and graves. Culture of impunity over attacks on Ahmadis' persons, human rights and freedom of faith should end.
- Stop booking Ahmadis under cybercrime laws, on religious grounds.
- Anti-terror laws should not be used against Ahmadis, and their literature should not be termed as hate literature for this purpose.
- Return the nationalized Ahmadiyya schools and colleges, in accordance with the Pakistan government's policy applicable to all in this regard.
- Ban on the Ahmadiyya daily and monthly periodicals should be lifted.
- Lift the ban imposed on publication of books written by the Founder of Ahmadiyyat.
- Effectively block anti-Ahmadiyya sectarian hate propaganda.
- Invest in education to foster a more inclusive and cohesive society sans bigotry.
- Allow UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB and EU Envoy on religious freedom to visit Pakistan and review Human Rights and FoRB situation of Ahmadis.
- Ahmadiyya mosque in Dulmial, locked by authorities in District Chakwal, should be unlocked and made available for worship.
- Effectuate genuine Joint Electorate on single list, with no reference to religion.
- The ban on publication of Ahmadiyya translations of the Holy Quran should be lifted.
- Release all Ahmadis in prison on faith-related accusations.
- Withdraw all charges in police cases based on considerations of belief or religion.
- Ahmadiyya community should be permitted to hold its traditional annual convention.
- Ahmadi women, youth and elders' annual concourses (Ijtema) should be permitted.
- The name of Chenab Nagar town should be changed back to Rabwah.
- Anti-Ahmadi laws derived from Ordinance XX should be repealed.
- Repeal the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution.
- Repeal the blasphemy laws; these are not mentioned in the Quran nor Sunnah.

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- Islam is tolerant; Ulama should play their role in dissuading people from terrorism.
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- 110 Ulama, Zakireen barred from entry in District Attock
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- Maulana Aziz occupies Lal Masjid again
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- KPK: Noon prayer (*Zohr*) declared compulsory in all public schools
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- Angry over not imparting Quranic education in schools: Lahore High Court
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- It is a crime to hurt anyone’s religious sentiments: Islamabad High Court
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THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, JANUARY 31, 2022
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- Babar Bakhat Qureshi has been directed to report to Establishment Division
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 21, 2022
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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, FEBRUARY 26, 2022
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- US senate confirms Jackson as first Black woman on Supreme Court
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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MAY 18, 2022
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- PM residences set on fire
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- Shehbaz's daughter, son-in-law declared POs
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- PM admits failure to bring about promised change
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- Abdus Salam sculpture unveiled
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- Death penalty and fine awarded in Blasphemy case (in Faisalabad)
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, FEBRUARY 19, 2022
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TARIQ KHOSA IN DAWN OP-ED ON FEBRUARY 10, 2022
- DSP among three martyred in Quetta blast
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- 10,000 JUI-F volunteers to protect Islamabad marchers: JUI
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MARCH 18, 2022
- Peoples Party offered me Rs 160m (to switch over in No-Confidence vote) Ms. Nusrat Wahid, PTI
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, MARCH 21, 2022
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THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, MARCH 25, 2022
- We've been threatened in writing: Imran
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- Karachi: Suicidal blast. 4 killed including 3 Chinese.
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- We can't allow foreign interference: Ulama Karam, Ashrafi
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- Governor Punjab Ch. Sarwar fired; Omer Sarfraz takes over
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- Hamza sworn in as CM (on April 30) by Speaker NA, on orders of LHC
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- HRCP asks new govt to take human rights issue seriously
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, APRIL 30, 2022
- Bilquis Edhi given official burial
- Modi offers condolences
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- ...IK alone in 3 years 9 months has taken 80% of the debt taken in the previous 71 years.
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- Officers probing high-profile cases can't be changed (SC)
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- In US, Bilawal defends Imran's Moscow visit
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THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, AUGUST 11, 2022
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- Religious campaign against Imran Khan; his life is in danger: Chohan (Spokesman of CM Punjab)
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- Expectations high with Gen. Asim. He'll pursue Amar bil Maruf: Imran Khan
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- Tosha Khana: Imran Khan bought gifts worth 6 billion for Rs. 15 million: Govt orders inquiry over (official) report
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, DECEMBER 12, 2022
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- Asif Zardari is offering 500m to 1bn per member: Fayyaz Chauhan (PTI)
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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, DECEMBER 23, 2022
- Elahi returns on condition PA won't be dissolved
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- Senate: Loan rises to 21,000 billion, concedes government
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- IHC orders demolition of navy's farmhouses, sailing club
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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, FEBRUARY 8, 2022
- Justice (Umar Ata) Bandial sworn-in to top judicial office
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, FEBRUARY 3, 2022
- Minor girl raped at school
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, FEBRUARY 12, 2022
- No Covid deaths for the first time in two years

THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MARCH 24, 2022

- Covid toll 30,360 to date: NCOC

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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, APRIL 2, 2022

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- Arooj Aftab becomes 'first ever female Pakistani' to win Grammy

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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MAY 7, 2022

- Pakistani youngster (Shehbaz) scales world's third highest peak (youngest)

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- Man freed from jail killed along with five relatives

THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MAY 1, 2022

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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MAY 12, 2022

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- True Covid pandemics death toll is 15 million: WHO

BBC TOP STORIES ON MAY 5, 2022

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THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MAY 26, 2022

- Shooter kills 19 children at Texas school

THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MAY 26, 2022

- General elections to cost exchequers Rs 47br, NA told
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, MAY 27, 2022
- Pakistan needs to 'do more' for double IMF payment
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JUNE 29, 2022
- ISI given legal cover to screen government officials
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JUNE 4, 2022
- OGRA recommends 45% increase in gas prices
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- Punjab, Sindh face severe water shortage again
DAWN.COM, JUNE 03, 2022
- Send me to India if no justice here, desperate litigant asks LHC CJ
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JUNE 1, 2022
- Rs 60/- per liter increase within a week in petrol price
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, JUNE 3, 2022
- Another woman gang-raped during robbery (Kasur, Punjab)
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- Newborn baby kidnapped from General Hospital (Lahore)
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, JUNE 9, 2022
- Robbers gang-rape woman in front of children
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, JUNE 14, 2022
- 'Lifeline' IMF deal secured
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- Two brothers shot dead on way to court
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JUNE 23, 2022
- Inquiry unearths 'horrific' sexual harassment in Australian mining
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JUNE 24, 2022
- Tax exemption limit revised from Rs 1.2m to Rs 600,000 (per annum)
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JUNE 25, 2022
- 'All sectors performed exceptionally well under PTI regime' (Imran Khan) calls on ...
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JUNE 29, 2022
- Peshawar police arrest 20-year-old for sexually assaulting, killing minor girls
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JULY 29, 2022
- Pakistanis among 10 top buyers as Dubai property sales skyrocket
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JULY 30, 2022
- 100 peacocks dead in Thar due to pandemic
THE DAILY DUNYA LAHORE, JULY 9, 2022

- ECC okays up to 335pc gas price increase (in Pakistan)
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JULY 9, 2022
- Muggers loot people at Karachi eating
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JULY 22, 2022
- Pakistani passport remains fourth-worst in the world
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JULY 21, 2022
- Punjab Bar Council secretary (Ashraf Rahi) shot dead
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, JULY 24, 2022
- Pakistan declares emergency in the face of calamitous floods
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, AUGUST 26, 2022
- Weekly inflation surges to record 44.6pc
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, AUGUST 27, 2022
- LHC moved against deal with Qatar on PIA control
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- IMF approves much-needed \$1.1bn payment
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, AUGUST 30, 2022
- Hundreds booked for terrorism during PM's visit to Sukkur
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, AUGUST 28, 2022
- Man shot dead for pursuing brother's murder case (in Lahore)
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, OCTOBER 25, 2022
- Only 93 of 154 installed traffic signals functioning in Karachi
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, OCTOBER 22, 2022
- Six dacoits rape two women (in District Vehari, Punjab)
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, OCTOBER 2, 2022
- Members of (federal) cabinet now number 75
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, OCTOBER 6, 2022
- SC puzzled by forces exclusion from NAB ambit
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, OCTOBER 20, 2022
- No trace found of Rs101br expenditure by the federation and the provinces
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, NOVEMBER 7, 2022
- Armed attack on anti-encroachment team leaves revenue official dead
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, NOVEMBER 15, 2022
- SC overturns verdicts in favor of *Khula*
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, DECEMBER 22, 2022
- \$900m okayed for Chilean firm to exit Reko Diq
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, DECEMBER 13, 2022

- Rs 1bn ‘New Year’ gift for govt employees unveiled
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, DECEMBER 24, 2022
- Licenses of 5 senior doctors cancelled over fake post-mortem report (in Karachi)
THE DAILY DUNYA; FAISALABAD, DECEMBER 26, 2022
- Most tall buildings in Lahore unsafe
- Survey finds 495 of 605 high-rises without firefighting, safety arrangements
THE DAILY DAWN; LAHORE, DECEMBER 28, 2022

Op-eds etc.

Op-ed: Inequality and the people

Amid the slogans and allegations, it is necessary to reflect on some hard realities...

No wonder then, the report says, the Human Development Index of the richest 20pc of Pakistanis is similar to the average in China and Egypt while the poorest 20pc have an HDI which is lower than Ethiopia and comparable to Chad.¹²⁰

Op-ed: Laws, sans justice

...Pakistan is a country that, like Robert Bolt’s Tudor England, is “planted thick with laws.” Yet they provide us no shade of justice. To which system of laws then should the public turn? To the law of the jungle?¹²¹

Blog:

If we say human rights matter, they must indeed, matter, regardless of the circumstance. Politics, relationships, funding, and economics should change in the face of abuse. The consequence should follow: Certainly, the US and other partners need the continuously, highlight violations, as global scrutiny can bring change or at least moderate oppression. But without consequences, statements are nothing more than paper (or electrons).¹²²

Editorial: Speaker’s partisan approach

¹²⁰ Arifa Noor in the daily Dawn of January 18, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1670120>

¹²¹ FS Aijazuddin in the Dawn of February 17, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1675543>

¹²² US scholar Knox Thames’ blog

Such are the stakes, however, that this fairly linear process (No Confidence move) is now being twisted and mangled in an attempt to force an outcome of choice.

In this respect, Speaker of the National Assembly Asad Qaiser is playing a role that will not be favourable to his legacy. Not only has he made no attempt to disguise his partisanship, he has actually flaunted it with obvious glee. This has undermined his standing as a moderator, but perhaps more significantly, it has made him interpret the laws and rules governing this procedure with such creative spin that the matter has now gone to the courts..¹²³

Op-ed: Imran has damaged the idea of Pakistan

... It is still early, but, at some point, Pakistanis will have to come to terms with the damage that Khan's four years of misrule did to the country. As someone who has been keenly interested in the debate around Pakistan and its genesis as a modern nation-state, I fear that the damage that Imran Khan has done to the country's national narrative will take decades to fix.... Do not expect Pakistan to turn into a normal country anytime soon. This heady mix of faux patriotism and religious populism will plague the country for decades..¹²⁴

Op-ed: Expecting different results...

We should all hope for a better tomorrow when we actually awaken from our slumber.

And there is reason to suspect that things are not actually turning a corner, but rather, coming full circle. Nothing has really changed since the last intervention. Our economy is still in the dumps, our currency is still losing value, no large-scale reforms have taken place, our politicians are still considered corrupt and incompetent, justice is still a pipe dream, our masses are still deprived of basic education and sustenance, and the power structures are still skewed in favour of the unelected and against the elected. ... Sadly, it's more of the same. We just fail to see it, again and again and again..¹²⁵

Op-ed: White night

The Great Replacement theory has moved from the fringes to the mainstream, most prominently in America where anchors like Tucker Carlson and Republicans such as Lauren Boebert have increasingly been saying the quiet part out loud, providing a larger audience for, and greater acceptability of, this murderous narrative. With such voices gaining strength, traction and acceptability, the ideological basis for white terrorism is more secure than ever before. All that is

¹²³ The Daily Dawn; Lahore, March 22, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1681249>

¹²⁴ YLH In Theprint.In/Opinion/Imran-Has-Damaged <https://theprint.in/opinion/imran-has-damaged-the-idea-of-pakistan-dont-expect-it-to-turn-into-a-normal-country-soon/913091/>

¹²⁵ Nabil Basil Mlik Daily Dawn News April 2, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1683030/expecting-different-results>

needed then is for someone like Payton Gendron to inevitably come around and turn words into action.¹²⁶

Editorial: No more perks

FOR too long has the power elite of this poor country shamelessly plundered state resources for its own benefit, fattening itself on undue favours and the perks of office. It is time for a reckoning. The tinderbox of public discontent demands nothing less.

The government must impose highly visible, across-the-board austerity measures on the ruling elite immediately. No half-measures will suffice. The people are staring into the abyss of financial ruin, reeling from an unprecedented cumulative hike of 40pc in petrol prices within a week, a 47pc increase in the per unit electricity tariff and now a 45pc rise in the gas tariff. A spiral of backbreaking inflation, recorded at its highest in 64 weeks, according to the latest figures, has already begun and will push millions more households below the poverty line. In a country where millions struggle without adequate access to basic amenities, such disparity in lifestyles is no less than obscene. A course correction is long overdue.¹²⁷

Op-ed: Israel's secret weapon

Israel has shown the effectiveness of its secret weapon; it has also exposed the vulnerability of opponents who don't have it. There are lessons here for Pakistan and a strong reason to wrest control away from Jamaat-i-Islami ideologues that, from the time of Ziaul Haq onward, have throttled and suffocated our education. The heights were reached under Imran Khan's Single National Curriculum which yoked ordinary schools to madressahs. But even with Khan's departure, ideological poisons continue to circulate in the national bloodstream. Until flushed away, Pakistan's intellectual and material decline will accelerate.¹²⁸

Editorial: Veiled threat

IT is the nature of the beast: those wedded to a life of violence will continue to speak the language of violence if it brings them dividends. The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, with whom the state has been engaged in stop-start peace negotiations since last year, issued a statement on Thursday, warning 'secular' and nationalist groups to desist from levelling allegations against them.

It declared that "These ... elements are the enemies of Islam and this country". While claiming it did not want to clash with any religious or political party, and without specifically naming any

¹²⁶ Zarrar Khuhro In The Daily Dawn Of May 23, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1691068/White-Knight>

¹²⁷ Lead editorial in the daily Dawn of June 6, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1693399>

¹²⁸ Pervez Hoodbhoy in the daily Dawn of July 2, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1697781>

‘offending’ group, it ‘advised’ them to not choose the path of confrontation. More sinisterly, it added: “These parties suffered losses in the past because of their wrong policies.”

No reminder is necessary for progressive parties to recall those terrible years.¹²⁹

Op-ed: Pakistan’s universities a 75

Scholarly discourse is rare and even basic competencies can be difficult to find in universities.

For all these ‘successes’, within campuses the stench of intellectual rot is overpowering. Ask a prolific author to present his research work before an informed audience and hackles rise. Rare is the professor, dean, or vice chancellor who reads books for pleasure or can sensibly debate some current academic topic. Most cannot name the last serious book they read, fiction or otherwise.

