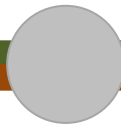


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Abbreviations

AC	Assistant Commissioner	KN	Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood)
AD&SJ	Add. Distt. & Sessions Judge	KNLF	Khatame Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum
AJK	Azad Jammu and Kashmir	LHC	Lahore High Court
AMTKN	Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat	MNA	Member of National Assembly
APC	All Parties Conference	MQM	Mutahiddah Qaumi Movement
ASI	Assistant Sub-inspector (of police)	NA	National Assembly
ASJ	Additional Sessions Judge	NAP	National Action Plan
ASWJ	Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat	NAB	National Accountability Bureau
ATC	Anti-terrorism Court	NS	Mr. Nawaz Sharif
ATA	Anti-terrorism Act	PAT	Pakistan Awami Tehrik
CIA	Criminal Investigation Agency	PBUH	Peace be upon him
CII	Council of Islamic Ideology	PECA	Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016
CJ	Chief Justice of Pakistan	PEMRA	Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority
CM	Chief Minister	PML (N)	Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz)
CNIC	Computerized National Identity Card	PML (Q)	Pakistan Muslim League (Quaid-e-Azam)
COAS	Chief of Army Staff	PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
CPO	City Police Officer	PPP	Pakistan Peoples Party
CrPC	Criminal Procedure Code	PS	Police Station
CTD	Counter-terrorism Department	PTI	Pakistan Tehrik e Insaaf
DC	Deputy Commissioner	PUC	Pakistan Ulama Council
DHA	Defence Housing Authority	RAW	Research and Analysis Wing, India
DIG	Deputy Inspector General (P)	RPO	Regional Police Officer
DPO	District Police Officer	SC	Supreme Court of Pakistan
DSP	Deputy Superintendent of Police	SHC	Sindh High Court
ECL	Exit Control List	SHO	(Police) Station House Officer
ECP	Election Commission of Pakistan	SP	Superintendent of Police
EDO	Executive District Officer	ST	Sunni Tehrik
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas	TJP	Tehrik Jafria Pakistan
FIR	First Information Report	TLP	Tehrik e Labbaik Pakistan
FIA	Federal Investigation Agency	TLYR	Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulal Allah
HRC	Human Rights Commission of Pakistan	UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
HRW	Human Rights Watch	UNHCHR	United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)	UNHRC	UN Human Rights Council
IHC	Islamabad High Court	USCIRF	United States Commission for International Religious Freedom
IG	Inspector General (of police)	ZAB	Mr. Zulfiquar Ali Bhutto
IK	Mr. Imran Khan		
IKNM	International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (End of Prophethood)		
ISPR	Inter-Services Public Relations		
JI	Jamaat Islami		
JIT	Joint Investigation Team		
JUI (F)	Jamiat Ulamae Islam (Fazl)		
JUP	Jamiat Ulamae Pakistan		

Glossary

- aalami*: international
allama: great savant
aman: peace
amir: head; president
anjuman: association; union
auqaf: endowment
azan: Islamic call for prayers
baiat: oath of allegiance
chak: village
Dajjal: The great Fraudster; Anti-Christ
deeni sha'air: religious topics, practices
dharna: a sit-in
Eid-ul-Fitr: Islamic festival after Ramzan
fatwa: religious edict
fiqha: jurisprudence
fitna: great mischief
gherau: siege
hadd: Islamic punishment
hadith: tradition of the Holy Prophet
haram: illicit in Islam
hafiz: who has memorized the Holy Quran
hajj: pilgrimage to Makkah
hazrat: title for respect
hilal: moon of first three nights
hizb: group
idarah: institution
iftar: opening of Islamic fast
ijtihad: independent reasoning
ijtima: gathering; conference
imam: religious leader
ittihad: union
jalsa: conference; convention
jamaat: community
jamia: religious seminary
jamiat: community; group
jihad: holy struggle; holy war
kafir: disbeliever; infidel
Kalima: Islamic creed
khalifa: caliph
Khalifatul Masih: Ahmadiyya caliph
khatib: one who delivers Friday sermon
Khatme Nabuwwat: end of prophethood
khilafat: caliphate
khula: Separation on woman's plea
majlis: association
Masih Mauud: the Promised Messiah
masjid: mosque
maulana: senior Muslim cleric; scholar
maulvi: Muslim cleric; scholar
millat: closely knit society
minhaj: path
Mirzai: pejorative term for Ahmadi
mufti: one who issues edicts
mujahideen: Muslims undertaking jihad
mulla: Muslim cleric
murabbi: Ahmadi religious teacher
murtad: apostate
mutahiddah: united
Namus Risalat: honour of Prophethood
nikah: Islamic announcement of marriage
Nizame Mustafa: Islamic system
pardah: Islamic veil
Qadiani: pejorative term for Ahmadi
Qadianiat: pejorative for Ahmadiyya belief
qari: reciter of the Holy Quran
qurbani: Islamic ritual of offering cattle
rabitah: alliance
Riasat Madinah: State of Madinah as in the days of Holy Prophet and the four Caliphs
Sadar: president
Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya: main body of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan
salaam: peace
salaat: Islamic ritual prayer
seerat un nabi: attributes of the Prophet
Shariah: body of Islamic laws
shura: advisory
Sunnah: Custom of the Holy Prophet
tafseer: commentary
tahaffuz: safeguard
tanzeem: organisation
tehrlik: movement
ulama: Islamic scholars, clerics
ummah: Islamic nation
wajib-ul-qatl: must be killed
wifaq: central; federal
zakat: Islamic charity for the poor
zindah baad: long live
zindiq: heretic; in extreme infidelity

Foreword

Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan remains like a dark tunnel at the end of which there is no light visible — still. Hence the annual report for 2020 is somewhat similar to the earlier ones, but more distressing in some ways.

A read of the entire text will show that the state and a section of society in Pakistan are committed to persecute Ahmadis to an unbelievable extent. That makes this report readable, even interesting, although harrowing. However, executives, who are short of time, can get some idea of the general nature and extent of Ahmadis' plight by going through sections like the Executive Summary, Spotlights, For the Record, Summarized Thematic Info, provided prior to the serialized chapters. A look at the Annexes will also be worthwhile.

The foremost story at Chapter 1A, “**PTI Government and Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan**” is a brief that covers the entire two years and four months of the present regime. It provides a useful overview of the Ahmadis' human rights experience, and is also a telescope for the likely future — unless there is a big upheaval that changes the parameters of the national scene.

Chapter 3 lists all the Ahmadis who are behind bars at the end of the year 2020. A very brief narrative of each case is provided which deserves special mention for their stress and suffering. One can imagine the distress of their kith and kin, who know that their dear ones are innocent of any wrong-doing.

Ms. Siobhain MaDonagh MP of UK's APPG wrote in her introduction to the Group's recent report “**Suffocation of the Faithful** — The Persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan and the Rise of International Extremism”: “...We cannot simply let the years roll on and allow such issues to be pushed back to be dealt with at another time.”

Let's see.

Executive Summary

Year 2020 C.E. was a stressful year for Ahmadis in Pakistan – very stressful indeed, especially in the last quarter. It was a sort of mid-term for the PTI government that had come to power in August 2018 on slogan of CHANGE. Some CHANGE was there for Ahmadis too, but for the worse, in some ways. The most affected provinces were the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, both governed by the PTI and its political allies. Regretably this year’s annual report on persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan is the most voluminous ever.

During the year, political seniors decided to go public in their hostility to Ahmadis – of course for political gains. Mr. Ali M Khan, a federal minister of state released a video statement wherein he said, “Qadianiat basically is a great mischief (fitna) against Islam.” Not to be left behind, Sirajul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami came forth with, “The poisonous snake of Qadianiat has turned into a poisonous dragon with the backing of world powers.” Mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi (TLP) could be seen in a video urging, “These who are friendly to Mirzais should flee abroad with them.”

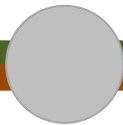
This attitude against a marginalized community was reflected in high political forums as well. Punjab Assembly passed Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill (Bill to protect the foundations of Islam). A reading would show that if signed into law it meant theocracy vigorously on the march. Politicizing of religion thereby reached a still higher level at the hands of the mulla, the PML (Q) and the PTI. At the federal level, Punjab’s Special Committee re-imposed ban on the Ahmadiyya daily *Al-Fazl* at the outset of the new year. Later, in September, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi was appointed by Mr. Imran Khan as PM’s Special Representative on Religious Harmony and Middle East. The previous year, the Hafiz had asserted 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 Qadiani is Religious Harmony.”

The administration and the police, especially in the Punjab and KPK, thus were reappraised of anti-Ahmadiyya prejudice of their political bosses. Thus it is not surprising that during this year fifty Ahmadis were booked by the police while sixteen suffered arrest only for their faith. Of these, twenty Ahmadis were booked in four different cases by the Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore who misused the new law. In many of these cases PPCs 295-B and C were added; these prescribe life imprisonment and death as penalties. Arrests were also made. The mulla had discovered in this law a new way to persecute Ahmadis extensively. In this he demanded official help and got it. The official and the mulla joined hands to even torture the accused.

The PTI government achieved a ‘first ever’ in that an Ahmadi lady was booked under the blasphemy law and was arrested. This had never happened before.

As a result of the above, Ahmadis were constrained to report in their monthly report for September: “The above is the largest number of Ahmadis behind bars for their faith, as compared to anytime during the past fifteen years.” Also a very serious situation developed through malicious cooperation between an influential religious extremist and Lahore office of a security agency (Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore, FIA) whereby top leadership of the Ahmadiyya Community in the country faced arrests and long-term imprisonment through prosecution in fabricated police cases. Such a list compiled in December named 12 persons.

With such attitude of the state to the Ahmadi issue, there had to be more grave consequences than prosecution and incarcerations. Religious bigots and so-called Islamists took to murder and target-killing of Ahmadis to improve their own felicity in afterlife. These murders happened in the KPK and the Punjab. Murderous gangs openly threatened Ahmadis in Peshawar on social media. They even posted their phone numbers. Ahmadis felt at great risk and reported to authorities who took apparently



no further action except wait for the threat to materialize. Messers Mairaj Ahmad, Professor ND Khattak and Mehmood Khan were target-killed in the KPK capital. The killers felt no remorse. One of them entered a court room in Peshawar and shot dead in the presence of the judge a blasphemy accused Mr. Tahir Naseem, a Pak-American, accusing him of being an Ahmadi. In the Punjab, religious extremists killed Mr. Tanzeel Ahmad in Lahore and Dr Tahir Mehmood in District Nankana Sahib when he went to a center to offer congregational prayers.

In addition to these murders there were numerous assaults that fortunately did not result in homicide. There were seven such attempts in which seven Ahmadis were injured. Sh. Nasir Ahmad of Lala Musa survived despite four shots hit him, while Mr. Gulzar Ahmad was hit with five bullets in Peshawar on 20 September. His brother Mr. Mairaj Ahmad had been murdered in the same city five weeks earlier.

Murder threats can be devastating at times — a greater torture for the victim than if he had been killed. There were numerous threats. Mr. Afaq Ahmad of Hayatabad, Peshawar found a shopping bag in his garage. In it there was a stone, a bullet and a piece of paper with message: “*Blasphemer is worthy of death.*” He wondered against whom, when and how he had committed blasphemy.

Religious extremists know that there is another way to persecute large number of Ahmadis in a single operation — attack their places of worship. (The law does not allow Ahmadis to call these *Masjid*.) These attacks are carried out in different ways. For instance, in 2020, at seven locations, Ahmadiyya worship places were handed over, attacked, damaged, worship denied, kept under threat, repairs obstructed or their construction was stopped. To illustrate, an Ahmadiyya place of worship was handed over by authorities to gang leaders of a riot in Kharappar, District Kasur, Punjab on February 6. On December 29, at about midnight a police squad visited Ahmadiyya worship place Shah Maskeenwala, District Nankana Sahib, desecrated it and took down its minaret. One should ask Mr. Usman Buzdar, the chief minister of the Punjab as to whether he expects to be CM for life by yielding to the mulla and bowing to bigots. The Punjab had 27 chief ministers since independence.

Yielding to bullies is not a one-person activity; the whole system follows the leading few and finds it convenient ‘to do as the Romans do’. The administration and the police in the Punjab and KPK, indeed in the whole country, are busy promoting or saving their careers by denying Ahmadis their basic rights. These misdeeds are in great numbers and in different spheres; these are mentioned in essential detail in the main body of this report. Here we quote only three, very briefly, as samples.

Pakistan boasts that it believes in freedom of expression. To some extent true, of course — but what about Ahmadis? PEMRA ordered on May 28 that Ahmadiyya TV channels should not be carried by any distribution service licensee. Let’s also mention here a primary school run by an Ahmadi in District Rajanpur where children of all denominations and ethnicities were welcome. Religious extremists filed an application with the Deputy Commissioner on false accusation that Ahmadiyyat was preached at this school (*to children under 10!*) The careerist district officials obligingly moved fast, sent in the police, and not only sealed the school but also registered a fabricated criminal case under blasphemy and other clauses against six persons including the Ahmadiyya Director of Education, Pakistan. Under these sections the accused could be imprisoned for life. And, the third. On 13/14 July, in Trigari, District Gujranwala, a violent mob grossly desecrated the graves of 67 Ahmadis with police approval. Unbelievable, but true.

We now turn briefly to the select group who claim the honour of implementing the rule of law — the judiciary and the lawyers. We mention only essential facts and forgo any comment or elaboration. On January 29, Azad Kashmir High Court was reported as: “The Court issues verdict on appeal of Tehrik

Khatme Nabuwwat. The Azad Government is directed to undertake (required) legislation through the Assembly. A separate record should be prepared of non-Muslims including Qadianis... Separate voter-lists, separate right of representation should be accepted." (*Translation of a press report in vernacular*) In the Punjab, Chief Justice LHC remarked in a (blasphemy) hearing: "A case can be registered under Section 154 on receipt of information; inquiry and evidence are issues thereafter." Now the bar. The Lahore High Court Bar Association demanded the federal interior ministry in July to forbid the Ahmadi community sacrificing animals on Eid ul Azha.

Last, but not least — the civil society. Hats off to the civil society, but in our Land of the Pure there is now a sizable uncivil society that receives mention in any persecution report. These people seek influence and power through religion. Among them, even the best seek peace through submission to the religious bully. We have mentioned above the activism of the Lahore High Court Bar Association. In Gujranwala a group of youth were persuaded to blacken the portrait of Professor Abdus Salaam, the Nobel Laureate in Physics from Pakistan, which was put up outside the National Science College, among other renowned national luminaries. Even more regrettable was the incident in the prestigious institute IBA Karachi where Professor Atif Mian, a prominent Ahmadi economist of world repute was to deliver a lecture in October but the management decided to cancel it due to 'internal threats'. In November, a huge billboard was put up in a busy central location of Lahore; it called explicitly for murder of blasphemers. The message on it was:

Muhammad (peace be upon him)

There is only one punishment for insolence against the Prophet.

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

In short, the religious, political and social situation of Ahmadis in Pakistan during 2020 was highly deplorable. It would not bring credit to the rulers in books of history. In response, Ahmadis turn to God, put their trust in Him and pray: **O Lord, guide our nation to the right path, because they do not know.**

December 31, 2020

Spotlights–2020

- Numerous top officials of the community were charged under laws prescribing long imprisonment terms. *p. 9*
- Arrest of an Ahmadi lady Ms. Ramzan Bibi under PPC 295-C: the first ever such act of tyranny since the promulgation of Ordinance XX in 1984. *p. 21*
- Punjab’s Special Committee re-imposed ban on the Ahmadiyya daily *Al-Fazl* on January 10. *p. 83*
- PEMRA ordered on May 28 that Ahmadiyya TV channels should not be carried by any distribution service licensee. *p. 79*
- Spate of murderous violence against Ahmadis in Peshawar, KPK. *p. 5*
- “Qadianiat basically is a great mischief (*Fitna*) against Islam”: the federal minister of state Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan (PTI) released a video statement. *p. 7*
- 67 Ahmadiyya graves desecrated by the authorities in District Gujranwala on July 13/14. *p.44*
- At 7 locations, Ahmadiyya worship places were handed over, attacked, damaged, worship denied, under threat, repairs obstructed or their construction was stopped. *p. 32*
- A separate record should be prepared of non-Muslims including Qadianis: Order of Azad Kashmir High Court on January 29. *p. 68*
- “The poisonous snake of Qadianiat has turned into poisonous dragon with the backing of world powers”: Sirajul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami. *p. 118*
- Chief Justice LHC M. Qasim Khan remarked in a (blasphemy) hearing: A case can be registered under Section 154 on receipt of information. Inquiry and evidence are issues thereafter. *p. 69*
- IBA canceled Prof. Atif Mian’s lecture due to internal threats, on October 23. *p. 53*
- Fifty Ahmadis were booked by the police, while sixteen are in prison. Nine others were detained overnight by the police.
- Punjab Assembly passed *Tahaffuz-e-Bunyard-e-Islam Bill* — theocracy vigorously on the march; politicizing of religion reaches still higher level at the hands of mullas, PML-Q and PTI in July. *p. 100*
- School, run by an Ahmadi, sealed by police, and criminal case registered against six Ahmadis in District Rajanpur on July 17. *p. 52*
- Portrait of Professor Dr. Abdus Salam, an Ahmadi Nobel laureate, outside National Science College of Gujranwala blackened. *p. 114*
- Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi appointed as PM’s Special Representative on Religious Harmony. *p.149*
- Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) demanded the federal interior ministry in July to forbid the Ahmadi community sacrificing of animals on Eid ul Azha. *p. 35*
- “... Those who are friendly to *Mirzais* should flee abroad with them”: Mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi’s (TLP) statement in a video. *p. 90*
- Five Ahmadis were murdered for their faith; seven others survived attacks on them. *p. 11*

Backlog of grave HR violations

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

- **Ahmadis are forbidden to publish their premier scripture the Holy Quran and its Ahmadiyya translation in any language.**
- **Publication of all written works of the Ahmadiyya founder is banned.**
- **Ahmadis are not allowed to hold their traditional annual conference in Rabwah, nor any rallies of their auxiliary organizations including those of women and children. Last annual conference was held in Pakistan in December 1983; 250,000 participants attended.**
- **Participation in elections, even at local level, remains denied through devious rules and requirements.**
- **Ahmadiyya daily and four other periodicals have remained proscribed.**
- **Ahmadiyya schools and colleges have not been denationalized.**
- **Transmission and relaying of Ahmadiyya TV channels remain 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.**
- **Mullas are permitted and facilitated to hold numerous hateful and provocative rallies in Rabwah every year.**

Summarized thematic info regarding the Persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan during 2020

Ahmadis murdered for their faith

- Mr. Tanzeel Ahmad was murdered on February 27 in Lahore.
- Mr. Mairaj Ahmad was shot dead on August 12 in Peshawar, KPK.
- Professor Naeem ud Din Khattak was shot dead on October 05 in Peshawar.
- Mr. Mehboob Ahmad Khan was shot dead on November 08 in Peshawar.
- Dr. Tahir Mehmood was shot dead in District Nankana Sahib on November 20, 2020.

Faith-based assaults

- On August 11, Sheikh Nasir Ahmad, Ahmadi of Lala Musa, District Gujrat, Punjab was shot at 21:30 hr by unidentified attackers, when he was walking back home from the bazaar. The attackers achieved four hits and fled from the scene of crime. The injury has severely affected his movements.
- Mr. Gulzar Ahmad survived an attempt on his life in Peshawar on 20th September. He was hit with five bullets. He is brother of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, who was murdered in Peshawar the previous month.
- A violent attack in broad daylight on an Ahmadi's house in Marh Balochan in District Nankana Sahib Punjab left one Ahmadi 31-year-old Dr. Tahir Mehmood dead and 3 others injured on November 20. Mr. Tariq Mehmood, Mr. Saeed Ahmad Maqsood and Mr. Tayyab Mehmood got badly injured.
- Mr. Ghulam Nabi, an Ahmadi, of Mustafa Abad, District Kasur runs a furniture shop. On February 16 at midnight, about four unknown masked men entered the shop, beat up him and set the furniture on fire.
- On May 23, Mr. Ataul Hai was returning home along with his family. The opponents attacked them. They abused Mr. Hai and threatened him savagely in Rahim Nagar, District Nankana.
- On August 12, the house of Syed Naeem Ahmad Bashir in Sahiwal, District Sargodha, Punjab was attacked at night. Gunman fired bullets expecting the family to be asleep in the courtyard, as is the practice in the Punjab in this season. The family survived because they were not sleeping there, otherwise a few might have been killed.
- On July 29, 2020, Mr. Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a U.S. citizen, presumed to be Ahmadi, facing blasphemy charge was murdered in a court room in Peshawar in the presence of the judge.

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 fifty

Ahmadis were booked by the police while sixteen suffered arrest and nine Ahmadis were detained by the police. Detail of charges is given in Annex I.

- Cyber Crimes Wing of Lahore booked twenty Ahmadis in four separate cases.
- A fabricated police case was registered against Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana under blasphemy clause PPC 295-C. She was arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhpura. She is fifty-five years old.
- Mr. Abdul Majeed 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 on September 10 under PPC 295-C which carries sentence of death.
- Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Naseem Ahmad, Dr. Shahid Iqbal, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Qamar, Mr. Fazal Ahmad and Ms. Bushra Talib were booked under PPCs 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C, 506-B with FIR Nr. 325 at police station Rajan Pur on July 23, 2020 in connection with a private school run by an Ahmadi, which was then sealed.
- Mr. Sharafat Ahmad, Mr. Akbar Ali and Mr. Tahir Naqash were booked under PPCs 298-B and 298-C at police station Mangatanwala, District Nankana on May 2, 2020. The Lahore High Court rejected their application for pre-arrest bail on October 2, 2020. They were arrested. Later the magistrate sent reference to Session Judge on Jan 5, 2021 for adding PPCs 295-C and 295-B.
- Mr Tariq A. Tahir and Mr. Safwan Ahmad were booked in FIR 83/2020 under blasphemy clause PPC 295-B at P.S. Nagar Parker, Sindh on November 25, 2020. Mr. Tahir was arrested.

Cyber Crimes laws

- FIA Cyber Crimes Wing arrested Mr. Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi, and booked him along with Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad etc. Mr. Rohan Ahmad was booked for allegedly sharing a WhatsApp message regarding essay writing and general knowledge quiz competition on May 26, 2020 with FIR Nr. 29/2020 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 R/W, 2016-PECA-11. Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore that works under Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of Mr. Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore, arrested and tortured him.
- Malik Zaheer Ahmad was booked under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, PECA-11 with FIR Nr. 77 at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore on September 30, 2020. He was arrested.
- In November, this Cyber Crimes Wing registered a criminal case against two Ahmadis. The case was registered with FIR Nr. 124/20 at Police Station Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, 34 and 11 PECA- 2016.
- A community leader was booked 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 Crimes Act, 2016.

Freedom of religion denied

- An Ahmadiyya place of worship was handed over by authorities to gang leaders of a riot in Kharappar, District Kasur on February 6.
- Miscreants pelted stones on the main-gate of Baitul Khursheed, Ahmadiyya worship place Tench Bhata, Rawalpindi causing damage to the gate.
- On December 29, at about midnight a police squad visited Ahmadiyya worship place Shah Maskeenwala, District Nankana Sahib, desecrated it and took down its minaret.
- An Ahmadiyya worship place was under threat in Johar Town, Lahore in February.
- Unidentified men pelted stones on the Ahmadiyya place of worship in Green Town, Lahore on April 28.
- MPA Mufti Qasim Fakhri lodged a complaint with the Government of Sindh and Deputy Commissioner West, Karachi on his letter-head pad in May against Ahmadiyya place of worship in Baldia Town.
- Ahmadiyya place of worship was at risk in Kotli Nathumalhi, District Narowal. The police told Ahmadis that someone had lodged a complaint on the Citizen Portal Punjab against the written Kalima in Ahmadiyya worship place. Similar messages were received by Ahmadis in Qayampur Sarakwala, Bobak Murali and Narowal City from the administration to erase religious inscriptions from the Ahmadiyya places of worship.
- Sometime back, Ahmadis in Amba Noorya, District Sheikhpura were deprived of the right of religious practice, forbidding them to pray in their place of worship, and their burials in common cemetery. After this, Ahmadis used a house for their congregational prayers. In August, opponents launched a propaganda campaign against Ahmadis, and approached the authorities to restrict their worship.
- Ahmadiyya place of worship was under threat in Chanderkay Mangolay, District Narowal.
- Construction of an Ahmadiyya center was barred and courtyard destroyed in Mirpur Khas, Sindh on February 22.

Official prop to persecution of Ahmadis

- Punjab's Special Committee re-imposed ban on the Ahmadiyya daily Al-Fazl on January 10.
- PEMRA ordered on May 28 that Ahmadi TV channels should not be carried by any distribution service licensee.
- "Qadianiat basically is a great mischief (*Fitna*) against Islam": A federal minister of state Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan (PTI) released a video statement.
- 67 Ahmadiyya graves desecrated by the authorities in District Gujranwala on July 13/14.
- Senator Mushtaq A Khan (JI) in a public *Khatme Nabuwwat* rally in Peshawar called Ahmadis "Traitors to the Constitution of Pakistan" and termed them "mercenaries of the US, of the Realm of Disbelief (*Aalame Kufri*)".

- “Ghazi Faisal (the killer of Tahir Naseem, a former Ahmadi) should be immediately released through a Presidential Ordinance, in view of his great service to Islam”: MNA Imran Ahmad Shah demanded in National Assembly on August 12.

The role of legal community

- In January, Azad Kashmir High Court: "The Court issues verdict on appeal of Tehrik Khatme Nabuwat. The Azad government is directed to undertake (required) legislation through the Assembly.
"A separate record should be prepared of non-Muslims including Qadianis: Order of Azad Kashmir High Court
"Separate voter lists; separate right of representation should be accepted". The verdict was announced by (Acting) Chief Justice Azhar Saleem Babar and Justice Shiraz Kiyani.
- Chief Justice LHC remarked in a (blasphemy) hearing: "A case can be registered under Section 154 on receipt of information; inquiry and evidence are issues thereafter."
- The Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) demanded the federal interior ministry in July to forbid the Ahmadi community sacrificing animals on Eid ul Azha.
- District Bar Association, Dera Ismail Khan organized a Khatme Nabuwat Seminar on February 20.
- The daily *Mashriq* of Lahore published, "Lawyers of the Allama Lawyers Forum protest against Israel, outside the High Court". They carried banners: **Qadiani, Israel, US, India, France collusion — Death on it.**

Hateful propaganda

- The portrait of Dr. Abdus Salam was put up outside the National Science College, Gujranwala along with other renowned national luminaries. A group of youth who claimed to be members of some State Youth Parliament came over to the site with black paint and sprayer and blackened Dr. Salam's portrait. The activity was recorded and its video was posted on social media. The youth shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans, as well.
- Alami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat (AMTKN) Chakwal in the Punjab (Phone # 0301-5782490) issued a pamphlet titled *Qaumi Ehad* (National Pledge). In its foreword it requires the reader to make a pledge to uphold country's defense and "to never desist from sacrificing my life for the belief in End of Prophethood (KN) and the Honor of the Messenger (p.b.u.h.)." Also, "Till I am not cut down for the honor of the Prophet, by God, my faith is not perfected."
- A huge billboard was put up in a busy central location of Lahore; it called explicitly for murder of blasphemers. The message on it:
Muhammad (peace be upon him)
There is only one punishment for insolence against the Prophet.
Head is to be chopped from the body. Head is to be chopped from the body.
- Khatme Nabuwat Youth Force Pakistan circulated a leaflet in social media. This pamphlet is mostly a mix of hate, bigotry, ignorance and pure lies.
- Maulvi Fazlur Rahman of JUI-F held a big conference with reference to 7 September as the Victory Day when in 1974 Ahmadis were declared to be Not-Muslim through

Constitutional Amendment Nr. II. A number of other prominent mullas including Abdul Ghafoor Haidari, Shah Ahmad Noorani, Amjad Ali, Shahabuddin Popalzai and Mahmudur Rahman addressed the conference and spoke filth against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

- Sirajul Haq (JI) spoke blatantly against Ahmadis in a conference at Rabwah: “Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is a *kafir* (infidel), without any argument. Qadianis are involved in the murder of clerics; they want to spread chaos in the country. ... Nawaz Sharif martyred Mumtaz Qadri. Nawaz Sharif paved the way for Qadianiat in the country”. At another occasion he said: “The poisonous snake of Qadianiat has turned into poisonous dragon with the backing of world powers”.
- “Ahmadiyya is a wounded snake; its head should be crushed”: End of Prophethood Conference under the auspices of All Pakistan Lawyers Forum on September 10.
- Majlis Ahrar Islam comprises Deobandi mullas who do not indulge in activities like festivities on Holy Prophet’s birthday. They do not take out a procession anywhere in Pakistan on 12 Rabiul Awwal; however they do so in Rabwah. Here their aim is to agitate people against Ahmadis and indulge in insulting and provocative speech. They set aside their religious norm, and avail of the occasion.
- Rabwah remained vulnerable because of numerous conferences held in this town by anti-Ahmadi mullas with official approval and assistance; the participants were incited against the Ahmadiyya community.

Ahmadi women

- Arrest of an Ahmadi lady Ms. Ramzan Bibi under PPC 295-C: the first ever such act of tyranny since the promulgation of Ordinance XX in 1984.
- Ms. Bushra Talib was booked under PPCs 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C, 506-B with FIR Nr. 325 at police station Rajan Pur on July 23, 2020 for serving the humanity — in a school. She is at risk of imprisonment for life.
- Miss Rimsha daughter of Mr. Muhammad Pervez, Ahmadi, passed the eighth grade and was to join the ninth. When she went to the (Government) Islamabad Model School for admission, they refused to admit her — for her faith.
- Mrs. Najia Ahmad, an Ahmadi resident of Hayatabad, Peshawar, is a teacher at a government girls’ school in village Tehkal Bala, Peshawar. Local mullas spoke against her in public. For her security, the police told her to stop going to school.
- For security reasons Ahmadi females are unable to participate in weekly Friday prayers throughout the country. They could not avail the facility of Ahmadiyya prayer centers for their worship, nor could they participate in Friday and Eid congregations. The Deputy Commissioner, Chiniot cancelled the Declaration of their monthly periodical *Misbah*, and they had to approach the High Court to have the Order suspended.

Threats

- Mr. Afaaq Ahmad, Ahmadi, of Hayatabad, Peshawar found a shopping bag in his garage. There was a stone, a bullet and a piece of paper with message: **“Blasphemer is worthy of death”** inside it.
- Mr. Zafar Ahmad from Mahmooda, District Rawalpindi runs a stationery shop at Chak Bailey Khan, 2 km from his village. On August 13, some men came to his shop and told him, “You are a *Mirzai*, you should convert to Islam or leave this area; otherwise, we will kill you.”
- Mr. Kabir Ahmad Bhatti an Ahmadi, received a threat letter from *Tahaffuz e Khatme Nabuwwat* in which it was written: “We have come to know of your family’s links with apostate Qadiani infidels. If it is true, then you should know that killing of a person who has such contacts, is a source of reward for us. ...”