Rare also is the professor who delivers an academic lecture in syntactically correct Urdu or English. A bastardised admixture is normal for this linguistically troubled country. Writing skills? Even with correcting smartphones and computers, deciphering what a professor or student really wants to say isn’t always easy. Brilliant exceptions exist but, of course, exceptions are exceptions.

Academic poverty becomes more visible upon traversing softer fields like business administration and digital marketing towards harder ones like mathematics and physics. In those 20-30 university departments that teach harder subjects only a few dozen professors can solve 12th-grade A-level math-physics problems or compete with a good pre-university Vietnamese student. ...¹³⁰

Op-ed: The great wave

From Dhamial to Karachi, people are angry and protesting — and the anger is palpable and rising. They are protesting against their marginalisation, their electricity bills, the cost of living, the apathy of the official machinery to the flood victims. From modest living rooms in urban centres to the backwaters of Sindh, a mass of people appears to have had enough. ...

... While the floods may end up thrusting into poverty many of the upwards of 30 million (mostly rural) people affected, food inflation at current levels has been estimated by the Asian Development Bank to impoverish over 25m people. Even after accounting for the overlap, the numbers are staggering.

As in the case of a tsunami, we are being buffeted by the first waves of disaster. Mass migration into cities of the hungry and dispossessed flood-affected people will follow, coupled with food shortages and the attendant second wave of inflation. At the same time, the economy will be groaning under the weight of stabilisation policies, unable to create jobs — or stop joblessness. The perfect storm will only unleash further waves of discontent.

¹²⁹ Published in the daily Dawn of August 21, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1706002>

¹³⁰ Pervez Hoodbhoy in the Dawn of August 13, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1704620>

It is unlikely that impoverishment and discontent on the scale we will witness will fail to produce over time a tectonic shift in Pakistan's political landscape. Like the fishermen in Hokusai's masterpiece, we can only gape in terrified suspense at the great wave before us.¹³¹

Editorial: Pointing fingers

"If anybody tells you they are under pressure, they are not true to their oath of office," Justice Isa said at the event. "If you can't handle the heat in the kitchen, get out." The honourable justice is respectfully asked: how many have done so, and how many more have not?¹³²

Op-ed: Me-too to Gentoo

One big problem with appeasing regressive elements is that it is never enough. Fast on the heels of the gala fiasco, wanted militants brazenly blocked the road between KT and GB close to Babusar Pass, holding tourists and commuters hostage including a local minister. According to media reports, the miscreants' demands included visiting rights to their imprisoned accomplices and their release. This is reportedly the same outfit whose members are suspects in the infamous killing of a foreign mountaineering expedition to Nanga Parbat in 2013. **What is more outrageous? Blocking roads with impunity by associates of suspects in the terrorist attack or the fact that almost 10 years later only a handful of convictions could be handed down? Only a few convicts are behind bars, two escaped from jail, the rest of the suspects remain at large. Islamabad too braces for another siege.**¹³³

Press Release: Keynote address of Khalifa tul Masih V at the Reception held on opening of Ahmadiyya mosque in Dallas, Texas USA (Extracts):

"... A true Muslim is one who shoulders the burdens of others and feels their pain and sorrow as though it was their own. So, it is with this spirit of sympathy for all mankind, and an understanding that Allah the Almighty's Grace and Mercy is universal, that we build mosques...."

"I urge anyone who has any doubts or fears to breathe a sigh of relief in the knowledge that this new Mosque, built by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, will only ever represent and reflect Islam's enlightened teachings of peace, respect and tolerance. Our teaching is not to confront those who have different beliefs to us but to embrace them. Our teaching is not to attack our

¹³¹ Written by Sakib Sherani, published in daily Dawn on September 15, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1710206>

¹³² The daily Dawn, October 25, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1716820>

¹³³ Shahab Sharjeel in the daily Dawn, October 19, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1715812>

opponents but to defend them and their rights. Rest assured this Mosque will radiate nothing but love, compassion and sympathy for mankind.”¹³⁴

Editorial: Punjab Crisis

How bad the administrative crisis is can be gauged from the fact that the province has had 28 higher education department secretaries, 10 primary and secondary secretaries and eight specialised health secretaries in the last four years under the PTI. In addition, there have been six chief secretaries and nine police chiefs. In the last eight months, we have seen that no bureaucrat or police officer worth their salt is prepared to serve in the top positions as chief secretary and IGP. Lately, these officers have proceeded on long leave. Almost every transfer and posting for important administrative and police positions is reportedly made on the recommendations of the PTI and PML-Q legislators and directly handled by the chief minister’s office.¹³⁵

Op-ed: Failure of governance

All countries have problems but successful nations resolve them. Our governments only put off resolving problems and, in the process, exacerbate them. From population planning to illiteracy to extremism to budget and trade deficits to local autonomy to privatisation to growth to income disparity — our governments have been unable to fix any issue. We can’t even resolve the simple issue of moonsighting!

Take, for instance, the circular debt. This arose during Gen Musharraf’s regime and was around Rs25bn. It grew to Rs500bn under PPP, Rs1,100bn under the PMLN and Rs2,500bn under the PTI. No government has been able to fix the issue, as none has had the time, will or competence required to resolve it.¹³⁶

Editorial: Spurious drugs

As reported in this paper, the regulator found that several fake and spurious medicines were being sold under different brand names in the metropolis. Some of these ‘medicines’ were found to be nothing more than chalk or starch. These disclosures come only weeks after Sindh’s drug testing lab found that 18 samples of lifesaving drugs confiscated from Karachi and Hyderabad had no active pharmaceutical ingredient.¹³⁷

¹³⁴ Issued by [pressahmadiyya.com/press](https://www.pressahmadiyya.com/press-releases/2022/10/reception-held-for-new-ahmadiyya-mosque-opened-in-dallas-u-s-a-by-head-of-the-ahmadiyya-muslim-community/) on October 11, 2022 <https://www.pressahmadiyya.com/press-releases/2022/10/reception-held-for-new-ahmadiyya-mosque-opened-in-dallas-u-s-a-by-head-of-the-ahmadiyya-muslim-community/>

¹³⁵ Published in Dawn, December 1st, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1724059>

¹³⁶ Written by Miftah Ismail, Published in Dawn, December 1st, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1721825>

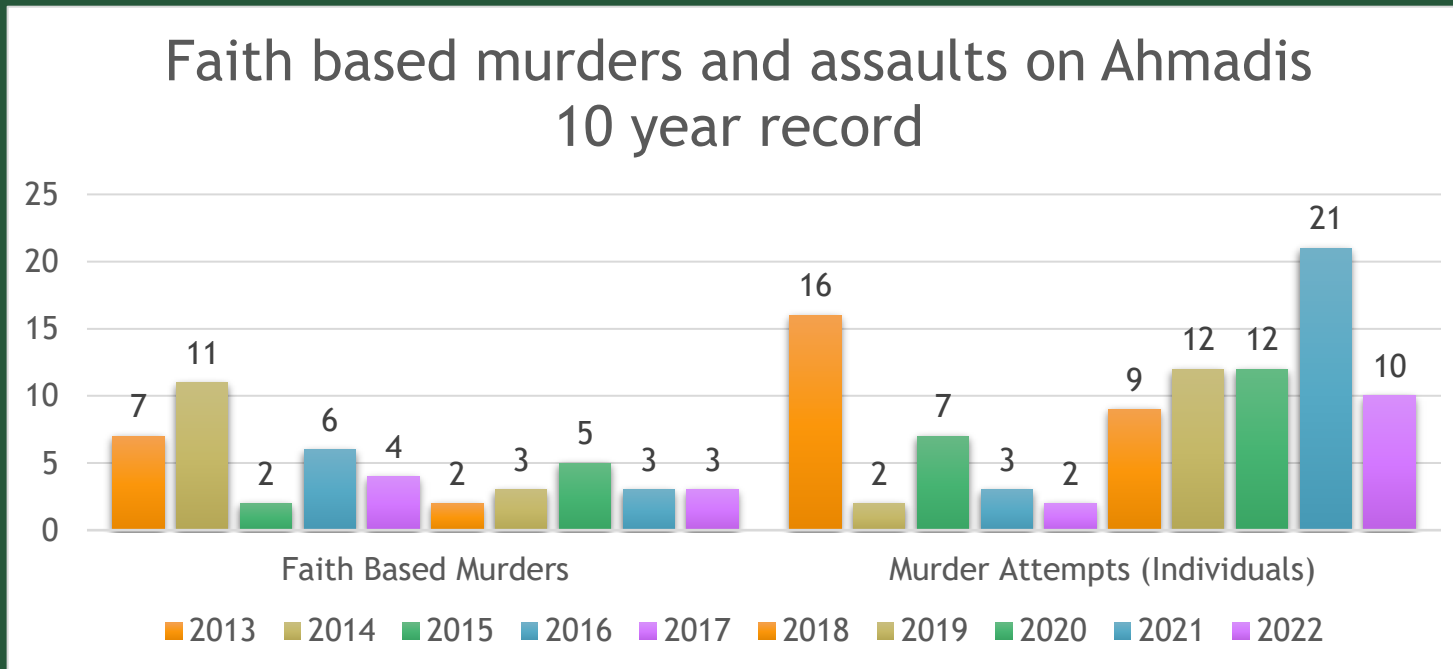
¹³⁷ The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 14, 2022 <https://www.dawn.com/news/1726287>

Infographics

- Faith based murders and assaults on Ahmadis 10 year record
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Faith Based Murders and Assaults – 10 year record

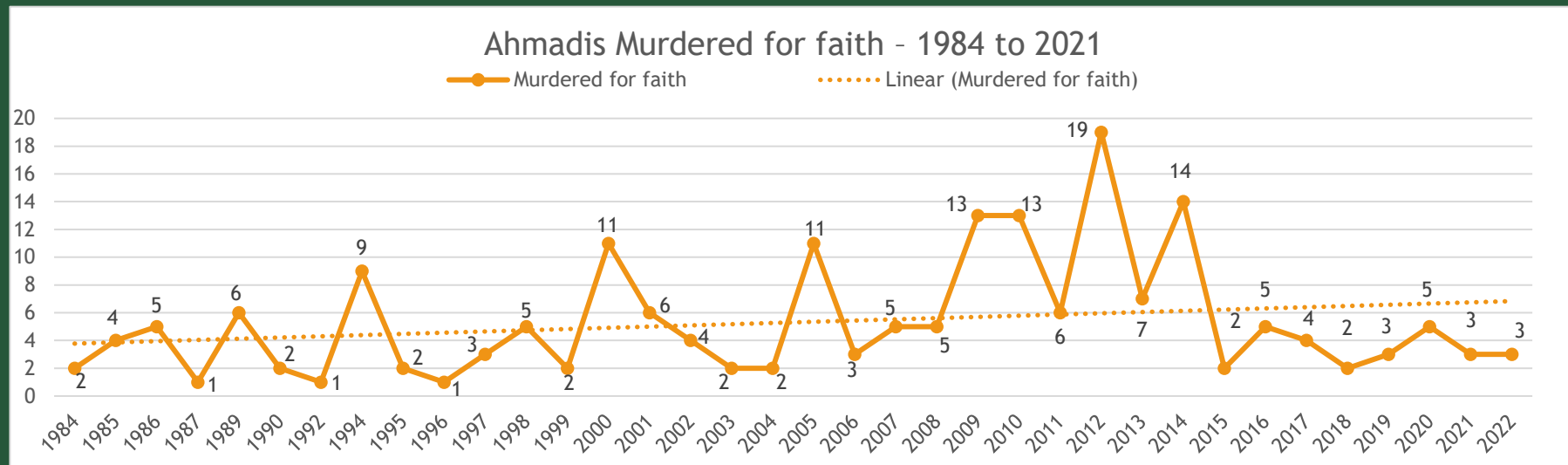
46 Ahmadis have been killed for their faith over the last decade, at least **94** Ahmadis have survived these attacks, but with lasting disabilities



- Year 2014 includes only incidents as one of the attack i.e. arson of a whole village affected 125 Ahmadis.

Ahmadis Murdered for faith

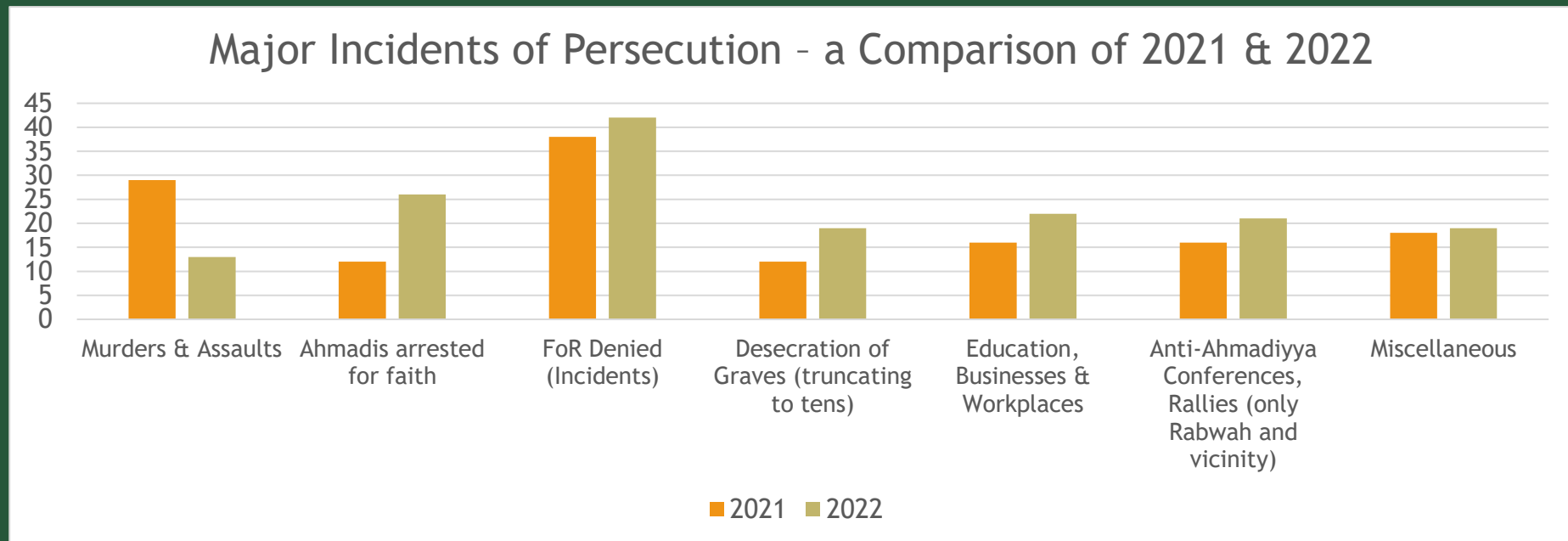
276 Ahmadis have been murdered since 1984



- The chart does not include 86 Ahmadis who lost their lives in 2010 during the attack on two Ahmadiyya Mosques in Lahore. 124 Ahmadis were injured in that incident.
- In addition to these 473 Ahmadis survived attempts for murder
- A clear rise (linear) in the faith based murders of Ahmadis can be seen. Currently at 7.26 per year, including martyrs of Lahore incident 2010.
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Major Incidents of Persecution – A Comparison of 2021-2022

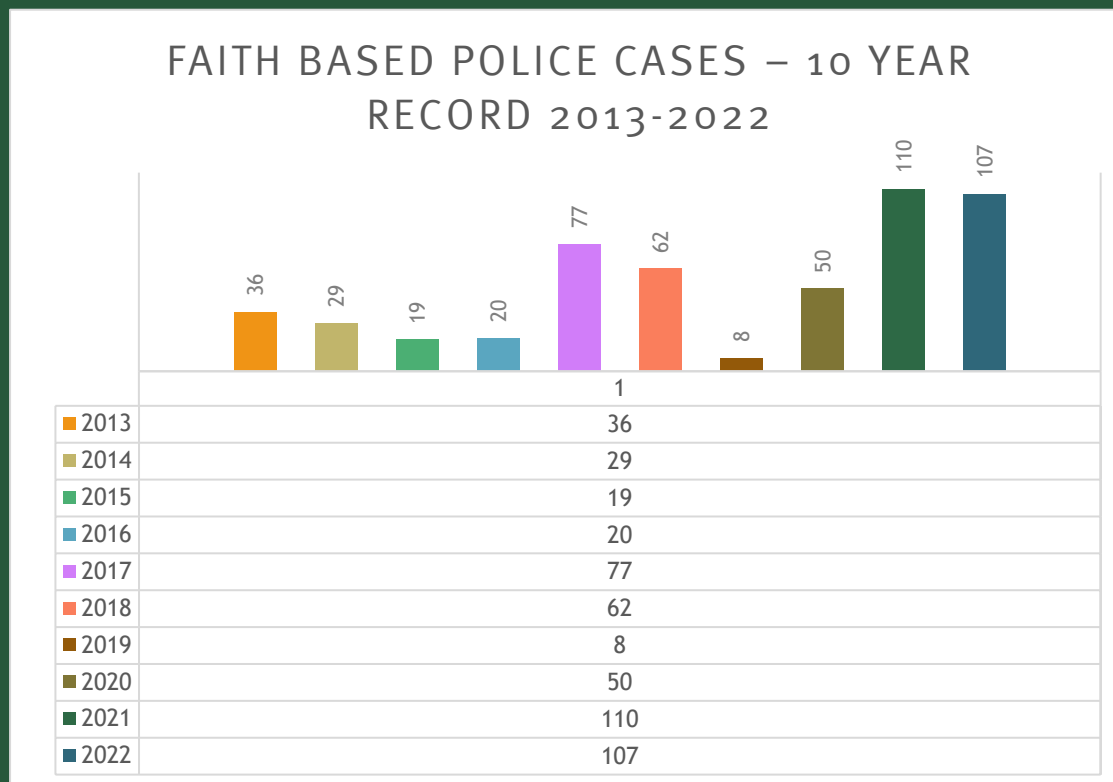
There is an increase in most aspects of the persecution during 2022



- FoR denied include incidents of the denial of worship right and to do sacrifices on Eid.
- Anti-Ahmadiyya conferences, rallies only include rallies and processions in the Ahmadiyya headquarters or nearby.
- Miscellaneous incidents include threats, discrimination by the legal community, civic discrimination and persecution against Ahmadi women.

Faith Based Police Cases – 10 Year Record

There has been a significant increase in faith-based cases over the past two years, with the current number of cases standing at **217**. This figure is equivalent to the cumulative number of cases recorded in the preceding five years.

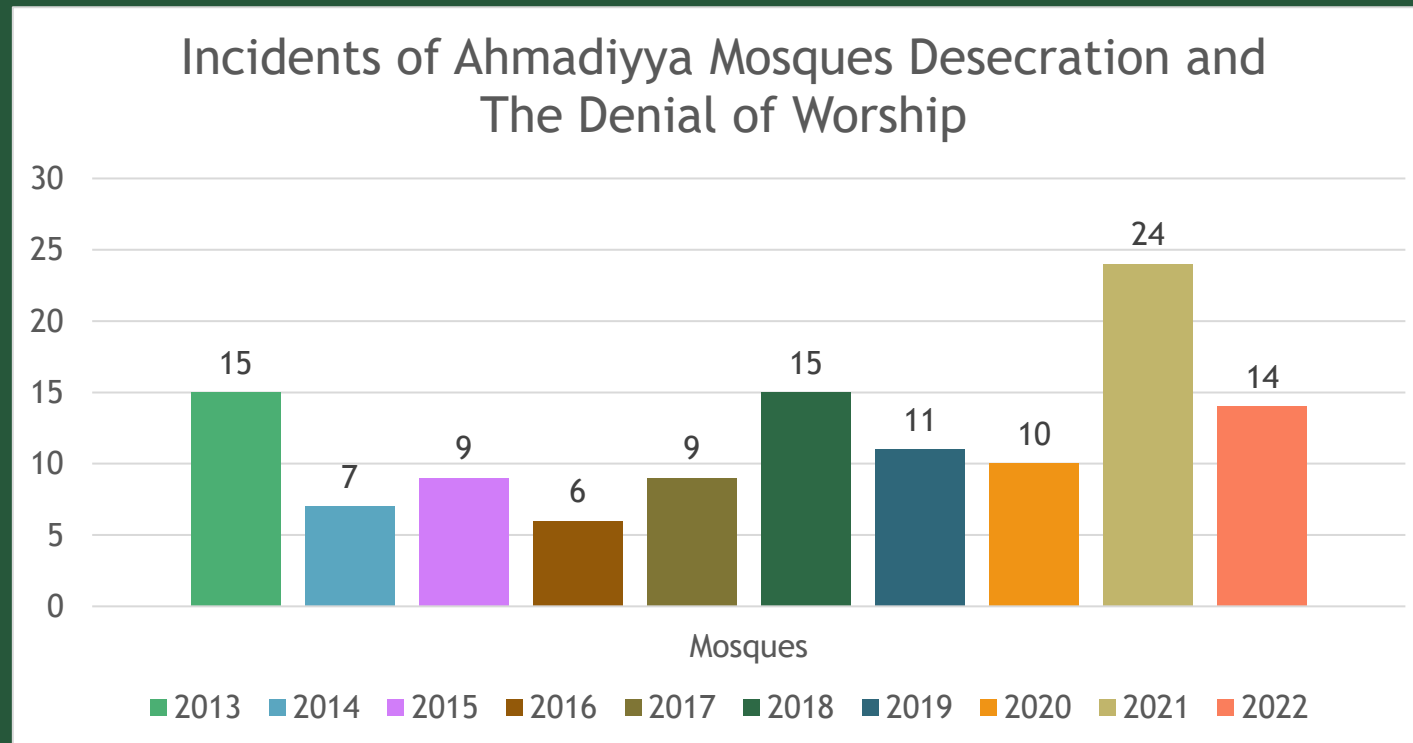


- 107 Ahmadis were booked by the police this year, and 26 of them were arrested.
- A 65-year-old woman, Ms. Kaneez Bibi, was booked under PPC 295-A, which carries a potential sentence of 10 years in prison. She allegedly removed an anti-Ahmadi poster.
- At the end of this year, 6 Ahmadis remain in prison for their faith
- Five Ahmadis have been in prison since 2020 and were denied bail, even by the Supreme Court.

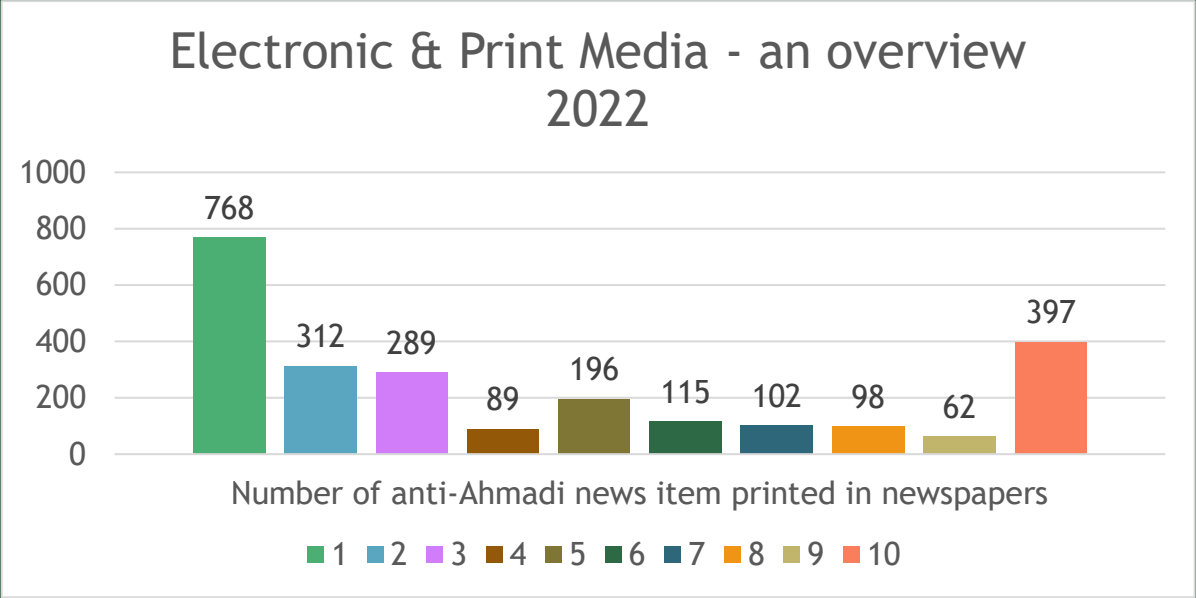
Desecration of Ahmadiyya Mosques

Ahmadiyya Mosques / Worship Centres Desecration and Threats / Denial of Worship

120 Incidents in the Last Ten Years



Electronic & Print Media – an overview 2022



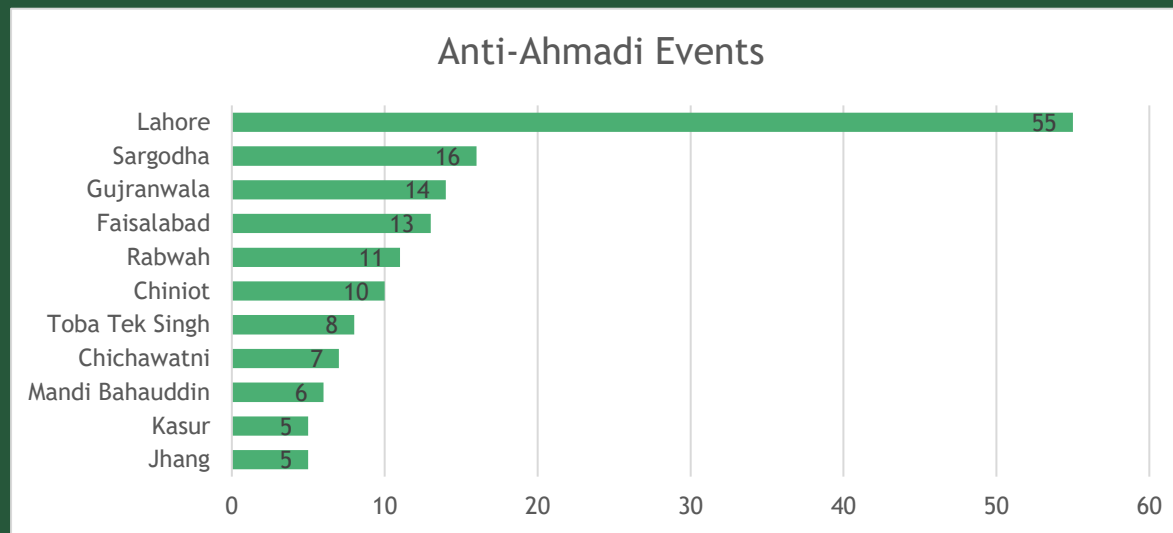
- Our analysis covered 12 national vernacular news outlets.
- We found a disturbing total of **2,628** anti-Ahmadi items published, all of which were rife with hateful and vitriolic language.
- These items also contained unfounded accusations against Ahmadis.
- Regrettably, none of the news outlets sought to include the Ahmadiyya community's perspective, choosing to publish one-sided narratives instead.
- For a more detailed report, please request it.

1		Roznama Islam
2		Roznama Mashriq
3		Roznama Naway Waqt
4		Roznama Osaf
5		Roznama Pakistan
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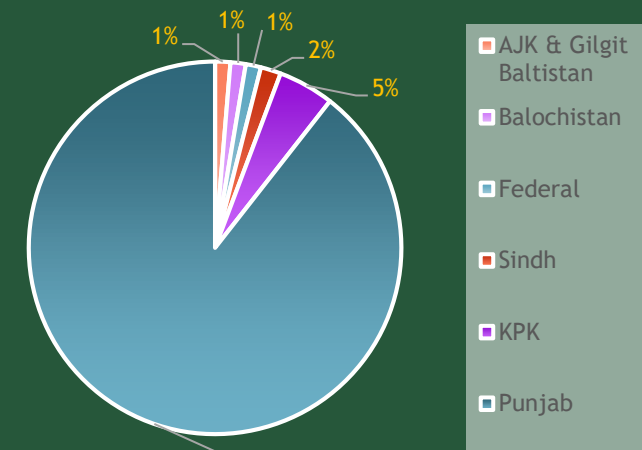
Anti-Ahmadi Conferences, Rallies – an overview 2022

- The vernacular press reported **181** Anti-Ahmadi conferences held during the period.
- **47** Anti-Ahmadi rallies and processions were also reported in the vernacular press.
- Of these, **21** were held in the Ahmadiyya headquarter, Rabwah, and its vicinity.
- The nearest cities to Rabwah, Sargodha and Faisalabad, reported **16** and **13** events, respectively.
- It should be noted that the above figures are based solely on reports in the vernacular press from one area only.