Civic discrimination

- Nine Ahmadi students expelled from school in Chak no 22/75 Syedwala, District Nankana for their Ahmadiyya faith.
- Organizers of the Saleem Nisar, Ashfaq Memorial Tape Ball Cricket Tournament 2020, Attock, Punjab, planned and advertised this tournament scheduled for the post-Eid holiday. The publicity sheet boldly mentioned the following:
“Note: Qadianis will not be allowed to participate in our tournament.”
- ARY TV channel’s Sabir Shakir and Ch. Ghulam Hussain fabricated lies in attempt to harm the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan on April 30 and May 14.
- In anti-PTI government campaign, four PML-N MNAs and MPAs uploaded on social media their resignation letters. In these the PTI is accused of, *inter alia*, “*Mirzaion ki beja hamayat karney par*” (for undeserved support to Ahmadis).
- How long will Pakistan continue to marginalize Ahmadis? — An Op-ed in the Express Tribune by Mr. Raza Habib Raja on May 5.

Miscellaneous

- “... Those who are friendly to *Mirzais* should flee abroad with them”: Mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi’s (Head TLP) statement in a video
- Punjab Assembly passes *Tahaffuz-e-Bunad-e-Islam Bill* — theocracy vigorously on the march; politicizing of religion reached still higher level at the hands of mullas, PML-Q and PTI in July.

December 31, 2020

Recommendations

Our ‘Recommendations’ made in annual reports have a history. For many years we made these selectively for their importance, expediency, and suitability. When nothing happened, we, in 2018, recommended only those few that were doable and easy to implement for the new PTI government. A year passed, and the new regime took no action whatsoever. So, last year we switched back to fundamentals and based on the clear guidance of the Quaid-i-Azam recommended that the initial wrongs imposed on Ahmadis through Amendment Nr II and the infamous Ordinance XX of Zia should be put right. Of course, nothing happened. Now what?

With no option, we turn to a third party, a party that is an outsider, not directly involved in internal politics of Pakistan, is fair and above-board. So, this year we reproduce Recommendations of the UK’s APPG’s Report released in July 2020. These 40 parliamentarians came up with these recommendations after going deeply in the Ahmadiyya and other minorities’ situation in Pakistan. These honorable MPs and Lords hail from the British Parliament (Mother of Parliaments) that is now well-known for its concern with human rights, higher societal norms, good governance and justice. Also, this body is a friend of Pakistan; after all it sanctions hundreds of millions of pounds in aid for our country. As the competence of these experts in statecraft is recognized, their opinion on what is societal good for Pakistan should be taken earnestly.

“(Recommendations) To the Government of Pakistan

Anti-Ahmadi and Blasphemy law:


1. Repeal its anti-Ahmadi laws including Ordinance XX and the Second Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan.
2. Repeal its repressive blasphemy laws in particular (Section 295-B and Section 295-C of the penal code that are used to target Ahmadi Muslims, Christians, Shias, Hindus and other religious communities in Pakistan).
3. Release the three Ahmadi Muslims on death row and Ms. Ramzan Bibi detained under PPC 295-C for alleged blasphemy; and
4. To ensure full freedom of religion for all religious communities in Pakistan.

Democratic Rights:

5. Grant Ahmadi Muslims the right to vote by including them in the single electoral list.

Education:

6. To reform the education curriculum in Pakistan to prevent the teaching of hate against religious minorities; and
7. To implement a robust regulatory framework to prevent the promotion of hatred and extremism in madrassas.
8. Return all educational institutions to the Ahmadiyya Muslim community that were nationalized — especially as all preconditions have been fulfilled. (The Community



deposited the necessary funds to the Government for the return of these institutions.)

Civil Rights:

9. Remove the anti-Ahmadi declaration required to obtain the Pakistan passport and National ID card;
10. Remove the ban on Ahmadi Muslim channels (Muslim Television Ahmadiyya International);
11. To implement the Supreme Court decision made by Judge Tassaduq Jilani to protect the right of worship for all, to protect the right to repair and build places of worship, and to create a special task force for this purpose. Furthermore, to implement his instructions given for the protection of the rights of minorities.
12. Remove the publications ban in the Punjab province against the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Legal:

13. Urgently review its application of the Protection of Pakistan Act 2014 (anti-terror legislation) which is incorrectly being applied to non-terror related offences and used to target religious minority groups in Pakistan;
14. Uphold its obligations under the international human rights framework and to implement freedom of religion and belief ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) obligations;
15. Implement Article 20 of its constitution, which gives complete freedom to propagate and practice faith.
16. In view of the intense pressure put on police forces relating to blasphemy cases (295-C of the penal code), amend the crime reporting process so that a crime may be reported and recorded by the local police, but decisions on pressing charges should only be made by a specially trained regional/central unit; and
17. Implement its National Action Plan (that was aimed at stopping sectarian hatred and extremism) in order to prevent hate speech and extremism against religious communities.”

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Special Reports

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

1A. PTI government and Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan Initial two years and four months of intensified persecution (August 2018 – December 2020)

PAKISTAN TEHRIK INSAF (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, KPK and Baluchistan. During the election campaign Mr. Khan attended an End of Prophethood conference at Golra Sharif and declared that he believed in unconditional Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) and considered anyone claiming prophethood after the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to be a liar.

On coming to power, the PTI apparently made a policy decision that the plight of the Ahmadiyya community was not an issue with it. The party adopted a *laissez faire* attitude; some of its leaders, in fact, made public anti-Ahmadi statements to assert their piety and improve their vote bank. Mr. Azam Swati, a federal minister said in public, “I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat.” Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a minister of state called Ahmadiyya a great mischief (*fitna*) and called for beheading of blasphemers.

Early in its tenure, the PTI government appointed Professor Dr Atif Mian of USA, 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 Nabuwwat and Muslims’ Responsibilities**”. The prime minister attended it. There, a Saudi-based mulla Ahmad Ali Siraj told him from rostrum that 1200 Companions of the Prophet were martyred in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat (sic). He assured the PM of support if he accorded high priority to the KN issue.

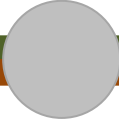
Thus, the state was set for worsening Ahmadis’ situation.

A number of steps were taken accordingly. An Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2018 was passed; and anti-Ahmadiyya laws were linked to it. In May 2020 the Punjab Assembly adopted a hostile KN resolution. The federal government declared that Ahmadis would not be nominated on the National Commission for Minorities. Subsequent to a resolution in the National Assembly, the government issued a Notification that the name of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) must be preceded by epithet *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*. A major object of such measures is to make the public highly sensitive to the KN issue to worsen Ahmadis, while Ahmadis are not allowed to even say that they also believe in *Khatme Nabuwwat*.

During this period six Ahmadis were target-killed for their faith and numerous injured in murderous attacks. Ahmadis have been killed in the past as well, but some of the recent



PM Imran Khan addressing a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Golra Sharif, Islamabad



attacks are 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 Peshawar in the presence of the judge. The killer killed him assuming that he was an Ahmadi.

In the same city, Mairaj Ahmad, an Ahmadi aged 61 was shot dead at about 9 P.M. on August 12, 2020 by unidentified killers. Five weeks later religious extremists, perhaps of the same group, shot at his brother, Mr. Gulzar Ahmad. Ahmad was hit five times.

It is noteworthy that these Ahmadis had been threatened on the social media prior to the attacks, and the killers had posted their own phone numbers. Authorities took no effective measure to pursue and deter the grisly gang.

In addition to target-killing, the opponents mounted 23 assaults on Ahmadis for their faith; these fortunately did not result in homicide.

During this period, Ahmadiyya places of worship were partly destroyed or sealed, handed over to others by the authorities, were ordered to be closed, worship was restricted, or the places were defiled, attacked or kept under surveillance by the opponents or were threatened through police interference, ordered to be demolished or subjected to litigation, or their construction had to be stopped on orders. This happened at 34 locations.

Just a glimpse of what goes on to violate Ahmadis' worship. In 2019, Mr. Ashiq, a KN mulla approached the Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur with complaint that Ahmadis have provided a niche in their place of worship in Chak 161 Murad; it should be removed. The DC told the Assistant Commissioner to undertake the sacrilege earliest. The AC arrived at the scene along with labor and machinery. At about 3:30 p.m. on October 25, the Ahmadiyya place of worship was partially destroyed under the supervision of officials and the police.

The campaign to forbid Ahmadis to undertake animal sacrifice (*Qurbani*) at their Eid festival has gained momentum. At various locations in the Punjab the police wrongfully restricted Ahmadis from the ritual, and even arrested them.

In 2018, the PTI government passed the Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2018. This amendment was made applicable to anti-Ahmadi laws. The first drop of this poisonous rain fell on June 20, 2019 when an Ahmadi was charged and arrested for fake charges of sharing on-line copy of translation of the Holy Quran with someone. Since then thirteen Ahmadis have been booked and six arrested under this law.

In an FIR, an Ahmadi teacher was booked by FIA's Cyber Crimes Wing, and PPC 295-B was added as offence for which the penalty is life imprisonment. During these 28 months, 26 police cases were registered on the basis of religion against 71 Ahmadis under clauses which include penalties of long imprisonment, life imprisonment — even death.

In most of the cases the police acts as tool in the hands of the mulla and the bigot. FIA (Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore) keeps the mulla happy. Quite unjustifiably, the police books 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 feels free to include the names of high senior Ahmadi leadership in the FIR.

For instance, Ahmadis run a primary school in Allahabad Draishak, District Rajanpur, Punjab. Children are admitted 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. The clauses applied

include those that prescribe life imprisonment as penalty and the facility of trial in an Anti-Terrorism Court. Mr. Usman Buzdar (PTI) is the Chief Minister in the Punjab.

Another sample case. Ms. Ramzan Bibi of District Nankana, an Ahmadi lady donated Rs 250 to the local non-Ahmadi 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 lock-up. Release on bail was denied to her. This is first ever such case, as no Ahmadi woman was arrested even during the oppressive Zia regime.

Even the dead Ahmadis are not spared malicious treatment. Desecration of Ahmadis' graves at various locations is one of the major complaints against this regime. For instance in Trigari alone, District Gujranwala, on 13/14 July 2020 in compliance with mullas' demand the police destroyed 67 Ahmadiyya tombstones.

Judiciary's role in this period has caused Ahmadis great concern, because official prosecutions and police investigators are more interested in securing lock-ups and convictions than justice for Ahmadis. Firstly, it has become more difficult for Ahmadis to avail bail even at the high court level. Those who murdered Ahmadis for faith, in broad daylight, have been acquitted by trial courts. Two judges of AJK High Court, in January 2020 ordered that separate voter-lists, political rights and records be kept of Qadianis. A LHC judge, on instigation of clerics ordered high admin and police authorities in the Punjab to revisit and re-ensure that printing and publication houses in Rabwah comply with laws and orders of the government. Accordingly a high level team carried out raids in Rabwah – and reported once again to the judge that the restrictions were being complied with.

As for the anti-Ahmadiyya hate campaign, it has always been vast, but the new regime has encouraged it by example to reach a new height. Ahmadi-bashers thus felt free to put up a huge banner in Lahore with threat in bold letters that if there were an attempt to make changes



A huge hateful panaflex in Lahore, the capital of the Punjab, threatens mass murder of Ahmadis

to the 1973 Constitution, **Chenab Nagar will be colored red with the blood of Qadianis and the world will forget even Tamerlane.**

We have figured out that our monthly persecution reports averaged 16 ½ pages during the final year of the last regime, while for August, September and October this year these were of 26, 25 and 28 pages respectively. Most of the incidents occurred in the provinces of Punjab and KPK ruled by PTI.

A very serious situation has developed in the last quarter of this year through malicious co-operation between the mulla, the security sleuth and the KN advocate activist in the Punjab, whereby top Ahmadiyya leadership in the country is now facing arrests through prosecution in fabricated police cases. Seven Ahmadi community officials of Director level, including the chief executive in Pakistan, have been booked in religion-based criminal cases that could result in 10-year to lifelong imprisonment sentences.

In conclusion, we are sorry to say that the renowned, world-class cricketer well-known in the west has failed to prove himself the genuine liberal that most of his voters expected him to be as a prime minister. As for Ahmadis, his policies are no different than his predecessors – perhaps worse, in impudence and implementation.

But Ahmadis have been taught to seek God’s help and exercise patience and steadfastness. And we hope that our genocide, feared and prophesied by some intellectuals and cherished by most extremists and Islamists, shall not happen in this land of the pure.

1B. Spate of murderous violence against Ahmadis

From August onward there was a spate of murderous attacks on Ahmadis, particularly in Peshawar. There is evidence on social media that a gang in the city, operating in the name of Khatme Nabuwwat, threatened and targeted Ahmadis. Authorities knew about this band but did not take effective action to forestall their attacks.

Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, Ahmadi of Peshawar was shot dead at about 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 by unidentified assassins, near his business. He was a well-known practicing Ahmadi of good reputation. He had received threats in the recent past and faced hostile propaganda on Facebook. This was reported to the authorities.

Mr. Mairaj Ahmad was 61. He left behind a widow, three sons and one daughter studying medicine.



Mr. Mairaj Ahmad

A few days earlier, Mr. Tahir Naseem, presumed to be Ahmadi, facing blasphemy charge was murdered in a court room in Peshawar in the presence of the judge. He had in fact committed no blasphemy but claimed to be a prophet and a reformer. He was a U.S. citizen. His murder was upheld by some mullas and some far-right elements. The incident was mentioned in the National Assembly; we describe it briefly near the end of this story.



Mr. Tahir Naseem, faced blasphemy charge

On August 11, 2020, Sheikh Nasir Ahmad, Ahmadi of Lala Musa, District Gujrat, Punjab was shot at about 21:30 by unidentified attackers, when he was walking back home from the bazaar. The attackers achieved four hits and fled from the scene of crime. He was rushed to a hospital where he fortunately survived, although his fracture in pelvis will take time to heal. The injury has severely affected his movements.

On 12 August 2020, the house of Syed Naem Ahmad Bashir in Sahiwal, District Sargodha, Punjab was attacked at night. Gunman fired bullets expecting the family to be asleep in the courtyard, as is the practice in the Punjab in summer. The family survived because they were not sleeping there, otherwise many might have been killed.

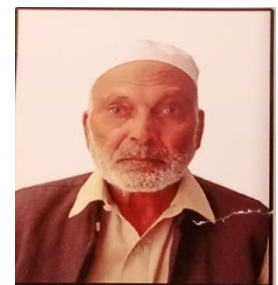
Mr. Gulzar Ahmad, while at his grocery store in a Peshawar bazaar in the morning, was attacked at close range by a young man on September 20, 2020. He was hit five times. Leaving him lying on the floor as dead, the attackers fled the scene. At the hospital doctors removed four bullets from his leg and one from his hand. One of his major arteries was damaged; it was repaired timely. Earlier his brother, Mairaj Ahmad had been killed for his Ahmadi faith.



Mr. Professor Dr. Naeem ud Din Khattak

On October 5, another Ahmadi was target-killed in Peshawar KP, for his faith. The victim was Professor Dr. Naeem ud Din Khattak. He was 56, had a doctorate in Zoology and taught at the Superior Science College. He was driving homeward when assassins shot him dead at about 13:30. He was hit with five bullets. He left behind his widow, three daughters and two sons.

On November 8, 2020, another Ahmadi was murdered for his faith, in Peshawar. This time it was Mr. Mehboob Khan. He was 82. Mr. Khan, a retired government official was on his way back home after visiting his daughter when an unidentified man shot him at close range at the bus stop. He died instantly. He left behind a widow, two daughters and two sons.



Mr. Mehboob Khan



Mr. Dr. Tahir Mehmood

Then on November 14, 2020, again in Peshawar, KPK, unidentified persons came to the perfume shop of Mr. Ata ur Rahman, Ahmadi at about 09:30 and opened indiscriminate fire. As a result Mr. Amjad Hussain, 55, a salesman was killed. Mr. Hussain was not an Ahmadi.

On November 20, 2020, a violent attack in broad daylight on a house in Marh Balochan in District Nankana Sahib, Punjab left one Ahmadi 31-year-old Dr. Tahir Mehmood dead and 3 others injured. The attack happened when members of a family gathered to offer Friday prayers at one

of their own houses. Dr Tahir Mehmood and his father Tariq Mehmood and two of his relatives received bullet injuries.

Mr. Saleemuddin, Director Public Affairs of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan said in a tweet:

“This is not random, but (a) well-planned campaign.” He tweeted further, “After this violence, we fear more bloodshed will happen. The community feels ever more vulnerable and insecure now because the Govt, its ministers (and the) state are clearly playing with our lives, without any consideration about consequences.”

Mr. Saleemuddin is of the opinion that all this is the result of anti-Ahmadi hate campaign, and his grave concern is well-founded. For instance, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a federal minister of state released a video statement: **“Qadianiat basically is great mischief (Fitna) against Islam...We are soldiers of Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) and Shane Risalat (Honor of Messengership).”** UCAnews quoted him: **“Beheading is the only punishment for those who mock Prophet Muhammad.”** ucanews.com/news/Pakistan-minister-calls)



Federal minister Mr. Azam Swati & Ali Muhammad Khan addressing a press conference

Another federal minister Mr. Azam Swati stated in public last year in November: “I curse them (Ahmadis), and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat.”

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NN8lCRH-iWo&ab_channel=RabwahTimes) Similarly, Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, President of the official Ulama Board Punjab asserted in an open multi-religion meeting: **“.... I am not willing to accept them in the country...To speak against Qadianis is Religious Harmony.”**(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRBPSsOhDj0>)

International Human Rights Committee UK rightly called these murders and murder attempts ruthless and brutal. It pointed out that the murderer who committed the atrocity in the court room “is being hailed in Pakistan as an Islamic hero, and he openly announced that he has killed a Qadiani (Ahmadi).” “The state is complicit in this, resulting in killing of Ahmadis on the basis of their faith, belief and practice,” suggested their Press Release on August 13, 2020.

On this issue (murder of the presumed Ahmadi) what happened in the National Assembly on 12 August, 2020 merits special mention, even if briefly. Syed Imran Ahmad Shah of PML-N is a senior MNA in the Assembly; he addressed the incident in the full session, expressed his solidarity with the killer and his act based on his love of the Prophet (sic), and demanded:

- Ghazi Faisal (the killer) should be immediately released through a Presidential Ordinance, in view of his great service to Islam.
- If that is not done, then the law of *Diyyat* (Shariah provision in certain cases, to pay compensation to the victim or his/her heirs in lieu of pardon to the perpetrator) should be applied **and the state should pay the Diyyat**. (Emphasis added)
- If both these demands are not met, then I and millions like me are ready to pay the amount. I am ready to pay his *Diyyat*, even if I have to sell my entire property” he added. (*Some cheers*). He mentioned Ali Muhammad Khan (PTI, Minister of State) and Junaid Anwaar MNA (PML-N) and “many others” who would join him in the scheme to bear this expense.

At this, the Speaker Mr. Asad Qaisar, presiding over the Session, concluded with the following words (translated from Urdu):

“Mr. Imran, do one thing...you, Masha Allah, have said something of great merit, and played the role of a lover of the Holy Prophet (Aashiq-i-Rasul). I request you to move a Bill or an Amendment that will help us solve this issue in law, or if there is any shortcoming (Suqqam) in law that will be removed. Thank you.”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wVI9SUNDqY>)

It is nearly incredible that the Speaker of a National Assembly would ask for suggestions for legislation to help a murderer who killed a victim in a court room in front of the judge, while the victim had not yet been found guilty of blasphemy. Such discussions and their approval by the chair is misuse of democracy and an insult to it. It is most likely that the future legislators would wish that their predecessors had not provided such record for the archives. It is not surprising that a governor, a high court judge, a prominent lawyer and numerous others from the civil society have been murdered in Pakistan by such ‘pious’ killers.

Subsequent to the murder of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad there was a panel discussion in program ‘Zara hut kay’ of Dawn News. Mr. Wusatullah Khan, a well-known journalist expressed his views on the issue and displayed someone’s tweet that conveyed:

“...Qadiani problem is now being rightly, timely and promptly solved. *Alhamdulillah* (All praise to Allah). Another Qadiani killed in Peshawar city. Wait for some more. Do share this post and like my page.”

Mr. Khan displayed another post dated May 6 on social media, that showed the interior of Shiraz Medico (sic), the store owned by Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, with his son minding it. The originator told his viewers that the Medico belonged to a *Zindique* (apostate) and a *Kafir*. “Boycott this business. One who does not believe Qadianis to be *Kafir*, is himself a *Kafir*,” he wrote. The originator named himself on the twitter as “I Love my Pakistan”. Mr. Khan mentioned the National Assembly speech of Mr. Imran Ahmad Shah MNA and commented: “These are the people who have taken the oath of safeguarding the constitution and lives of the citizens.” (Note: It is learnt that there is a little confusion about the Medical Store, as there are two medical stores in the locality owned by two cousins, both Ahmadis).

It is astonishing that while the Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore of FIA is hyperactive in arresting Ahmadis in the Punjab who allegedly use social media to indulge in promoting research in the understanding of the Holy Quran, it looks the other way in KPK for weeks when

sectarian hate-mongers display posts that incite viewers to indulge in gross criminal activities in the name of religion and country.

Finally, “Pakistan now ranks as the seventh most dangerous country in the world for religious minorities”, wrote Mr. Zafar Aziz Chaudhry in the *Daily Times* of July 21, 2020.

1C. Ahmadiyya top leadership in Pakistan at risk of arrest and long imprisonment

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

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

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

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

Then the Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore summoned another Ahmadi from the central Ahmadiyya organization, in some other case, reportedly over alleged audio recording of a booklet by Ahmadiyya founder, for the Ahmadiyya website.


A senior from the Ahmadiyya central office was booked on October 28, 2020 by the same Wing under PPC 295-A.

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

Thirteen leading Ahmadis were booked by FIA Cyber Crimes Reporting Centre, Lahore; of these five were arrested.

Following remarks are pertinent and essential to this issue:

1. In Pakistan, laws concerning cybercrimes, the Holy Quran, anti-terrorism and even blasphemy were promulgated with professedly fair intentions. The authorities assured the critics that these will not be misused. Now baseless criminal cases are being registered on behest of mullas who nourish unjustified animosity against Ahmadis.



Prosecution of these cases related to the Holy Quran is somewhat like prosecuting someone for holding Bible classes.

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

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Murders in the Name of Faith; Assaults and Attempts

Ahmadis have been murdered for their faith since the promulgation of Ordinance XX. Till now hundreds have been killed, and not even 5% of the killers have faced justice. People are told by mullas that Ahmadis are Wajib ul Qatl 'must be killed'. All this encourages criminals to attempt murder. This year there were five such murders in addition to numerous murderous attempts. 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. For example, this was obvious in Peshawar where murderous attacks were routinely carried out — while the killers posted their phone numbers on social media.

Presumed Ahmadi murdered

Peshawar (KP): The BBC reported that an accused facing blasphemy charges was shot dead in a Peshawar courtroom, in presence of the Judge on July 29, 2020. Mr. Tahir Ahmad Naseem had been brought to the courtroom by the police, when a man entered and opened fire on him. The murderer is named Faisal. He called himself Khalid to confuse his identity.

Mr. Naseem, 47 was a U.S. citizen, but would visit KP occasionally. He was born in an Ahmadi family, but on growing up claimed himself to be a sort of prophet and a reformer for the 15th Century Hijrah. He showed signs of mental instability, and left the Ahmadiyya community, as such was no longer an Ahmadi.

At a later stage, mullas forced him to retract his claims of prophecy etc and rejoin the mainstream Islam in a ceremony, which he did — a video of the ceremony is available on social media. At this occasion they made him call bad names to the founder of the Ahmadiyya Community. Still not satisfied with the results of their coercion, mullas later had this convert Muslim booked under the dreaded blasphemy clause PPC 295-C and arrested in 2018. He was in police custody when brought to the court for his case hearing.



Killer of Mr. Tahir Ahmad Naseem on his first appearance in court

The murderer Faisal is a teenager and a student in a Madrassah in Islamabad. After the murder, under arrest he is seen in a video claiming that in a dream Prophet Muhammad told him to kill Naseem because

he belonged to Ahmadi faith. “He is an enemy of Islam,” Faisal is heard saying of Mr. Naseem, “He is an enemy of Pakistan”. It should be mentioned here that some latter-day renowned Sunni ulama have declared that a lie in support of faith is not only permitted but also at times compulsory (*wajib*).

In another video, Mufti Wajid Ali, manager of madrassah Jamia Khalid Bin Waleed and a Khatme Nabuwwat leader, is seen organizing the ceremony in which Naseem was made to rejoin Islam through an oath in Khatme Nabuwwat (End of Prophethood) and quitting Ahmadiyyat by calling bad names to its founder.

There was a big support for the killer from some sections of the society. At a rally in Peshawar, the demonstrators carried placards praising Faisal for his great courage and called for his immediate release from jail. One cleric Mufti Shahab Uddin Popalzai, who led the rally, said, “We are not in favour of taking the law in our hands, but Faisal did what the government should have done two years ago.” The Mufti was being less than honest.

Leaders of Peshawar Bar Association told its members not to take up the case of the deceased. They argued further in favour of the killer to justify mitigation of his crime.

By now, Faisal, the murderer, had become Ghazi Faisal (*Ghazi* is Islamist equivalent of a Crusader). One, Imaduddin Advocate posted photos of the Ghazi on social media with the following description: "Ghazi Faisal appeared before a magistrate today. In the courtroom, lawyers repeatedly kissed his blessed forehead (*Boson ki barish*). By God, the Ghazi's tranquil and cheerful smiles touched the hearts; this 14-year old (sic) is a model — no sign of worry or fear. His father's spirit was mountain-high."



Peshawar elite police squad fawning over and eagerly posing for a selfie with the pious murderer

A video of Peshawar elite police squad became viral when they brought the killer for court appearance, in which they can be seen fawning over and eagerly posing for a selfie with the pious murderer. He can be seen entirely delighted with his official custody.

Mr. Saleemuddin Ahmadiyya spokesperson, on

learning about the attack on an 'Ahmadi', immediately tweeted that the victim was not an Ahmadi; he, however, extended heartfelt condolences to his family at their tragic loss. Despite this clarification some media persons and clerics continue to refer to him as murderer of a 'Qadiani', thus making no secret of their ill-will and wish.

Prominent social media activist, Shaheer Sialvi went to the family of Faisal to show solidarity. At that occasion, Senior Supreme Court lawyer Obaidullah Anwar and Khuzaima Sami, son of Maulvi Sami ul Haq were also present.

It is relevant to place on record that no government, administrative or judicial authority, provincial or federal, made any comment for many days on this heinous murder. This reminds one of President Mitterrand of France. A North African-origin man was murdered by white supremacists in Paris. President Mitterrand, the very next day, accompanied by his staff went to the site of the murder on the bank of river Seine where he observed two minutes' silence and manifestly expressed solidarity with all citizens.

The US authorities felt perturbed over this horrendous murder of one of their citizens. The State Department issued a statement urging "Pakistan to immediately reform its often abused blasphemy laws and its court system, which allows such abuses to occur, and to ensure that the suspect is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." US Senator James Lankford later spoke out in the Senate against this murder. He urged the Senate to pass a resolution for the global repeal of blasphemy, heresy and apostasy laws.

The murder was obviously committed in the name of religion. Islam is reputed to be a religion that promotes tolerance. Its teaching on freedom of faith is well-known to many through many verses including *La ikraha fiddin* (There shall be no compulsion in the religion) (2:256). Surely Mr. Naseem had a right to life; but also he had a right to natural death till ordered otherwise by a court of law.

Sensible people did not take long to point out essentials of this event. Mr. Ziauddin, father of the Nobel laureate Malala tweeted the following (translation):

“A mentally-ill demented fellow claimed prophecy. The other demented killed him in the presence of the judge. All other demented fellows celebrated. Gutless (*shutar murgh*) leaders kept quiet. Law was torn to pieces. Islam was deformed. The state became the laughing stock all over the world.”

Kashif N. Chaudhry, a Pak-American tweeted:

“Many hospital psychiatry wards have patients claiming to be God or prophets of God. Shall we go, kill them all to save Islam? And hail the murderers as saints?

What has happened to the Sunnis of Pakistan? (@Kashif MD July 30, 2020)

While there may be some excuse for a teen-ager to commit a senseless murder, but there is none for his mentors and Muftis who indoctrinate and urge young people to commit horrendous crimes. The state took no action against the cleric who, in 2011, incited guard Mumtaz Qadri to kill his Governor, although the mulla’s identity was known. The state also backed out from prosecution of the two senior Jihadist mullas who declared these Supreme Court judges to be *Wajib ul Qatl* and exhorted ‘Muslim’ generals to defy their Chief. This spineless state policy is hazardous for the well-being of the nation and its plenipotentiaries.

Not all politicians acted timid; the Awami National Party KPK came out guns blazing with a befitting reaction to the murder (translation):

“We condemn the murder committed in the full court at Peshawar. How can anyone take law in his hand and deprive someone of life? It is worrisome that a man gives the verdict and kills the accused before the trial concludes. It should be inquired as to how a man with a pistol can enter a courtroom. Such acts bring this country and a sacred religion like Islam to disrepute worldwide. Religious frenzy and extremism is being promoted through a plan. On such occasions, the world community asks (us) if an accused has a right in Islam to stay alive while under trial and to self-defense. If such incidents are not blocked, both Pakistan and Islam will earn bad reputation all over the world. It seems that the rule of law is coming to an end and the country has entered a state of anarchy.”

Aimal Wali Khan

President Awami National Party Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Mr. Yasser Latif Hamdani, the acclaimed HR activists, clinched the whole issue in his tweet: “**This is only a symptom—what needs fixing is the constitutional structure that fuels this dangerous idea that some men are closer to the skies than others.**”

Ahmadi murdered for his faith

Peshawar; August 12, 2020: Mr. Mairaj Ahmad was shot dead here at about 9 p.m. by assassins, newar his business. He was a well-known practising Ahmadi of good reputation. He had received threats in the recent past and faced hostile propaganda on Facebook. This was reported to the authorities.

Mr. Mairaj was 61. He left behind a widow, three sons and daughter studing medicine.

Another Ahmadi target-killed in KPK in the series of such murders

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

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

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

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

There is need for the KPK government to take effective steps to put a stop to the ongoing anti-Ahmadi drive. It is doable — easy. Leaders of this murder syndicate provided their phone numbers in their threats on social media. They should be held accountable.

Another Ahmadi was target-killed in Peshawar KP. Brief resume' of anti-Ahmadi violence in KPK

Peshawar; October 5, 2020: Another Ahmadi was target-killed in Peshawar KP, for his faith early this month. The victim was Professor Dr. Naeem ud Din Khattak. He was 56, had a doctorate in Zoology and taught at the Superior Science College. On October 5, he was driving homeward when unidentified assassins shot him dead at about 13:30. He was hit with five bullets. He left behind his widow, three daughters and two sons.



Professor Dr. Naeem ud Din Khattak

Peshawar had been a hotbed of anti-Ahmadi violent activism this year. The following brief resume' would show that:

July 29, 2020: Mr. Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a Pak-American, former Ahmadi, was shot dead in a court room in the presence of the judge.