Anti-Ahmadi events by location - cities with 5 or more events



Anti-Ahmadi Events - by Region

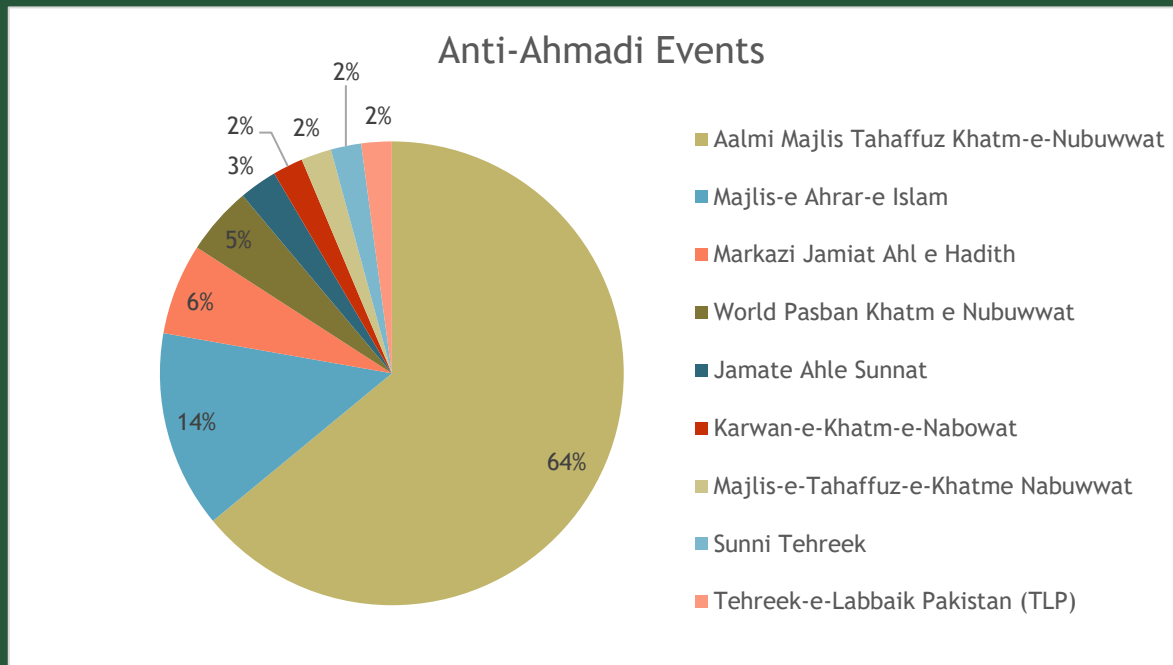


Other cities include Gujrat, Hafizabad, Jaranwala, Narowal, Sahiwal, Sialkot (4 each), Islamabad, Karachi, Mianwali, Multan, Rawalpindi (3 each), Kamalia, Khushab, Mardan, Pattoki, Peshawar, Quetta, Sangla Hill, Talakang (2 each), Abbottabad, Baddomalhi, Bahawalpur, Bannu, Char Sadda, Daska, Gilgit Baltistan, Gojra, Hyderabad, Joharabad, Kalat, Khanewal, Kohat, Lakki Marwat, Lalian, Muzaffargarh, Noshehra, Rahimyar Khan, Sheikhupura, Sukkur, Swabi (1 each)

Anti-Ahmadi events by organisers

The vernacular press reported **228** Anti-Ahmadi conferences and rallies held during 2022

- Of these, **181** were held by the organisations mentioned in the chart below.
- Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nubuwwat and Majlis-e Ahrar-e Islam held **121** and **26** events, respectively.
- It should be noted that the above figures are based solely on reports in the vernacular press from one area only.
- Permitting organizations to conduct events that spread hateful rhetoric against the Ahmadi community is **worrisome**.



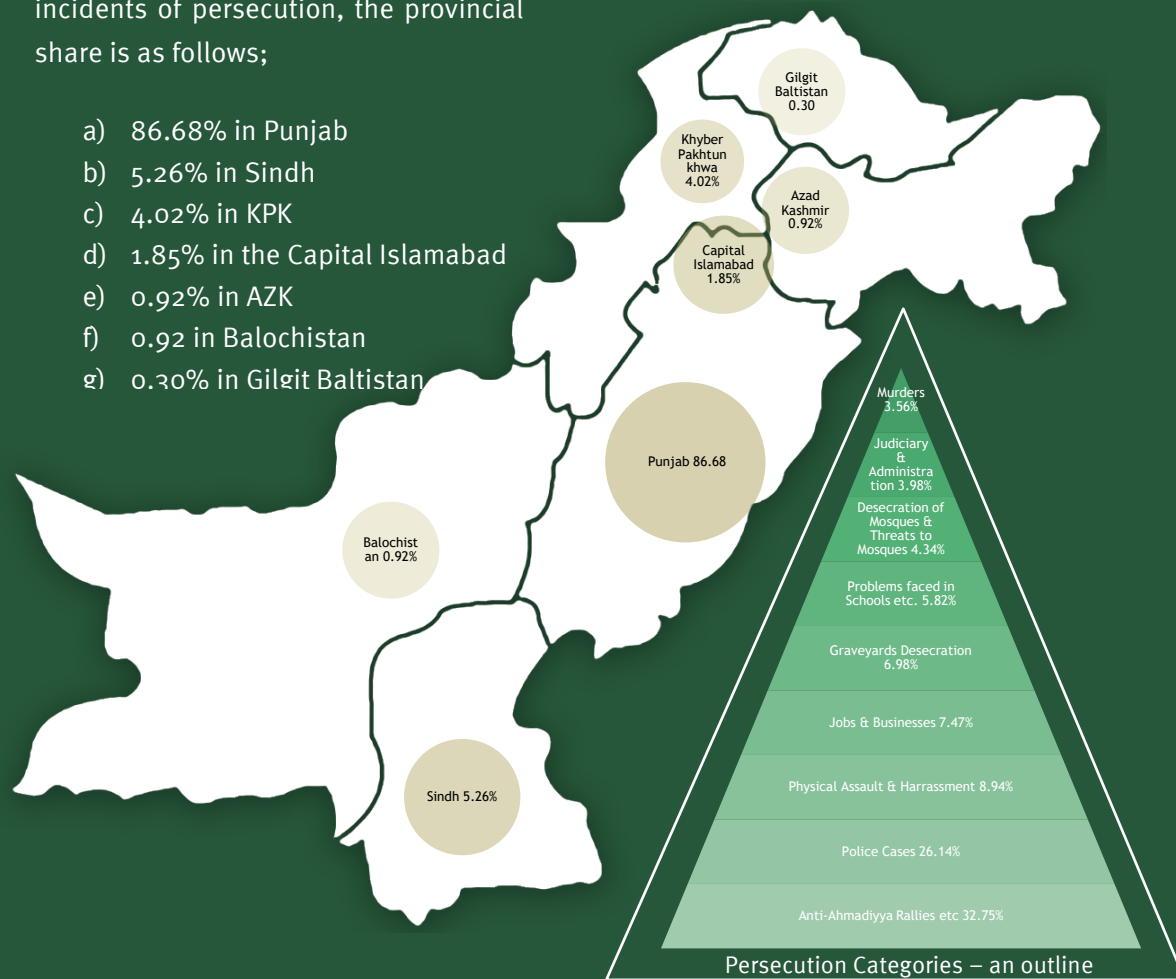
Other Organisations

Anwar e Khatm-e-Nubuwwat Trust
Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam
Tajdar e Khatam e Nabuwat Foundation
Fahmul Quran Council
Fidayan e Khatm e Nabuwat
Jamaat-e-Islami
Markaz-E-Khatme Nabuwat
Markazi Milad Committee
Pakistan Muslim League Q (PML-Q)
Shubban Khatam E Nubuwwat
Tehreek e Falah Dareen
All Pakistan Khatm-e-Nubuwwat Lawyers Forum
Dawat e Islami
Dhodha Trust
Faizan e Abu al Bayan
Idarao Talimat Khatm e Nabuwwat International
International Ghosia Forum
International Khatm e Nabuwat Academy
Islamic Rights Movement
Jamiat e Ishaat o Tauheed Wa Sunnah
Jamiat Ulema-e-Pakistan
Markazi Ulama Council
Nazaria-i-Pakistan Trust
Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)
Tehreek e Hurmat e Rasool

Concentration of Anti-Ahmadiyya Reported Incidents

In approximate **323** major reported incidents of persecution, the provincial share is as follows;

- a) 86.68% in Punjab
- b) 5.26% in Sindh
- c) 4.02% in KPK
- d) 1.85% in the Capital Islamabad
- e) 0.92% in AZK
- f) 0.92 in Balochistan
- g) 0.30% in Gilgit Baltistan

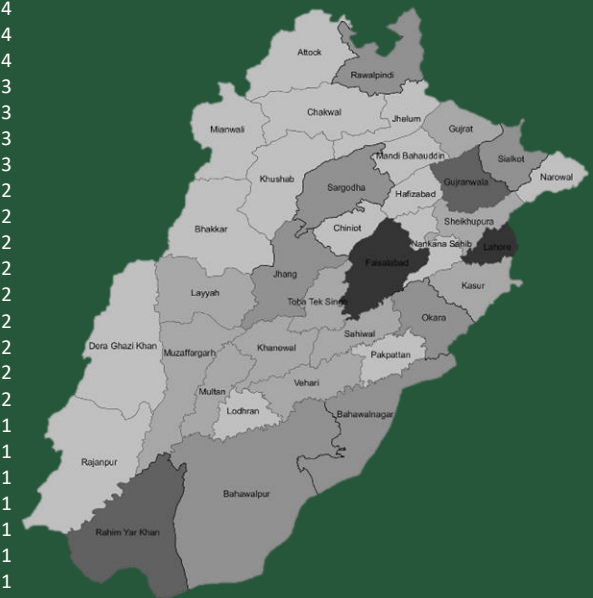


Lahore	63
Sargodha	26
Faisalabad	23
Gujranwala	22
Chiniot	13
Rabwah	12
Toba Tek Singh	12
Sialkot	11
Chichawatni	7
Hafizabad	7
Jhang	7
Kasur	6
Mandi Bahauddin	6
Sahiwal	5
Gujrat	4
Jaranwala	4
Jhelum	4
Narowal	4
Rawalpindi	4
Khushab	3
Minawali	3
Multan	3
Sheikhupura	3
Bahawalpur	2
DG Khan	2
Gojra	2
Kamalia	2
Muzaffargarh	2
Nankana Sahib	2
Pattoki	2
Sangla Hill	2
Talakang	2
Attock	1
Baddomalhi	1
Daska	1
Khanewal	1
Lalian	1
Layyah	1
Okara	1
Rahimyar Khan	1

Punjab

In total 279 major incidents were reported from the province of Punjab. Here is an outline of the regions along with the number of incidents reported.

Among them 182 major incidents reported from 8 cities of central Punjab



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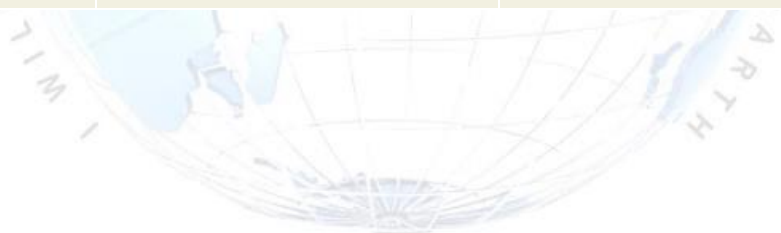
Annex I

Particulars of Police Cases Registered on Religious grounds against Ahmadis during 2022

S.No.	Number	Names of Accused	Police Station	FIR No.	Date	Penal Code	Remarks
1	1	Ms Kaneez Bibi	Badhiana, District Sialkot	56	02/02/2022	295-A	Arrested
2	2	Mr. Muhammad Yousaf	Jhak Atra, District DG Khan	19	02/02/2022	295-A	Arrested
3	3	Mr. Abid Naseem Chughtai	Garhi Shahu, Lahore	122	15/02/2022	298-C	Case pending
4	4-7	Mr. Abrar Ahmad (local president), Mr. Ahmad Bilal Bajwa (vice president), Mr. Irshad Ahmed and Mr. Muhammad Rashid	Dijkot, District Faisalabad	118	19/02/2022	298-C	On Bail
5	8-12	Mr. Javed Ahmad Ghuman, Mr. Mehmood Ahmad Ghuman, Mr. Zohaib Ahmad, Mr. Jamshaid Ahmad, Mr. Sohail Ahmad	Chobara, District Layyah	226	04/04/2022	324, 506, 427, 148	Arrested
6	13-14	Mr. Sultan Ahmad, Mr. Umar Hayat	Safdarabad, Sheikhpura	291	10/07/2022	298-C	Arrested
7	15-16	Mr. Zafar Ali, Mr. Arshad Pervaiz	Thekriwala, Faisalabad	845	10/07/2022	298-C	Arrested
8	17-18	Mr. Atta ul Qayyum, Mr. Atta ul Aziz	Warburton, Nankana Sahib	299	10/07/2022	298-C	Arrested
9	19-23	Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad,	Thekriwala, Faisalabad	842	10/07/2022	298-C	Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Mr.

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		Mr. Imran Ahmad, Mr. Atif Ahmad					Shakeel Ahmad, Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad were arrested
10	24-29	Mr. Abdul Salam, Mr. Azhar Mehmood, Mr. Fayyaz Ahmad, Mr. Tahir Ahmad, Mr. Nasir Ahmad, Mr. Abdul Wahab	Syedwala, Nankana Sahib	272	10/07/2022	298-C	Mr. Azhar Mehmood was arrested.
11	30-37	Mr. Tahir Ahmad, Mr. Suleiman and 6 unknown	Chenab Nagar	331	10/07/2022	298-C	Mr. Ahmad and Mr. Suleiman were arrested.
12	38	Mr. Usman Ahmad Malhi	Chenab Nagar	332	11/07/2022	298-C	Arrested
13	39	Dr. Khalil Ahmad	Gujranwala Cantt.	749	13/07/2022	298-C	Arrested
14	40	Mr. Zahid Mubarik	Gujranwala Cantt.	751	13/07/2022	298-C	Arrested
15	41	Mr. Saeed Ahmad Arif	Gujranwala Cantt.	750	13/07/2022	298-C	Arrested
16	42-46	Mr. Sabahat Ahmad, Mr. Suleman Ahmad, Mr. Abdul Rasheed, Mr. Abdul Rehman Nasir Ahmad, Mr. Naeemullah Tahir	Preedy, Karachi	913	09/09/2022	298-C	On Bail
17	47-54	Mr. Mehmood Ahmad, Mr. Sharif Ahmad, Mr. Sagheer Ahmad, Mr. Shoaib Ahmad, Mr. Javed Ahmad, Mr. Jamil Ahmad, Mr. Adil Shareef, Mr. Wajid Hussain	Shehr Sultan, District Muzaffar Garh	593	09/09/2022	352, 354, 427, 379, 148, 149	On Bail



18	55-62	Administration Ahmadiyya Community Martin Quarters Karachi, Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, Mr. Nasir Ahmad, Mr. Yasir Ahmad, Mr. Naseem Shehzad Ahmad, Mr. Shehbaz Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Mr. Naeemullah Tahir, Mr. Mansoor Ahmad	Jamshaid Quarters, Karachi	527	26/09/2022	298-C	On Bail
19	63-64	Mr. Nauman Ahmad, Mr. Inamullah	Housing Colony, Sheikhpura	878	29/10/2022	363, 376 (ii), 511, 109	Case closed. Accused were released.
20	65-67	Mr. Saeed Ahmad and two unknown persons	Sahiwal, District Sargodha	791	11/11/2022	295-A, 298-C	Case pending
21	68-72	Mr. Imran Hameed, Mr. Sajid Tanveer, Mr. Adeel, Mr. Shaukat, Malik Tanveer	Wazirabad, District Gujranwala	699	11/11/2022	298-B, 298-C	On Bail
22	73-79	Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq, Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, Mr. Nasir Ahmad, Mr. Yasir Ahmad, Mr. Naseem Shehzad Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Zafarullah, Mr. Naeemullah Tahir,	City Court, Karachi	172	21/11/2022	298-B, 298-C, 34	On Bail



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23	80-91	Syed Khalid Ahmad Shah, Malik Khalid Masood, Mirza Fazal Ahmad, Mr. Saleemuddin, Principal Madrisa tul Hifz, Principal Ayesha Academy, Printer, Publisher, Author, Composer, Proof Reader, Assistants and unknown persons	Chenab Nagar, District Chiniot	661	06/12/2022	295-B, 298-C, A-(1) 9 Punjab Quran Act	Principal Madrisa tul Hifz was arrested.
24	92-102	Mr. Dawood Ahmad, Mr. Maqsood Ahmad, Mr. Jahanzaib Ahmad, Mr. Ansar Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad, Mr. Shafiq Ahmad, Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Mr. Ishfaq Ahmad, Mr. Liaqat Ahmad, Mr. Nisar Ahmad, Mr. Faryad Ahmad	Phool Nagar, District Kasur	785	17/12/2022	506, 337 (H) 2, 337 (A) 1, 337 (F) 1, 337 (L) 2, 148, 149	On Bail
25	103-106	Mr. Mubashar Ahmad, Mr. Cheragh Din, Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Ghulam Hussain and three non-Ahmadi friends	Nagar Parkar, District Tharparkar, Sindh	59	27/12/2022	337 (iv), 337A (i), 334, 337F(i), 337L (ii), 147, 148, 149, 504	On Bail
26	107	Mr. Saleemuddin	Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore	99/2020	28/10/2020	295-C, 295-A, 153-A, 1860 R/W and PECA-11	Judicial Magistrate added PPC 295-C in December 2022.



Penalties for PPCs:

511 — one-half of the longest term of imprisonment provided for the offence and fine; 506 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 504 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 427 — two years' imprisonment; 379 — three years' imprisonment and fine; 363 — seven years' imprisonment and fine; 354 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 352 — three months' imprisonment and fine; 324 — seven years' imprisonment; 337-L (2) — two years' imprisonment and fine; 337 H-2 — three months' imprisonment and fine; 337-F (I) — one year's imprisonment; 337-A(I) — two years' imprisonment; 337 (iv) — ten years' imprisonment; 334 — ten years' imprisonment; 298-B,C — three years' imprisonment; 295-C — death; 295-B — imprisonment for life; 295-A — ten years' imprisonment; 149 — penalty as in main offence; 148 — three years' imprisonment and fine; 147 — two years' imprisonment and fine; 109 — punishment provided for the offence; 34 — penalty as in main offence;



Annex II

Updated Statistics of the Police Cases

Registered against Ahmadis on religious grounds, in Pakistan

(From April 1984 to December 31, 2022)

NO.	Description of cases	Total
1	Number of Ahmadis booked for displaying <i>Kalima</i> , i.e. “ <i>There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah</i> ”	769
2	Number of Ahmadis booked for calling <i>Azan</i> , call to prayers	52
3	Number of Ahmadis booked for ‘posing’ as Muslims	565
4	Number of Ahmadis booked for using Islamic epithets	178
5	Number of Ahmadis booked for offering prayers	93
6	Number of Ahmadis booked for preaching, etc.	881
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	85
12	Number of Ahmadis charged under the “Blasphemy Law”, i.e. PPC 295-C	333
13	Number of named Ahmadis booked in other cases on religious grounds	1406
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 (approximately 2300) of Kotli, AJK was registered for taking up repairs and improvement in their mosque in 2008.	

Statistics of other Human Rights violations

(From 1984 to December 31, 2022, except where mentioned otherwise)

Number of Ahmadis killed	276
Number of Ahmadis killed this year for faith	3
Ahmadis assaulted for their faith	473
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques demolished or disfigured	43
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques sealed by the authorities	41
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques set on fire or damaged	38
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques forcibly occupied	18
Number of Ahmadiyya mosques, construction of which was barred by the authorities	61
Ahmadis' bodies exhumed after burial	40
Burial of Ahmadis was denied in common cemetery	80
Ahmadis' graves desecrated and damaged this year	197
Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' houses and shops	55
Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' mosques	111

- 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.
- Ahmadiyya daily and periodicals for elders, youth and even children are proscribed by the Punjab Government.
- Ahmadiyya schools and colleges have not been returned to the Jamaat despite the government's general policy to do so.

Annex III

Laws specific to Ahmadis, and the so-called blasphemy laws

Anti-Ahmadi laws

I. PPC 298-B. Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles, etc; reserved for certain holy personages or places. (1) Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name) who by words, either spoken or written or by visible representation:

refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a Caliph or companion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as 'Ameerul Mumineen' 'Khalifa-tul-Mumineen', Khalifa'tul'Muslimeen', 'Sahaabi' or Razi Allah Anho

- refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as 'Ummul Mumineen'
- refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a member of the family (Ahle-bait) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), as Ahle-bait; or
- refers to, or names, or calls, his 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.
- 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	Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet	Death and fine
295-C	Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet	Death and fine

SOME RELEVANT PAKISTAN PENAL CODES

Injuring or defiling places of worship, with the intent to insult the religion of any class

295

Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs

295 A

Up to ten years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

295 B

Life imprisonment

Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet

295 C

Death and fine

Uttering words, etc., with the deliberate intent to injure religious feelings

298

Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

Use of derogatory remarks etc., in respect of holy personages

298 A

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles etc., reserved for certain holy personages or places, by Ahmadis

298 B

Three years' imprisonment and fine

An Ahmadi, calling himself a Muslim, or preaching or propagating his faith, or outraging the religious feelings of Muslims, or posing himself as a Muslim

298 C

Three years' imprisonment and fine

Annex IV

Withdrawal letter from the School 'The Educators Mithial Campus'

Withdrawal From School on the Basis of Qadianiat Religion

The following students who were studying in this institute are being withdrawal on the basis of Qadianiat Religion.

Institute is unable to keep continue their study from now onward.

Sr#	Student Name	Class	Remarks
1	M Huzaiifa Nasir	3 rd	
2	Aneela Aqib	6 th	
3	Abeer Ahmed Saifi	9 th	
4	Nimra Qureshi	10 th	

Principal

Mrs. Kulsoom Awan


Principal
Kulsoom Awan (Ms. Finance)
The Educators School Mithial Campus

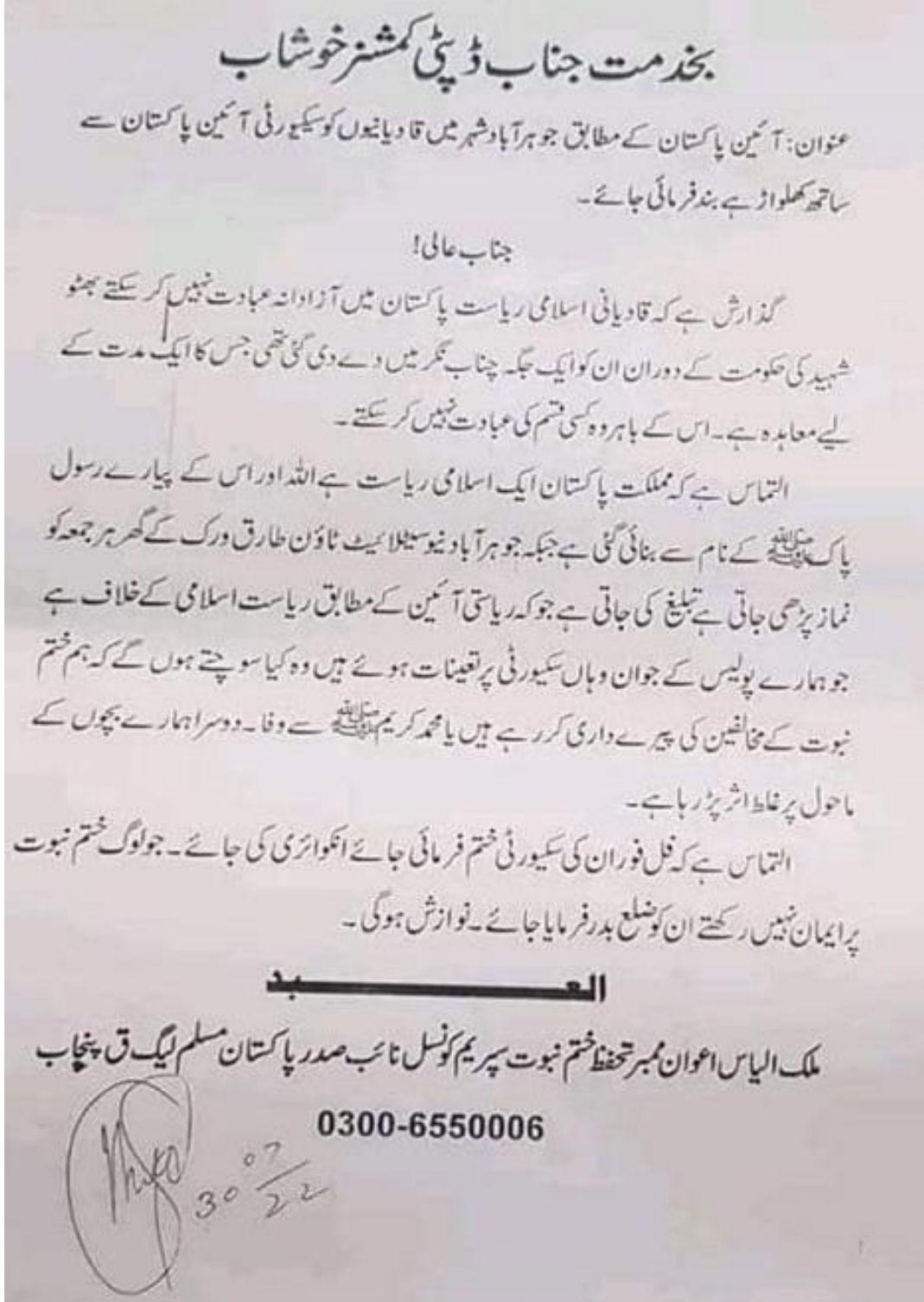
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Chief Executive Officer District Education Authority (CHINIOT) letter regarding faith identity of Ahmadi students



Annex VII

Letter to Deputy Commissioner Khushab



Annex VIII

Government's Notification on *Nikah Affidavit*

(TRANSLATION OF THE VERNACULAR AFFIDAVIT IS GIVEN CHAPTER 8)



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore, the 17th March, 2022

NOTIFICATION

No. SOR(LG)38-22/2017.- In exercise of the powers conferred under section 11 of the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 (VIII of 1961), Governor of the Punjab is pleased to make the following amendments in the West Pakistan Rules under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961, with Immediate effect:

AMENDMENTS

In the West Pakistan Rules under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961:

1. For the words "West Pakistan", wherever appearing, the words "the Punjab" shall be substituted.
2. In rule 1, for the words "West Pakistan Rules under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance", the words "Punjab Muslim Family Rules" shall be substituted.
3. In rule 2:
 - (a) In clause (c), the word "and" appearing at the end shall be omitted; and
 - (b) after clause (c), the following clause (ca) shall be inserted:

"(ca) "rules" means the Punjab Muslim Family Rules, 1961; and".

4. In Form II, after Sr. No. (25), the following Sr. No.(26) shall be inserted:

"(26)

طلب نامہ
"میں مسلمان ہوں اور میری حضرت محمد ﷺ کے آفری، حتیٰ اور غیر شرط خاتم النبیین ہونے پر ایمان رکھتا/رکھتی ہوں۔ میں ایسے کسی بھی شخص کو نہیں ماننا/مانتی ہوں جو محمد ﷺ کے بعد لایا گیا ہو۔" میں کسی بھی شخص کو کسی بھی مکانہ حوالے سے نہیں ماننے کا دعویٰ کرتے ہوں۔ یہ دعویٰ کہ میں کسی کو نبی یا رسول بھی مانتا/مانتی ہوں۔ میں اسلام اور قرآن کو جبراً ہی سمجھتا/سمجھتی ہوں اور اس کے لاہوری یا قادیانی گروہ سے تعلق رکھنے والے ہر دکان کو غیر مسلم سمجھتا/سمجھتی ہوں۔"

SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

No. & Date Even

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. Chief Secretary, Punjab.
2. Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Punjab.

Annex IX

Azad Jammu & Kashmir Resolution on Khatm-e-Nabuwwat

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR
SECRETARIAT

Dated: 29-12-2023

No/Legis/ 8156-8255 /LA/2021

From.

Ch. Basharat Hussain
Secretary,

To,

Principal Secretary to Prime Minister,
Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
Islamabad.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 03 PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR

SIR,

I am directed to inform that the Legislative Assembly of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in its sitting held on 14th December, 2021 has unanimously passed the following resolution, moved by Mr. Mazhar Saeed Parliamentary Secretary for Sports, Youth, Culture & Prisons, Azad Govt. of the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

قرارداد

نبوت کا سلسلہ حضرت آدم سے شروع ہوا اور تاجدار ختم نبوت سید المرسلین، رحمة للعالمین، خاتم النبیین حضرت محمد ﷺ پر مکمل ہو گیا۔ آپ ﷺ کو جہاں امام الانبیاء ﷺ بنایا وہاں خاتم الانبیاء ﷺ کا اعزاز آپ ﷺ کو عطا کیا گیا۔ ختم نبوت کا عقیدہ پورے دین کی اساس ہے۔ اسی عقیدے پر پورے دین کی حفاظت اور بقا ہے۔ اگر عقیدہ ختم نبوت محفوظ ہے تو پورا دین محفوظ ہے۔ اس وجہ سے جناب نبی کریم ﷺ اور سیدنا صدیق اکبر نے نبوت کے جھوٹے دعوے داروں کا تقاب کیا اور نبوت کے 23 سالہ دور میں مختلف اسلامی غزوات میں کل 113 جگہ میلہ کذاب کے مقابلہ میں 1200 صحابہ کرام نے شہادت نوش کیا۔ خود جناب نبی کریم ﷺ نے فرمایا "میرے بعد 30 نبوت کے دعوے دار ہوں گے جو سب کے سب دجال اور کذاب ہوں گے۔" گزشتہ صدی کا سب سے بڑا دجال مرزا قادیانی ہے۔ جس نے عالمی استعمار کی زیر سرپرستی نبوت کا دعویٰ کیا۔ جس کے پیروکار کشمیر کو قادیانی ریاست بنانے کے لئے بیخہ کوشاں رہے۔ کشمیر کا مسئلہ پیچیدہ بنانے میں بھی قادیانیوں کا کردار بالکل واضح ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ کشمیر سے تعلق رکھنے والے عالم اسلام کے ممتاز محدث علامہ انور شاہ کشمیری اور ان کے رفقاء نے بہاولپور کی اسلامی ریاست کی اعلیٰ عدالت میں قادیانیت کو اسلام اور مسلمانوں سے الگ کافر و مرتد قرار دینے کے لئے 1926 سے 1935 تک مقدمہ بہاولپور حق دیا بل کا عظیم مرکز کے طور پر تاریخ میں پہچانا جانے لگا۔ علاوہ ازیں علامہ اقبال مرحوم، حضرت مولانا جبریل مہر علی شاہ، امیر شریعت حضرت مولانا سید عطاء اللہ شاہ بخاری، حضرت مولانا سید محمد یوسف بخاری، حضرت مولانا غلام غوث ہزاروی، حضرت مولانا مفتی محمود مرحوم، علامہ محمود امجدی، حضرت علامہ شاہ احمد نورانی، حضرت مولانا عبدالستار نیازوی، امیر واعظ کشمیر مولانا محمد یوسف شاہ سمیت تمام مکاتب فکر کے علماء کرام نے 1953 اور 1973 کی تحریک ختم نبوت میں اسمبلی کے اندر اور باہر بھرپور جدوجہد کی۔ جس کے نتیجے میں جناب ذوالفقار علی بھٹو شہید کے دور اقتدار میں پاکستان میں اور جناب مجاہد اول سردار محمد عبدالقیوم خان کے دور میں آزاد کشمیر اسمبلی نے قادیانیوں کو کافر اور مرتد قرار دے دیا۔