August 12, 2020: Syed Imran A Shah MNA, addressing the National Assembly demanded immediate release of the killer, and suggested that the state should pay his *Diiyat* (compensation) to obtain his release. Mr. Asad Qaisar, the Speaker in his presiding remarks said, "... You, *Masha Allah* have said something of great merit..."

August 12, 2020: Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, Ahmadi was shot dead in Dabgari, Peshawar by unidentified killer in the evening. He was murdered subsequent to repeated threats on social media. The killer thugs boldly displayed their phone numbers in their messages.

August 13, 2020: Penal Discussion on Dawn TV (*Zara Hat Kay*): Someone's tweet was displayed:

“*Alhamdo Lillah* (God be praised). Another Qadiani killed in Peshawar city. Wait for some more. Do share this post and like my page.”

August 17, 2020: Senator Ata Ur Rahman (JUI-F) spoke against Ahmadis in the Senate and, in a ruse, accused the rulers of promoting and supporting Ahmadis.

September 3, 2020: In a TV program led by Orya Maqbool Jan, a known Islamist, Minister Ali Muhammad Khan called the Founder of Ahmadiyyat *Malun* (cursed), Ahmadiyyat as the greatest mischief (*fitna*) against Islam, and boasted that Pakistan has not indulged in blood-soaked violence against Ahmadis as Israel against Palestinians and India against Kashmiri Muslims.

September 6, 2020: Senator Mushtaq A Khan (JI) in a public *Khatme Nabuwwat* rally in Peshawar called Ahmadis “Traitor to the Constitution of Pakistan” and termed them “mercenaries of the US, of the Realm of Disbelief (*Aalame Kufr*)”.

September 7, 2020: Fazl ur Rahman (JUI) organized a big anti-Ahmadi rally in Peshawar. He talked in terms of blood and said, “If an attempt is made to amend the Blasphemy law, we shall have ourselves cut to pieces (*kat marein gey*)”. Another mulla said, “So long as the moths (*parwaney*) of End of Prophethood are there, no son of a mother can touch the law on *Khatme Nabuwwat*.”

September 8, 2020: A pre-arranged very hostile mob surrounded an Ahmadi family’s house in Peshawar area, falsely accusing a youth of blasphemy. The police managed to evacuate the family to safety at 3 a.m.

September 10, 2020: The police placated the mullas by registering a fabricated blasphemy case against the rescued Ahmadi youth, and arrested him. He faces death penalty if declared guilty.

September 20, 2020: An unidentified man attacked Mr. Gulzar Ahmad, Ahmadi in Dalgra Bazar, Peshawar. The victim is brother of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, killed five weeks earlier for his belief. Gulzar was hit with five bullets – 4 in the leg, one on hand. Fortunately he survived.

October 5, 2020: Professor Khattak was shot dead while driving homeward at about 13:30.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is ruled by PTI. No PTI politician has condemned the attacks. The administration has not yet arrested the team who is planning and organizing these murders, nor the Twitter account-holder who promised: “**Wait for some more.**” **He did not commit himself to an end figure.**

The daily *Dawn* made editorial comment on this incident in its issue of October 7, 2020. It is very apt and readable.

Fatal attack on Ahmadi worshippers in broad daylight

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

Press Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Dr Tahir Mehmood

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

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

It is high time the government of Pakistan reigns in the hate mongers that are operating with impunity. At the same time, the government has to implement its own laws about hate campaign on social media that is extensively used for this purpose. The safety and security of every citizen in Pakistan is the responsibility of the

government, and Ahmadis are law-abiding citizens of this country who should get the same rights and protection as any other citizen of Pakistan. End

Ahmadi boy brutally killed by neighbors



Tanzeel Ahmad Butt

Shahdara, Lahore; February 27, 2020: An eleven-year old Ahmadi boy Tanzeel Ahmad Butt son of Aqeel Ahmad Butt was allegedly killed by neighbors on February 27, 2020 in Shahdara, Lahore.

Some Ahmadis and Tanzeel's relatives also arrived at the site. They checked CCTV footage and found no sign of Tanzeel coming out of that house. This increased their suspicion. The police were informed. The police came over and after interrogation recovered the child's dead body from a trunk. The child appeared to be brutally tortured to death. A cloth was stuffed in his mouth, and his head was bleeding. Before the police arrived, the tenant woman had tried to shift the trunk from the first floor to the ground floor so that the deceased could be later shifted elsewhere, but this could not be done due to people gathered outside.

The killer's husband in his initial statement to the police alleged that the boy had sexually harassed his daughter about one and half year ago. This is absurd, as the boy was only nine and half year then.

The police arrested the woman and her husband.

After the incident when the locals visited the deceased's family for sympathy the landlady repeatedly told the locals that these people (the deceased's family) were atheists.

The incident reminds us of the mulla who on December 12, 2013 told his audience in Wara, District Larkana, "**Ahmadis are *Wajib-ul-qatl*. I shall bear all the expenses of any Muslim who kills them, and assure him release within a month.**"

Brother of murdered Ahmadi, survives attempt on life

Peshawar; September 20, 2020: Mr. Gulzar Ahmad survived an attempt on his life here on 20th September 2020. He is brother of Mr. Mairaj Ahmad, who was martyred last month in Peshawar while leaving his pharmacy for home. Mr. Ahmad, 62, runs a grocery store in the busy area of *Dalgra Bazaar*, Peshawar. This was just another busy morning in the shop when an unknown young man showed-up from nowhere, holding guns in both hands, and suddenly opened fire on him. Mr. Ahmad was hit five times. Leaving him lying on the floor as dead, the man fled the scene.



Shop of Mr. Gulzar Ahmad after the attack

Sadly, nobody from the public moved to help the bleeding victim. Mr. Ahmad hired a rickshaw for the Lady Reading Hospital, where he was provided first-aid in emergency. Four bullets were

removed from his leg and one from his hand. One of his major arteries was also damaged; it was repaired timely.

This family is under threat for a long time now. His brother Mr. Mairaj Ahmad was target-killed the preceding month in Peshawar. He was the first victim of the hate campaign against Ahmadis in the city after the murder of a former Ahmadi, Tahir Naseem in the sessions court Peshawar on 29th July 2020.

The incident was reported to the police. The SSP told Ahmadis that they had arrested the master mind behind the murder of Mr. Mairaj and were expecting no repeat incident of this kind, but unfortunately it had happened. He expressed resolve to control the situation.

Ahmadis were not as sure.

Open incitement to violence in District Sheikhpura

Bhakhi, District Sheikhpura; September 2020: Opponents put up here banners against the Jamaat Ahmadiyya at various places. These banners carried the following:

"Every Qadiani is a Salman Rushdie for his infidel beliefs: Supreme Court of Pakistan"

"Lovers of the End of Prophethood. Propagate the End of Prophethood. Enemy of the Prophet is our enemy. Recognize the enemy."

"The hand of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) is on the back of those who work against the mischief (*fitna*) of Mirzaiyat."

"The one who considers the blasphemer (Qadiani) against the Prophet as oppressed, and his boycott cruel and unjust, is out of the pale of Islam: Imam Ahle Sunnat Ahmad Raza Khan Brelvi."

"Qadianis should be declared an illegal and banned organization."

"O claimants of love and loyalty to the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), for God's sake take off the ugly cloak of hypocrisy. Let's destroy the enemies of the Prophet. Let's call for God's mercy. Let's uproot the mischief (*fitna*) of Qadian, Let's shed our blood for the love of Muhammad (p.b.u.h.)."

The administration was informed about this on which the Special Branch Sheikhpura Region Police prepared its report and sent it to the IG Police Punjab. The police was requested to take action against those responsible.

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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. This year the Cyber Crimes law has been maliciously and persistently applied by Cyber Crime Wing Lahore branch, in cahoots with mullas. 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. Imprisonment sentences are doled out by the judges. This year fifty Ahmadis were booked. Following stories provide essential details.

Venerable Ahmadi woman arrested on fabricated blasphemy charge

120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana; April 30, 2020: A fabricated police case was registered here against Ms. Ramzan Bibi under blasphemy clause PPC 295-C. She was arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhpura. She is fifty-five years old.

According to the details, mother of Rana Munir Ahmad, an Ahmadi elder, sent some money for the village mosque (of non-Ahmadis), which they did not accept and returned. At this, Ms. Ramzan Bibi (Mrs. Munir Ahmad) asked her non-Ahmadi relative Amjad Abbas, who later became plaintiff of the case, about sending the donation back. In reply, he badmouthed and abused. Some relatives of Ramzan Bibi were also there, they tried to stop him. The situation worsened and a fight ensued. Ramzan Bibi also got injured.

When mullas came to know of the incident they telephoned the District Police Officer (DPO), gave it a religious colour, and alleged that Ramzan Bibi committed blasphemy. The DPO formed a committee comprising the villagers. Some of the villagers arranged false statement on oath from a person against Ramzan Bibi.

Rana Munir Ahmad got his wife's medical examination done and went to the police station for registration of a police case, but the police detained them.

Amjad took the following stand against Ms. Ramzan in his application filed with the SHO, "Today on 30.04.2020, this complainant along with his wife Bushra went out for wheat harvesting. Near the pond next to the house, the accused Ramzan Bibi called this complainant and said that she had sent Rs. 250 for the mosque through her mother-in-law at the occasion of *Shabe Baraat*, which the complainant returned. At this, the complainant told the accused that he did not return the money but other people did who have built the mosque. The accused sarcastically said that you are a great Muslim! Your elders are buried in our graveyard. This Coronavirus has come because of the fateful prayer of our Imam Mahdi. One who does not believe in Imam Mahdi is greatly cursed. Our Prophet is superior to your Prophet. Your Prophet is cursed (God forbid), and our Prophet is a thousand times better. During this conversation, while the accused blasphemed the Holy Prophet, my wife Bushra and Dildar son of Ata Muhammad, the villagers were also present. Some people assembled there. Then I narrated this whole incident to a villager Ashiq Hussain s/o Muhammad Siddique of my village. The accused Ramzan Bibi blasphemed the Holy Prophet, and not only committed a crime but also hurt sentiments of the entire Muslim Ummah. Action should be taken against her by registering a police case."

The police registered a case against Ramzan Bibi with FIR Nr 275/20 in Police Station Sadr Sangla Hill on April 30, 2020 under the dreaded blasphemy clause PPC 295-C and arrested her.

It can be stated with confidence that the blasphemous sentences contained in Amjad Abbas's statement above are pure lies and fabrication because these go against the fundamental belief of Ahmadis, and no Ahmadi would even think of uttering them.

It is common practice in rural Punjab that witnesses make false statements on oath before the police and in courts to worsen the other party with whom they got involved in an altercation or fight. The police and judiciary are well aware of this contemptible practice.

Arrest of an Ahmadi lady under PPC 295-C is the first ever such act of tyranny since the promulgation of Ordinance XX. The authorities played no role in assessing and rejecting false allegations; in fact they seem to have welcomed them to register the FIR to calm down the likely mild unrest.

Yet another blasphemy case registered against an Ahmadi

Shaheen Muslim Town, Peshawar; September 2020: On 08 September, Mr. Abdul Waheed's house was surrounded by a mob on a mere accusation that his son Mr. Abdul Majeed had committed blasphemy. The police were informed of this development and they were able to



Ahmadi's house surrounded by mob in Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, Peshawar

escort Mr. Abdul Waheed's family out to a safe place.

Background

Mr. Abdul Majeed S/o Mr. Abdul Waheed resident of Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, District Peshawar, 20, is accused of blasphemy by a minor named Imran Ali who also resides in the same vicinity. It may be noted that the accuser Imran Ali is 15 years of age.

Allegedly a quarrel broke out between Mr. Abdul Majeed and Mr. Imran Ali. As a result of the quarrel Imran Ali accused Abdul Majeed of committing blasphemy i.e. disrespecting the Holy Prophet Muhammad, *Khatam-al-Nabiyeen* (S.A.W.). Upon hearing

that Mr. Abdul Majeed had committed blasphemy, a number of people including the local cleric surrounded the accused's house in a threatening manner.

It seems that it was pre-planned to trap Mr. Abdul Majeed in this case. The main reason for this assumption is the way a large number of people were gathered around Mr. Abdul Majeed's house. Our sources have confirmed that some of the people who were gathered around did not even reside in the locality. Their presence cannot be coincidence as they came from other parts of the city.

The mob was already charged up and tried to set the Ahmadi's house on fire. After three hours of being surrounded by the mob, the police were able to rescue Mr. Abdul Majeed's family, and shifted them to a safe place at around 03:00 at night.

On 10 September 2020 the clerics and a few others held a sit-in in front of Phandu Police Station, District Peshawar. The police were pressurized to register a case against Mr. Abdul Majeed. To pressurize the police further, an application was submitted by the protestors in writing.

The applicant Imran Ali narrated the incident leading up to the alleged blasphemy. He stated in the FIR, that on September 8, 2020, when he was going home, he saw a *Khatm-e-Nabuwwat* poster on a wall near Majeed's house. When he saw the poster he raised the slogan, "*Khatm-e-Nabuwwat Zindahbad*". As per the FIR, Imran Ali further stated that when he raised the slogan, he saw Mr. Abdul Majeed sitting in front of his house. Mr. Abdul Majeed upon hearing the slogan allegedly uttered such words in Pushto language which amounted to blasphemy.

When Mr. Abdul Majeed and his family were being evacuated, the police assured them that not only they will be shifted to a safe place but also no charge will be brought against them as it involves a delay of two days in registration of the FIR.

Thereafter

The police thereafter succumbed to the pressure of the mullas and a fabricated case was registered against Mr. Abdul Majeed under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, which carries sentence of death. The case was registered on 10 September 2020 at P.S. Phandu, Peshawar.

The police traced Mr. Abdul Majeed to his place of refuge, raided it on 13.09.2020 at 03:00 and arrested him.

Prayer

There was a real threat to Mr. Majeed's life. Mr. Majeed's entire family was evacuated from District Peshawar; they are not likely to return home soon.

In the light of these circumstances, and taking into account the sensitivity of Mr. Majeed's case Ahmadiyya head office respectfully requested the concerned departments to ensure:

1. An impartial and independent inquiry
2. A fair trial
3. That he should be provided effective security during the trial
4. That reasonable steps are taken to protect his life.

Ahmadi arrested in a fabricated case

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

The real motivation behind registration of this Blasphemy case is personal vendetta, while the evidence of the burnt pages of the Holy Quran is false and manufactured. The petitioner in this case, Muhammad Maluk Dal, owns the land adjacent to the Ahmadiyya Center in Kombasar. There was a problem of low connectivity of mobile phone in the area, so the Ahmadi teacher would climb to the roof of the center to receive signals. Maluk Dal objected to his climbing to the roof. On the day of this incident, the teacher was on the roof for a phone call, and the petitioner got angry over this. He consulted the mulla and they went to the police station with fabricated 'evidence'.

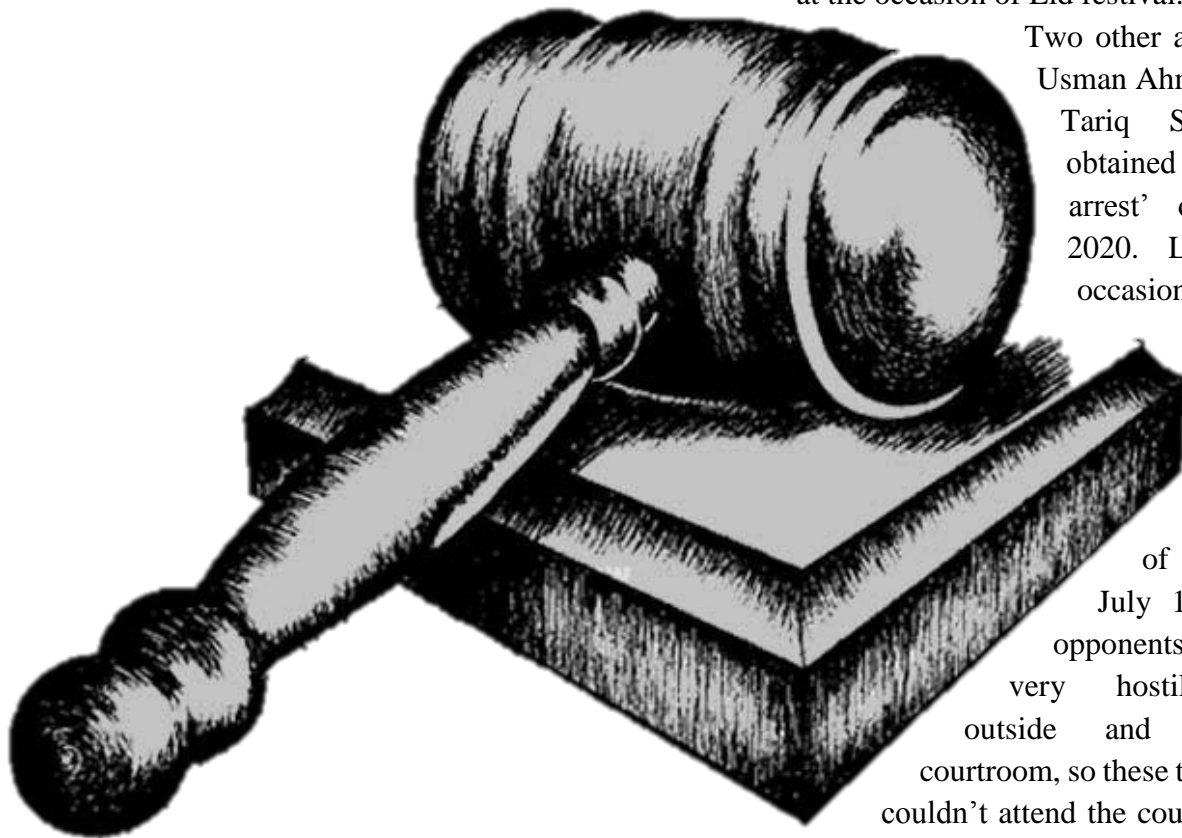
A few days before the incident, some houses caught fire in Goth Mongarhyo in which a copy of the Holy Quran got burnt. The remains of this burnt copy were preserved and became now handy in fabricating the evidence. The police also considered it plausible. However, they went ahead, registered the case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

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

Ahmadis arrested on fake grounds in Lahore

Lahore; September 30, 2020: Three Ahmadis were arrested on fabricated charges in Lahore, in addition to two others who were booked earlier wrongfully.

FIA (Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore) had registered a police case against Mr. Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi religious teacher, on May 26, 2020 for alleged involvement in a case of promotion of Quranic knowledge. In addition to him, six very senior and middle level Ahmadi community officials were also named spuriously in the case. The case was initiated and agitated by a notorious mulla. Mr. Rohan Ahmad was arrested as he was in Lahore, visiting his parents at the occasion of Eid festival.



Two other accused Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad had obtained ‘bail before arrest’ on May 29, 2020. Later, at the occasion of

confirmation of the bail on July 16, 2020, the opponents created a very hostile situation outside and inside the courtroom, so these two gentlemen couldn’t attend the court proceeding.

So, the judge dismissed their plea for confirmation of bail.

As these two accused were liable to be arrested, they decided to present themselves to the investigating officer. To ensure smooth procedure they took along two Ahmadis Mr. Imran Ahmad Virk and Mr. Mudassar Ahmad as guarantors and a third Malik Zaheer Ahmad as friend.

The investigating officer, rather than investigating facts, was more interested in arrests. So, not only the two accused but also the two guarantors and one ‘friend’ were arrested by the police. The two guarantors were charged falsely for offering bribe. The friend was neither an accused, nor was he involved in the case under investigation; his arrest is entirely unexplained — an act of plain tyranny.

It is learnt that on the first night of arrest the detained individuals were allegedly tortured. Mulla Muawiyah was around. A complaint was therefore made through Pakistan Citizen Portal.

This case and these arrests are indicative of the ruthless ‘tyranny’ of the duo of the mulla and the state, to which Ahmadis are exposed — particularly in the Punjab.

The FIA obtained remand of the detainees for investigation.

They obtained 3-day extension of the remand – making a total of 10 days. Thereafter the judge refused further remand and sent the accused to ‘judicial’ detention.

The accused requested shift of the trial to Rawalpindi. This was granted, thankfully. But then, a judge ‘stayed’ that.

While the FIA (Lahore) was busy in bending backward to secure conviction of Ahmadis over learning the Holy Quran, the prime suspect in motorway rape case, Abid Malhi was arrested after 5 weeks of the frightful and most horrendous incident.

What a sense of priorities! — on pressing issues for an important intelligence agency.

Police case against three Ahmadis in Nankana Sahib — all arrested
Shaukat Abad Colony, District Nankana Sahib; May 2020: A police case was registered against three Ahmadis, Sharafat Ahmad president of the local Ahmadiyya community, Akbar Ali, and Tahir Naqash an Ahmadi religious teacher on May 3, 2020 under PPCs 298-B, 298-C in police station Mangtanwala, District Nankana.

A room was under construction for the Community needs, adjacent to the Ahmadiyya mosque. On May 2, 2020 a group of opponents came to the site and started examining the construction. They made photos and videos of the room and the worship place. They also photographed the Holy Quran, books of Hadiths and Ahmadiyya books there. After some time the police arrived at the scene and the opponents went away. The police took possession of the books. The Holy Quran and books of Hadiths were not those published by Ahmadis.

The next day, a police case was registered against above mentioned three Ahmadis. The FIR accused them of posing to be a Muslim, building the prayer center in the style of a mosque, writing the *Kalima Taysyaba* (creed) on it and having the Quran there.

It is obvious that the extremist elements had conspired with the police to make this raid as a joint effort. This happened when there was lock-down in place due to Covid-19. The evil of religious extremism and certain police officers in this district is beyond description.

The indicted persons obtained ‘bail before arrest’ from the additional sessions judge Mr. Asim Mehmood. Later, at the occasion of confirmation of the bail on August 07, 2020, the opponents created a very hostile situation outside and inside the courtroom, so these three gentlemen couldn’t attend the court proceedings. The judge dismissed their plea for confirmation of bail. Then they filed another bail plea in the High Court.

On 2nd October 2020 Justice Asjad Javed Ghraal refused the bail and made biased and baseless remarks regarding Jamaat Ahmadiyya. He said that Ahmadis telecast wrong translation of the Quran on their TV; this was entirely irrelevant to the case. When the bail was denied, all three were arrested from the courtroom and shifted to Sheikhpura District Jail.

Police case on ludicrous grounds and its headway in courts

Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh: July/August 2020: Mr. Fazl Saeed, Ahmadi undertook *Qurbani* (cattle sacrifice) at the occasion of Eid festival, and distributed the meat. Ahmadi-bashers reported this to the police who registered a case against Mr. Fazl Saeed, his brother Mr. Munawwar Saeed and his father Mr. Saeed Ahmad under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C, arrested Mr. Fazl Saeed and locked him up. This was most wrongful as the law does not forbid Ahmadis to undertake *Qurbani* and distribute its meat.

What happened after the *Qurbani*, is worth a place on records, as it shows how the law-enforcing and judicial systems treat Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Mr. Fazl Saeed is a gold-smith by profession and has competitors in the bazaar. Mr. Saeed proceeded to Karachi the next day after Eid to visit his in-laws. In his absence, a local mulla Mufti Abid Farid and one other sent applications to the police against Mr. Saeed for undertaking *Qurbani* and distributing meat 'despite being non-Muslim'. This was followed by



An anti-Ahmadiyya banner, inciting public to bar Ahmadis from Qurbani (animal sacrifice)

a protest demonstration in front of his house. The DSP telephoned Mr. Saeed who told him that he was far away in Karachi. The DSP nevertheless required him to present himself on August 13. Mr. Saeed presented himself at the police station where he was told that a case had been registered against him, his brother and his father. He was arrested and put behind bars. The next day, he was transferred to Toba Tek Singh Jail.

The accused thereafter intended to apply for bail. Mr. Abdul Jabbar Jutt, ex-president of the local bar agreed to act as advocate, but sent in his regrets at the last minute. No other local advocate was willing to defend the Ahmadi accused. The accused had to approach all the way to the district headquarters to hire an attorney. Sardar Ajaib Khan, Advocate came over to Pir Mahal to move the bail application.

The court granted temporary bail to the elderly Mr. Saeed Ahmad and his son Munawwar Saeed. However the magistrate rejected the bail application of the detained Mr. Fazl Saeed, on August 22, 2020.

The temporary bail of the other two accused was due for confirmation on September 1, 2020. On this date, a number of mullas and advocates assembled outside the courtroom and indulged in making disorder and agitation. Judge Khalid Bashir, an Additional Session Judge, under the circumstances, rejected the bail application. The confirmations of the temporary bails of the other two accused were also not granted.

So this is what happens to Ahmadiis these days. When they practice their religion and are nice to people, they face arrests and prosecution, and the judges do not grant them even bail for the duration pending a final verdict.

Ahmadi arrested in Lahore for sharing a post on social media

Shahdara, Lahore; September 2, 2020: Mr. Haq ul Mubeen, an Ahmadi, was booked under anti-Ahmadiyya PPC 298-C with FIR Nr. 2637 at police station Shahdara, Lahore on September 2, 2020. He was arrested.

The plaintiff alleged that Mr. Mubeen allegedly invited people to join his religion by sharing a post on Qadianiat, on WhatsApp. Later, he continued to preach his religion in person to him, which hurt his feelings.

The fact is that a man named Zohaib and Mr. Mubeen were on friendly terms for years. Zohaib shared a post on social media and wrote that this was the saying of Hazrat Ali (r.a.). Mr. Mubeen commented on the post and explained that the statement was that of the founder of Jamaat Ahmadiyya. The police case was registered against him on the complaint of one Hussain Ali.

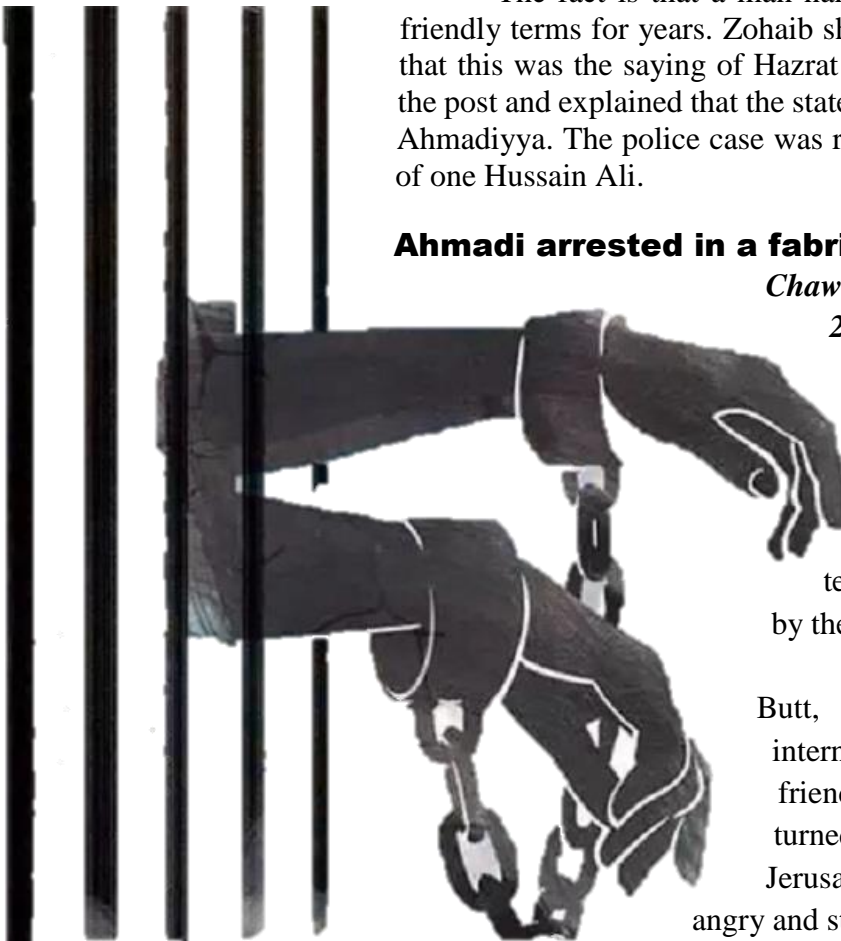
Ahmadi arrested in a fabricated police case in Sialkot

Chawinda, District Sialkot; August 15,

2020: A police case was registered under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C and the blasphemy clause 295-A — against Mr. Waheed Ahmad Butt, an Ahmadi, for allegedly preaching his faith and insulting the tenets of Islam. The accused was arrested by the police.

It is learned that, on August 15, Mr. Butt, 62 years old, was discussing international politics with a non-Ahmadi friend at his junk shop. The discussion turned to the likely future of Makka and Jerusalem. At this, the interlocutor became angry and started shouting. A crowd assembled.

The police were informed. They registered a criminal case against Mr. Butt and raided his house. He was not at home; so the police detained his son Wajahat Ahmad, a school boy. Later they arrested Mr. Butt and released his son. It was very corrupt on part of the police to detain the boy whom they knew to be innocent.



Arrest of an innocent man

Rajanpur; October 1, 2020: A blatant police case had been registered on July 23, 2020 against six officials of the Ahmadi community over a primary school in a village. They arrested another Ahmadi in the same context.

The police then raided three Ahmadi homes to make arrests. They found no male member in two homes, while in the third, that of the accused Mr. Laiq Ahmad Tahir, Amir Jamaat Ahmadiyya District Rajanpur, they found his son Mr. Rahiq Ahmad Tahir, an Ahmadi religious teacher. They arrested him.

They accused him of helping his father escape the arrest, and sent him to prison.

This is the state of practice of justice in the Islamic Republic!

Ahmadi arrested on presumption

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

Mr. Badar was booked for allegedly helping his brother to escape, who had been booked earlier along with five other Ahmadi officials in a police case.

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

Three Ahmadis booked and detained over little

Chak 422 GB, District Toba Tek Singh: An Ahmadi youth and a non-Ahmadi girl mutually decided to run away from home. This is neither approved by the Pakistani society nor the law. The girl's father complained to the police and had a case registered against the youth at Police Station Sadar, Gojra.

The complainant, however, committed great wrong in that, while making his complaint he included names of three other Ahmadi youths, namely Mr. Tahir Noman, Mr. Waqar Ahmad and Mr. Akash Ahmad. None of these individuals was actually involved in the act of elopement. He named them as advised by some miscreants and mullas who intended to precipitate a riot against Ahmadis. In all fairness, not the youth only, the girl should also be charged for the social offence.

The police detained the three Ahmadi youth who were not complicit in the incident. This is persecution in the name of religion.

Ahmadi detained on mere suspicion

Jameel Town, Lahore; February 13, 2020: Mr. Nauman Saeed, an Ahmadi resident of Jameel Town, Lahore was detained by police and taken away on February 13, 2020. It was learnt that the police suspected him to be involved in an abduction. Mr. Saeed knew nothing about the case. The police released him thereafter. The incident caused avoidable stress and worry to the victim and his family.

Ahmadiyya owned school sealed by the police and a criminal case registered

Basti Allahdad Draishak, District Rajanpur, Punjab; July 2020: Note: For details see Chapter 6.

Police cases and arrests under Electronic Crimes law

A number of very serious cases were registered against numerous Ahmadis under the Electronic Crimes law. Blasphemy sections were added to most of these. For these please refer to Chapter 8.