بعد ازاں 83-1984 میں صدر پاکستان ضیاء الحق شہید نے انتہا قادیانیت کے لئے قانون سازی، 02 فروری تا 06 فروری 2018 میں آزاد ریاست جموں کشمیر کی اسمبلی اور کشمیر کونسل نے عقیدہ ختم نبوت کے تحفظ کے لئے مختلف طور پر قانون سازی

ان حالات میں آزاد کشمیر کے قانون ساز اسمبلی کے اس معزز ایوان کی طرف سے اتفاق رائے سے یہ قرارداد پیش کرتے ہوئے آزاد حکومت ریاست جموں و کشمیر سے مطالبہ کیا جاتا ہے کہ:-

تمام سرکاری وغیر سرکاری دینی و عصری تعلیمی اداروں میں عقیدہ ختم نبوت کی مناسبت سے مختصر اور جامع نصاب جو قبل ازیں ختم نبوت خواہ میں بھی شامل نصاب کیا گیا ہے، اس نصاب کو آزاد کشمیر کے تعلیمی نصاب میں بھی شامل کیا جائے۔

حضور اکرم ﷺ کا اسم گرامی تمام دستاویزات میں یوں تحریر کیا جائے۔

رحمت للعالمین، خاتم النبیین، حضرت محمد ﷺ

آزاد کشمیر قانون ساز اسمبلی کا یہ ایوان آزاد کشمیر قانون ساز اسمبلی کی جدید عمارت کو ختم نبوت ﷺ کے متعلق قرآن کریم کی آیت مبارکہ:-

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ ابًا أَحَدٍ مِنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ - سورة الاحزاب، آیت نمبر 40 اور حدیث پاک (بحوالہ ابوداؤد شریف 4252) میں آخری نبی ہوں میرے بعد کوئی نبی نہیں ہوگا" ترجمہ کے ساتھ نیز "مہر نبوت" خوبصورت / سنہرے حروف کے ساتھ اسمبلی کی اس جدید عمارت نیز تمام سرکاری عمارات اور اداروں میں مذکورہ آیت اور حدیث کلمہ طیبہ کے ساتھ آویزاں کیا جائیں۔ نیز ختم نبوت ﷺ چوک چھتر دو میل کا خوبصورت ڈیزائن بنا کر آیت و حدیث ختم نبوت اور مہر نبوت آویزاں کیا جائے۔

ریاست کے تمام سرکاری آفیسران ملازمین اور باشندگان ریاست جو مسلمان ہیں، بوقت تقرری، تہنیتی اور بوقت نکاح عقیدہ ختم نبوت کا حلف لے کر ریکارڈ کا حصہ بنایا جائے۔

1973ء سے اب تک آزاد کشمیر اسمبلی کی طرف سے منظور شدہ تمام قراردادوں کو یکجا طور پر شائع کیا جائے اور پاکستان کی قومی اسمبلی کی کارروائی نیز ختم نبوت کے حوالہ سے جملہ قوانین، عدالتی فیصلہ جات کو آزاد کشمیر قانون ساز اسمبلی کی لائبریری میں محفوظ کیا جائے۔

عقیدہ ختم نبوت ناموس رسالت ﷺ اور ناموس صحابہ و اہل بیت کے تحفظ کے لئے پہلے سے موجود قوانین میں عملدرآمد کیا جائے۔

RAJA TARIQ MEHMOOD KHAN
DEPUTY SECRETARY (LEGIS)

Copy forwarded to:

1. Secretary to the President of Azad Jammu & Kashmir Muzaffarabad.
2. Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Azad Govt. of the State of Jammu & Kashmir.
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11. Secretary, Azad Jammu & Kashmir Council, Secretariat Islamabad.
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16. Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Gilgit Baltistan, Gilgit.
17. Incharge I.T Branch Assembly Secretariat.
18. Master File.

Annex X

Hajj form: Issued by the Government of Pakistan, which contains anti-Ahmadiyya affidavit

(TRANSLATION OF THE VERNACULAR AFFIDAVIT IS GIVEN CHAPTER 8)

Hajj Application No. _____

(Please read the instructions before filling)

Group Information

Applicant Type: Leader Member

Group Size: _____

Group Leader's Application No. _____

Place of Departure: _____

P W R | I S B | L H R | K H I | Q T A | M L N | R Y K | S K R | F B D | S K T

Gender: Male Female

Sur Name of Applicant (As per Passport) _____ Date of Birth (DDMMYYYY) _____

Given Name of Applicant (As per Passport) _____

Father/Husband's Name _____

Present Postal Address (Please see Instructions) _____

District (Postal Address) _____ Tehsil (Postal Address) _____

Mobile Network _____ Mobile Number (* Converted SIM not allowed) _____

Passport No. _____ Date of Expiry (Atleast 05-01-2023) _____ Blood Group _____

Do you require Visa Facilities (for Visa Rights Only) Yes No

Mehram Information

Mehram's Application No. (Female Applicants only) _____

Mehram's Name (Arabic) _____

Helper required for handicapped

Helper's Application No. _____ *

Relationship with Helper (Only Blood Relations) _____

Do you have Medical Certificate (attached) Yes No

***Covid Vaccination Detail (Attach NADRA issued Corona vaccination certificate)**

Dose	Name of Vaccine	Batch	Date
1st Dose			
2nd Dose			
1st Booster			
2nd Booster (if applicable)			

Qurbani (Optional) Yes No

Token Amount Rs. _____

Token Amount Deposit Date _____ 2022

On confirmation of actual Hajj dues, advice will be issued to deposit the same

Nominee Information

Nominee Name (must be adult and Blood relative) _____

Nominee NADRA'S Identity Card No. _____

Nominee's Mobile No. _____

Bank Account Information

IBAN Account No/Assan Account. _____

Relationship with Account Holder _____

Account Title _____

حلف نامہ۔ میں مزید اقرار کرتا کرتی ہوں کہ:

(1) میں مسلمان ہوں اور حضرت محمد ﷺ کو آخری نبی مانتا ہوں اور آپ ﷺ کے آخری نبی ہونے پر دل و جان سے یقین رکھتا رہتی ہوں۔

(2) مزید یہ کہ اس بات کی تصدیق کرتا کرتی ہوں کہ تم انجمن والٹرینین حضرت محمد ﷺ کی مکمل جنتی اور فیوض و خیرات پر ایمان رکھتا رہتی ہوں اور یہ کہ میں کسی ایسے شخص پر ایمان رکھتا رہتی ہوں اور نہ اسے بطور بغیر یا بدعتی مصلح اہل ہدایت ہوں جس نے حضرت محمد ﷺ کے بعد نبی یا پیغمبر ہونے کا کسی بھی منہم کی بھی تعریف کے لالچ سے دعویٰ کیا یا کرتا کرتی ہو اور نہ ہی میں قادیانی گروپ یا گروپ یا گوری گروپ جو فوجی احمدی یا کسی اور نام سے موسوم ہے جس سے تعلق رکھتا رہتی ہوں۔ اور ایسے جو خدا پر لعنت بھیجا جھٹکتی ہوں بلکہ کسی بھی ایسے شخص سے دارالعلوم مرزا غلام قادیانی کو جھوٹا سمجھتا سمجھتی ہوں۔

(3) میں نے تمام لازمی ہدایات (دینک کے ذریعے فراہم کردہ) کو پڑھا/سن لیا ہے۔ میں ان ہدایات کو پورا کرتا کرتی ہوں۔

(4) میں نے اپنا میڈیکل سرٹیفکیٹ ڈاکٹر سے تصدیق کرائے کے بعد دینک میں منج کر لیا ہے۔

(5) اپنا اقرار نامہ دینک سے وصول کروں گا/گی اور اس کی تمام مشقوں پر عمل کروں گا/گی۔ یقیناً ضرورت و وزارت کے مطالبہ پر اصل اقرار نامہ بعد دیکھا فراہم کروں گا/گی۔

دستخط و درخواست گزار _____

Annex XI

KPK Assembly Resolution



PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

MOST IMMEDIATE
ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

No.PA/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Legis-I(R)/2022/16392
Dated Peshawar, the 14/06/2022.

To,

The Secretary to Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Auqaf, Hajj, Religious and Minority Affairs, Department.

Subject: - **RESOLUTION No.1368 ADOPTED BY THE PROVINCIAL
ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to say that the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in its sitting held on 10-06-2022 has passed unanimously the following Resolution No.1368 moved by Ms. Humaira Khatoon and Rehana Ismail, Members Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as follows:-

چونکہ دستور پاکستان میں قادیانیوں کو غیر مسلم قرار دیا گیا ہے اور ان کی پاکستان میں دعوت و تبلیغ اور اس مقصد کے لئے مسلمانوں کی طرز پر مساجد بنانے سمیت خود کو مسلمان کہلانے پر پابندی عائد ہے۔ حالانکہ قادیانی پاکستان میں دیگر اقلیتوں کی طرح زندگی گزار سکتے ہیں لیکن گزشتہ کئی مہینوں سے سوشل میڈیا پر بیانات وائرل ہو رہے ہیں کہ پشاور کے پوٹش علاقوں یونیورسٹی ہاؤس اور حیات آباد میں قادیانی اپنی دعوتی سرگرمیاں مکمل کر رہے ہیں اس سلسلے میں مرکزی ختم نبوت کمیٹی کے ذمہ داران اور پشاور کی جدید علمائے کرام نے تحقیقات کئے ہیں انہوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ یہاں پر مقیم قادیانی اپنے گھروں اور محض پارکوں میں قادیانیت کی پرچار کر رہے ہیں۔ یہ انتہائی سنجیدہ دینی اور حرمت رسول ﷺ پر مبنی ایسا معاملہ ہے جو ہر مسلمان کے لئے زندگی اور موت کا مسئلہ ہے کیونکہ نبی کریم ﷺ کی ناموس اور عقیدہ ختم نبوت ﷺ مسلمانوں کی ایمان کا حصہ ہے

لہذا یہ معزز ایوان صوبائی حکومت سے مطالبہ کرتا ہے کہ پشاور سمیت صوبہ بھر میں قادیانیت کی تبلیغ کرنے والے قادیانیوں کو کلام لگانے اور ان کی ماروائے آئین سرگرمیوں کا فوری نوٹس لیکران کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے تاکہ الہیان پشاور سمیت صوبہ بھر کے غیور مسلمانوں میں پائی جانی والی تشویش اور اضطراب کا سدباب ہو سکے۔

I am further directed to say that under sub-rule (3) of rule 135 of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Procedure and Conduct of Business Rules, 1988 the Department concerned of the Government shall report to the Assembly Secretariat about the action taken on the resolution within a period of two months from the date of its communication

Yours faithfully,

(MUHAMMAD SHARIF KHAN)
Assistant Secretary-VI,

Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

E.No.PA/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Legis-I(R)/2022/16392 Dated 14/06/2022.

Copy of the above is forwarded for information to:-

1. Ms. Humaira Khatoon, MPA
2. Ms. Rehana Ismail, MPA
3. The Principal Secretary to President of Pakistan, Islamabad.
4. The Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. The Secretary, National Assembly of Pakistan, Islamabad.
6. The Secretary, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.
7. The Secretary to Government of Pakistan, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Division, Islamabad.
8. The Chief Secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
9. The Additional Chief Secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
10. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
11. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
12. The Secretary to Speaker, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
13. The Director, I.T, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
14. The P.S to Minister for Auqaf, Hajj, Religious and Minority Affairs, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Assistant Secretary-VI,
Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Annex XII

Punjab Government's 'MOST URGENT' letter regarding Khatme Nabuwat certification in Nikah form

**REMINDER
MOST URGENT
TIME LIMIT**



To

All Divisional Directors,
Local Govt. & Community Development,
Punjab.

No. LG&CD/AD(T)43/2020/(Circular)
DIRECTORATE GENERAL
LOCAL GOVT. & COMMUNITY DEV.
PUNJAB, LAHORE
Dated Lahore, the 29th July, 2022

Subject: **IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF AMENDMENTS IN THE WEST PAKISTAN RULES UNDER THE MUSLIM FAMILY LAWS ORDINANCE 1961.**

Please refer to this office endorsement No. LG&CD/AD(T)/43/2020(Circular) dated 22.03.2022 and subsequent letter No. LG&CD/AD(T)/43/2020 (Circular) dated 12.05.2022 regarding the subject cited above wherein it was requested to furnish implementation status of the subject amendments including oath regarding Khatam-e-Nabuwat. However, the requisite information is still awaited.

It has now been reported that proper implementation of the said amendments is not being made. It has also been reported that old Nikah Nama is still being used in Union Councils and Municipal Committees dealing with the matters of marriage registration.

Foregoing in view, I am directed to request you to ensure implementation of the said amendment regarding oath of Khatam-e-Nabuwat in the true letter and spirit. Moreover, amended Nikah Registers must be used in all Registration Sites. All subordinate officers and relevant registration sites i.e Union Councils and Municipal Committees may be instructed accordingly.

A certificate regarding 100% implementation of said amendments must be furnished regarding your respective divisions within one day till 30.07.2022 on the Email: ID adcd.lqcdpunjab@gmail.com without fail.

leccc
29/7/22
Assistant Director (Trg.)
LG&CD, Punjab Lahore

C.C:

1. The Additional Secretary (LG), LG&CD Department, Govt. of Punjab.
2. The Secretary Punjab Local Govt. Board, Punjab Lahore.
3. All the Deputy Directors LG&CD, Punjab.
4. All the Assistant Directors LG&CD, Punjab.
5. PA to Director General LG&CD, Punjab.

Annex XIII

Mr Imran Khan, his Rule and the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Pakistan

PAKISTAN TEHRİK İNSAF (PTI) led by the assumed liberal Mr. Imran Khan came to power on 17 August 2018 and formed coalition governments in the federation and provinces of Punjab, KP and Baluchistan. During the election campaign, Khan attended an End of Prophethood conference at Golra Sharif and there declared that he believed in unconditional *Khatme Nabuwat* (KN) and considered anyone claiming prophethood after the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to be a liar. Here was another politician ready and willing to use religious crutches for political support.

On assuming power, Khan seems to have made a policy decision that the plight of the Ahmadiyya community in the country was not an issue with him. His party thus adopted a *laissez faire* attitude; some of its leaders, in fact, made anti-Ahmadi statements. Mr. Azam Swati, a federal minister said in public, "I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat." Mr. AM Khan, a minister of state termed Ahmadiyya a great mischief (*fitna*) and called for beheading of blasphemers. Early in its tenure, they appointed Dr Atif Mian, a brilliant Ahmadi economist, on its 18-member Economic Advisory Council. A few weeks later, the government asked him to resign, as some clerics opposed his appointment.