Ahmadiyya cases under prosecution on basis of religion

December, 2020: Essential update of active police cases in courts against Ahmadis is given below. Delay tactics are applied resulting in Ahmadis remaining in prison for months, even years, before they are declared Not Guilty.

A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Two days later Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge-sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for three years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for six and half years.

Now a two-member bench comprising Justice Shahbaz Ali Razvi and Justice Asjad Javed Ghural are attending to the appeal. Decision was expected on 26 October but due to the incomplete bench they didn't announce it. No fresh date has been given. As for the murderer of Mr. Khalil Ahmad, he has not been sentenced yet.

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

Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya, Syed Mubashir Ahmad Ayaz Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Mr. Muhammad Azhar Mangla lecturer in Jamia Ahmadiyya were booked for allegedly sharing Quranic material on social media, under cyber crime law on 12th November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crime Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested. If declared guilty they could be sentenced to prison for life. Zulfiqar Bari Magistrate Section 30 rejected his bail application on April 8, 2020. Now appeal has been made in the Sessions Court Lahore against this rejection of bail by the magistrate.

Ms. Ramzan Bibi of Chak no. 120 RB Cheleki, District Nankana was implicated in a fabricated police case under the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C for which the penalty is death. She was booked on April 30, 2020 in police station Sadr Sangla Hill with FIR Nr. 275/20, arrested and sent to Central Jail Sheikhpura. Investigation has been completed in this case.

This first ever arrest of an Ahmadi woman on blasphemy charge goes to the (dis)credit of the PTI government.

Mr. Abdul Majeed S/o Mr. Abdul Waheed resident of Shaheen Muslim Town, Taj Chowk, Phandu Road, District Peshawar, aged 20, was accused of blasphemy by a minor named Mr. Imran Ali. The police succumbed to the pressure of the mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 which carries sentence of death, on September 10, 2020 with FIR Nr. 648 at police station Phandu, Peshawar. He was arrested on 13.09.2020. He is currently at Peshawar Jail.

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. If declared guilty they could be imprisoned for life. Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department that works under Federal Investigation Agency conducted a raid on the house of Mr. Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore, arrested and tortured him. He is currently at Kot Lakhpat Jail, Lahore.

Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were arrested on appearance in FIA office, they are in Camp Jail Lahore.

Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2019 by fabricating a case under Sections 298-C, 295-B PECA-11 and 109. He was arrested along with Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad from FIA office Lahore. He is in Camp Jail Lahore.

Mr. Sharafat Ahmad, Mr. Akbar Ali and Mr. Tahir Naqash were booked under PPCs 298-B and 298-C at police station Mangatanwala, District Nankana on May 2, 2020. The Lahore High Court rejected their application for pre-arrest bail on October 2, 2020. They were arrested in the courtroom and sent to Sheikhpura Jail. Appeal on rejection of pre-bail application was filed in the court of Magistrate Adil Riaz of District Nankana, who rejected it on 23 October. Another appeal against the rejection of bail by Magistrate Adil Riaz and Sessions court was filed before the High Court. The case is under trial in the court of Justice Muhammad Waheed Khan.

Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Naseem Ahmad, Dr. Shahid Iqbal, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Qamar, etc. were booked under PPCs 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C, 506-B with FIR Nr. 325 at police station Rajanpur on July 23, 2020. Dr. Shahid Iqbal had been granted bail till September 15, 2020. However, when he presented himself to the Multan Bench of LHC on October 1, 2020 for confirmation of the bail, his plea was refused. Dr. Iqbal was arrested there and then, and was shifted to Rajanpur Jail. Later he was released. The case is under trial.

Mr. Mahmood Hashmi of Allama Iqbal Town Lahore was booked and arrested on 20th June 2019 under section 295-A, 298-C in Police Station Allama Iqbal for sharing community's material on social media. The case is under trial and next hearing is set on January 7, 2021.

Mr. Haq ul Mubeen was booked under anti-Ahmadiyya PPC 298-C with FIR Nr. 2637 at police station Shahdara, Lahore on September 2, 2020. He was arrested after a WhatsApp comment on his friend's post. He was released on bail but the case is under trail.

Mr. Waheed Ahmad Butt was booked in a police case on August 15, 2020, under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C and the blasphemy clause 295-A, with FIR Nr. 309 at Police Station Phalora, District Sialkot. He was arrested. He was released on bail but the case is under trail.

Mr. Fazl Saeed, his brother Mr. Munawwar Saeed and his father Mr. Saeed Ahmad were booked on August 15, 2020 under anti-Ahmadi clause PPC 298-C for undertaking *Qurbani* (cattle sacrifice), with FIR Nr. 710 at Police Station Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh. Mr. Fazl Saeed was arrested. Later on September 22, 2020 his bail was approved and he was released from the prison. The case is under trial.

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

A senior community official was booked 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, 1860R/W section 11 of the Prevention of Electronic Crime Act, 2016.

Two Ahmadi were booked in a police case with FIR Nr. 124/20 at Police Station Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, 34 and 11 PECA- 2016 on December 4, 2020.

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

Sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha: Mulla Hasan Muawiyah group filed a writ petition in Lahore High Court to ban Ahmadi's sacrifice of cattle on Eid ul Adha. The court pended the case and has not given a fresh date of hearing.

Ahmadiyya literature: The entire written works of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat were banned by a notification of the Punjab government. The notification was challenged at the High Court. The case is under consideration with the Multan Bench. The court pended the case and has not given a fresh date of hearing.

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

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Worship places under Attack; Religious practice 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 seven Ahmadiyya places of worship were attacked, damaged, handed over to others, worship denied, repairs obstructed or their construction was stopped.

Samples of such enormities are related here.

Ahmadiyya place of worship handed over by authorities to gang leaders of a riot — in the Punjab



Ahmadiyya Worship Place Kharappar

Kharappar, District Kasur: This happened on February 6, 2020. A Press Release issued by the Ahmadiyya head office in Pakistan is reproduced below; it sums up well the facts that deserve to be placed on record:

Press Release

Ahmadis deprived of their place of worship and their Right to Worship in Kharappar, District Kasur Spokesperson of Pakistan's Ahmadiyya Community asks the government to take note of the blatant violation of the verdict issued by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2014

Chenab Nagar (PR). The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan has said that the seizure of an Ahmadi place of worship in Kharappar, District Kasur is a clear violation of the community's fundamental right to religious freedom. The site in question has been in the possession of the community for over one hundred years. However, under duress from certain agitating parties, the local authorities have handed it over to the ringleaders of a mob that had formed to forcefully take control of it. Prior to this, the local Ahmadi community in Kharappar was subject to constant pressure to relinquish the building themselves.

According to the spokesperson of the community, on 6th February 2020 at approximately 2pm in the afternoon, a mob forcibly entered the place of worship. Once inside, they smashed the security cameras and installed a loudspeaker through which they called the Azan. Afterwards they performed prayers inside the main hall. Once news reached them, a heavy police contingent arrived at the site, but took no action against the mob. Instead they locked the place of worship down, and without any authority or jurisdiction announced that the place of worship would be handed over to the ringleaders of the disturbance.

Citing an earlier judgment by the Supreme Court of Pakistan issued on 19 June 2014 the spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Community added that the forceful acquisition of the place of worship is in clear violation of the verdict issued by the then Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani. Under his authority a three-member apex bench devised a framework and reached a historical decision

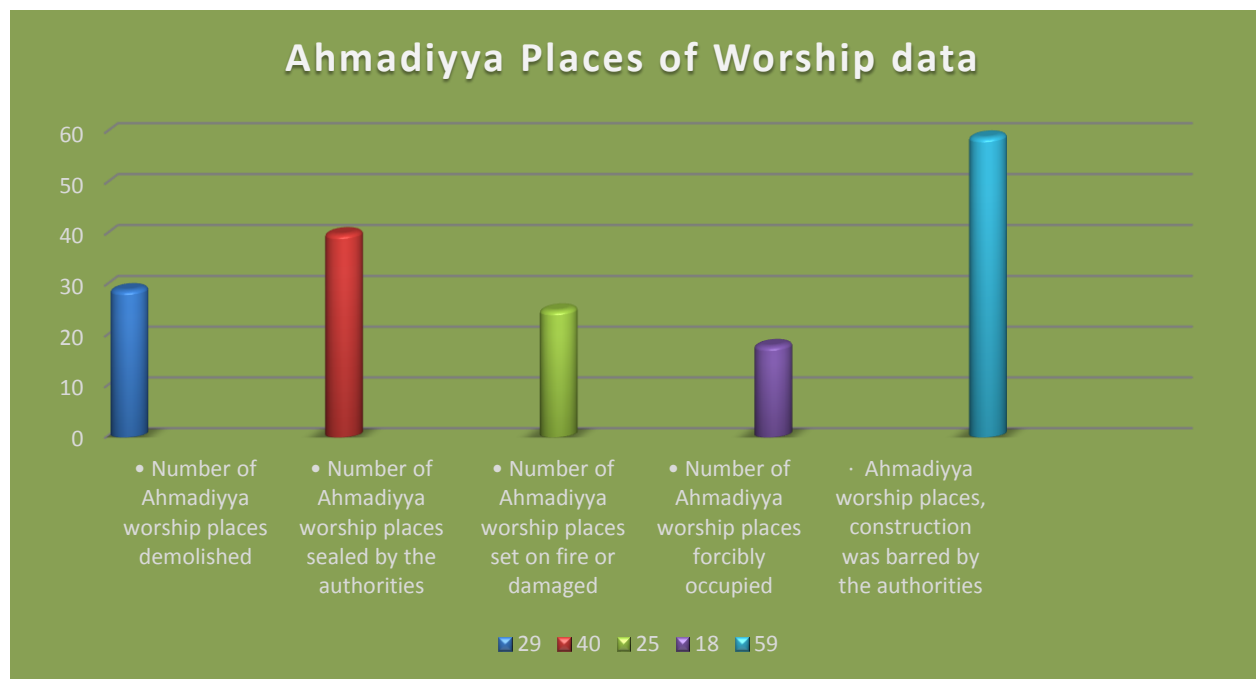
(S.M.C.No1of2014/PLD2014SC99) which outlined 8 guidelines instructing the government to form a special police task force in order to ensure the security of places of worship. One of the recommendations focused on the need to take swift action against those who were found to be involved in defiling any place of worship in the country.

The spokesperson said that the Ahmadiyya Community is a peaceful, law-abiding, and patriotic community which continues to work towards the progress and betterment of Pakistan. Despite this, not only Ahmadis are consistently denied their freedom of religion, but their historical places of worship are also being illegally taken away from them. This only leads to heightened religious discord and hostility.

Given the delicateness of the situation, the community demands that immediate action be taken against those responsible for this agitation and the building be returned to the Ahmadi Community in accordance with the law.

He further said that the community had written to various high-ranking government officials requesting that the place of worship be returned to them. However, so far there has been no response.

Note: This deprivation for Ahmadis of their place of worship is one incident in a long list of 175 such mentionable incidents whereby Ahmadiyya worship places met regretful maltreatment at the hands of the state and the society. Briefly: *(From 1984 onward)*



Ahmadiyya worship place and forty graves desecrated and damaged by the police

Shah Maskeenwala, District Nankana Sahib; December 28-30, 2020: Shah Maskeenwala is a small village where seven Ahmadi families reside.

Mullas of Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulul Allah lodged an application with District Police Officer Nankana that Qadianis of Shah Maskeenwala have written Quranic verses and *Kalima* on their gravestones etc. They named three Ahmadis, Syed Anees Ahmad (local president of Ahmadiyya Community), Syed Saadat Ahmad and Mr. Basharat Ahmad for arrest under section 295-C, the blasphemy law that prescribes death penalty.

On December 28, 2020, three policemen along with three mullas came to the Ahmadiyya worship place. No Ahmadi was there at that time. They took down a pamphlet named 'Things to do' from there. There is a common graveyard next to this worship place. They went there as well. A woman there told them that this graveyard is common and the verses are written on the graves of non-Ahmadis too. Later the local Ahmadiyya president got a call from Faizabad Police Station that an application had been lodged against him. The police sent for the three named Ahmadis.

On December 29, an Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station. The police had sent for the mullas as well. After a five-hour long discussion, it was decided that the police will not register an FIR but will take action against any writing that violates the Constitution. Ahmadis returned home at 11 p.m.

At about midnight a police squad visited the village, took down the small minaret at the worship place as well as forty tombstones from Ahmadis' graves.

LHCBA wants Ahmadis barred from sacrificing animals

Lahore: The daily *Dawn*, Lahore published the following two-column story in its Metro (Central) section on July 29, 2020:

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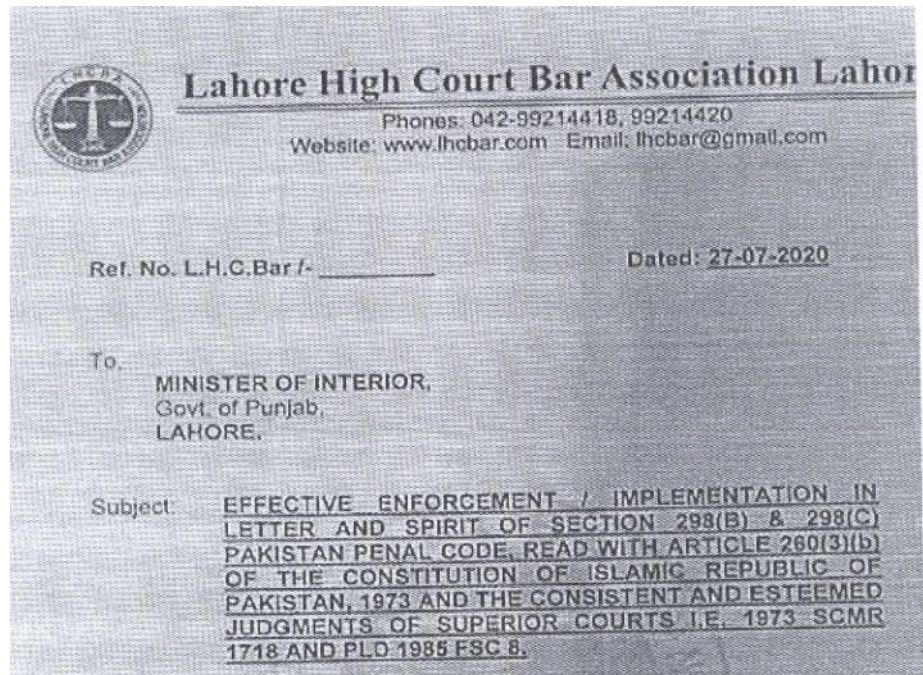
By Our Staff Reporter

Lahore: The Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) has demanded the federal interior ministry to restrain the Ahmadi community from adopting Islamic rite of sacrificing animals on Eidul Azha, in implementation of the constitutional provisions and judgments of the Supreme Court.

In a letter written to the interior minister, the bar states that under Article 260 (3) of the Constitution, the Qadiani or Lahori group, who called themselves Ahmadi or by any other names, have been declared non-Muslim since September 17, 1974.

It says "Qurbani" being Sunnat-i-Ibrahimi (AS) as well as Sunnat-i-Muhammad (PBUH) the last prophet of Almighty Allah, is exclusively performed by the Muslims on the first three days of Eidul Azha in the month of Zilhaj.

The letter, bearing signatures of LHCBA President Tahir Nasrallah Waraich, explains that the Constitution and the Supreme Court in its several decisions have clearly prohibited the Qadiani or Lahori group (non-Muslim) from performing *Shaair-i-Islam* (Islamic rites).



LHCBA letter to interior ministry to restrain Ahmadis from sacrificing animals on Eidul Azha

It points out that record shows that every year on the occasion of Eidul Azha so many reports/FIRs are filed showing that the Ahmadi community openly violates the provisions of the Constitution and the binding law laid down by the apex court.

The bar asks the minister to issue a direction to Punjab Police to take all necessary and requisite preventive measures for effectively restraining the Ahmadi community from adopting Islamic rite of “Qurbani” on the upcoming Eidul Azha.

A copy of the letter was also sent to the inspector general of Punjab police.

Some of the arguments given above by the LHCBA can be easily and summarily rubbished before any fair judge. The Constitution lays down in its Article 20: “Subject to law, public order and morality a) every citizen shall have the right to profess, practice and propagate his religion; and b) every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish maintain and manage its religious institutions.”

Also it appears that the LHCBA leadership is ignorant of all the international Declarations, Conventions, Covenants etc to which Pakistan is signatory and is accountable in law to the international community. It would be surprising if even five percent of these lawyers have ever read the 1981 Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. For open instigation and demand to violate these solemn international obligations, that can be very harmful, the LHCBA’s letter is obviously an anti-state deliberate activity.

It may be further stated that no law whatsoever exists in Pakistan that forbids Ahmadi sacrifice cattle on Eidul Azha.

The bigotry of these Lahore lawyers, as displayed by LHCBA in the above report is phenomenal. This body seems to have become subservient to factions like Khatme Nabuwwat Lawyers Forum. They could arguably claim to be the most ardent votaries of the infamous *Wukala Gardi*.

Construction of an Ahmadiyya center barred and courtyard destroyed

Mirpur Khas, Sindh; February 22, 2020: Ahmadi bought a plot here for their worship place and other community purposes about 19 years ago. For certain reasons no construction was undertaken. Recently, Ahmadi decided to build its surrounding walls; so construction work was started on February 22, 2020. The wall had reached four feet height when a man named Kamran came there, made a video and went away. At about 4 p.m. some mullas along with approximately twenty men came there. They made a tumult, enforced a stop to construction and destroyed the wall. Meanwhile media persons arrived and started making a video. The mullas told them that Qadianis were building their worship place there and they would not let them build that, and threatened bloodshed. After about an hour the mullas went away.

Thereafter, agencies and police personnel arrived, talked to the contractor Abdul Razzaq Baloch and went back. After that, some youth came to the site and threatened the contractor for giving their names to the police. At this, he replied, “The police came here due to your tumult and they asked for the names of participants; we did not call the police. You demanded a stop to the construction and we’ve done that. Now if you still talk of harm then I would report to the police. If I come to any harm, you will be responsible for that.” At this they left.

Dulmial case

A mob attacked the Ahmadiyya mosque four years ago in Dulmial, District Chakwal. Two persons, one from each side, died in the riot. An ATC court pended the trial of the accused of both the communities after a truce.

The Ahmadiyya mosque that suffered attack and was then locked up by authorities remains locked and is not open to Ahmadis for worship. Ahmadis have no alternate facility for congregational worship. Non-Ahmadis have numerous mosques, all functional. A court case is going on to unseal the mosque. Also a case is going on for the ownership of the mosque at civil court Choa Saidan Shah. The next scheduled date of hearing is January 25, 2021.

The issue is still alive. Ahmadis await if the authorities provide them freedom of worship as required by law and the Constitution.

Serious violation of Ahmadis' right to practice their faith, (Cattle sacrifice) — an overview

July, August 2020: Sacrificing cattle (*Qurbani*) at the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha festival is a part of Ahmadiyya faith. For the past few years, some extremist elements have been opposing this religious right and have sought authorities' help in this HR violation, particularly in the Punjab. The Constitution and Pakistan law prescribe certain specific restrictions on Ahmadis but *Qurbani* is not one of these.

In July 2020, Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) wrote a letter to the federal Ministry of Interior and the I.G. Police, Punjab to issue orders to deny the right of *Qurbani* to Ahmadis. The proposal being 'outside the law' was not followed-up formally by the authorities.

Thereafter one Tayyab Qureshi, Advocate High Court, and Vice-Chairman of the Tajdar-e-Khatme Nabuwwat Committee LHCBA wrote a letter to Inspector General Punjab Police on July 23, 2020 repeating the same demand, giving dubious, questionable and shady religious reasons. He stated that when Ahmadis undertake *Qurbani*, Muslims' sentiments are grossly hurt. He was very presumptuous to say that. Most Non-Ahmadi Muslims welcome *Qurbani* meat from an Ahmadi, unless they consulted a mulla.

The campaign against Ahmadis' practice of *Qurbani* is relatively a recent development. Extremist mullas and their followers wrote letters this year to local and district authorities to deny Ahmadis this right. These letters, accompanied by agitation did create difficulties for Ahmadis again this year at some locations.

Ahmadis had to take suitable precautions at the occasion of *Qurbani* to avoid intervention by mullas and police. They chose to perform the rite in bounded spaces.

Incidents of intrusion by clerics, at times in collusion with police, took place at various locations, for instance in Kasur, Samnabad Lahore, Gujranwala and village Trigari of the same district. At Pir Mahal District Toba Tek Singh, the police registered a criminal case against three Ahmadis and arrested one of them under the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C in which if declared guilty, they could be imprisoned for three years.

A poster was put up in Guldasth Lahore, which conveyed that Ahmadis are not allowed to undertake *Qurbani*, and if anyone becomes aware of the act, he should immediately inform the police on (phone) 15. The poster named its sponsors: 1. Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat Forum, 2. Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasulal Allah, 3. Tehrik Minhaj ul Quran and 4... Ulama Council. The poster asserted, wrongly, that Ahmadis are not allowed to practice *Qurbani*, Prayers, Fasting, Hajj and *Zakat* (Charity). This betrays their corrupt intentions; once they succeed in denying *Qurbani* to Ahmadis, they would shift to other practices, including denial of Prayers to Ahmadis. The appetite of Hell is reportedly vast; it continues to ask, "Are there any more?".

Deputy Superintendent of Police active against Ahmadiyya worship places

Bahawalnagar, Punjab; May 2020: A new Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) was appointed in Tehsil Chishtian, District Bahawalnagar. Khatme Nabuwwat activists contacted and asked him to demolish the minarets of Ahmadiyya worship place. At this, he sent for the Ahmadi presidents of Chak 168 Murad, Chak 166 Murad and Chak 169 Murad communities, and told them to demolish their worship place's minarets. He asked them the time limit to carry out his orders. When the DSP pressurized Ahmadi elders, they asked for some time to consult their seniors. Thereupon Ahmadis contacted the District Police Officer and Counter Terrorism Department, who then stopped the DSP from further action. However, the DSP again sent for the Ahmadi presidents. They told the DSP that they would not demolish their worship place's minarets by themselves.

Ahmadis' right of worship at risk

Green Town, Lahore; May-June, 2020: At about the time of sunset prayers, a few mobsters aged 15–18 came over to the local Ahmadiyya worship place and threw stones at its outer gate. Same day, later, at evening prayers, they came again in bigger company, and having done the stoning, fled. The guard checked their video and informed community elders. They came and examined the bricks, stones and the video recording. They arranged additional security, and decided against informing the police. The urchins shall be traced and their parents informed.

The foremost issue was to identify the mulla and the organization that tasked these youth for this disgraceful conduct during the month of Ramadan and Covid-19.

The police came to the area on May 6, 2020 and started asking about the tenant forms from the residents. They asked the same from the Ahmadiyya missionary who was living in the worship place complex. He had no such form so the police took him and another Ahmadi Mr. Ataul Qadir to the police station. Ahmadi elders contacted the police and assured them rendition of the form, so they released the missionary and Mr. Ataul Qadir.

Ahmadis learned later that opponents of the Ahmadiyya community were preparing a complaint against Ahmadis. An official from the Special Branch came to the worship place on May 11, 2020. He asked many questions and having compiled his report went away.

Ahmadis face difficulties at their place of worship

Tench Bhata, Rawalpindi; June 11, 2020: Miscreants pelted stones on the main-gate of Baitul Khursheed, Ahmadiyya worship place here at 11:30 p.m. causing damage to the gate. Ahmadis reported the incident to the police and informed the office of CCPO. Police inspected the site several times. This caused concern to the culprits. They, in league with the administration of Bilal Mosque, lodged an application against the Ahmadiyya place of worship, in the police station of R.A. Bazar. They put the same application on the Facebook and started hateful propaganda against local Ahmadis. They took the stance that this building was previously used for residential purposes, but now Ahmadis have converted it into a worship place and have not got it registered in any government office. Moreover, according to the Khatme Nabuwwat Act (sic) Qadianis are not allowed to build a place of worship. The locals are harassed through CCTV cameras and barbed wires; children are lured and preached Ahmadiyyat; Muslims' religious sentiments are thus hurt, they claimed in their fabrication.

Meanwhile Ahmadis received a message from the administration that their application has been filed, and called the Ahmadiyya delegation in the presence of the Khatme Nabuwwat activists. Ahmadis declined to meet in the presence of the opponent party. So, Ahmadis met the SSP at the police station where the DSP was also present.

SSP told Ahmadis not to annoy non-Ahmadis while their own situation is not good. Ahmadis asked him to elaborate. He said, "You have constructed a place of worship." Ahmadis replied that they had not constructed but had done some repair work, the DSP had seen this renovation himself. The DSP confirmed it. The SSP observed, "You carry out preaching activities, groups come to the place and you distribute money among them." Ahmadis explained that it was not true. No money had been given to anyone there. This can be verified through the CCTV camera's records. The SSP then wanted to visit the place. Ahmadis welcomed him to undertake the visit. The SSP asked if a man of the opponent party could accompany him. Ahmadis showed reluctance. So, he refused the other party to accompany him. The SHO said that he had obtained a statement from the other party. So, Ahmadis also have to sign the statement. Ahmadis replied that they have to consult their seniors before signing any undertaking. Ahmadis later signed the following statement:

“ It is stated that according to the instructions of the Police no religious congregations of Eid and Friday have been held here for the last year and half, and no such congregations will be held in future without permission. No preaching activity has been held here in past nor will it be held in future. Moreover Ahmadiyya community has always abided by the law and never acted any wrong. We do not intend to extend this building nor shall do so in future.”

It is obvious that the above undertaking curtails Ahmadis' freedom of worship; it is imposed by the police on demand of religious extremists. Of course, no action was taken to locate and interrogate those who had pelted stones at the Ahmadiyya place of worship.

Move against Ahmadiyya worship place

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

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

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

Most recently, in this context, a hostile individual Ehsanul Haq, local resident has sent another application to the SHO Johar Town, in which he has protested against 15/20 Ahmadis assembling at the Center for prayers, religious education, using Islamic terminology in sermons and *Dars* etc. He has asked the police to register a criminal case against Ahmadis, including Mirza Muhammad Din Naz and Mr. Obaidullah, the *Mukhtar Aam* (agent general) etc.

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

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

A politician's initiative against Ahmadiyya place of worship

Baldia Town, Karachi; May 18, 2020: Some officials from the police station Baldia Town came to the local Ahmadiyya worship place on May 18, 2020 and asked for the local president of the Ahmadiyya community to report to the police station next day. The president and another elder went to the police station the next day. An officer on duty told them that an inquiry has been received against them from the Deputy Commissioner West and asked them to make their statement. MPA Mufti Qasim Fakhri had lodged a complaint with the Government of Sindh and Deputy Commissioner West on his letter-head pad against Jamaat Ahmadiyya Baldia Town. The complaint stated that Ahmadis were trying to take over the plot no. 58 (Ahmadiyya worship place) illegally; their activities should be stopped and their worship place should be sealed.

Actually, this plot originally belonged to Mr. Mubashir Ahmad and his three sisters (All Ahmadis). They sold the plot to the community for 2.8 million rupees. Rupees 1.8 million were paid at that time for possession while remaining amount was to be paid after the formal lease of the plot. Recently they came to Pakistan to complete the formalities but had to go back soon; they however gave the authority letter to Mr. Iqbal Mahmood to undertake formalities. The police were shown all the documents.

Ahmadiyya delegation met the DC West and told him the details. He was told that in 2011-2012 people were incited in the Baldia Town against Ahmadis and some Ahmadis were killed while some had to migrate from there. Ahmadiyya place of worship is there for the last 40 years, and the MPA, Mufti Qasim Fakhri has nothing to do with this plot. The Deputy Commissioner promised to look into the matter.

Ahmadiyya worship place under threat

Chanderkay Mangolay, District Narowal; January 2020: Opponents lodged an application against the local Ahmadiyya worship place stating that it has minarets and *Kalima* (Islamic creed) inscription, which are illegal according to them. This caused a lot of trouble for the local Ahmadiyya community. Ahmadis had to respond to queries of the police and the Special Branch. They told the authorities that this mosque was built approximately 55 years ago, and minarets etc were built at that time.

The district administration handled the problem with fairness and wisdom. The non-issue is at rest — for the moment.

Ahmadiyya worship place under threat in Punjab capital

Johar Town, Lahore; February 2020: The local Ahmadiyya community is facing problems at the hands of anti-Ahmadiyya elements, in holding on to their place of worship, for a long time. In March 2017 opponents lodged an application with Lahore High Court alleging that Ahmadis had built the worship place illegally. Another such application was made by Mr. Ihsan ul Haq, a member of the banned Jamaat ud Dawa. The court referred the case to the Deputy Commissioner (DC). The DC heard both the parties and referred the case back to a court. Maulvi Ihsanul Haq (a neighbor of the Ahmadiyya worship place), Maulvi Laeeq Deobandi, Mulla Hassan Muawiyah and Sheikh Nasir, a local, are active in this anti-Ahmadiyya campaign. Many a times the opponents called the police; sometimes objecting to the CCTV cameras of the worship place, at other times regarding NOC of the worship place, etc. Now after the decision of the DC, the opponents have again put up an application to the high court.

The SHO sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation on February 1, 2020. He told the delegation that opponents have complained that outsiders are still coming to the Ahmadiyya worship place. He also said that opponents are trying to link the incident of the burning of the Holy Quran near Kanz Iman Mosque with the Ahmadiyya community. He also told Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad Rana, local president of the Ahmadiyya community, that all this wrangle is because of him and it is dangerous for him to go there. He also threatened that he would issue detention order of Mr. Rana if he did not cooperate.

The rite of *Qurbani* (sacrifice) made problematic at various locations

This year, as in previous years, opponents harassed Ahmadis on the issue of *Qurbani* (sacrificing cattle) on the festival of Eid ul Adha. A general description of this problem is given earlier in this report. Essential details of a stressful police case at Pir Mahal and the resulting arrest, are also given in a separate story. Here we mention incidents and narratives from some of the other locations:

- Opponents at Daska and a few other places in District Sialkot demanded the administration to stop Ahmadis from sacrificing cattle as “Ahmadis are non-Muslim.” Local Ahmadi officials were contacted by the police and were told to explain.
- On Eid ul Adha day, a son of Mr. Wasim Shahid, an Ahmadi of Kasur, accompanied by a friend was bringing sacrificial meat to his house when the local mulla along with a few others stopped them on the way; the two hurriedly took refuge in another

Ahmadi's house. The mulla kept making noise outside for some time. The two had to wait inside, and returned home only when the situation improved. The meat was brought home later by some other means.

- Mr. Faheem Ahmad, an Ahmadi, is a resident of Samanabad, Lahore. He offers these sacrifices every year. This year, some of his friends sent their sacrificial animals to his house so that the sacrifice could be undertaken in one place. One day before Eid, on July 31, at around midnight, mullas gathered outside his house and started shouting slogans. When Faheem Ahmad came to know of this, he did not go out himself but sent his non-Ahmadi son and nephew out to talk to the miscreants. Meanwhile, the SHO and the DSP also came. Faheem's son told them that it was his right to sacrifice and that Mr. Faheem Ahmad had only a part in it. The police took his statement in writing and said that they should keep only a part, and give the rest to a madrassah or institution. It was decided that the animals should be given to an institution instead of being sacrificed. So, Fountain House (an institution) was contacted and a receipt was obtained by handing over the animals to them under police supervision. The issue was thus resolved. Mr. Faheem Ahmad is the only Ahmadi in his family.
- Special security arrangements were made in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya headquarters town, on Eid ul Adha to avoid mischief by the opponents. In this regard, the police was contacted in advance and requested assistance. The police deployed additional personnel in the town.
- In district Gujranwala, opponents in Trigari, Kot Mirza Jan and Amir Park had talked to the administration about the issue of sacrifice (*Qurbani*). The police told Ahmadis to be careful and to not undertake sacrifice in places where there was a fear of mischief by the opposition.
- Similar problems were faced at many other locations; it is our experience that all these are not normally reported to the Ahmadiyya national centre.

Ahmadis harassed for worship in Sheikhpura

Amba Noorya, District Sheikhpura; August 2020: Sometime back, Ahmadis were deprived here the right of religious practice, forbidding them to pray in their place of worship, and their burials in common cemetery.

After this, Ahmadis used a house for their congregational prayers. The opponents made a video of Ahmadis while praying and circulated it on social media. They launched a propaganda campaign against Ahmadis and took the issue to the authorities.

The police sent for both the parties (Ahmadis and Ahle Sunnat) and made them sign an agreement, according to which “both the parties may continue their religious activities as per the constitution of Pakistan. In case of violation, both the parties reserve the right of legal action.”

The agreement was signed by six persons from both sides, and also two arbitrators.

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Even Dead not Spared

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 often take the side of the majority and compel Ahmadis to make fresh arrangements which is often very problematic at short notice.

In addition, this year, the Punjab Police committed the unspeakable outrage of desecrating the Kalima and other scriptural writings on gravestones of Ahmadis. In all 156 such desecrations and demolitions were undertaken by authorities on behalf of religious extremists.

Punjab sinks deeper in the marsh of religious bigotry

67 Ahmadiyya graves defiled

Gravestones brutally damaged and demolished under police supervision



Gravestones of Ahmadis' graves demolished under police supervision in Trigari, Gujranwala

Trigari, District Gujranwala; 13/14 July 2020: Upon incitement of extremist clerics in this village, a violent mob grossly desecrated with police approval the graves of 67 Ahmadis. Damage and destruction of tombstones was undertaken with impunity under the watch of authorities — with a nod from above, of course. Similar atrocity had been committed a fortnight earlier in the adjacent district of Shekhupura. It appears that the political and administrative authorities of the province have told officials to do simply the mullas' bid where targets are Ahmadis. This does not bode well for the province and its people.

Briefly, the local mulla agitated the worshippers against Ahmadis in his Friday sermon on July 3. Five days later a score of outsider mullas were invited to visit Trigari to provide support to the agitators. The miscreants' leader wrote an application to the SHO to take action against Ahmadis for following Islamic *Shaa'ir* (practices). Verbal threats were conveyed that “in case of inaction, a fire will flare up in the area that could engulf the entire district.”

At this the SHO sent for the Ahmadi elders and pressured them to sign an undertaking that included permission to remove religious inscriptions from the gravestones and Ahmadis' homes.

The police decided thereafter to destroy the tombstones. They, however, knew that the act was simply despicable, so they decided to wait for the nightfall. They brought along hammers and grinders and managed to defile 15 tombstones. They came again the next day and wrecked 52 more, bringing the total to 67.

Pakistan perhaps is the only country in the world where the police is made to commit such disgraceful wrongs to appease clerics.

Two Ahmadi houses had *Mashallah* (Whatever Allah wills) written on their fronts. Another house had *Darul Hamd* (Abode of Divine Praise) written outside. The police effaced these writings too. Unbelievable.

The vernacular press, perhaps ashamed of the evil of this incident, scarcely reported it. The daily *Dawn* entered a report on July 16, 2020, but its staff reporter took care to tone down the enormity of the conduct of perpetrators; the headline given was “**Islamic symbols removed from Ahmadiyya graveyard**”... “allegedly” by the police and locals.

Encouraged by their great success, the mullas next day decided in a meeting that the authorities be asked to raid Ahmadi homes by women constables to locate the Qurans and other religious literature so as to register police cases. They also decided to demand that no Ahmadi be allowed to be buried in their graveyard because originally it was meant for *Ahle Islam*. (Note: In 95% of graves in this section of the graveyard Ahmadis are buried). They also demanded that Ahmadiyya mosque be sealed as it was “the hub of Qadiani conspiracies against Islam”.

The way Punjab has pursued ‘Islamisation’ vigorously under the lead of PML-Q and PTI, would make Zia feel guilty in his grave for not having thought of such ‘pious’ rules and acts in support of “Islam” in the 1980s.

Sheikhupura desecration

Chak 79 Nawan Kot, District Sheikhupura; June 30, 2020: Religious extremists in league with police officials desecrated, destroyed and damaged dozens of Ahmadiyya gravestones in the dark hours of June 30, 2020. As the incident is a grave violation of Ahmadis’ religious rights and sensitivities, we mention essential details here.

In this village Ahmadiyya graveyard is located next to the Non-Ahmadis’ graveyard with only a paved drain separating them. Ahmadis decided to prepare a small piece of state land as *Janazagha* (an open area where brief funeral prayer is held prior to burial; the prayer lasts approximately 2-3 minutes.) Some bricks etc were provided at the site for this purpose. A few extremist elements made it a big issue and incited the public over it in their mosque. They wrote an application to police authorities, the SHO and the DPO. They took the plea that by providing themselves a *Janazagah* on state land Ahmadis had hurt their feelings, as such the village peace was at risk; action be taken against Ahmadis.

In fact, provision of a spot for *Janazagah* on state land near a graveyard is a matter of routine at most locations in the Punjab, and nobody minds it, neither the public nor the state.

The SHO sent for the parties on June 27, 2020. Approximately 60 mullas thronged the meeting. A small Ahmadi delegation also came and on joining greeted those present with a ‘*Salaam*’. The mullas chose to take offense to this greeting of ‘Peace’, shouted objection and displayed anger and hostility. They demanded that the police book Ahmadis under the blasphemy law PPC 295-C (for which the penalty is death). The SHO told everyone to get on with the agenda.



Religious extremists in league with police officials destroyed dozens of Ahmadiyya gravestones

The opposing mullas stated that the preparing of a *Janazagah* site and the Islamic inscriptions on Ahmadiyya tombstones hurt their feelings. These should be removed, or there will be consequences. At this the SHO got an undertaking in writing from the Ahmadis on a stamp-paper that they will not make a *Janazagah*. Ahmadis however stated that they will not remove the inscriptions; the police itself may have these effaced, if they will.

In the meantime, some miscreant mullas went around the village seeking an undertaking from the villagers that they will not let Ahmadis bury their dead in the graveyard. Some people signed the undertaking, while others did not. The opposition has five mosques in the village which indulged in hate speech and incited the people to undertake boycott of Ahmadis.

Later, on June 30, mullas again went to the police station where they shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans. Eventually, the miscreants, the mullas and the police jointly proceeded to desecrate and damage Ahmadis' tombstones with hammers and chisels and obliterated sacred inscriptions from dozens of Ahmadis' gravestones. This went on in darkness till 11 p.m.

The BBC News (Urdu) took note of this grave incident and reported it on bbc.com/urdu/Pakistan-53275196. It is a three page report with three photos of the damaged graves. The report mentions that BBC contacted the SHO, Mr. Sadaqat Randhawa to seek his comment. He denied any incident of desecration of graves. When told that the photos of damaged tombstones are available on Twitter, he said that he was not aware of the source of those photos; however he had visited the site and found no trace of such an incident.

Such is the level of integrity and uprightness of our officials! Mr. Ghazi Salahuddin is the DPO while Mr. Shoaib Dastgir is the Provincial Police Officer.

Only a few days later, there was a traffic accident in this district of Sheikhpura in which 22 Sikh pilgrims died when their van collided with a train at a level crossing. Had the authorities spent more time on public security and safety issues and not on desecrating graves, the terrible accident might have been avoided.

And, a demand against a separate Ahmadiyya graveyard

161 Murad; District Bahawalpur, September 2020: Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis had a joint graveyard here — till 2007. In response to hostilities by mullas, Ahmadis provided themselves a separate graveyard on land donated by a local Ahmadi, Mr. Maqbool Ahmad.

Opponents filed a complaint with authorities that Ahmadis had written Quranic verses on the gravestones, which hurts the sentiments of Muslims; these should be removed. In response, SHO PS Saddar, Hasilpur and the local police inspector visited the spot. They talked to non-Ahmadis of the area but didn't bother to talk to *others*, the Ahmadis.

Ahmadis of the area feel insecure after this, because defiling of Ahmadis' graves is popular with the opponents this year in the Punjab.

Ahmadi deceased deprived of burial in common graveyard

District Sheikhpura, September 18, 2020: Haji Muhammad Siddique of Ransi joined the Ahmadi community two years ago after due research. His family belongs to the *Ahle Hadith* school of belief. So Mr. Siddique, faced severe opposition.

In August, Mr. Siddique was diagnosed with liver cancer. During his illness, his relatives tried hard that he disassociates himself from Ahmadiyyat, but he remained firm. Mr. Siddique made a will that if his body could not be buried in the village graveyard, he should be buried in his own farm land.

Mr. Siddique died on 18th September 2020. A grave was dug in the village graveyard to bury him but the opponents opposed his burial. The police tried to facilitate his burial, but to no avail. In view of the circumstances, he was buried on his own farm land.

Ahmadis' graves desecrated by police

Chak 2/TDA, District Khushab; 27-28 February, 2020: On 27/28 February night the police demolished three gravestones in the Ahmadiyya cemetery of Chak 2 TDA, District Khushab.

According to details, Syed Ali Ather Bukhari president Anjuman Tahaffuze Namus Risalat submitted an application against Mr. Sultan Mahmood (President of the local Ahmadiyya community), Rana Rafiq Ahmad (an official of the local Ahmadiyya community) and some other anonymous Ahmadis, to the Deputy Commissioner of Khushab stating that Ahmadis had committed blasphemy by writing Islamic epithets 'Bismillah', Sahabi, Ya Allah (O Allah), Ya Muhammad (O Muhammad pbuh) on their gravestones. The DC referred the matter to the SHO Mitha Tiwana. The SHO sent for Ahmadis on February 19, 2020 to explain. Ahmadis told him that these are very old gravestones. The SHO sent his report to the DC accordingly. The SHO again sent for Ahmadis on February 28. On their way to the police station they learnt that the police had already demolished the gravestones of three Ahmadis the night before. The SHO told Ahmadis that he had done it with the help of the local chief.



Three gravestones demolished in the Ahmadiyya cemetery of Chak 2 TDA, District Khushab

AHMADIYYA WORSHIP PLACE AND FORTY GRAVES DESECRATED AND DAMAGED BY THE POLICE

Shah Maskeenwala,
District Nankana Sahib;
December 28-30, 2020:
Note: This report is
made in Chapter 4.

The gravestones of Rana Saifur Rahman, Mrs. Mussarat Bano and Rana Anayatullah were desecrated. There are 6 Ahmadi families in this village. There are fifteen graves of Ahmadis in the Ahmadiyya cemetery. Before that the local administration handed over the Ahmadiyya place of worship to non-Ahmadis despite the fact that the case was already in process in a court.

The SHO also informed that a similar application has also been received against the Ahmadiyya cemetery of Rodah. More than 100 graves of Ahmadis are found there.

It is worth mentioning that the applicant is son of mulla Athar Hussain Shah, a staunch anti-Ahmadiyya opponent who was the main perpetrator of anti-Ahmadiyya riots in Takht Hazara in which five Ahmadis were killed. He also remained very active against Ahmadis in District Khushab till his death.

Administration and mullas desecrate gravestone of an Ahmadi

Shaukatabad Colony, District Nankana; May 26, 2020: Approximately fifty persons including police and district administration accompanied by mullas visited Shaukatabad Colony, District Nankana. They proceeded to the grave of an Ahmadi Mr. Nafir Ahmad s/o Muhammad Sharif. The grave is located at the land of his brother Dr. Shamoan Ahmad. The police and the mullas cut off and took away with them the tombstone on which the creed (*Kalima Tayyaba*) and Divine attributes ‘O the Ever-Living’ (*Ya Hayyu*) and ‘O the Sustainer’ (*Ya Qayyum*) were written.

Burial of an Ahmadi in Ahmadiyya graveyard resisted

Nawakot, Safdar Abad, District Sheikhpura; August 4, 2020: Mr. Naseer Ahmad, Ahmadi, died on August 3, 2020. The next day, arrangements were made for his burial in the local Ahmadiyya cemetery. When the dead body was brought to the cemetery, a dozen non-Ahmadis turned up and stopped Ahmadis from proceeding with the burial. The police were informed who then arrived at the spot. The non-Ahmadis were of the view that there was an agreement between the parties that no Ahmadi could be buried in the cemetery. Earlier, when the opposition had caused a commotion over the construction of a funeral home, it was mutually agreed in writing that Ahmadis would not build anything in the Ahmadiyya cemetery. There was no mention of not burying an Ahmadi there. So Mr. Ahmad's funeral was held in the presence of the police and he was buried in the Ahmadiyya cemetery.

Difficulties in burial at common graveyard

Ghathialian Khurd, District Sialkot; September 25, 2020: There is an age-old common graveyard here of Ahmadis and non-Ahmadis. On September 25, 2020 Ahmadis wanted to build a room in this cemetery, its roof was under construction, but the non-Ahmadis intervened and stopped it. Also, there was a need to sell a few trees from there; non-Ahmadis didn't let Ahmadis do that.

The next day the roof's construction was completed, on which the opponents went to the police station and demanded that an FIR be registered against Ahmadis but the police refused to do that on grounds that the cemetery is common. After that Qari Muhammad Afzal an extremist mulla visited nearby villages of Gathialian Kalan and Sabu Bhadiar, and also Gathialian Khurd and told non-Ahmadis that from now onward if any Ahmadi dies, he/she should not be allowed to be buried in the graveyard, and the graveyard should be fully taken over from them. Ahmadis are considering partition of the common facility.

Ahmadis face discrimination in using common cemetery

Kana Konta, 426 JB, District Toba Tek Singh; June 2020: Opponents filed a complaint in DSP office against Ahmadis, in which they took plea that writing of Quranic verses and Islamic creed on Ahmadiyya grave stones is in violation of the constitution. Ahmadis have no right to write these sacred writings, so these should be removed immediately, they said. Moreover, they demanded a boundary wall around Ahmadiyya graves to distinguish these from others.

Local Ahmadiyya administration was given 10 days by the DSP to meet the demands of opponents.

Ahmadi denied burial

Chak 40-RB, Sangla Hill, District Nankana; January 4, 2020: Mr. Muhammad Anwar S/O Mr. Muhammad Ismail of Hamraj Pur, Chak 40-RB died on January 4, 2020. His grave was

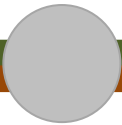
Ahmadis' graves desecrated in District Chakwal

Bochal Kalan, District Chakwal;

November 2020: Three gravestones of Ahmadis were desecrated here by anti-Ahmadi elements. These graves are located away from the village where they are not frequented.

Ahmadis went to visit their elders' graves, and found the graves desecrated.

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



dug in the common cemetery of the village where his parents were also buried. At this, some miscreants called the police and protested the burial of the Ahmadi in that cemetery. The police arrived at the site, and a huge crowd gathered there. The dispute was referred to the village chief by the police. He told Ahmadis to bury Mr. Anwar elsewhere to defuse the issue, and promised a separate plot for Ahmadiyya cemetery in future. Ahmadis had to agree.

Ahmadi denied burial in common cemetery

Kharappar, District Kasur; April 13, 2020: An anti-Ahmadiyya group led by mullas is maniacal against Ahmadis here. In recent past they succeeded in taking over an Ahmadiyya place of worship with help of the administration. Syed Bilal Ahmad, an Ahmadi died here on April 13, 2020. He had been bed-ridden after a fall from an electric pole for the last 11 years. When he was about to be buried in the local common graveyard, the same anti-Ahmadiyya group created hue and cry and resisted his burial there because of his faith.

Ahmadi's funeral interrupted

Trigari, District Gujranwala; November 25, 2020: After the death of an Ahmadi here, the grave was being prepared for his burial, but the opponents called the police. They tried to disrupt the funeral and gathered miscreants on the spot. Police also arrived on the scene. The Ahmadi seniors informed the police that the burial would take place there, which later took place at the same place despite opposition.

Burial problems for Ahmadis in District Gujrat

Dyona Majra, District Gujrat; August 8, 2020: A common cemetery was in use of Ahmadis and Ahle Sunnat for decades. Sughra Bibi widow of Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, an Ahmadi passed away on August 8. Burial arrangements were made in the said cemetery as before. A few non-Ahmadis objected to the burial and informed the police.

The police brokered a deal that this burial could take place, but no further burials in future. A plot of land was donated by an Ahmadi for the new Ahmadiyya graveyard.

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Problems in Education, Jobs & Business

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.

Sealing of an Ahmadiyya primary school in a remote village of the Punjab and cancellation of a lecture by eminent Professor Atif Mian at the acclaimed Institute of Business Administration, Karachi are two examples of the widespread prejudice against Ahmadis in the field of education.



Education

School owned by Ahmadi sealed by the police and a criminal case registered

Basti Allahdad Draishak, District Rajanpur, Punjab; July 2020: Allahdad Draishak is a small town in District Rajanpur, Punjab. A few years back this whole town was destroyed by floods. The destroyed houses of Ahmadis were rebuilt by the Ahmadiyya community. A primary school was also renovated there, which is being run by an Ahmadi for years. It is open to children regardless of religion or denomination.

Opponents filed a complaint with the DC that Ahmadiyya Central Directorate for Education (*nazarat taleem*) is operating a school in the town where *Qadianiyyat* is preached. According to the constitution of Pakistan, *Qadianis* are not allowed to use “*Shaair-e-Islam*”, but they gather the children of the town in the name of education, whereas the actual motive behind this is to spread *Qadianiat*, they wrote. Strong action should be taken against this school and offenders should be booked under law.

A few days later, the police sealed the school on this bogus complaint. On July 17, 2020 the opponents passed a resolution in which they expressed their further reservations on the school. They demanded, “Naeem, the head of this *Mirzai* center, Mr. Naseer Qamar and lady health worker Bushra Talib should be arrested and booked under PPC 295-C”. PPC 295-C is the blasphemy law, for which the penalty is death.

Administrative action to seal this small school, registration of this case under blasphemy clauses against high officials of the Ahmadiyya community, in response to a complaint by a few mullas, are expressive of the rot that has set in the administration of this largest province of the country.

In pursuance of this the police registered an FIR 325/20 at Police Station Rajanpur City on July 23 under sections 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C and 506 against Ahmadi leadership in the District namely messers Naeem Akhtar, Naseem Ahmad Qamar etc. Under these laws, the accused face imprisonment for life.

The society was quick to follow the state. On August 4, 2020 District Bar Association Rajanpur passed a resolution and told its members not to take up the case of the ‘cursed’ (*Maloon*) Ahmadis for defence, in “their true love and bondage of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.)”. The Association letter was signed by its president, Syed Zafar Hussain Bukhari, Advocate.

Later LHC (Multan Bench) rejected plea for confirmation of bail of Dr. Shahid Iqbal, one of the accused involved in this case, and was arrested.

Kahlil Gibran scored another hit when he wrote, “People will fight over religion, they will quarrel and even die over religion, but will not live their lives in accordance with it.”

Nine Ahmadi students expelled from school

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

The *Hafiz* was then hired as a teacher by the principal of the local Naseer Millat School. He incited the principal against Ahmadis and asked him to expel Ahmadi students from the

school. The principal called a local Ahmadi senior, Mr. Nazir Ahmad, and told him that Ahmadi students would not be welcome in the school; they should better be shifted.

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

School admission refused in Islamabad

Gulshan-e-Sehat, Islamabad; November 2020: Miss Rimsha daughter of Mr. Muhammad Pervez, Ahmadi, passed the eighth grade and was to join the ninth. When she went to the (Government) Islamabad Model School for admission, they refused to admit her. The second time she went, they refused her again. Then a former teacher spoke to the school administration for her, and they said that they were not admitting this girl as she is a ‘Qadiani’.

Rimsha had to enroll in a private school.

IBA cancels important lecture over internal threats

Karachi, 22 October 2020: It was reported in numerous dailies on 23rd October 2020 that a scheduled lecture of Professor Dr. Atif Mian, an Ahmadi by faith, was canceled due to threats from extremists.

Following news item was published in the *Daily Times* on 23rd October 2020:

Extremists’ threats force IBA to cancel Dr Atif Mian’s lecture

Celebrated Pakistani-American economist Dr Atif Mian’s scheduled online has been canceled by the host Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi, allegedly due to pressure by “extremists”.

“Dr Atif R. Mian’s lecture ‘Why has economic growth fallen behind in Pakistan?’ scheduled on November 5, 2020, has been canceled. Inconvenience is highly regretted,” read a brief post by the IBA Karachi’s official Twitter account.

In a tweet, Mian said he was sorry to report that the seminar, which was to take place over Zoom, had been canceled “due to threats that the university administration was facing from extremists”. “My very best wishes and prayers are with the students of IBA,” the Princeton University economist wrote.

A spokesperson for IBA Karachi declined to comment.

Dr Mian became a widely discussed name in Pakistan in 2018 after the PTI government appointed him to the Prime Minister Imran Khan-led Economic Advisory Council (EAC), an 18-member panel set up to advise the newly-formed government on economic policy.

Less than a month after taking office, however, the government asked Mian to step down from the EAC amid mounting pressure from religio-political parties and a smear campaign launched on social media seeking his removal over his Ahmadiyya faith.



Professor Dr. Atif Mian

In protest over Mian's exclusion, two other EAC members – Prof Dr Asim Ijaz Khwaja of the Harvard Kennedy School and London-based economist Dr Imran Rasul – had also resigned from the council.

Dr Mian has served as a professor of economics, public policy and finance at Princeton University and as director of The Julis-Rabinowitz Centre for Public Policy and Finance at Woodrow Wilson School. He is the only Pakistani to be considered among the International Monetary Fund's 'top 25 brightest young economists'.

Academics, journalists and others expressed regret over the cancellation of Mian's lecture at IBA Karachi. "So terrible. What a loss! We are all hostages," wrote sociologist and academic Nida Kirmani in a tweet. In a message of support, US-based political science professor Adnan Rasool termed Mian "a graceful and patient man". "You have shown more poise in the face [of] hate than most would ever in their lifetime," he said. Wendy Gilmour, Canada's high commissioner to Pakistan, said the development was "an opportunity lost for the students and wider interested community".

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/680827/extremists-threats-force-iba-to-cancel-dr-atif-mians-lecture/>

People from different sections of society saw the issue in their own way; following was found on social media.

"Dr Atif R. Mian's lecture "Why has economic growth fallen behind in Pakistan?" scheduled on November 5, 2020 has been cancelled. Inconvenience is highly regretted," IBA Karachi tweeted.

One wonders if this is an environment that is conducive to learning and growing.

Journalist Zarrar Khuhro questioned why the university had arranged the Atif Mian lecture in the first place, saying it was "not rocket science" to predict that the programme would receive a backlash. "Why do it if you cannot withstand pressure?" he wrote.

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SHAME ON @IBAKARACHI & THE FACULTY MEMBERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT. SUCH EXTREMISTS SHOULD BE THROWN OUT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS. THEY ARE POISONING YOUNG MINDS. I WONDER WHY WE ARE NOT PRODUCING ANY GREAT MINDS NOW AFTER DR ABDUS SALAM.

— I b r a h e e m PK (@eb_abraham) October 22, 2020

Evil brain-washing of minors through school homework

Dogri Ghumnan, District Sialkot; July 2020: Schools were closed in District Sialkot, and students of 7th grade of The Educators School, Umar Campus Bun Bajwa, were given vocational homework. The homework given to students by a teacher, who is more of an extremist than educationist, included a questionnaire on *Khatm-e-Nabuwwat* (End of Prophethood) with derogatory and insulting language about the holy founder of the Ahmadiyya Community. Following questions were included (translation from vernacular):

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- *What is the name of the village of the false claimant to Prophecy, the 'cursed' Mirza Ghulam Qadiani?*
 - *Where is this place located?*
 - *From what city was this 'cursed' person transferred to hell (die)?*
 - *In which city of Pakistan, these infidel Mirzaees are found in majority?*
 - *Do you know that Mirza Qadiani was one-eyed?*
 - *What do we call a denier of Khatam-e-Nabuwwat in Islam?*
 - *What is meant by "La Nabi-a-Baadi"?*
 - *Translate, "Bad az Khuda buzurg tui qissa mukhtasar"*
 - *What is meant by Khatam-e-Nabuwwat?*
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Almost unbelievable and perhaps the only such school in the whole world, with such low moral and ethical level!

Faced with this situation, parents of Ahmadi students of the school decided not to send their children to this school anymore. When this decision was conveyed to the principal he asked Ahmadi parents to tear up the questionnaire. In fact, he should have first fired the felon as unfit to be a teacher.

This questionnaire for teenage students, in its vernacular original, will remain in Ahmadiyya archives as a sample of depth to which certain elements in Pakistan's education sector had sunk in the year 2020.

We provide copy of the original vernacular homework in Annex VIII with a heavy and distressed heart.

Problem of religion declaration

Basti Shukrani, District Bahawalpur; October 2020: Mr. Luqman Ahmad, has four school-going children. He went to Government High School, Och Sharif to get his son admitted in ninth class. There he was asked to fill up and submit the admission form. This admission form also includes an affidavit box in which the applicant is required to state on oath: "I swear that I have full faith in the end of prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) and do not believe in any prophet or messenger after Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) as *Zili* (embodiment) or *Bruzi* (in a way of reflection) prophet, and I have no connection with any Ahmadi, Lahori or Qadiani. In fact, I consider those who claim prophethood after *Khatam an Nabiyeen* Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) to be infidel, liar and deceiver."

Thus, if an Ahmadi wants admission he has to fill in this affidavit on oath, which is not possible for an Ahmadi, and if Ahmadi student does not sign this on oath he would not get admission. Moreover, if an Ahmadi declares his faith, then they would not allow him to take Islamic Studies as a subject, also by knowing his denomination the teachers and students would harass him in the school.

The above-mentioned certificate apparently is an invention of the lower cadres, as the Constitution and law do not require such a certificate from students.

Ahmadi student faces hostility at university

Wapda Town, Lahore; September 22, 2020: Mr. Safir Ahmad is a BBA (Graduation in Business Administration) student at UMT (University of Management and Technology). On September 22, 2020 he was attending a lecture on Islamic Studies. His professor sent him out of the classroom and told him to come to his office after the lecture. When he went to see the lecturer later, there were two or three other people already sitting there. The professor asked Safir if he was a *Mirzai*. "Yes, I am an Ahmadi", he replied. At this the lecturer said loudly, "Whatever you are, don't come to my class next time. I shall not clear you in the exam." After that Safir went to the classroom; there students of *Jamiat* (student wing of JI) did not let him enter, and told him to leave the university and not come there again.

Safir has not been to the university since then.

Extremism promoted in educational institutes

Muridkay, Distt. Sheikhupura; January 31, 2020: Alnoor Group of Colleges and Academies organized there a Khatme Nabuwat conference on January 31, 2020. This academy is a prestigious one and approximately 1200 male and female students study in it.

Mulla Irfan Mahmood Barq and Qari Zawar Hussain were invited to speak. They made anti-Ahmadiyya speeches of one hour each separately for male and female students. They levelled baseless allegations against the leaders of the Ahmadiyya community and incited the audience against Ahmadis. The issue was advertised on social media. A number of Ahmadi students are also registered in this campus.

Situation became rather tense for Ahmadi students after the conference. All Ahmadi students were questioned about their faith the next day. A first year female student was asked by her teacher to become a Muslim. Similarly, a male student Nayab Ahmad of first year faced hostility. The college administration called his friend Ahmad Raza and told him to distance himself from Nayab. Consequently, even Raza could not go to the campus for a few days.

A while ago an Ahmadi teacher was fired from the same campus for his faith.



Ahmadi teacher faces hostility at school

Jalalpur Syedan, District Khushab; Oct-Nov 2020: Mr. Rafi Ahmad is a teacher here at the Government High School. He has been serving in this school for eight years and has been its acting headmaster at times. Two years ago, a new headmaster arrived. He is from the Osmania denomination. Similarly, three teachers belong to the Ahl-e-Hadith faction, while two belong to the extremist Tahrik Labbaik Ya Rasul Allah. For some time, all these have started opposing Mr. Ahmad.

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

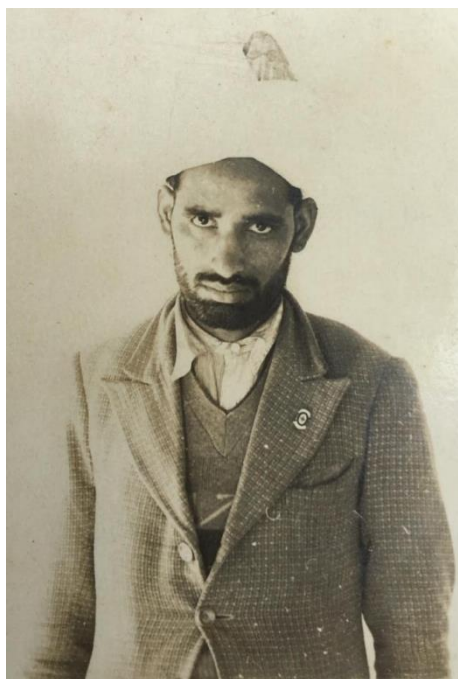
One day when Mr. Ahmad was busy in a lecture to his class, the headmaster assembled the rest of teachers and passed a written resolution that this Qadiani teacher should be socially boycotted and expelled from there. Thereafter they held a joint prayer against him. At that, one of them commented in support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

In this situation, Mr. Ahmad met his district officer. The district officer telephoned the headmaster and told him to sort out the issues. Anyway, Mr. Ahmad's social boycott remained in place; no teacher talked to him; he gave his lectures and sat alone. He received threats of early transfer.

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

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

The mulla and education in Pakistan



Mr. Ghulam Rasul

2019/2020: Pakistan is struggling to make some progress in various fields of national life e.g. good governance, education, sectarian harmony, economy, jobs, communications, agriculture etc. There is need to pull together at all levels to come out of the prevailing quagmire. However, there is the mulla whom the state and society have given undue space, and yielded him sufficient clout to obstruct progress at village level as well as at the federal. What happens at the higher level gets reported in media, but efforts made and wasted at lower level receive no mention. Even a researcher may never discover the extent of the mulla's harm to society. We mention below one such story to spotlight the mulla's role in retarding the national progress.

Mr. Ghulam Rasul, born in 1910, was a resident of village Kalas in District Gujrat. He grew up to be a teacher by profession. His father was also a teacher and the only Ahmadi in the village. It was the era of British Raj.

Literacy rate in the village was low — 3 percent. As a boy, Rasul was a good student. With no high school in the area, he studied up to 8th grade, and did special courses to become a senior vernacular (S.V.) teacher. He was a hardworking, able and caring teacher. He promoted education in the area and developed reputation of being a very helpful good man. He raised four children, two sons and two daughters; all were sent to college for higher education. After a successful career he retired at the age of sixty. He died in 1976.