In November 2018, the federal government held a major conference in Islamabad on theme: "Khatme Nabuwat and Muslims' Responsibilities". There, a Saudi-based mulla, Ahmad Ali Siraj told the prime minister from the rostrum that 1200 Companions of the Prophet were martyred in Riasat Madinah, in the name of *Khatme Nabuwat* (sic). He assured the PM of support if he accorded high priority to the KN issue. Khan did not refute the mulla's brazen misreading of history.

Thus, the stage was set for worsening Ahmadis' situation.

Official circles found it convenient to follow the sectarian line given by the ruling clique. In May 2020, the Punjab Assembly adopted a hostile KN resolution. The federal government declared that Ahmadis would not be nominated to the National Commission for Minorities. A Notification directed that the name of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) must be preceded by the epithet *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*. A major object of such measures was to make the public highly sensitive to the KN issue, while Ahmadis were not allowed to even say that they also believe in *Khatme Nabuwat*; their slightly different understanding of this dogma is only semantics. Mr. Pervaiz Elahi of PML-Q chaired the Punjab Assembly in this era, as PTI coalition partner. He had no qualms about exploiting religion for political gain. This Assembly, led by Elahi, went into high gear in production of religious resolutions, laws and pronouncements, never running short of capitalizing on the issue of End of Prophethood. Eventually, the PML-Q and the PTI came up with the ruling that in future, a *Nikah* (marriage) would be valid only if the groom, the bride, the witnesses, the *Nikah* solemnizer, as also the Registrar, all sign a *Khatme Nabuwat* affidavit. The stated aim was to ensure that the groom was not a 'Qadiani'.

Mr. Pervaiz Elahi released a special video message on September 2021 to commemorate the passage of the 2nd Amendment that declared Ahmadis to be Not Muslim, and called it the Day of

Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat. On his instance, and follow-up by the compliant PTI chief minister Mr. Usman Buzdar, the DEA Sialkot issued instructions to all the District Education Officers in August 2021 to 1) appoint only Muslim teachers to teach Arabic, 2) Students be given lectures from time to time on Khatme Nabuwwat, and 3) A given cherry-picked Hadith on Khatme Nabuwwat should be displayed on prominent and safe places of schools.

Such official actions sent a clear message to all the state institutions, the mulla and the society that human and citizen rights of Ahmadis could be handily violated. This resulted in persistent and hurtful attacks on Ahmadis' freedom of worship, jobs, education, political rights, social status *et al*, including their personal safety.

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, head of the Pakistan Ulama Council, poses to be a tolerant mulla, but he cannot help holding back his intolerance against Ahmadis. In 2019, he made a statement in an open multi-religious meeting, "... I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country ... I am speaking of Qadianis here. They are full of mischief. They are misleading humanity by using the name of Muslims. ...To speak against the Qadianis is religious harmony." With such credentials, Mr. Imran Khan still appointed him The Prime Minister's Special Representative on Religious Harmony, in September 2020. Ahmadis had rarely experienced this kind of Religious Harmony at state level in the past.

During this period, eleven Ahmadis were target-killed for their faith, and eighty-eight suffered murderous attacks. Attacks in Peshawar, where PTI ruled, were brazen as never before. For instance, Mr. Tahir Naseem, a former Ahmadi, a US citizen was murdered on July 29, 2020 in a courtroom in the presence of the judge. The killer killed him assuming that he was an Ahmadi.

In the same city, someone shot dead Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, an Ahmadi, aged 61. Five weeks later, gangsters, perhaps of the same group, shot his brother Mr. Gulzar Ahmad. Ahmad was hit five times. Professor Dr. Naeem Khattak was shot dead while driving. Elderly Mehboob Khan was shot dead at a bus stop. Early in 2021, Homeopath Abdul Qadir was killed in his Peshawar clinic. It is noteworthy that in most cases, Ahmadis had been threatened on social media prior to the attacks, and the killers had brazenly posted their own phone numbers. Authorities took no effective measures to pursue and deter the grisly gang. In addition to target killing, the opponents mounted numerous assaults on Ahmadis for their faith; these fortunately did not result in homicide. Unidentified men fired at Ahmadis' homes in Bazid Khel, Peshawar at about 1 a.m. night on March 12, 2021. Families of Messrs. Arshad Iqbal, Ruhul Amin and Sahibzada Muhammad Rafiq reside there. Nine shots hit Mr. Arshad's home while the other two were shot at four/five times. The aim was to make Ahmadis flee from their ancestral homes. The authorities did little to support or protect the targeted families.

Next, the PTI regime in the Punjab not only did not ensure the sanctity of Ahmadiyya mosques, its administration and police supported religious thugs in their persistent attacks on Ahmadiyya worship and freedom of religion. During this period, 26 Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship were partly destroyed, defaced, defiled, sealed, handed over to others, were ordered to be closed, attacked or kept under surveillance by the opponents, were threatened through police interference, subjected to litigation, or their repairs/construction had to be stopped on orders. In most cases, all that a mulla had to do was to spend one rupee for a sheet of paper to forward an application to the local SHO/DSP who would do the rest. Surely, nowhere else in the world, a state or society has recently undertaken such aggression against places of worship.

Just a glimpse of what went on to violate Ahmadis' worship places. In 2019, Mr. Ashiq, a KN mulla approached Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur with complaint that Ahmadis had provided a niche in their place of worship in Chak 161 Murad; it should be removed. The careerist DC, feeling nervy, told the Assistant Commissioner to undertake the sacrilege 'earliest'. The AC arrived at the scene along with labor and machinery, but no official warrant. At about 3:30 p.m. on October 25, the Ahmadiyya mosque was partially destroyed under the supervision of the official and the police. The campaign to forbid Ahmadis to undertake animal sacrifice (*Qurbani*) at their Eid festival gained momentum. At various locations in the Punjab, the police wrongfully restricted Ahmadis from this ritual, even arrested them. In 2021, the police registered three criminal cases in Rabwah in this context. This had never happened before.

Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act had been passed in 2016. The first drop of this poisonous rain fell on Ahmadis in PTI regime when on June 20, 2019 an Ahmadi was charged and arrested for sharing on-line translation of the Holy Quran with someone. Since then twenty-three Ahmadis were booked and seven arrested under this law.

In an FIR, FIA's Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore booked an Ahmadi teacher and added to the charge sheet PPC 295-B for which the penalty is life imprisonment. The PTI government's message of discrimination against Ahmadis was clearly understood by the administration and the police. One outcome of this was registration of fabricated police cases against them. During this regime, 48 police cases were registered based on religion against 193 Ahmadis under clauses which include penalties of long imprisonment, life imprisonment – even death.

Ahmadis were booked and prosecuted maliciously and persistently. Mr. Ali Kalaar, a 70-year old Ahmadi was booked for alleged blasphemy in 2021. He applied for bail. While incarcerated, his health worsened and he vomited blood. He died in hospital on January 10, 2022, fifteen weeks after arrest. Mr. Akbar Ali, another Ahmadi, died of heart attack while in custody, on February 16, 2021 in District Nankana, the Punjab. He was one of the three accused against whom Adil Riaz, the magistrate had wrongfully applied blasphemy Sections 295-C and 295-B PPC.

In most of the cases, the police acted as a tool of the mulla. FIA (Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore) kept a mulla happy, brother of the influential Hafiz Ashrafi. Quite unjustifiably, the police booked Ahmadis under numerous clauses, including the most severe blasphemy clauses, as also under PPC 295-A which enables the police to push the accused to a special Anti-terrorism Court. The police felt free to include the names of senior Ahmadi leadership in the FIRs. Tyranny – pure and simple.

For instance, Ahmadis run a primary school in Allahabad Draishak, District Rajanpur, Punjab. Children are admitted there regardless of caste or creed. A mulla contacted the DC accusing the management falsely of preaching Ahmadiyyat there. On orders from seniors, the police sealed the school and booked six Ahmadis, including the District Amir and the Director of Ahmadiyya Education in Pakistan. The clauses applied included those that prescribe life imprisonment as penalty and the facility of trial in an anti-Terrorism Court.

The Punjab Government led by PTI's Buzdar dithered wherever and whenever the mulla intervened in official business concerning Ahmadis. For example, in the face of nominal protests of petty clerics and bigots, the provincial head-office posted a local government official, an Ahmadi, Mr. Shaukat Majoka, from Bhakar to Khanewal, then to Raheem Yar Khan, then to Chakwal, thereafter to Fateh Jang, then to Noorpur Thal, thereafter to Mianwali, then to Rawalpindi, then to Lahore head-office, thereafter to Khushab, and eventually again to Lahore

within a few months. Unbelievable, but true. No wonder, hardly a tear was shed when Mr. Buzdar the chief minister was sent packing at short notice in April 2022.

Another sample case. Ms. Ramzan Bibi of District Nankana, an Ahmadi woman donated Rs 250 to the local non-Ahmadiyya mosque. They refused it. This resulted in dispute, even quarrel in which Ms. Bibi was injured. The opposition fabricated a blasphemy accusation against her which the police accepted without due and fair inquiry. Ms. Bibi was arrested under the deadly Blasphemy charge and sent to a lock-up. This was first ever such case, as no Ahmadi woman was arrested even during the oppressive Zia regime. A few months later, she was released on bail – thanks to the caring judge.

Even dead Ahmadis were not spared. Desecration of Ahmadis' graves by the authorities at various locations became routine during this regime. For instance, in Trigari, District Gujranwala, on 13/14 July 2020, in compliance with mullas' demand the police destroyed 67 Ahmadiyya tombstones. In all, the authorities defiled and desecrated 374 graves during this regime – a grand total that could surely find a place in the Guinness World Records. Only four days before this ignoble regime ended, it managed to vandalize 43 gravestones of Ahmadis in Pero, District Sialkot. The Assistant Commissioner (Daska) and the SHO Motra were present at the site to supervise the depravity.

Judiciary's conduct worsened in this period. Firstly, it became more difficult for Ahmadis to avail bail even at the high court level, as the state prosecutors would oppose the grant of bail. Those who murdered Ahmadis for faith, in broad daylight, were acquitted by trial courts – thanks to poor prosecution. Responding to the political climate, two judges of AJK High Court, in January 2020 ordered that separate voter-lists, political rights and records be kept of 'Qadianis'. Justice Farooq Haider of LHC found it convenient to endorse that PPC 295-C (penalty of death) and PPC 295-B (penalty of life imprisonment) be added to the charge sheet of Ahmadis who had a copy of the Holy Quran in their mosque on whose wall the *Kalima* was written. The PTI-appointed Advocate General of the Punjab found this entirely acceptable, and Ahmadis had to themselves knock at the door of the Supreme Court to have this unjust ruling quashed.

As for the anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign, it has always been vast, but this regime encouraged it by example, to reach a new height. Ahmadi-bashers put up a huge banner in Lahore with threat in bold letters that **for any changes to the 1973 Constitution, "Chenab Nagar will be colored red with the blood of Qadianis and the world will forget even Tamerlane"**.

To make it brief, we mention here in single sentences some of the excesses meted out to Ahmadis in the PTI rule. A PTI Special Committee issued instructions to re-impose ban on Ahmadiyya Community's daily *Al-Fazl*. A school administration in District Khushab told nine Ahmadi children to leave. PEMRA ordered distribution service licensees in May 2020 that they shall not carry any Ahmadiyya TV channel. Three top international NGOs took notice of attacks on Ahmadis and conveyed their special concern to the government of Pakistan who paid little attention to it. The official PTA sent a notice to the Wikipedia, concerning an Ahmadiyya mention. It also sent a prosecution notice to two US Ahmadis of Pakistani origin, on their role in a US-based site that allegedly violated Pakistan's blasphemy laws. A Punjab provincial authority issued orders for an official's removal for being an Ahmadi. The Punjab Police raided numerous Ahmadis' homes in many districts and effaced or destroyed pious writings written there. A mulla-led group attacked an Ahmadi woman's funeral procession, and the police accepted all their demands except her disinterment. In the Punjab Assembly, members repeatedly sent curses on the Founder of the Ahmadi Community – unbelievable.

This Ahmadi-specific report is indicative of the state of the State and society during this regime. An explosion was expected. On December 3, 2021, a mob lynched Sri Lankan Mr. Kumara in Sialkot, and set alight his body for alleged blasphemy. This shocked and shamed the nation.

The Punjab became the epicenter of malgovernance. Damaging and defacing Ahmadiyya mosques and demolition of Ahmadiyya gravestones encouraged the PTI to be autocratic *sans limite*. They changed 5 Inspector Generals (Police) and six Chief Secretaries to pressurize these senior civil servants to tow the political line. Even one day prior to their collapse they changed the IGP and the CS.

However, the malady is now deeply ingrained, and there is no commitment nor political will to bring about a real Change. The captain who had come to power on promise of Change (*Tabdeeli*) failed to deliver. In fact, he, from his first day in PM office, decided that, as for Ahmadis were concerned, there would be no Change. If at all, any change for worse would be quite acceptable. After 44 months, enough was enough; nature and destiny took over, and pushed out the incumbent from the PM office on April 10, 2022, caring little for the hue and cry of the self-seeking delinquent, full of air.

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Annex XIV

A Religio-Political Dilemma: How Far Can Parvez Elahi Afford To Take Anti-Ahmadi Bigotry In Punjab?

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Since the 1950s, the anti-Ahmadiyya card has been used in Pakistan's applied and electoral politics for extra mileage. Particularly after being declared non-Muslims by the Pakistani parliament in 1974, Ahmadis boycotted the political process to preserve their religious identity. Pakistan's political system and so-called democracy has completely failed to provide Ahmadis with their basic rights as human beings and fellow citizens. Factually, after the era of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, it was the regime of General Zia-ul-Haq that snubbed Ahmadis and deprived them of religious rights with the Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance of 1984. Despite violating the Constitution of 1973 and international human rights charter of 1948, he succeeded to address and engage the masses' extreme religious sentiments to divert their attention from his illegitimate dictatorial rule.

The Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance (No. XX of 1984) ensures involvement and dictation of the state in citizens' beliefs and religious practices. Moreover, the misuse of PPC sections 295, 295A, 295B, 295C, 298, 298A, 298B and 298C against Ahmadis jeopardizes the existence of Ahmadis within the geographical boundaries of Pakistan. These legal and judicial constraints and curbs have exposed the Ahmadis to risks way beyond one's imagination, as a one-sided state-supported poisonous propaganda against Ahmadis allows no platform to respond and leaves no options for Ahmadis but to flee or to hit rock bottom. If Ahmadis complain about their issues, state-sponsored media, political elites, the justice system, and the social and religious fabric all start twisting laws to suppress their voices and put their lives at risk.

On the basis of this inhuman propaganda, Ahmadis are socially exploited and deprived of their basic human rights in the very name of religion. That is not all: the speeches and statements of imprudent politicians like Raja Farooq Haider, Raja Parvez Ashraf, Parvez Elahi and the leaders of religio-political organizations like JUI and TLP are poisoning society, by subjecting it to their political agendas as well as to sabotage their personal and political failures. The most recent example would be the unnecessary remarks of CM Punjab Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, who governs the most populous province, literally comprising more than half the country's total population. Yet, in a speech, he used anti-Ahmadiyya sentiments to score political mileage.