Many years passed, and his children, who were now well-placed in life, thought of setting up a scholarship in their father's name in memory of decades of his memorable services to the local people in the field of education.

In a family meeting, Mr. Rasul's children formed a Policy Board to establish a Ghulam Rasul (Memorial) Scholarship, and framed the following rules, (briefly):

- The scholarship would be available every year to a student from Kalas who locally topped in Matriculation examination. It would be awarded for two-year study in a government college.
- The scholarship would cover the admission fee, all examination fees, monthly tuition fees and an additional Rs 2500/- per month. (In Pakistan Rs 2500/- per month is handsome pocket money for a college student in districts). This was to be periodically revised upward to allow for inflation.
- The Scholarship would be purely merit-based. Family, creed, caste, financial status, gender etc. of candidates will be of no consideration for the award.
- A local executive committee of four will nominate the recipient, issue cash, maintain accounts and administer the scholarship.

To implement the above, an executive committee of four from the village was nominated through consultation with village elders. None of them was an Ahmadi. They were asked to nominate their own Secretary. A handsome amount was advanced in cash to the Secretary to meet expenditure of initial few months. The sponsors undertook to replenish the fund routinely well in advance. Accounting and audit rules were also agreed upon. The scheme

was intended to be operative in perpetuity. All the ten village elders of different family groups (*Bradari*) were informed in writing of this scheme. Everyone seemed to be happy about it.

Then the village mulla came to know of this scheme. He was a former student of the Ahrari madrassah at nearby Nagarian, as such a committed anti-Ahmadiyya, and a self-styled activist of protection of the end of prophethood. He made his own plans — differently.

Approximately a month before the declaration of the Matriculation result, the mulla assembled all the village boys who had appeared in the examination. He told them to refuse acceptance of the scholarship, on religious grounds. What else he told them, we do not know. The boys were made to agree. The executive committee members came to know of the mulla's move. The members had been nominated for their decency and serenity. They decently decided not to challenge the mulla, and preferred to concede. The sponsors in the Policy Board were not local residents anymore, so they were unable to influence events. Hence the mulla prevailed.

The Ghulam Rasul Scholarship scheme perished. The support available to village youth for college studies went unavailed. Surely, there would be some who would have otherwise attended college. Multiply this evil of the mulla's interference half a million times, and you get the idea of full impact of the mulla's damage to Pakistani society in various fields of life.

Unfortunately, there is no light at the end of this tunnel, so long as the state and the society give undue power and prestige to clerics.

Ahmadi university student faces hate and discrimination

GC University Faisalabad; July 2020: Syed Haris Javed S/O Syed Muzaffar Javed, an Ahmadi student of GC University Faisalabad had kept his belief to himself. Recently some of his class fellows came to know of his faith. They telephoned him on June 23, 2020 and abused him. Then some other class-fellows from Faisalabad city launched a hateful propaganda against him on Facebook and WhatsApp group of his university fellows.

“Mr. Javed had to switch off his mobile phone and delete his social media accounts in the face of such hateful threatening propaganda. He feels very disturbed and worried. He has been advised to take precautions.

Ahmadi student under threat

Islamia University, Bahawalpur; 6th February, 2020: Miss Tooba Azhar, an Ahmadi student of Psychology in Islamia University, Bahawalpur is resident of Khadija Hostel there. She was sent for by her teachers. On arrival she found five lecturers in the room. They asked her, “Are you a Qadiani/Ahmadi?” In reply Miss Azhar said, “Yes I am an Ahmadi”. To this the lecturers told her that as such she was an infidel and she would have to embrace Islam otherwise there would be lot of difficulties for her. Furthermore, she was told to convert into a Muslim by the evening, otherwise she would not be able to pass the exams.

Miss Azhar told the whole story to her father who then met the Assistant to the Vice Chancellor who assured him full cooperation. Later the matter was resolved peacefully—for the present, anyway.

Social boycott at college

Islamabad; October 2020: Miss. Tehmina Mubarak is a student of M.Sc. Mass Communication at Margalla College. When the college reopened after the Covid-19 lockdown, her friend who had been her class fellow for the last five years and knew her Ahmadiyya identity, texted her that she was going the wrong way and it was her duty to guide her to the right path for her hereafter. She admitted to be in the wrong in withholding her religious identity from class mates. She also raised same religious issues and some routine allegations against Ahmadis.

When Tehmina went to the college, the classroom environment and attitude of old friends had changed greatly. Tehmina told them that she did not hide anything from them as her Ahmadiyya identity was written in college records.

The next day, most of the girls (both Sunni and Shia) said that they had asked their clerics and they had told them that it was forbidden to talk to Ahmadis and that it was *haram* (illicit) to share food with them. They also asked their Islamic Studies teacher, without mentioning Tehmina's name, the edict regarding social interaction with a Qadiani. The teacher replied that it is forbidden to talk and socialize with Qadianis.

Tehmina feels lonely and concerned.

Agitation against Ahmadi-owned school

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

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

Ahmadi teacher faces stark discrimination

Peshawar, September 2020: Qazi Tariq Ahmad, an Ahmadi, was appointed as senior teacher in Higher Secondary School Tehkaal, Peshawar. The Covid-19 lockdown kept him at home. The principal displayed prejudice against him from the day one. Anyway, on third day of the school opening, the principal sent for Mr. Ahmad, from where he was escorted by a heavy contingent of police to the police station. When asked, the police intimated that he was in serious danger for his faith, and advised him great caution. He was thereafter driven home.

Mr. Ahmad has been facing hostility for some time. Opponents spoke out against him at a rally in the area and incited the crowd. A mulla Mufti Akbar Ali is leading this hate campaign. He has uploaded videos against Mr. Ahmad on his Facebook account as well.

Mr. Ahmad loves to teach, so he got this post with great effort in lieu of an office job. But the prevailing religious intolerance seems to be overwhelming.

Ahmadi lady teacher at risk in Peshawar

Hayatabad, Peshawar; September 20, 2020: Mrs. Najia Ahmad, an Ahmadi resident of Hayatabad, Peshawar, is a teacher at a government girls' school in village Tehkal Bala, Peshawar. Local mullas have spoken out against her in public. On September 20, 2020, the police came to her house and stopped her from going to school for safety reasons. The police sources said that they were writing to the education department to transfer her to a school in Hayatabad. The police told her to be cautious and gave her their phone number to call in emergency.

Earlier, the same happened to another Ahmadi, Qazi Tariq Ahmad, teacher at Higher Secondary School, Tehkal. The police had security concerns for him. The local mullas indulged in hate speech against him too.



Jobs, Business, etc

Religion's increasing importance in government service

Islamabad: Almost all educated people in Pakistan know the founding father's guideline:

"Everyone of you, no matter to what community he belongs, ...no matter what is his color, caste or creed is first, second and last a citizen of this State with equal rights, privileges and obligations... You are free, you are free to go to your temples, you are free to go to your mosques or any other places of worship..."

"You may belong to any religion or caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of the State....We are starting with this fundamental principle that we are all citizens and equal citizens of one State...."*Address to the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on 11 August 1947*

However 70 years later, some officials of the state think they are wiser than Quaid-i-Azam; the superiors of the Airport Security Force are surely among them. A recent application form for joining the Force requires the applicants to provide the following information regarding himself, *inter alia*:

- Faith: Muslim or Non Muslim
- Denomination (*firqua*)
- Religion to be specified by Non-Muslims
- Caste

One wonders what relevance, importance and purpose these bits of information have for recruitment in the ASF. We were told clearly, solemnly and bindingly by the great founding father: **"You may belong to any religion or caste or creed that has nothing to do with the business of the state."**

Boycott of an Ahmadi's business in Karachi

Drigh Road, Karachi; November 2020: Mr. Danish Akmal has been living here for 32 years. He runs a shoe store in the Millennium Mall for eight years. A few days ago, a fire broke out

in the mall and a meeting of the market council was called. There Mr. Akmal was discussed on lines that if they provide business to the Qadianis, the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) would be angry resulting in such calamities. Accordingly, they decided to boycott Mr. Akmal and damage his business. Banners were put up in the market to show their boycott. “BOYCOTT QADIANI — QADIANI INFIDEL”, was painted here and there in the market.

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

Ahmadi's shop set on fire

Mustafa Abad, District Kasur;

February 16, 2020: Mr.

Ghulam Nabi, president of the

local Ahmadiyya community,

runs a furniture shop. On

February 16, he painted some

of the furniture items and slept

inside the shop leaving the

door open for ventilation

against paint fumes. At about

midnight four unknown

masked men entered the shop,

beat up Mr. Ghulam Nabi and

set the furniture on fire. They

said, “We told you earlier to

close down this shop; we do

not let Qadianis do business

here”. The electric wires got

damaged and lights went off. At

this, they went away. Mr. Nabi

extinguished the fire with help

of some other people. The fire

caused considerable damage

and loss.

A few days earlier, some

unknown motorcyclists came

to Mr. Nabi's shop and

threatened him with reference

to his faith. The police were

informed of the incident and

they gave security assurance.

The police were informed

again after the arson.



Ahmadi government servant boycotted

District Khushab; September 2020: Mr. Asdaq Athar Majoka is serving in SPU (Special

Protection Unit) Punjab Police for the last four years. Nowadays he is posted in Pioneer Cement

Protection Unit, Punjab Police. He was on leave for some time due to an accident. When he

reported back, there were some new arrivals in the SPU. One of them, Faizan, from Sargodha,

reported to the camp in-charge that Asdaq Athar is a Qadiani. “He is wearing a Muslim cloak,

is deceiving everyone, and he should eat separately, in separate crockery in the mess”, he

added. The camp in-charge reported the matter to the wing commander, who is a retired major.

The wing commander said that he should be sent on leave for three days and then action would

be taken as per the orders given by the DIG. Mr. Athar was sent on three days' leave and was

told to segregate at meals. The miscreants also demanded from Mr. Athar to quit Ahmadiyyat and switch over, to which they were given a proper answer. Athar is back on duty. His boycott goes on.

Such is the nature of common man's religion in Pakistan — thanks to the mulla, fortified by the state.

Difficulties in doing business

Quaidabad; District Khushab, September 2020: Mr. Majid Baig, an Ahmadi tailor has his shop Al-Qamar Tailors in the main bazaar of Quaidabad. He is facing faith-related hostility for some time now. The Embroidery and Pico businesses of the area refused to accept Mr. Baig's work. On 25th August, he was told to come to Quaidabad police station to respond to an application by Zain ul Abideen of the daily *Zain ul Amal*. It stated that Mr. Baig said 'salaam' (greetings) to a stamp seller, although he is forbidden by the Constitution (sic).

Mr. Baig told the inspector that the applicant is a miscreant and his application was baseless. The inspector told him to give his statement in writing. Mr. Baig did that.

In another act of discrimination, Mr. Naseer Ahmad who used to sell his vegetables in the market was told to stop that — because the shopkeepers were pressurized by mullas.

Ahmadi shopkeeper harassed

Basti Qandhara Singh, District Rahim Yar Khan; June 2020: Mr. Tousif Ahmad, an Ahmadi retailer here, has a shop in the market.

The *Numburdar* (head of the village) has his own shops in front of the shop of Mr. Ahmad. He bedevils Mr. Ahmad as also his customers. Many a times he has called the police against Mr. Ahmed on frivolous excuses. One day he sent hooligans from the village to Mr. Ahmad's shop for mischief but he handled the situation with care, to avoid any harm. Mr. Ahmad feels very harassed under these circumstances.

An Ahmadi faces departmental inquiry for his faith

Railway Line, Rawalpindi; July 07, 2020: Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, an Ahmadi, has been working in Rawalpindi in Railways for the last thirty-one years. Now he is a foreman. One of his department fellows created problems for him on religious grounds and lodged an application against him for departmental action. He wrote that the foreman was a non-Muslim but posed as a Muslim and quoted the Holy Quran and Hadith wrongly. Other workers broke the utensils used by the foreman, because he was a non-Muslim, wrote the bigot.

In response, the department asked Mr. Shakeel to explain. He submitted in writing his answers to the allegations. A departmental officer told Shakeel sympathetically to not feel disturbed. Mr. Shakeel has been advised to take precautions.

Business and bigots

Lahore; February 19, 2020: Mr. Ayaz Nazir, an Ahmadi shop-keeper of Lahore recently had a dispute with his neighbor in the market over a closed shutter next to his shop. Mr. Nazir had an agreement with the market-union that the neighbor would not open up the disputed shutter. On 11th Feb 2020 the neighbor brought along 100 persons, broke the locks of the closed shutter and opened it. When Mr. Nazir objected to the violation of the agreement, the opponents tried to develop a brawl with him, his brother and his father, and involve religion in the dispute. A mulla urged the crowd to oppose Mr. Nazir as he was an Ahmadi. Mr. Nazir thereby had to call the police who took both the parties to the police station, where the issue was settled.

Grave threats on dealing with Ahmadis

Okara, Punjab; August 2020: Sheikh Khalid Mahmood, an Ahmadi, has a general store in Sadar Bazaar, Okara. On August 17, 2020, his non-Ahmadi employee told him that the mulla of the neighborhood met him and told him to stop working at the *Mirzai's* store or else he would be killed along with the owner. At this the employee dared the mulla to touch them. "You and your shop owner would know in a few days' time," replied the mulla.

Muazam Saeed Butt, another Ahmadi, owns ice cream distribution business in Okara. He went to the barber shop in his neighborhood for an haircut. The barber told him that the shop's owner had threatened him not to allow Mr. Butt in his shop anymore; otherwise, he would suffer along with the Qadiani.

Social persecution in Karachi

Model colony, Karachi; October 2020: Mr. Atir Raooof, an Ahmadi, worked at an ice cream parlor. Manager of the shop was satisfied with his work. One-day the cashier came to know of his faith; he gathered all the staff and told them that Mr. Raooof is a Qadiani. At this, everyone told the manager that either Raooof would stay there or they would. The manager sent for Mr. Raooof and told him that he was happy with his work, but could not keep him against the will of the staff, as such he had to leave.

Similarly, Mr. Rizwan Ahmad Tahir, an Ahmadi, runs a business Mamoon Optics in Model Colony. Nobody in the area knew his faith. One of the shopkeepers then came to know that Mr. Tahir is an Ahmadi; he spread the word in the market. Now all the shopkeepers are asking him about this and some of them there have started opposing him.

Opposition to Ahmadi in business

Rajanpur; October 2020: Mr. Safir Khalid runs a store in Kotla Naseer, six km from Rajanpur. Near his shop, there are other shops too, run by non-Ahmadis. Opponents tell customers that Khalid is a Qadiani, don't buy goods from him. Customers thus tend to avoid shopping at his store or even return the purchased goods. Mr. Khalid has to exercise great caution in these circumstances.

Ahmadi denied purchase of goods

Lahore; December 2020: Mr. Amir Shehzad is a camera technician in Sadar Anjuman Ahmadiyya Rabwah. He went to Lahore to buy camera equipment. There, he took out his needed goods from a shop 'CCTV World' and asked these to be sent to his address in Rabwah. The salesmen asked him, "Have you come from Rabwah?" Mr. Shehzad replied in the affirmative. After that, the two people in the shop talked to each other and told Mr. Shehzad that they would not sell him the goods. Mr. Shehzad told them that he often purchased goods from there, why could he not get them now? To which they replied that he belonged to the Ahmadi religion; if he were not an Ahmadi, they would sell him the goods.

Some traders in Lahore have boycotted the Ahmadi for years. Anti-Ahmadi stickers and posters were put up in almost the entire Hafeez Center market.

Mr. Shehzad had to go to another store to buy his stuff.



**NO BUSINESS
WITH QADIANIS**

Hostility at job

91-A/10R, District Khanewal; December 2020: Mr. Zahid Ahmad, Ahmadi, has been working in Millat Equipment Limited, Lahore as an electrician for nine years. When he returned to the company after holidays on September 7, 2020, he greeted his co-workers as usual, but no one responded. He learned that his co-workers' behavior had changed due to the influence of a mulla in the factory.

The next day the mulla and some staff came to Mr. Ahmad and told him that then onward they would have nothing to do with him and they would not allow him to work there, except by disassociating himself from the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. They used foul language against Ahmadiyyat in his presence. Mr. Ahmad told them that he was Ahmadi by birth and believed in the truth of Mirza Sahib.

The opponents also told his apartment-sharer to not let him stay there. Mr. Ahmad had to inform the management of the situation, but they refused any support. So, he had to leave the job and stop going to the factory to avoid any problem.



Ahmadis forced to vacate house and warehouse

Ahmadabad, Narowal; December 2020: Some of the Ahmadis of this area now live in Rawalpindi where they have taken a room for residence, and rented a warehouse for storing wooden sawdust. A few days ago, the landlord discovered that they are Ahmadis, so he told them to vacate the house and the warehouse.

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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. Four Ahmadis arrested by FIA under Cyber Crimes law for promoting Quranic knowledge remain in prison for denial of their plea for bail. 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.

Azad Kashmir High Court joins the coterie

Kotli; January 29, 2020: Justice Shaukat Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court had issued his 170-page implausible verdict on the Ahmadiyya issue, in response to a move by mullah Allah Wasaya of Tehrik Khatme Nabuwwat. Then, in March 2019, Justice Shujaat Ali Khan of Lahore High Court, wrote his 40-page verdict on Quran Act 2011 (and Ahmadis, primarily) in response to a writ petition by mulla Hasan Muawiyah, a rabidly anti-Ahmadi activist. Both verdicts are 'recommended readings'. Now, there is a report in the press that Azad Kashmir High Court has issued a verdict over an appeal by Tehrik Khatme Nabuwwat. We translate below headlines from the daily *Sada-i-Chanar* of January 29, 2020, published from various locations including Rawalpindi, Kotli and London:

"The Court issues verdict on appeal of Tehrik Khatme Nabuwwat. The Azad government is directed to undertake (required) legislation through the Assembly.

"A separate record should be prepared of non-Muslims including Qadianis: Order of Azad Kashmir High Court

"Separate voter lists; separate right of representation should be accepted. The verdict was announced by (Acting) Chief Justice Azhar Saleem Babar and Justice Shiraz Kiyani.

"Mirzais were declared Non-Muslim in 2018; but separate political rights of Non-Muslims were not recognized. Now after this Court verdict, Mirzais will not be able to benefit from joint political rights."

The government and political parties in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) take the credit of declaring Ahmadis 'non-Muslim' in 2018, and the territory's religious parties are clapping over obtaining this verdict from their High Court, that would effectively bar Ahmadis from participating in elections.

Judicial trends in the Sub-continent

Two major countries of South Asia, Pakistan and India may be at daggers drawn politically, but in many ways they remain in the same realm, as if one entity. For example, their judiciaries have a lot in common. Two court verdicts are evidence enough. We mention these very briefly. The story from India is a BBC report, while that from Pakistan is from the daily *Express Tribune* of October 2, 2020.

India	Pakistan
<p>Babri mosque: India's Muslims feel more abandoned than ever</p> <p>Nearly three decades, 850 witnesses, more than 7000 documents, photographs and video tapes later, a court in India found no-one guilty of razing a 16th century mosque which was attacked by Hindu mobs in the holy city of Ayodhya.</p> <p>Among the 32 living accused were former deputy premier LK Advani, and a host of senior BJP leaders. Wednesday's court judgment acquitted them all, saying the destruction of the</p>	<p>Three Ahmadiyya Community members arrested after Lahore High Court rejects bail</p> <p>Lahore: The Punjab Police arrested three members of the Ahmadiyya Community accused of using Islamic symbols and practices at their places of worship, after the Lahore High Court (LHC) dismissed their pre-arrest bails on Friday (October 2).</p> <p>The court also rejected the (Ahmadi) petitioner's plea seeking an FIR to be registered against witnesses and complainants who entered into their places of worship without permission....</p>

mosque in 1992 had been the work of unidentified “anti-socials” and had not been planned.

This was despite numerous credible eye witness accounts that the demolition, which took just a few hours, had been rehearsed and carried out with impunity and the connivance of a section of local police in front of thousands of spectators.

Last year, India’s Supreme Court conceded it had been a “calculated act” and an “egregious violation of the rule of law”. ...

BBC

Petitioners Tahir Nakkash, Akbar Ali and Sharafat Ahmad had filed an application for pre-arrest bails in the LHC, contending that they had been implicated in a forged FIR even though they have nothing to do with this case.

They maintained that they had not committed any offence and had been roped in the case with mala fide intentions and ulterior motive.

The police had no justification to arrest the petitioners, and in the circumstances of this case, the arrest of the petitioners would be the violation of the fundamental rights of the petitioners as guaranteed under Articles 9 and 10-A of the Constitution.

On the other hand, the complainant counsel, advocate Muhammad Tayyab Qureshi argued that the accused had committed a heinous offence by using Islamic symbols and practices....

The daily Express Tribune of October 2, 2020

Notes by this editor:

1. If declared guilty, the three Ahmadis accused could be imprisoned for three years.
2. The police case was registered with local mullas and police acting together.
3. The Constitution of Pakistan grants religious freedom to all citizens in its Article 20.
4. The bails were cancelled by Justice Asjad Javed Ghural.

Google, LHC, and the Chief Justice

Lahore: According to a press report in the daily *Ausaf*, Lahore of December 22, 2020, one Advocate Azhar Haseeb had put up a complaint on this issue, and the CJ Lahore High Court Qasim Khan heard it and made the following observations:

Qadiani Khalifa’s name on Google is deplorable. The government is asleep. PUBG was barred, why no decision on this issue: Lahore High Court

Here you will avail protection of the law, (but) what shall be your reply in the grave? It is easy to raise the slogan of Riasat Madinah, but implementation is difficult. All parties to appear in a personal capacity. It seems the top man will have to be sent for: Chief Justice

The daily *Dawn* of December 29, 2020 filed the following report:

Can FIA file case against Google, wonders LHC

CJ says agency should establish wing to exclusively deal with blasphemous content

By our Staff Reporter

Hearing a petition against the government's failure to remove blasphemous material from internet, Lahore High Court Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan on Monday asked a federal law officer if the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has the jurisdiction to lodge a case against search engine Google.

Several FIA officials were present in the court in compliance with the chief justice's directives issued during the previous hearing.

To a court query, a deputy attorney general admitted that the FIA was responsible for taking action against any objectionable and blasphemous material available on internet.

Chief Justice Khan observed that the situation was getting worse by the day. "What kind of (state of Madina) is it that the basic responsibility is not being fulfilled?" the chief justice asked.

He observed that the FIA should establish a wing to exclusively deal with blasphemous material. He asked the law officer as to what action the FIA could take if someone from outside the country was involved in spreading blasphemous material on the internet. He also directed the law officer to assist on a point whether the FIA could register a case against Google if any blasphemous material was not removed.

The chief justice would resume the hearing on December 30 at the Multan bench of the court.

Advocate Azhar Haseeb had filed the petition seeking a directive for the government to get the name of the leader of Ahmadi community as a caliph of Islam removed from Google.

After the next hearing the daily *Dunya* of December 3, 2020 published a brief story of the event as follows (translated extracts):

Action against blasphemy should be taken as against those involved in conspiracy against the country: CJ Lahore High Court

Personal interest should not be preferred over national and religious interest. FIA should not unnecessarily delay registering a criminal case.

After all, what is the problem in declaring proclaimed offenders those who have uploaded blasphemous material on Google: The court hearing postponed till January 20, 2021.

Multan (Court reporter; APP) Chief Justice Lahore High Court Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan remarked, "What was the problem in declaring 'proclaimed offenders' those who uploaded blasphemous material on Google? We should not give preference to personal interest over national and religious interest. FIA should not unnecessarily delay registration of a criminal case against the accused. A case can be registered under Section 154 on receipt of information. Inquiry and evidence are issues thereafter." Chief Justice Lahore High Court Muhammad Qasim Khan heard the plea for removal of blasphemous material on Internet, on Wednesday in High Court, Multan Bench. Mr. Asad Ali Bajwah, the Deputy Attorney General had come from Lahore to Multan to pursue the case. Mr. Wajid Zia the DG FIA, Mr. Abdul Rab Director Cyber Crimes and other officials presented themselves as well. The court had asked for a report from the FIA regarding removal of blasphemous material from the internet. Chief Justice remarked that the blasphemy accused also should be proceeded against as those who conspire against Pakistan. At this occasion the Chairman PTA stated that a number of objectionable websites have been shut down, but it is not possible to efface them entirely; in addition 19 websites of the community that spreads hatred, have been shut down. The Chief Justice postponed the next hearing till January 20, at the request of the Deputy Attorney General...

Fanatic attitude of the court in the case of Ahmadis

Lahore; July 2020: A police case was registered against Mr. Rohan Ahmad, as also senior Ahmadi leadership, including Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad based in Rabwah,

under PPCs 298-C, 295-B, 120-B, 109, 34, PECA-11 in FIR Nr. 29 at police station FIA Cyber Crime Lahore on May 26, 2020. PPC 298-C is an anti-Ahmadiyya clause, while 295-B is a blasphemy clause. Mr. Rohan Ahmad was arrested on May 27, 2020 and was held at Kot Lakhpat Jail, Lahore. If declared guilty, even the accused who are not involved in this incident, could all be imprisoned for life.

Among the other named accused, an application was filed in the court of Additional Sessions Judge FIA (Federal Investigation Agency) for interim bail of Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad. The interim bail application was granted on May 29, 2020 and its confirmation proceedings were fixed in the court of Justice Misbah Khan. However, as she was on leave till August 15, the hearing was held in her place by Judge Naeem Sheikh, Additional Sessions Judge on duty with Cyber Crimes. More than 15 lawyers and several clerics from the opposition came to the hearing on July 7, 2020.

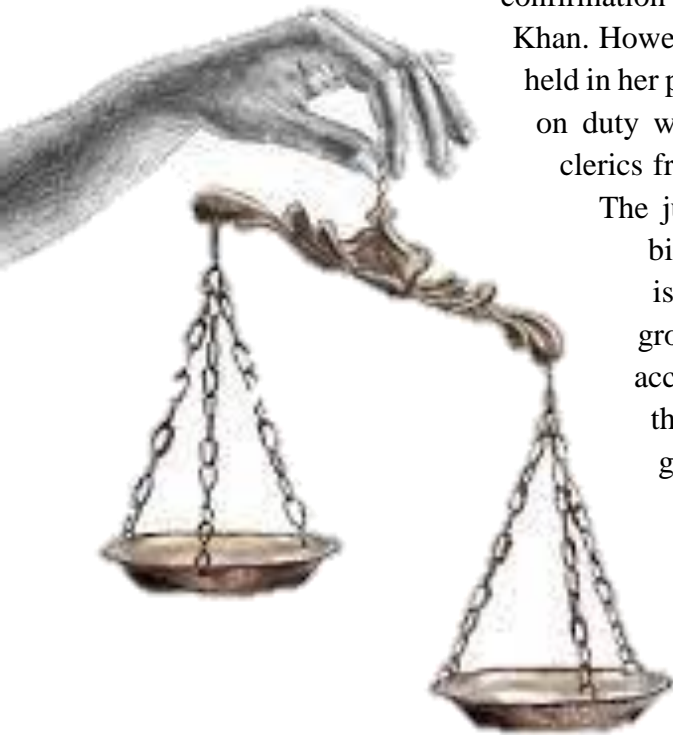
The judge seemed to be under pressure as his attitude was biased and aggressive. The judge wanted to decide the issue same day, but the lawyer asked for another date on ground that the FIA had not investigated the role of the accused Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad. At this, the judge ordered this part of the investigation and gave July 9, 2020 as the date of next hearing. So, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad were interrogated in Lahore by the FIA on July 8, 2020. The interrogation lasted about four hours.

On July 9 both these accused appeared in the court. In view of the court's apparent bias, the defense filed a petition for transfer of the case to another court. At this, the judge ordered that on July 16 he will first decide on the transfer application and then on the bail application.

On July 16, both the nominated accused appeared before the judge. He rejected as per current rules the request for a change of court.

Later that day, the bail confirmation case was heard. A large number of lawyers and mullas were present in and out of the court as a bunch to put pressure on the court and cause a commotion. There was a distinct possibility of any untoward incident, as such no bail was expected from the court. Because of these circumstances, the accused were not able to appear before the court. Judge Naeem Sheikh dismissed the bail application on the ground of non-appearance in the court.

The FIA, Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore has apparently wrongfully teamed up with mullas in this case and has committed itself to its unfair and unjustified plan to persecute Ahmadi leaders who are not involved in this case. This conduct of senior local officials of the FIA is unbecoming and reprehensible. The Cyber Crimes laws were promulgated to fight sinister and nefarious cyber crimes and not to prosecute academics involved in education and research. The top officials will do well to reconsider their policy and *modus operandi* of implementation of this law. Close links with corrupt mullas is not in the interest of FIA, a national institution concerned with security in the land of pure.



Bail application rejected

Lahore; September 2020: Mr. Waqar Ahmad student of Jamia Ahmadiyya and others were booked for sharing Quranic material on social media, under cyber crime law on 12th November 2019, with FIR No 152/2019 of Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-C, blasphemy laws 295-B and 295-A, PECA-11 and PPCs 120-B, 109 and 34. Mr. Waqar Ahmad was arrested.

His bail application was rejected on April 8 by Magistrate Zulfiqar Bari. An appeal was made against this rejection of bail by the magistrate. Appeal was heard by additional sessions judge Misbah on August 25, 2020.

On completion of hearing the judge rejected the bail plea on 1st September 2020.

Bail cancelled by the High Court

Multan; October 1, 2020: A spurious police case was registered on July 23, 2020 in Rajanpur City over a non-issue of an Ahmadi-owned school in Village Allah Dad. In an exceptionally broad sweep, six Ahmadi were named in the FIR including Mr. Fazal Ahmad, the Ahmadiyya Director of Education for the whole country. Dr. Shahid Iqbal, a senior Ahmadiyya Community official in District Rajanpur was also added to the list of the accused for no valid reason.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal had been granted bail till September 15, 2020. However when he presented himself to the Multan Bench of LHC on October 1, 2020 for confirmation of the bail, his plea was refused.

Dr. Iqbal was arrested there and then, and was shifted to Rajanpur Jail.

Problems faced in obtaining release on bail

Lahore, December 2020: Malik Zaheer Ahmad was following up, as friend, the criminal case baselessly registered against Mr. Rohan Ahmad and senior Jamaat officials, when he was also booked under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, PECA11 on September 30, 2020 and arrested. PPC 295-B prescribes imprisonment for life.

Malik Zaheer's plea for bail was rejected by Additional Sessions Judge Lahore, Mr. Hamid Hussain on November 26, 2020.

A plea for review of this rejection was made in the Lahore High Court. Justice Alia Neelam was to hear it on December 21, 2020. On that date, mullas proposed an advocate of their own to pursue the case. At this, the defense took the plea that as the state was the petitioner in this case, there was no room for a private lawyer to intervene. The judge, however, allowed the private lawyer, with the remark that anyone who raises an objection in the case can enter an attorney. The bail was not granted.

Bail refused

Nankana Sahib; December 2020: Messrs. Sharafat Ahmad, Akbar Ali and Tahir Naqqash, Ahmadi, were implicated in a police case under anti-Ahmadi sections PPCs 298-B and 298-C

on May 2, 2020 in P.S. Mangatanwala, District Nankana Sahib. All the three gentlemen were office-holders in the Community.

In follow-up of the registration of this case, pleas for bail were made which were rejected, and the three accused were arrested and moved to Sheikhupura Jail.

After the arrest, Mr. Adil Riaz, the magistrate rejected their post-arrest bail on October 23, 2020, while the appeal against this rejection was further rejected by ASJ Sohail Anjum on December 8, 2020.

Lahore High Court's apparent support to the mulla

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

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

Following is relevant to these cases:


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

Under these circumstances, it was only fair that on request of the accused orders were issued to

Bail application rejected

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

A bail application was filed in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Naseer-ul-din Pathan by both the accused, The ASJ rejected the pleas on December 23, 2020.



transfer these cases to Rawalpindi for fair investigation and follow up.

The opponents approached Lahore High Court against the transfer order.

Lo and behold, the honorable judge, issued Stay Order against the transfer; the case will be followed up in Lahore by the same FIA team which is apparently under the influence of the complainant. Consider.

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Cases under Electronic Crimes law

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

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

UN Declaration of Human Rights

Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department, Lahore raids the house of an Ahmadi missionary

On May 26, 2020, Pakistan's Cyber Crimes Department at Lahore under the Federal Investigation Agency, conducted a raid on the house of an Ahmadi missionary, Rohan Ahmad of Wapda Town, Lahore. He was with his parents to celebrate *Eid ul Fitr*, the Islamic festival marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Rohan Ahmad, 30, was arrested and held at Camp Jail, Lahore. An FIR Nr. 29/2020 was registered against him at Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Wing under PPC 295-B, 298-C, 120B, 109, 34 R/W 2016-PECA-11. If declared guilty, he could be imprisoned for life.

CYBER CRIME CYBER CRIME

The raid was conducted after Muhammad Shakil Advocate S/o Muhammad Amin of Prem Gali, Gawal Mandi Lahore submitted a complaint to the Deputy Director Cyber Crimes Lahore, alleging that on September 30, 2019 he had received a WhatsApp message asking him to take part in a Quiz program and a General Knowledge competition launched by the Majlis Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya Pakistan, a youth organization of the Ahmadiyya Community, and that the phone number from which this message was sent was traced to be of Rohan Ahmad, an Ahmadi missionary working at Rabwah.

The complainant, Muhammad Shakil, further alleged that he received 4-5 SMS messages as well from the same number the very next day, i.e. October 1, 2019. The complainant also said that he also received a link to a website which contained copies of *Ruhani Khazain* the books of the founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and *Tafseer-i-Saghir* a translation and short commentary of the Holy Quran by the second successor of the founder of Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Muhammad Shakil stated in his application that when he opened the link, he found the aforesaid books to be containing materials that were blasphemous to Islam and the Prophet of Islam (sic). In addition, he said that he also found the books to comprise interpolations in the verses of the Holy Quran.

It is important to note that the mobile phone number 0336-0639147, mentioned in the FIR to be in use of the complainant Muhammad Shakil Advocate, has been previously used by a mulla, a well-known opponent of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan. The above-mentioned number has already been traced to have been in the possession of and to have been used by that mulla for a number of years. It would thus be fair to conclude that the number is used by various people and mentioned as the phone of the complainants in the FIRs against Ahmadis.

This time again, having received utterly false and baseless information against Rohan Ahmad and a few other members of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, the FIA obtained permission from a magistrate to raid the house of Mr. Rohan Ahmad. The officials who conducted the raid were not clad in uniform. Only one policeman was clad in his official uniform while the others wore plain clothes. They knocked at the door of the house of Rohan Ahmad, and when his brother came out, the FIA officials, with faces covered by masks, forcibly entered the house. The family thought some robbers had entered their house, so the women and children shut themselves up in a room. The FIA officials subjected Mr. Rohan Ahmad allegedly to torture. Additionally, the FIA officials harassed the members of his family and issued unwarranted threats to them. Later, they took Mr. Rohan Ahmad to the FIA Head Office in Shadman, Lahore, whereafter he was taken to the Camp Jail, Lahore.

According to the FIA, Mr. Rohan Ahmad allegedly admitted that he had shared some of the above mentioned materials on Google drive. The FIR registered against Mr. Rohan Ahmad makes a number of false and unfounded allegations. Also the statement that Ahmadiyya books are blasphemous to Islam and the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is pure nonsense.

It is known that the involved mulla has been, for many years, at the forefront of anti-Ahmadiyya activism in Pakistan. He has incited several people to lodge false complaints against innocent Ahmadis under sections 295-C and 295-B and other such clauses that entail lengthy and painful punishments for Ahmadis living in Pakistan. Numerous false and baseless criminal cases have been registered against Ahmadis on behest of this mulla. A lawyers forum was also founded to incite hatred against Ahmadi lawyers in particular and Ahmadis in general. The complainant, Muhammad Shakil Advocate who has filed this case is also a member of such a forum.

Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore — attacks, all guns blazing

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

This Wing has registered another criminal case, this time against Malik Tariq Mahmood of Spain and another. The case is registered with FIR Nr. 124/20 at Police Station Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, 34 and 11 PECA- 2016.

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

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

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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 Insaful by Mr. Imran Khan. Mr. Usman Buzdar is the chief minister of this province. 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 a bit diluted after his coming to power and an official visit to the US, but ingrained attitudes tend to have a long life.

The administration in Pakistan allows for and even follows even the wishes of the chief executive. The police do the bid of their political masters. Azad Jammu and Kashmir's political establishment is also 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 various locations. The politicians in power, not only hinted no relief; they came forth unabashedly in favor of tightening the screw further on this marginalized community.

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

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

Rabwah; November 2020: A very serious situation had developed in Pakistan in the last quarter of this year, whereby the top leadership of the Ahmadiyya Community in the country was facing arrests and long-term imprisonments through prosecution in fabricated police cases.

These cases are essentially *malafide*, fraudulent and based on PPC sections aimed at over-kill. Details can be seen in chapter 1A.

Authorities order shut-down of cable distribution of Ahmadiyya TV channels

Islamabad; May 28, 2020: Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has ordered that Ahmadiyya channels including MTA, MTA-1, MTA-1-Al-Awla, Ahmedia-1 (Urdu) etc. should not be carried by any distribution service licensee. "In case of violation, stern legal action must be initiated against the violator including but not limited to seizure of complete equipment besides initiating process for cancellation of its license in accordance with law," the order added. Copy of the PEMRA order is placed at Annex IV.

This time, someone, Mirza Farooq Haider, based reportedly in New Jersey USA, is responsible for initiating this iniquitous action by PEMRA Pakistan.



As per our information, Mirza Farooq Haider lodged an application with chairman of PEMRA, Islamabad for ban on the MTA and legal action against Managing Director Ahmadiyya channels, local cable operator, and distributors/installers. This bigot took stand in his application that, he is the chairman of Fourth Pillar Vigilant Media Watchdog; Pakistan is an Islamic country and every Muslim has belief and faith that Hadhrat Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is the last messenger and prophet. One who disbelieves in the end of Prophethood (*Khatme Nabuwwat*) is an infidel (*kafir*) and an apostate (*murtad*). "As according to the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Penal Code no Qadiani can declare himself a Muslim nor can he preach his faith; if he violates the said section, he is found guilty," he wrote.

He further stated that Qadianis are broadcasting their channels on prime location on Asia Satellite. On this prime location different Pakistan Muslim channels (sic) like ARY Digital, Zindagi etc. and entertainment and informative channels for children are also being broadcast. Children tune Qadiani channel while watching these channels, which shows programs against the end of prophethood and attempts to mislead innocent children and the younger generation. Asia Sat is a Singapore company. Qadianis feed their different channels through this. Qadianis' company *Alshirkatul Islamia* has its ownership. MTA head office is based in UK; in Pakistan its office is in Rabwah, he added.

Mr. Haider demanded immediate closure of Ahmadiyya channels' broadcast. He also asked PEMRA that houses where satellite boxes of Qadiani channels were installed should be seized. PEMRA found it convenient to comply with Haider's demand, and issued orders to cable operators to not carry those channels.

Here we show the other side of the picture. At present there are eight MTA channels that cover almost the whole world. Other than Pakistan, it is a rare country that finds MTA transmissions objectionable. MTA's programs promote moral and spiritual values and are designed to educate Ahmadis and those who opt to view these programs. Its programs are broadcast in most of the major languages of the world and also in important regional dialects. In some countries, including the West, some MTA programs are broadcast through local TV channels. Ahmadiyya teachings are known to promote tolerance, peace and religious harmony; opposition to all forms of terrorism is at the top of this list. MTA channels thus play an important role in promoting peace worldwide. Of course, these also provide an important link between top leadership of the community and members of the community, which is their basic human right. Closing down their distribution in Pakistan is a violation of principles laid down in Universal Declaration of Human Rights and also of basic and essential Freedoms of Thought, Conscience, Religion and Expression upheld in the Constitution of Pakistan.

It is indeed sad and highly improper of the DG (Operation — Distribution) PEMRA to readily yield to demands of a few bigots and deprive Ahmadi citizens of their basic right to watch their community TV channels. In fact, PEMRA would do well to reconsider its policy regarding MTA and include it in the list of legal channels. Pakistan is a signatory to international instruments like UDHR, ICCPR and ICESR etc., and the world community holds it accountable for its commitments. Promotion of freedom of faith and expression is in the long-term interest of Pakistan, regardless of what the right wing extremists demand.



A federal minister's religious zeal!

Islamabad; August-September, 2020: Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, a minister of state in the federal cabinet issued a tweet on August 12, which included a picture and his message. Mr. AM Khan is the same who called for 'beheading of blasphemers'. Anyway, in this tweet of August 12, he included photo of a draft resolution put up before the National Assembly, which demanded that whenever and wherever the name of Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) is mentioned in all official and non-official documents, it should be written or read or used as follows:
Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an

Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam. His covering message in this tweet conveys (*translation*):

Ali Muhammad Khan@Ali-MuhammadPTI

"*Alhamdulillah* that another historic step was taken relevant to *Khatme Nabuwwat*."

“ *A Resolution was passed in the National Assembly that makes it compulsory that in addition to textbooks, now in all official and exalted non official documents, along with the name of Hazrat Muhammad Sallallahu Alehi wa ala Aalehi wa Sallam, (the title) Khatam an Nabiyyeen should be always written and stated.*”

In April, Minister Ali Muhammad Khan released a video statement on the issue of Ahmadis’ participation in the Minorities Commission. As he elaborated amply on his and PTI’s attitude towards religion and quoted Mr. Imran Khan specifically, we reproduce below its English translation and add no comment.

(Preliminary Aooze, Bismillah and Drud)

“If you are loyal to Muhammad, we are yours,

What to speak of this world, even the pen and tablet is yours.

Allah created this entire universe through the blessing of Muhammad (peace be on him) and for his sake. So long as we do not believe that the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) is the last messenger and there will be no prophet after him, we simply cannot be a Muslim. One who does not believe the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) to be the last prophet; the last messenger, is not at all a Muslim. This is the difference between us and Qadianis. Qadianiat basically is a great mischief (*fitna*) against Islam.

At all times, there were slaves of the Prophet (*Ghulam e Rasul*). Quaid-i-Azam, whose picture is visible in my background, not only created Pakistan, he defended in court the then slave of the Prophet, Ghazi Ilam Din, who dispatched Rajpal. There were slaves of the Prophet in all ages, and they shall be there in future too. Even these days, praise be to Allah, those who govern are slaves of the Prophet. Imran Khan himself is a slave of the Prophet. When he lands in Madina, he does that bare-footed. Whenever he makes a speech (sic) to us, he tells us to follow the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), as his life is an ideal for us all. Now that it is being suggested to enlist Qadianis as member of some Commission, there is no such thing; no decision has been made in the cabinet. Imran Khan has rejected such a suggestion. He said that this was a sensitive issue and should not be raised; Qadianis can join a Commission only if they first accept being Non-Muslim, and thus endorse the Constitution of Pakistan. So long as they do not agree to the Constitution, and not accept their Non-Muslim status, there is no question of their being member of any Commission as a non-Muslim. This has been made clear by our Minister of Religious Affairs, Pir Noor ul Haq Qadri. So, rest contended; all such news are only rumors. They (Ahmadis) have not been nominated on any Commission, nor is it feasible. Our present government is there through the grace of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) and our progeny, many such ministries and governments are sacrificed at the altar of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) and the End of Prophethood. If any such thing happens, we shall be the first to spurn political power. And we are the soldiers of End of Prophethood (*Khatme Nabuwwat*) and Honour of the Messengership (*Shan e Risalat*). An issue came up in the era of Mian Sb, Mian Nawaz Sharif; we reacted even then and stood firm. If such an issue is raised now, we’ll remain firm, Inshallah.”

Note: Khan also tweeted in vernacular on 30 April 2020: “We are Guards of the End of Prophethood; and are ready to offer any sacrifice for it. Inshallah.”

@Ali-MuhammadPTI

Amir Park incidents and police — and a comment

Amir Park, Gujranwala; July, August 2020: What happened in Amir Park is noteworthy, so is a major incident in the Punjab Police. These call for a description and an emotive comment.

Mullas held a Tajdar Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Amir Park on September 5, 2020. This location symbolizes police support and submission to mullas on the issue of Ahmadis. Approximately 600 participated in this conference, most of them were teenagers and youth. Some of the speakers were invited from outside the city. All these used foul and highly objectionable language against Ahmadis.

A mulla from Trigari said, "(In Trigari) we have made them (Ahmadis) flee; we even dug up their dead. We should do the same here—not only put them to flight, but also dig up their dead."

A mulla, Waqas, from Sadhokay said, "We have got '*Masha Allah*' removed from Ahmadis' buildings in Amir Park, as they are not allowed to put up this." He wrongly quoted and interpreted the law. He alleged that Ahmadis are not allowed to say *Assalamo Alaikum*, nor can they follow *Shaa'ir* (Islamic practices) at home, nor in their places of worship, "nor shall we permit them do so."

With reference to Ahmadiyya places of worship in Amir Park and Gul Road, he asserted, "These are not worship places, these are the abodes of Satan (*Shaitan Khane*)". He received great applause on this novelty.

One, Mulla Shabbeer Haidar Sialwi came up with a scheme, "We are not here merely for applause and slogans. We have to raise slogans in front of their homes. You only have to rise, that will suffice to make them sit down". It was announced in the conference that a week later there shall be an attack on Ahmadis in Sheikhupura.

All this was in blatant violence of national law PPC 295-A. However, despite the police and agencies' presence in the conference, the Punjab Police of Gujranwala took no action on these promoters of hate and violence. It was a deliberate and blatant negligence of duty, undertaken obviously with direction from higher authorities.

Only a few days earlier, the police in Amir Park had been proactive against Ahmadis, on behest of mullas. Mullas had demanded the authorities in writing that Ahmadis be denied the rite of *Qurbani* on the festival of *Eid ul Adha*, as also all the sacred and Arabic inscriptions on Ahmadis' houses be removed. On July 29, 2020 the police destroyed the inscriptions,

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ لَآ اِلهَ اِلَّا اللهُ مَا شَاءَ اللهُ and لا اله الا انت سبحانك اني كنت من الظالمين, بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

On September 3, 2020, the Security Officer telephoned residents of two Ahmadiyya houses that carried the inscription *Masha Allah*. He asked Ahmadis to co-operate. He was told that if the police in uniform remove the inscriptions, Ahmadis will not resist. Lo and behold, seven policemen arrived the same evening and destroyed the inscriptions. At this occasion, mulla Amir Hamza accompanied them. This shows absolute submission of the police to religious extremists and rogue elements.

When the police contingent was about to move away from the site of first defiling, the security officer thus expressed his regrets, "We feel very upset over this, on tearing to bits the name of Allah". He was told that while Ahmadis put these up to elevate the Holy Name, the police and mullas defile them. "We here seek forgiveness of Allah, may He pardon us; we are required to do this (*majbur*)," he replied, unconvincingly.

Thereafter, they moved on to Islamia Park where they destroyed the same inscriptions at the residence of another Ahmadi. Mulla Amir Hamza arrived there as well and attempted to make a video of the proceedings. The police prudently forbade him do that, as that would be an evidence of the criminal conduct of the police. (The law makes no mention of disallowing *Masha Allah* to Ahmadis). That day, the police destroyed *Masha Allah* from three Ahmadiyya houses.

Comment: It is evident that the local police behave this way as in Amir Park, because it has been so instructed by its district superiors, while those superiors are guided by the directions received from Lahore, the provincial capital, from the Inspector General (IGP) to be more specific. All these officials rather than implementing the Constitution and the law, follow verbal directions from above, in order to play safe and ensure self-interest in career stability and promotions etc. However, this is a fallacy and corruption in official conduct. There are powers and forces, hidden and silent that are at work to determine the destiny and future of the fragile man, even if he is an IGP. In the recent past, our reports would show as if there were no IGP to guide the Punjab Police on the right path of justice and fair play (for instance, destruction of 103 tombstones in Districts Gujranwala, Khushab and Sheikhpura by the police). IGP was there, but he cared more for keeping his political bosses happy or by his policy that maintenance of even semblance of law and order was more important than provision of rights, justice and social fairness to marginalized communities and individuals. Nevertheless, this was all in vain; as on September 9, 2020, the daily *Dawn* reported on its front page: “**Shoab Dastgir (IGP) removed after rift with junior.**”

Sadly, humans rarely learn lesson from mistakes of other humans.

Punjab’s Special Committee decides to ban the Ahmadiyya daily *Al-Fazl*

Lahore; January 10, 2020: The daily *Dawn* published the following news report (extracts):

‘Blasphemous contents’ PA body bans three books, a daily, social media accounts

LAHORE: A Punjab Assembly committee has decided to ban distribution of three books by different authors, besides a daily newspaper, and initiate legal action against more than hundred social media IDs for allegedly containing blasphemous contents.

The Special Committee-6, which met at the assembly secretariat here on Thursday under the chair of Law Minister Muhammad Basharat Raja, decided to ban publication and/or distribution of *The First Muslim* and *After the Prophet*, both works by foreign author Lesley Hazleton, and *History of Islam* by Mazharul Haq. It also decided to ban publication of daily ‘*Al-Fazl*’.

Those who attended the meeting included Punjab Mines Minister Hafiz Ammar Yasser, MPAs Mian Shafi Muhammad and Muhammad Ilyas, representatives of school education, law, home, higher education and information technology departments, Punjab Textbook Board (PTB) as well as advocate-general.

It is relevant to mention that the daily *Al-Fazl* used to be published in Rabwah, Pakistan. Its publication is already barred by the government of the Punjab. The community decided to start publication of its e-version from the UK. The Punjab Assembly committee has apparently moved to bar the same.

We make here only one comment on the Committee's report. Would the Committee please release a few extracts from the daily *Al-Fazl* that it regards as blasphemous, so that everyone knows if the Committee's decision has any merit at all and also about the yardstick and the definition of blasphemy conjectured by the worthy members of the PA's special committee — also it would help determine if the Committee is acting independently or it is only a lackey of some ulama board.

Ahmadis shall not be nominated on National Commission for Minorities — a government decision

April 2020: The month of April was witness to a noteworthy event concerning government attitude towards political, social and citizen rights of Ahmadis in the country. It is fit for record and archives.

Near the end of March, there were news in media regarding government decision to nominate Ahmadi on the National Commission for Minorities (NCM). For example, TV channel *92 News* gave as Breaking News on March 29, 2020 that the Imran Khan government had approved in principle nomination of a Qadiani on NCM for being a minority. Social media mentioned that it was decided in the cabinet meeting that the head of this Commission would be from the minorities. There would be 7 official members and 8 non-official members in the Commission (sic).

An initial reaction that was of approval came forth surprisingly from the Lal Masjid of Islamabad (where mulla Abdul Aziz acts the *Khateeb*). The reaction claimed PM Imran Khan's decision to be very sagacious as this would compel 'Qadianis' to accept their Non-Muslim status. "This decision is historic and a defeat for Qadianis", the statement expounded. This statement in vernacular was disseminated on social media.

On any Ahmadiyya issue, Khatme Nabuwwat organization, jumps in the foray and provides leadership to Ahmadi-bashers. The Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) issued a press release on April 29. It conveyed that this news was unsettling for Muslims, as this would lead to Qadianis joining peace committees, Ulama Board and inter-religion dialog as also all other such bodies in Pakistan. This step was a most evil precedent of support to Qadianis (*Qadianiat nawazi*) and an attempt to impose Qadianis on Muslims, AMTKN press release concluded.

Not content with the press release, mulla Allah Wasaya, a KN leader wrote a personal letter to Maulana Noor ul Haq Qadri, the Federal Minister of Religious Affairs conveying him the same message as the PR. "We reject the government proposal", he wrote.

Chaudhry Brothers (of PML-Q) generally side with mullas on Ahmadiyya issues, so as to buttress their depleting political standing and vote bank. This time also, they unsurprisingly echoed the mulla's stand.

At about this stage, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan of PTI, Federal Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs issued a statement for the social media. He observed therein, "Qadianiat basically is a great mischief (*fitna*) against Islam". "Imran Khan is of the opinion that this issue of Ahmadi member in NCM is a sensitive issue; don't initiate it", Ali Muhammad disclosed. This statement of the ruling PTI minister is relevant and grave enough to be quoted in full. It is given as a story elsewhere in this report.

The Federal Minister of Religious Affairs who also holds the portfolio of Religious Harmony, Maulana Noor ul Haq Qadri clinched the issue in a video (00:42) for the social media. He said that there was no substance in the news that a Qadiani was nominated on the NCM. “We consider Khatme Nabuwat to be a compulsory element of our faith, and we are prepared to go to any limit for this”, concluded the PTI Minister for Interfaith Harmony.

Sure enough, when the summary was prepared by the Secretary of the Religious Ministry, it proposed that representative of Ahmadi community must not be included in NCM for the religious and historical sensitivity of the issue. The cabinet approved the Summary, and announced the decision accordingly on May 5.

*“We consider
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Nabuwat to be
a compulsory
element of our
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any limit for this”*

So, notwithstanding the Ahmadiyya position, if the mulla declares that an issue is sensitive, the government of Pakistan, even that of Mr. Imran Khan’s PTI decides to maintain status quo and refuses to do what otherwise is sensible and in national interest.

There was an interesting Tweet by one @ Kashif MD on May 5, 2020: “Welcome to Pakistan, country where religious minorities aren’t even allowed a voice on a minorities forum.”

Before closing this story, Ahmadiyya position on the issue (which was neither asked nor restated) should be mentioned. Ahmadiyya Jamaat has a very principled stand on such issues. Ahmadis believe that the state has no right to decide someone’s faith. They never accepted the minority status and would never sit on such commissions and bodies. The Second Amendment and further legislation regarding Ahmadis breach their basic human rights and are discriminatory.

Sacred inscriptions removed from Ahmadi’s house

District Gujranwala; August 2020: DSP Imran Abbas Chadhar sent for Ahmadiyya representatives of Gujarawala chapter over a complaint from opponents. A 7-member team met him on July 27. The DSP told Ahmadis to remove Quranic inscriptions from their houses, which allegedly hurt the sentiments of Muslims.

Ahmadis were told to sacrifice their animals on festival of Eid in a walled location and not to distribute the meat among non-Ahmadis.

Ahmadis stated that they will not remove the sacred inscriptions; the police itself may have these effaced, if they will. Next day, on July 29 the police came along with labor and tools, and destroyed the sacred phrases. Ahmadis were told to sign an affidavit for not doing it again. To this unlawful demand, Ahmadis did not yield.

While going back the police said, if any other place is pointed out by the opponents, the same action will be taken.

The police in Gujranwala seems to be a subsidiary of the band of mullas.

Ahmadis harassed by police in KPK

Haripur, District Hazara; June 12, 2020: Two policemen arrived at ‘Noor Manzil’ the Ahmadiyya prayer center and started interrogating Mr. Yousaf Saleem, the Ahmadiyya missionary there. They asked several irrelevant questions to harass him and also asked for the

registration of the rent deed, which was shown to them. The police party, to pressurize him further, asked him about the visitors and of ‘unlawful gatherings’ on Friday at the center.

While returning, the policemen took away the ID cards of Mr. Saleem and the gate-keeper of Noor Manzil, and told them to report to the police station at 5 p.m.

When an Ahmadi representative showed up at the police station, he came to know that an FIR had already been registered against Mr. Saleem. Next day he was presented in a court, and later released with a fine of Rs 1000/- and warning.

The incident left Mr. Saleem with the feelings of being persecuted and victimized.

The mulla pursues the compliant police further in Gujranwala

Kot Mirza Jan, District Gujranwala; August 18, 2020: Gujranwala police appears to have adopted the policy of keeping the mulla happy (in the interest of law and order!) at the cost of Ahmadis’ constitutional right to freedom of faith. The police fails to understand that the mulla’s appetite for mischief is insatiable.

On August 18, 2020, the police called local Ahmadiyya community delegation to the police station and told them that a petition had been filed against them for inscribing *Kalima* (creed) in the Ahmadiyya prayer center in Kot Mirza Jan, which passersby can see. The petitioner has requested that a case should be registered against Ahmadis under PPC 298 and 295. At this, the SHO asked Ahmadiyya delegation to remove the *Kalima* from their prayer center as it hurts the feelings of the opposing party. He was told that the *Kalima* is written inside the prayer center, it is only a little visible from the outside for which they will raise the outer wall further so that the *Kalima* would not be visible to anyone from outside. They also said that they would not erase the *Kalima* themselves; they did not write the *Kalima* to erase it. Also, they informed him about their meeting with SSP Operations, in which he assured Ahmadis that he would not allow anyone to violate the sanctity of their boundary-wall and they could act according to their belief within their walls. So, Ahmadis would raise the boundary-wall of their prayer center under the supervision of the police.

When the opponents did not succeed in this, they applied to the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Kamunkay. On August 25, the DSP sent for the Ahmadiyya delegation. The delegation went to the police station where a Shia and a Sunni member of the local peace committee were already present. The DSP showed Ahmadis the petition of the opponents in which they had sought legal action against the Jamaat for writing Islamic inscriptions and the *Kalima* in Ahmadiyya prayer center in Kot Mirza Jan and writing *Mashaallah* (as Allah wishes) on Ahmadis’ houses. Hafiz Sajid *Imam* (prayer leader) of the Kot Mirza Jan mosque filed the petition.

The DSP told the delegation that they were the guardians of the law and will go by the law. Sacred words were written on Ahmadis’ worship place and houses which is an insult to Islamic rites in the eyes of the opposition (sic). “You know what happened before the Eid and later with reference to the sacrifice of cattle; we don’t just want the peace of the village be disturbed”, he added.

The DSP did not realize that he is not allowed to deprive Ahmadis of their constitutional rights to maintain order. He is required to do both.

The delegation told the DSP, “This is not correct. We do not insult sacred words by writing them on our worship place and houses. There are court decisions that Ahmadis who write Islamic

inscriptions on their worship places do not commit a crime under article 295, as they do not write these to incite or insult. The *Kalima* is written inside the wall, and raising the wall a little can solve this problem. Earlier the SHO was told the same but he was adamant that the *Kalima* would have to be erased. The SSP also told us that whatever you do within your walls, you will be protected. As far as Eid-ul-Adha and *Qurbani* (sacrifice) are concerned, we followed the directions of the administration. Thus, you did not receive any complaint about us anywhere during the days of Eid. No matter how distressed our hearts are, we do not break the law.”

At this, the DSP said that as the law will be followed by building the wall, the same should be done in other places and when the peace committee will visit these places, they should not find anything objectionable. Action will be taken according to the report by the peace committee.

When the delegation came out of the police station, there was a host of mullas present there. Some of them were received by the DSP.

On September 4, at around 3:30 pm, the members of the peace committee accompanied by the SHO and the security officer Wahndo visited Kot Mirza Jan. They inspected the houses on which *Mashaallah* was written and asked them to erase the inscriptions. They were told that they would not erase the sacred words on their own, nor would they allow anyone in civilian clothes to break these. The committee also inspected the prayer center from outside.

On September 11, 2020, at sunset, the delegation received a call from the police that they were coming to erase the inscriptions. At about 19:30 the police removed *Mashaallah* plates from an Ahmadi Mr. Maqsood Ahmad’s house. Then they removed the plates of "*Mashaallah*", "*Subhan Allah*" and "*Alhamdulillah*" from the residence of Mr. Munawar Ahmad.

These inscriptions are Arabic, meaning respectively "*Dei gratia*", "God is perfect" and "*Deo gratia*". The Holy Quran and the Hadith nowhere mention these as specific to Muslims and denied to non-Muslims. It is only the Pakistani mulla who insists on appropriating these and to deny these to Ahmadis. The Punjab Police finds it convenient to keep the mulla happy — even if temporarily.

Punjab Assembly adopts End of Prophethood (*Khatme Nabuwwat* - KN) resolution

Lahore; May 12, 2020: Punjab Assembly unanimously adopted two resolutions including one related to *Khatme Nabuwwat* (End of Prophethood).

This news report is compiled from media reports in the following:

1. The daily *Dawn* of May 13, 2020
2. The *News International* of May 13, 2020
3. The *Nation* of May 13, 2020
4. <https://www.urduvoa.com/a/resolution-against-qadiani-community-in-punjab-assembly-13may2020/5417730.html>

The Assembly session was presided by Speaker Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, while Minister for Mines and Minerals Hafiz Ammar Yasir, also of PML-Q, presented the resolution.

The resolution included the following (extracts):

“This House appreciates the federal cabinet which has not included the Qadianis in the Minority Commission because neither the Qadianis recognize the Constitution of Pakistan nor accept themselves as non-Muslim minority.

“This House reiterates that every other day one or other issue is raised about *Namoos-e-Risalat* (PBUH); one time Hajj Form is changed and another time word *Khatman Nabiyeen* (PBUH) is omitted from the books but until today no action has been taken against these conspirators. Pakistan is an Islamic country but we have to beg for *Tahaffuz-e-Khatam-e-Nabuwwat* (PBUH), this is shameful for all of us. The House demands the federal government that this process should be ended. Those people who are involved in these conspiracies should be exposed and given stringent punishment.

“This House demands that if the head of the Qadianis sends in writing that they recognize the Constitution of Pakistan and accept themselves as non-Muslim then we will have no objection to their sitting in the Minority Commission; matter of *Khatam-e-Nabuwwat* is a red line for us, there is nothing else more for us than *Tahaffuz-e-Khatam-e-Nabuwwat*, *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Risalat* (PBUH), *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Ashaab-e-Rasool*, *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Ahle Bait Athar* and *Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Ummahatul Momineen*; everything of ours is sacrificed on them, there should be no ambiguity on this.”

Speaker Ch. Pervaiz Elahi said that *Khatam-e-Nabuwwat* (PBUH) is part of our faith, our life is sacrificed on the Holy Prophet (PBUH); until the Qadianis do not accept themselves as non-Muslims they cannot be accepted as a minority. Afterwards, the resolution was unanimously passed.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/657993-pa-passes-namoos-risalat-resolution>

And consider, the Founding Father said that Pakistan would not be a theocratic state.