His ill-informed statements have a certain history. A tradition runs in the family's politics to use anti-Ahmadiyya stances and attract religious clerics for political benefits. Consider, for instance, the extreme standpoints of his uncle Ch. Zahoor Elahi against Ahmadis, as he pressed the government of Z. A. Bhutto hard on the issue. He had taken the position that the state's response to Ahmadi beliefs was not a secondary issue but a primary subject, from which Z. A. Bhutto can emerge as a hero – and the latter did, indeed, act accordingly in 1974. Parvez Elahi has often referred to and praised the role of his uncle Zahoor Elahi in this context.

It is evident that Bhutto used anti-Ahmadiyya postures to nourish his political drive, compromising his honesty with the state. This is because the state should have no concern with religion – a matter which belongs to the citizens of the state. And no parliament should be able to hold the mandate to decide the religions, beliefs and sects of its citizens.

Often in public gatherings, Parvez Elahi and his party leaders have given anti-Ahmadiyya statements. On 05 June 2020, as Speaker of the Punjab Assembly, Ch. Parvez Elahi strongly welcomed the decision of not including Ahmadis in the National Minority Commission. Likewise, he and others have described Ahmadis as traitors of Islam and Pakistan just to score political mileage with religious lobbies.

Usually in Pakistan, religious and political leaders use the theological terms around the issue to instigate illiterate people against Ahmadis. In his speech, Parvez Elahi, while announcing good news regarding construction of a mosque following the model of the Blue Mosque in Turkey, went on to say that it must be written on this Mosque “the entry of Qadianis is prohibited” – an intolerable sentiment which made it sound as if it were the sole purpose of building the mosque. His statement generates some questions.

There are many religious sects in Pakistan: is he building it for one group specifically?

As CM Punjab, why did he use the derogatory term “Qadianis” for the country’s Ahmadi community?

What is the purpose of this ignorant announcement other than incitement?

Can religion be used for enrage public sentiments for one’s socio-political objectives?

In Islamic history, mosques are the places where enemies were spared. How can they be used for political purposes and hatred by Parvez Elahi? His remarks come across as both unnecessary and irrational – and moreover, an underhand attempt to distort the true face of Islam and its peaceful teachings.

In 2006, Parvez Elahi as CM Punjab established Rescue 1122 service. Is it also prohibited for the Rescue 1122 to serve the Ahmadi community in Punjab? As CM, he is not supposed to serve a particular religious community but the entire population of the province. His political services entertaining only the religious majority of the province neither do justice to his portfolio nor to basic human values. No religious community is answerable to him unless they engage in any anti-state activity or violate the civic rules.

The felonious silence of PTI leadership on Elahi’s statement suggests endorsement of the activities and beliefs of Mr. Parvez Elahi. Because of these extreme fanatic thoughts of political and religious leaderships in Pakistan, 279 Ahmadis have been killed (including the 3 Ahmadis that have been target killed in 2022), 31 Ahmadi mosques demolished, 44 sealed by the authorities, 36 set on fire and 18 forcibly occupied by mobs from April 1984 to 15 September 2022. The situation is still worsening for Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Unfortunately, Parvez Elahi as a public office holder is targeting the Ahmadis particularly in Punjab, while hundreds of thousands of Ahmadis are living in this province. The headquarters of the Ahmadi community, ‘Rabwah,’ is also situated in Punjab. The state supported anti-Ahmadiyya drive

under CM Punjab Parvez Elahi is poisoning the social and political environment of Punjab in particular. This cynical use of religion for temporary political gains is not serving the nation but only dividing and exploiting them. As CM Punjab, he is defying articles 2, 6, 7, 23 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as articles 8, 17, 19, 25, 26, 27 of the Constitution of 1973 – putting the future of the country and its social fabric in jeopardy.

([HTTPS://WWW.THEFRIDAYTIMES.COM/2022/12/02/A-RELIGIO-POLITICAL-DILEMMA-HOW-FAR-CAN-PARVEZ-ELAHI-AFFORD-TO-TAKE-ANTI-AHMADI-BIGOTRY-IN-PUNJAB/](https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2022/12/02/a-religio-political-dilemma-how-far-can-parvez-elahi-afford-to-take-anti-ahmadi-bigotry-in-punjab/))



Annex XV

IRFBA statement on the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community



As members, friends, and observers of the International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance, we note with grave concern the hostility toward the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in a range of countries, and the threats to the human right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) for members of this community. For Ahmadi Muslims, as for all individuals everywhere, freedom of religion or belief includes having the ability to affirmatively define or identify their religious beliefs.

We note, for example, that some state authorities prevent Ahmadi Muslims from self-identifying as they so choose, restricting their ability to worship, prosecuting them for practicing their faith, and tolerating attacks against them by non-state actors. Authorities frequently use laws on offences relating to religion (blasphemy laws) to target these individuals, preventing Ahmadi Muslims from exercising their rights to freedom of religion or belief, to freedom of expression, and other human rights. In addition, some state authorities have threatened to charge Ahmadi individuals who reside in IRFBA member countries and other third countries with blasphemy for posting Ahmadi web content and threaten organizations who host it with legal action.

We also note with deep concern significant societal hostility toward Ahmadis in far too many countries.

We affirm that the right to FoRB, in accordance with Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, includes the freedom to manifest an individual's religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance. States should not, therefore, discriminate against and tolerate violence toward Ahmadi Muslims – or anyone – based on their interpretation of the Islamic faith.

We call upon all states to, where applicable:

- Immediately release all Ahmadi Muslims imprisoned for exercising their religious beliefs, including on charges on the grounds of their religious expression (for example, blasphemy), activities, and self-identification as Muslims;
- Immediately re-instate the right to vote to Ahmadi Muslims;
- Immediately end capital punishment of Ahmadi Muslims pursuant to blasphemy laws;
- Immediately end home raids and raids on places of worship for Ahmadi Muslims;
- Immediately eliminate any discrimination against Ahmadi Muslims with respect to the issuance of national identification documents;
- Immediately eliminate any discrimination against Ahmadi Muslims with respect to their access to justice within courts and hearings;

- Immediately eliminate discrimination against Ahmadi Muslims with respect to their employment and education;
- Immediately eliminate targeting Ahmadi Muslims in third countries under laws that curb free expression, including religious expression, and bans on their religious texts, online and offline;
- Review and address current intersecting forms of violence and discrimination against women and children of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community*; and
- Hold accountable individuals and groups who use violence or intimidation against Ahmadis.

*Chair's explanatory statement: For clarification this refers to violence and discrimination by state actors against Ahmadi Muslim women and children



Abbreviations

AC	Assistant Commissioner	JUP	Jamiat Ulamae Pakistan
AD&SJ	Add. Dist. & Sessions Judge	KN	Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood)
AJK	Azad Jammu and Kashmir	KNLF	Khatame Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum
AMTKN	Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat	LHC	Lahore High Court
AMK	Ali Muhammad Khan	MNA	Member of National Assembly
APC	All Parties Conference	MQM	Mutahiddah Qaumi Movement
ASI	Assistant Sub-inspector police	NA	National Assembly
ASJ	Additional Sessions Judge	NACTA	National Counter-Terrorism Authority
ASWJ	Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat	NAP	National Action Plan
ATC	Anti-terrorism Court	NAB	National Accountability Bureau
ATA	Anti-terrorism Act	NISP	National Internal Security Policy
CIA	Criminal Investigation Agency	NS	Mr. Nawaz Sharif
CII	Council of Islamic Ideology	PBUH	Peace be upon him
CJ	Chief Justice of Pakistan	PECA	Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act
CM	Chief Minister	PEMRA	Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority
CNIC	Computerized National Identity Card	PML (N)	Pak Muslim League (Nawaz)
COAS	Chief of Army Staff	PML (Q)	Pakistan Muslim League (Quaid-e-Azam)
CPO	City Police Officer	PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
CrPC	Criminal Procedure Code	PPP	Pakistan Peoples Party
CT	Counterterrorism	PS	Police Station
CTD	Counter-terrorism Department	PTA	Pakistan Telecommunication Authority
DC	Deputy Commissioner	PTI	Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf
DHA	Defence Housing Authority	PUC	Pakistan Ulama Council
DIG	Deputy Inspector General (P)	RAW	Research and Analysis Wing, India
DPO	District Police Officer	RPO	Regional Police Officer
DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police	SC	Supreme Court of Pakistan
ECL	Exit Control List	SHC	Sindh High Court
ECP	Election Commission of Pakistan	SHO	(Police) Station House Officer
EDO	Executive District Officer	SP	Superintendent of Police
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas	ST	Sunni Tehrik
FIR	First Information Report	TJP	Tehrik Jafria Pakistan
FIA	Federal Investigation Agency	TLP	Tehrik e Labbaik Pakistan
HRCP	Human Rights Commission of Pakistan	TLYR	Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulal Allah
HRW	Human Rights Watch	UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)	UNHCHR	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
IHC	Islamabad High Court	UNHRC	UN Human Rights Council
IG	Inspector General (of police)	USCIRF	United States Commission for International Religious Freedom
IK	Mr. Imran Khan	VE	Violent extremism
IKNM	International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (End of Prophethood)		
ISPR	Inter-Services Public Relations		
Ji	Jamaat Islami		
JIT	Joint Investigation Team		
JUI (F)	Jamiat Ulamae Islam (Fazl)		

Glossary

Aalami	International	Majlis	Association
Allama	Great savant	Masih mauud	The promised messiah
Aman	Peace	Maulana	Senior muslim cleric; scholar
Amir	Head; president	Maulvi	Muslim cleric; scholar
Anjuman	Association; union	Millat	Closely knit society
Auqaf	Endowment	Minhaj	Path
Azan	Islamic call for prayers	Mirzai	Pejorative term for Ahmadi
Baiat	Oath of allegiance	Mufti	One who issues edicts
Chak	Village	Mujahideen	Muslims undertaking jihad
Dajjal	The great Fraudster; Anti-Christ	Mulla	Muslim cleric
Deeni sha'air	Religious topics, practices	Murabbi	Ahmadi religious teacher
Dharna	A sit-in	Murtad	Apostate
Eid-ul-Fitr	Islamic festival after Ramzan	Mutahiddah	United
Fatwa	religious edict	Namus risalat	Honour of prophet hood
Fiqha	Jurisprudence	Nikah	Islamic announcement of marriage
Fitna	Great mischief	Nizame	Islamic system
Gherau	Siege	mustafa	Islamic veil
Hadd	Islamic punishment	Pardah	Islamic veil
Hadith	Tradition of the Holy Prophet	Qadiani	Pejorative term for Ahmadi
Haram	Illicit in Islam	Qadianiat	Pejorative for Ahmadiyya belief
Hafiz	Who has memorized the Holy Quran	Qari	Reciter of the Holy Quran
Hajj	Pilgrimage to Makkah	Qurbani	Islamic ritual of sacrificing cattle
Hazrat	Title for respect	Rabitah	Alliance
Hilal	Moon of first three nights	Riasat madinah	State of Madinah as in the days of holy prophet and the first four caliphs
Hizb	Group	Sadar	President
Idarah	Institution	Sadr anjuman	Main body of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan
Iftar	Opening of Islamic fast	ahmadiyya	Peace
Ijtihad	Independent reasoning	Salaam	Islamic ritual prayer
Ijtima	Gathering; conference	Salaat	Attributes of the prophet
Imam	Religious leader	Seerat un nabi	Body of Islamic laws
Ittihad	Union	Shariah	Advisory
Jalsa	Conference; convention	Shura	Custom of the Holy Prophet
Jamaat	Community	Sunnah	Commentary
Jamia	Religious seminary	Tafseer	Safeguard
Jamiat	Community; group	Tahaffuz	Organisation
Jihad	Holy struggle; holy war	Tanzeem	Movement
Kafir	Disbeliever; infidel	Tehrik	Islamic scholars, clerics
Kalima	Islamic creed	Ulama	Islamic nation
Khalifa	Caliph	Ummah	Must be killed
Khalifatul masih	Ahmadiyya caliph	Wajib-ul-qatl	Central; federal
Khatib	One who delivers Friday sermon	Wifaq	Islamic charity for the poor
Khatme nabuwwat	End of prophet hood	Zakat	Long live
Khilafat	Caliphate	Zindah baad	Heretic; in extreme infidelity
Khula	Separation on woman's plea	Zindiq	

DID YOU KNOW

AHMADI MUSLIMS FACE THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAWS
FOR:

- Self-identifying as a Muslim
- Calling their place of worship a 'Masjid'
- Making the call to prayer (Azan)
- Preaching or propagating their faith

AHMADIS HAVE TO DECLARE THEMSELVES

NON-MUSLIM

TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND STAND FOR ELECTION

EVERY PAKISTANI HAS TO DECLARE HIS FAITH TO;

- Get a national identity card or upon renewal
- Get a Pakistani passport or upon renewal
- Register as a voter or stands as a candidate

If one selects 'Muslim' as an option, he has no alternative but to sign an affidavit that denounces the divine status of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at is a religious community and organization, international in character, with established branches in over 210 countries and territories in Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe and Australia. It has tens of millions of members worldwide and is growing. The Ahmadiyya community was founded in 1889 by Hadrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, on teachings that he saw as an embodiment of the benevolent message of Islam: peace, universal brotherhood, and submission to the will of God. He claimed to be the latter-day Messiah and reformer awaited in leading world religions of the world. He opposed violence as a means of advancing religion and rejected terrorism in any form or for any reason.

Declaring Ahmadis as non-Muslims

The Pakistani religious establishment brands the Ahmadiyya community heretical in nature and does not approve of its reformatory nature. Politicians have also found it expedient to support the religious establishment in their anti-Ahmadiyya stance. The first countrywide wave of violence against the community erupted in 1953. Following the extensive riots, an in-depth judicial inquiry by the chief justice and a judge of Lahore High Court found politics to be the main cause of disturbances.

Many years later, in 1974, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, found it politically advantageous to have Ahmadis declared a non-Muslim minority, which in Pakistan is a form of second rate citizenship. It was a unique innovation; while other non-Muslim religious groups, like Christians and Hindus, were non-Muslim minority by their profession, Ahmadis were forcibly declared a non-Muslim minority through legislation.

Ordinance XX

Following Bhutto's lead, General Zia ul Haq, the military dictator of Pakistan from 1977 to 1988, TRIED TO COURT EXTREMISTS BY PROMULGATING THE notorious anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance XX in 1984. The ordinance added Sections 298-B and 298-C to the Pakistan Penal Code. Through this ordinance, the religious rights of Ahmadis were directly violated. Under its provisions, Ahmadis could be imprisoned for three years and fined an arbitrary amount for ordinary expression of their faith. Additionally, to prohibit Ahmadis from proselytizing, it expressly forbade them from certain religious practices and the usage of Islamic terminology. This ordinance effectively makes a criminal out of every Ahmadi by including the broad provision of "posing as a Muslim" a cognizable offence, giving the extremists à carte blanche to terrorize Ahmadis with the backing of the state.

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