Mr. Saleemuddin, spokesperson for Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan stated that the Resolution was regrettable and it was inappropriate to move such a resolution in these time. While talking to VOA, the spokesperson said that if these issues are raised by the government in such high forums, one can assess the aftereffects in general public. He mentioned that the government first took a stand on MCP, then made a U-turn, while his community had nothing to do with it, nor had made any proposal to the government in this regard. He made it clear that Ahmadi community will not join any minorities' commission. A provincial minister had unnecessarily agitated this issue and given it a twist; this is regrettable, he said.

Dr Mehdi Hasan, Chair of the non-government Human Rights Commission of Pakistan HRCPC opined that the head of the present government is not much experienced in political matters. He stated that Imran Khan frequently refers to religion in political and national matters; this affects his party and the government. In fact, (consequently) there is no space for Qadianis in Pakistan. He said that numerous excesses have been committed against Qadianis; they have suffered terrorist attacks; a large number of them have emigrated, while the life of the rest left behind is highly problematic.

The mulla's service to the Holy Quran! — fit for archives

Chiniot; February 2020: A Lahore based mulla, full-time anti-Ahmadi activist has formed a Khatme Nabuwwat Lawyers' Forum and has plenty of spare time to take Ahmadis to courts

with the help of bigots in state service. He has successfully harassed a number of Ahmadis whom he could accuse of indulging in study of the Holy Quran.

He sent an application to DPO Chiniot alleging that Ahmadis continue to publish and promote corrupted translations (sic) of the Holy Quran; Ahmadis plan to hold a Talim-ul-Quran Week, 7-13 February 2020, in which they would not only distribute corrupted translations of the Holy Quran, but also deliver lectures in the form of *Dars*. As these would not be limited to Chiniot only, but all over Pakistan, the Ahmadiyya Director General and Director Education should be restrained, the (teaching) material be confiscated and the composer, printer and publisher should be prosecuted. Such orders have been issued earlier by the Lahore High Court, he asserted.

It is relevant to mention here that the police, more than once in the past, have investigated and reported to high judicial and administrative authorities that Ahmadis no longer print or publish the Holy Quran or its translations as required by law.

This mulla finds it very convenient to spend 100 rupees (67 cents) to produce and forward a few copies of his application to the High Court and high police functionaries to set an unworthy exercise in crazy motion. The future will not remember him fondly—perhaps disown him completely.

Police, a willing tool in the hands of religious bigots

Layyah; September 2020: Mr. Javed Akbar Kalasra, a right-wing journalist from Layyah visited Ahmadiyya graves in villages 170, 171, 172 TDA, prepared a video and reported to the police. The police SHO of P.S. Pir Jagi sent for the Ahmadi president of 170 TDA and told him to efface Arabic inscriptions from the graves, in the interest of ‘law and order’. Police, all over the Punjab, finds this a very convenient way to handle this problem; most of them do not know or do not want to know that the Constitution guarantees Ahmadi citizens equal human rights and freedom of faith.

Ahmadis told the SHO that they would not efface the inscription nor would they allow their opponents do that.

Ten days later Ahmadis met the Security Incharge, who understood the Ahmadiyya stand, and issued some instructions.

Thereafter Ahmadis met the DPO himself. He posed to be unaware of the problem, but pointed out the two minarets of the Ahmadiyya worship place and told Ahmadis to remove them. Ahmadis told the DPO that they were building no minarets; the worship place was built in 1952. Ahmadis will not raze the minarets. Non-Ahmadis who live in the vicinity have no objection to those. Similarly, Ahmadis shall not erase the *Kalima*, their conscience would not let them undertake the enormity.

At this, the DPO closed the meeting.

A gory threat from the menacing mulla

Mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi (TLP) had a video (02:59) prepared and uploaded on social media. It shows ‘*Gazwa*’ (Battle) as its producer and distributor. Only the mulla is shown sitting at center stage, with a book in front of him on the table. The audience are not visible. They can only be heard applauding him and responding to his bombast. One wonders if the responding crowd is real or virtual. However, the crowd’s response to the mulla’s rhetoric is of the nature

that it is reasonable to assume that he must be addressing a real sizeable bunch. However, more important than the video is its threatening content. The mulla is quite clever in talking of bloodshed without using the words ‘blood’ and ‘murder’. Instead he talks of 1200 martyrs and a religious duty, of course quoting fake reasoning from history.

This video reminds one of last year’s incident, when in this mulla’s company, his colleague lashed out at Supreme Court judges and the Army Chief. He became again active but with revised strategy.

We translate below his vernacular, admitting that the mulla’s style, presentation and effectiveness have been greatly diluted through our written English.

“... Those who are friendly to Mirzais they should flee abroad with them. ... Take care; we may not have to marshal for action on 27 Ramadan. (Loud response). Pay attention, we do not breath for life, we breath for the sake of the Messenger of God. This is the announcement; I hope we do not have to assemble at *Minare Pakistan* on 27 Ramadan for the sake of the Crown of the End of Prophethood. Attention. We may not have to celebrate the ‘Night of Destiny’ (*Laila tul Qadr*) right there. (O Mirzais) Refrain from these antics. Pakistan came into being only for the religion of the Prophet (Huzur), talk of that, nothing else... Our enmity with these people (Ahmadis) can never stop who oppose the end of prophethood day and night. This issue shook the reign of Siddique Akbar (Hazrat Abu Bakr). 1200 Companions were martyred, while thousands were injured. What do you say to that? The Prophet is the Khatam an Nabiyyeen; that’s it.

“... (Mirzais) Behave yourself. Behave. We do not care. Pakistan came into being for a purpose. We do not know what the Sikhs do, or the Hindus do. Stop quoting them. A Mirzai, second Mirzai, then a third Mirzai. (They) talk of rights; but what happened to the rights of Islam? What happened to safeguarding the End of Prophethood? It is great to tread on the path of a single Companion; here 1200 companions were martyred. Is it not an issue? (Sings and leads slogans regarding End of Prophethood, and the audience, real or virtual, respond passionately.)”

In those very days of this mulla’s video, a woman @SyedaAyeshaPTI uploaded the under shown picture on Twitter with accompanying message:

Translation: Which weapon would you choose to behead Qadianis?

A Muslim’s friendship is in the way of Allah and His Messenger, so is his enmity for the sake of Allah and His Messenger.

- Notes: 1) The weapons are four different types of knives and daggers.
 2) The post activist calls himself/herself Syeda and Ayesha.
 3) He/she has added PTI to her Twitter address.

The question is: Would the PTI government move to hold mulla Rizvi accountable for his threat and Syeda Ayesha for her instigation to commit murder?



Mulla Usmani's disclosures

Lahore; September 14, 2020: Often, the authorities are shy to make public announcements of retrograde measures and policies under process or consideration, however the mulla is in a hurry to claim credit if these are of religious nature. For example, the daily *Ausaf* of September 14 published a two-column news of the statement made by mulla Shabbir A Usmani who is the patron of Madrassah Usmania at Muslim Colony in Chenab Nagar (Rabwah). He was reportedly talking to representatives of electronic and print media. His statement disclosed following bothersome information:

- He welcomed formation of a sub-committee by the National Assembly Standing Committee for Religious Affairs to include an affidavit concerning *Khatme Nabuwat* in the oath of Chairman Senate, Ministers and in the *Nikah* (marriage) proforma.
- He appreciated an order from the High Court that in cases involving Blasphemy and Defiling of Religion, court verdicts should be announced within six weeks.
- He said the Ummate Muslimah is very satisfied over these developments.

Transgression in Distt Sargodha

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

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

The next day, the police asked the named Ahmadis to report to the police station. So an

FREEDOM OF RELIGION DENIED

Kotli Nathumalhi, Distt. Narowal, Punjab; July 2020: Two policemen visited the local Ahmadiyya worship place and told the Ahmadiyya administration to see the SHO in the police station. It was learned that someone had lodged a complaint on the Citizen Portal Punjab stating that Ahmadiyya community have written the Kalima in their worship place. Ahmadis met the SHO who conveniently told them to erase the Kalima from the worship place. The Kalima was written on the Ahmadiyya worship place thirty years ago.

This disturbed the Ahmadis greatly, they met higher administration and political persons, and told them their version. Ahmadis also met the DPO Narowal, explained to him the real situation, and made it clear that Ahmadis would never erase these sacred inscriptions nor would allow any civilian do that. The DPO said that the issue would be decided in a high-level meeting.

Similar messages were received by Ahmadis in Qayampur Sarakwala, Bobak Murali and Narowal City from the administration to erase religious inscriptions from the Ahmadiyya worship place. Ahmadis conveyed that they would never erase the sacred inscriptions nor would allow any civilian do that.

The authorities tend to violate Ahmadis' human rights simply to placate the mulla.

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

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

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

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

A Resolution of the National Assembly and a consequent Federal Notification

Islamabad; August 21, 2020: Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs issued the following Notification:

“No.F.1(1)/AD(Is)/2016. It is notified for general information and compliance of the unanimously resolution (*sic*) passed by the National Assembly of Pakistan that the name of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) may be written in all official/non official records as:

حضرت محمد رسول اللہ خاتم النبیین صلی اللہ علیہ وعلی آلہ واصحابہ وسلم

The inscription above may be transliterated as follows: (*Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam*)

Before proceeding further, let’s make it clear that the Ahmadiyya community firmly believes Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam, to be the *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* as also with the full statement made in the above application. However, as for the National Assembly’s resolution and the Ministry’s notification, we make the following observations in national interest:

- Order to the effect of this Notification has never been passed in the last 1400 years by any government in the history of Islam. It is an innovation imposed, if not by mullas, but by the lobby who use religion to impose their will through the legislatures, on the society.
- If this Notification is strictly implemented, what shall the publishers of the Holy Quran do, as the name of the Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam appears therein a number of times?
- The appellations include the word ‘*Ashabehi*’. This has met strong opposition from the Shia community with reference to the *Tahaffuz Bunyad-i-Islam* Bill passed in the Punjab Assembly, to the extent that the Governor did not sign the Bill into law.

- What shall the publishers do while printing all the Islamic literature produced by eminent Muslim scholars, ulama and historians as the name of the Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam appears therein more than a million times.
- Millions of Pakistanis are named ‘Muhammad’. After this federal Notification will their names be changed? For instance, a person named Ghulam Muhammad, will he be named, written and spoken as Ghulam Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam? Would the names of foreign personalities be changed the same way in Pakistan?
- What are the Ministry’s instructions regarding the recitation and reproduction in writing of the *Darud Sharif* whose format Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam himself prescribed? Would the Ministry’s Notification amend the *Masnun Darud Ibrahimi*?
- When a writer or a speaker is attending to the life and character (*Swaneh* and *Seerat*) of the Hazrat Muhammad Rasul ullah Khatam an Nabiyyeen, Sallallahu Alaihi wa ala Aalehi wa Ashabehi wa Sallam, is he expected to use this appellation every time, even if it appears a dozen times over one page or in one minute? If yes, it will create an entirely new culture in the art and practice of rhetoric and literature in Pakistan. Is that intended, deliberately?

It is for the political leadership to be fully conscious of where the mulla and bigots are leading the Pakistani society and its politics. If this is not theocracy, what else is? The Great Quaid warned against this notion in no uncertain terms at the time of the establishment of the new state of Pakistan.

All such resolutions and bills are being passed in various Assemblies with either the sponsorship or full support of PTI. What would be the history’s verdict?

Malicious application against Ahmadiyya leadership

Islamabad; June 5, 2020: Hafiz Ehtesham Ahmad, the spokesperson of Shuhada (Martyrs) Foundation of Pakistan filed a petition in Islamabad High Court requesting the Court to include Ahmadis in the minority commission against the government decision to not include them. He had his own venomous reasons to make this petition. The IHC dismissed his petition. It is worth mentioning that he belongs to the Red (Lal) Mosque of Islamabad where the government had to conduct a major operation in 2007 to have it cleared of terrorists.

Now this Hafiz has submitted another application in the Police Station Margalla against Mr. Saleemudin, the spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. He wrote in his application, “The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan stated in an interview with BBC on May 11, 2020 that Ahmadis welcome the religious freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution of Pakistan but do not accept their non-Muslim status. Inclusion in the minority commission was not their request nor do they regret being excluded. No parliament has a right to decide the faith of an individual because it is a matter between man and his God. The Constitutional provision that declares them non-Muslim, does not require them to (accept and) declare their Minority status.” Hafiz asserted, “The Constitution of Pakistan Art 260 (b)(3) declared Qadianis a non-Muslim minority. The above statement of the accused Saleemuddin is a crime under PPC 298-C. He thus has committed a crime under PPC 298-

C by uttering the above-mentioned words. Moreover he has also injured the religious feelings of Muslims and the applicant as well by not accepting Non-Muslim status of Qadianis.”

Evil moves — even during a pandemic

Islamabad; April 21, 2020: Dr. Naquiddin a senior Ahmadi physician of Islamabad died of Covid 19. He was buried in the local Ahmadiyya graveyard. Dr. Naquiddin was known for his medical expertise and commitment to his patients. He continued to attend to the sick despite risk to himself. Eventually he himself became a victim of the deadly virus.

On April 20, 2020 two thugs who identified themselves from Tehrike Khatme Nabuwwat came to the Ahmadiyya graveyard. They said they were sent by the authorities to inspect the grave of Dr. Naquiddin.

Their visit was reported to the police. The local SHO said that these people had no permission to visit the graveyard. They had lied. The officer was of the opinion that the visitors could be having ill designs. “They should not be entertained”, he said.

The audacity of these thugs was baffling. It’s high time such miscreants are reined because even dead Ahmadis, specially heroes who died serving humanity, are not safe from their mischief, in their graves.

Dr. Naquiddin was a privately practicing doctor who was under no obligation to keep his clinic open during this crisis. He did so because it was situated in an underprivileged part of Islamabad and because many of his patients could not afford healthcare elsewhere.

Only when he was symptomatic and tested positive for the virus, did he close his clinic to self-isolate, and yet this is the ‘thank you’ he gets? We have a far greater pandemic to fight and overcome once the current crises is over.

Ahmadi threatened and badly treated by WAPDA employee

Faisalabad; September 16, 2020: Mr. Muhammad Zafar, an Ahmadi resident of Faisalabad, went to the WAPDA office with his nephew on September 16, 2020 over electricity/meter bill of the Ahmadiyya worship place at Chak No. 646, Thatta Kalu. After getting his application signed by the SDO, he went to the registration clerk’s office. There an employee named Farooq objected to his *Assalaamo Alaikum* (Islamic greetings), called him a *Kafir* (infidel) and *Mirzai*. He also objected to the clerk’s acceptance of the complaint and scolded him for letting in the *Mirzai*. He used harsh words for Mr. Zafar and his nephew. He told another clerk to call the police at 15 to arrest the Qadiani. “This is a public office and every one can come here for his task”, Mr. Zafar replied. Yet, the man tried to quarrel with them and started throwing chairs at the visitors. However, Mr. Zafar stayed calm and went to the SDO's room. The man followed them and demanded their arrest. The SDO remained silent in this situation; the meter-inspector took the application from Mr. Zafar and told him to leave.

Mr. Zafar and his nephew returned home stunned.

Ahmadiyya campaign to fight Covid 19, and the Mulla’s response — a story for archives

Rabwah; April 2020: Service to humankind and help of the afflicted, regardless of the victims’ creed, colour, caste, ethnicity etc. is a norm of Ahmadiyya teaching. Ahmadis have repeatedly undertaken relief work all over the world. Being a worldwide community, its services are made

available wherever needed. However, as Ahmadiyyat was born and initially took roots in the Sub-continent, it was the people here who benefited the most from the relief efforts. This is particularly true of Pakistan. Now, that Covid-19 struck Pakistan, it was only natural that Ahmadis would come forth to serve their affected countrymen. They did that on their own, volunteered to support, and join the relief campaign launched by the government. The Ahmadiyya central office even issued a Press Release on April 7, 2020 to make public their contribution and intentions. The P.R. mentioned in a nut-shell:

Corona Pandemic and the Efforts of the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan, joining forces to serve the Nation at this Critical Hour

- Rupees 3 million contributed to Prime Minister's relief fund. Numerous Ahmadi youth have also eagerly signed up to volunteer for the COVID-19 relief force.
- Distributing rations to over 7000 under-privileged households
- Distributing over 23000 bottles of hand-sanitizers.
- Distributing thousands of face masks and bars of soap
- Disinfecting Rabwah including Christian neighborhoods and churches with chlorinated water
- Organizing a major grassroots awareness campaign to prevent spread of the disease

The PR concluded that Ahmadis would continue to extend help in this critical time, and only ask that at this critical juncture people find it within themselves to put their differences aside, religious or otherwise, so that we can all come together in the service of our nation. Our prayer is that God protects us all and brings about a swift end to this pandemic.

Anti-Ahmadi elements, particularly the mullas of Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) factions did not like Ahmadis' relief efforts that would dilute the immense hate created against them in the public mind. Mullas Gulzar Ahmad Azad and Ahmad Ali Nadeem, KN activists, prepared and released a pamphlet on the Internet with the following message, (extract):

Beware – Warning

- To register Qadianis in the (anti-Covid 19) Tiger Force is an attack on Muslims' faith.
- Qadianis are joining this Force primarily to witness their belief, loot the faith of Muslims and commit blasphemy.
- Qadianis are traitors to both Islam and the country. [International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement (IKNM)]

Aalami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN), a sister organization of IKNM had a special video prepared (00:45) as if the message was being broadcast as Breaking News on TV Channel Zoom Media (a fake name), and placed it on social media. The message was essentially the same, abusive and hateful as that of the IKNM, however with the additional lie that Humanity First is not a welfare organization, but one that destroys faith (*Takhrīb Eeman*).

With plenty of money at their disposal, the mullas produced another special (3:00) video for the internet. The speaker was Dr. Arif Siddiqui, while the producer was shown as Real Face. It carried the following headlines for the viewers:

- A dreadful scheme in the guise of relief
- Qadiani youths discovered enrolled in the Tiger Force
- A network of secret NGOs comes to light

The narrative falsely accused Ahmadis of distributing their literature along with relief provisions. The video ended with the threat that *the relief measures could cause controversy and would invite reaction* (emphasis added).



Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi Chairman Pakistan Ulama Council addressing during the Khatam Nabuwat Seminar

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, Chairman of Pakistan Ulama Council, moved fast to have a video prepared (6:22) and posted it on the Internet. This Hafiz, supported on public money, propagated the following hateful and disruptive observations in his video (extracts):

- Mirza Qadiani was a great liar (*kazzab*).
- I challenged them (Qadianis) in the European Union, the Arab Region and all over the world, and defeated them totally.
- Our youths should pursue these Qadianis (who join the Relief Force).
- They should join this Force with the aim that if anyone attacks Prophet Muhammad, his Khatme Nabuwat or the idea (*Asas*) of Pakistan, he should confronted.

The daily *Jang* provided two-column space to AMTKN with the headline:

Registration of deniers of the end of prophethood should be canceled

Hafiz Ashrafi issued a follow-up statement in a pamphlet, in league with mulla Abdul Karim Nadeem in which they stated, *inter alia*:

- We announce this after contacting authorities, especially Mr. Usman Dar that anyone who has all the information and evidence that where, and at what location Qadianis have joined this (relief) force, he should pass it on to us.

- We once again thank the elders (of KN organization) Maulana Abdul Razzaq Sikandar, Dr. Saeed Inayatullah, Maulana Allah Wasaya, Maulana Aziz ur Rahman Jallandhary and others who, as always, have provided us guidance and patronage.

The above shows close co-operation, for whatever reason, between the state-supported Pakistan Ulama Council and the Khatme Nabuwat Organization. This flyer was also posted on social media.

It is amazing how insecure these mullas feel in the context of Ahmadiyyat, that in the face of an imaginary challenge they leave no stone unturned to oppose Ahmadis. They issued a notice to the social workers telling them – “Be careful to ensure that there is no Qadiani product in your ration package (meant for distribution).” In fact they produced another video (2:11) showing ‘ration packs’ provided by Ahmadis and Shias being refused and returned by the Sunni recipients. The video maker could not hide telling others to shout *Tajdar Khatme Nabuwat–Zinda Baad* and *Qadianiat–Murdah Baad* (death to it). We, of course, do not know the eventual disposal of those packs and their beneficiaries.

The vernacular press like the daily *Ummat* of Karachi did not miss to claim its own pound of flesh from this hateful 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 Karachi

Tharparkar is the epicenter

Recipients are made to deposit their identify cards

Last, but not least, Ahmadis were not deterred by this vicious and hostile propaganda and continued to provide relief to the needy. Ahmadiyya office in Rabwah issued another press release on May 1, 2020 giving the following facts and figures of their relief campaign (*salient features*):

Since the Covid-19 pandemic broke out in Pakistan, the (Ahmadiyya) Community has:

- Distributed 72,400,000 Rs. worth of ration packs to 23767 disadvantaged homes as well as 7,500,000 Rs. worth of cash to those most in need
- Provided 576,110 Rs. worth of medicines to 31476 homes
- Distributed over 77,000 bottles of hand sanitizers, 6686 facemasks and 8084 bars of soap
- Donated 600 PPE suits to frontline medical workers
- Disseminated 71,032 coronavirus awareness leaflets
- Donated 3,000,000 Rs. to the Prime Minister’s Coronavirus Relief Fund and have pledged to donate a further 5,000,000 Rs.
- Thousands of young Ahmadis have also registered for the Prime Minister’s coronavirus relief force
- Disinfected all of Rabwah’s residential areas and roads, public offices, worship places of other sects including Christian neighborhoods and churches with chlorinated water

The press release concluded as below:

“As ever the Ahmadi community has always endeavored to help and assist Pakistan in its moment of need and will always continue to do so, and no amount of hatred and hostility will ever stop us in this. Love for our country is a part of our faith and because of that we are ever ready to sacrifice anything for Pakistan.

“We believe that sooner or later our beloved people in Pakistan will have to decide what type of nation we will become, one that is compassionate and believes in love or one that believes in hate and discrimination. No matter what anyone tells you, love prevails over hate.” Every time!

Authorities happily respond to absurdities of extremists in Narowal

Miadi Nano, District Narowal; July 13, 2020: The police personnel came here in the evening to inquire into the Ahmadiyya worship place. They referred to ‘agencies report’ that Ahmadis had written *Kalima* (the creed) and verses of the Holy Quran in their worship place and had built minarets. Similarly, they say *Azan* (call for prayer) on loudspeakers, to which other Muslims object. At this they were informed that this worship place was constructed 65 years ago. Moreover, neither the *Azan* (call for prayer) nor the *Khutba* (Friday sermon) are said on loudspeakers. We have good terms with the Ahl-e-Sunnat sect, Ahmadis told the police. At this the police inspector demanded an affidavit from both the parties.

Accordingly, the Jamaat Ahmadiyya submitted an affidavit stating that Ahmadiyya Bait ul Zikr was built in 1955 and no additions have been undertaken. Also, neither the call to prayer nor the sermon is given on loudspeakers. There is no tension between Jamaat Ahmadiyya and Jamaat Ahl-e-Sunnat, and both parties share each other's joys and sorrows.

Similarly, Jamaat Ahl-e-Sunnat gave in writing that the relationship between Jamaat Ahmadiyya and Jamaat Ahl-e-Sunnat in the village is very good. There is no tension between them. Ahmadiyya Bait ul Zikr was built in 1955 and no changes have been made to it. No calls for prayer or Friday sermons are given on loudspeakers.

It is learned that the police made similar inquiries over Ahmadiyya worship places in other locations in District Narowal. Agencies reports initiated these pointless inquiries. It is unbecoming for the state officials to be at the beck and call of religious bigots.

Now, a Resolution in the Sindh Assembly

Geo News, June 15, 2020: Translation of a news aired by a leading national news TV channel Geo News is given below:

Resolution moved in Sindh (provincial) Assembly to add *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* with the name of Muhammad (peace be upon him)

Mr. Muhammad Husain, an MQM member of Sindh Assembly moved this resolution.

According to the resolution, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) is the last prophet; wherever his name is mentioned, the title *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* (Seal of Prophets) must be added to it in writing and recitation.

Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, the provincial Minister of Information seconded the resolution, while Firdaus Shameem Naqvi; the Opposition Leader in the Assembly extended his greetings at the occasion while offering support.

It should be remembered that a few days ago, a similar resolution was passed in the Punjab Assembly whereby such publications are to be totally banned that defile the (name of the) Holy Prophet and his companions.

Note: We add brief comments to the news of the above event.

These and such other resolutions are being moved in the provincial assemblies while:

- a. The provinces are suffering greatly the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic and the number of people discovered positive in tests and fatalities are ever on the increase.

- b. The country is faced with a huge deficit budget to the extent that it is no longer possible to even maintain the pays and allowances of public servants at the buying power of the previous years.
- c. Sindh and Punjab have been attacked by locust storms and great damage has been done to crops owned by millions of farmers. The provincial governments are fighting a losing battle against this great foe.

Post script: A few days later, the National Assembly passed a Resolution unanimously to the same effect. On June 25, Express R.S.S. news-site reported: "Senate approves resolution to add 'Khatam an Nabiyyeen' to the blessed name of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.)"

Mullas who know better the primary and numerous meanings of the Arabic term "Khatam-an-Nabiyyeen" were not impressed by the lay attitude of the Assemblies. One of them expressed his views in a special video circulated on social media. A few extracts: "... This term is Arabic, not vernacular (Urdu or Punjabi). ...Do not add "Khatam an Nabiyyeen" but *Aakhar an Nabiyyeen* (The last of prophets)...It is no achievement to get 'Khatam an Nabiyyeen' added – it is already there in the Holy Quran, Qadianis cannot disown that... so go for Muhammad *Aakhar an Nabiyyeen*. Addition of *Khatam an Nabiyyeen* will make no difference."

Ref: <https://www.youtube.com/rahamtv>

In short, Maulvi Sallar Sikandar is of the view that the National Assembly, Punjab Assembly, Sindh Assembly and Pakistan Senate all have wasted their time in pursuing a fruitless resolution — but were these politicians not given the same advice by Pakistan's founding father on August 11, 1947?

Sindh Government restricts scores of mullas during Muharram

Karachi: Home Department, Government of Sindh has issued a Notification No. SO (Judl-III) HD/6-1/2020(MF) naming 142 clerics and restricting them in all the districts of Sindh from "acting in a manner prejudicial to public safety and maintenance of public order".

We make two comments here in national interest in this context:

- A large number of mullas act in a manner that is a threat to public safety. Obviously, clergy in this country, in present circumstances, is not a group that should be allowed to effectively influence national policy and legislation. The federation and the provinces should shun placing clerics in official positions of direction and power as done by the Punjab in creating a Mutahidda Ulama Board and assigning them the authority and a powerful voice in the realm of publications and text books, etc.
- This Notification shows that the state is in a position, if and when it wants, to impose severe restrictions on the religious lobby and ban them from entering certain districts, and gag them even in their own locations. As such, when mullas indulge in most hateful, provocative and abusive language against Ahmadis, they do so with approval or indirect permission of authorities. On these occasions mullas routinely step out of the realm of religion and ravage the territory of politics, ethnicity, international relations etc through calls for Jihad, bloodshed and violence. The state would be well-advised to adopt the policy of zero tolerance for extremism and terrorism, with no exception.

Authorities promote 'Islamisation' — further

Bado Malhi, District Narowal; July 2020: A boy, 15 years old, son of Ahmadi parents, but urged by non-Ahmadi relatives was persuaded to approach police and judicial authorities to switch over to 'Islam'. The authorities acted pious in favour of relatives.

Munib Ahmad, son of Mr. Bashir Ahmad, Ahmadi is residing with his father and grandmother; his mother died sometimes back. His father got him fixed at his brother's business as apprentice. The brother, Mr. Shafique Ahmad is not an Ahmadi.

Mr. Shafique Ahmad found it opportune to wean him away to the mainstream Islam and told him to delink himself from his father. At this, the father approached Bado Malhi police to assist in getting back his son. Shafique, in turn, made the boy write an application to the police that he wished to accept Islam, for that he had been maltreated and tortured by Ahmadis. This was a lie.

The police, while handling this case, seem to uphold and support 'Islam', and to that end have been harsh with Ahmadis.

The issue is now with sessions court, and the court officials are employees of the Islamic Republic.

Ahmadis are apprehensive that the mullas will agitate and make it a sectarian issue.

The boy is still a minor. He should be reverted to his father. As for his religion and belief, he should be free to decide for himself, when he becomes an adult. Simple as that.

Punjab Assembly passes *Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam* Bill — theocracy vigorously on the march

Lahore; July-August: Punjab Assembly passed this bill; its vernacular title can be translated as Protection of the Foundation of Islam Bill, 2020. Mr. Pervaiz Elahi (of PML-Q) the Speaker called this Bill historic and stated that it will prove to be a milestone on the road to protection (*Hifazat*) and supremacy (*Sarbulandi*) of Islam. The Bill was passed unanimously.

A media report on this event is reproduced below to provide an overview of this 'historic' legislation:

Punjab Assembly passes

Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill

LAHORE: The Punjab Assembly on Wednesday passed the Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill 2020 which gives the Directorate General Public Relations (DGPR) powers to visit and inspect any printing press, publication house, book store and confiscate any book, before or after printing.

(2) Every publisher of books, shall be bound to provide memoranda of all books, published by him, to the authorized officer, after every three months with the other requisite details, as may be prescribed.

(3) Every importer of books shall be bound to provide memoranda of all books imported in the Province by him, within fifteen days of import of books to the authorized officer.

5. Gratis copies of books.-The publisher on the same day of printing of a book shall provide four copies of every edition of a book, together with all maps, prints or other engraving belonging thereto

Extracts from Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill

The new law bars the printing and publication of objectionable material and also bars the publisher, editor or translator from printing or publishing any book and material that consists of photographs or pictures of suicide bombers, terrorists, except as required by the enforcing agencies for purposes of investigation.

The new law has also made it mandatory that "the blessed name of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) shall be preceded by the title *Khatam-an-Nabiyyeen* or *Khatam-un-Nabiyyeen* followed by 'Sallallahu alaihi wasallam' (*darood*) in Arabic text.

The new law also states that “every publisher of books shall be bound to provide memoranda of all books, published by him, to the authorized officer, after every three months with other details.”

It adds, “Every importer of books shall be bound to provide memoranda of all books imported in the province by him, within fifteen days of import of books to the authorized officer.”

The “book” according to the law includes “every volume, part or division of a volume, and pamphlet, in any language and every sheet of music, sign, map, chart or plan separately printed or reprinted or reproduced, lithographed or produced in any soft form, disc or any other similar device etc., used for digital or electronic storage, other than a newspaper, magazine, journal, newsletter and the textbook defined under the Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board Act.”

The law also gives the DGPR power to refuse permission to import, print or publish a book “If it is prejudicial to the national interest, culture, religious and sectarian harmony.”

As per the bill, the authorized officer will get four copies of the book, on its printing day with the relevant text and maps.

“The publisher on the same day of printing of a book shall provide four copies of every edition of a book, together with all maps, prints or other engraving belonging thereto finished and colored in the same manner as the best copies of the same, to the authorized officer concerned or to such officers and at such place, as the Government may notify,” read the bill.

The punishment for failing to comply with the law would result in imprisonment of either description for a term which may “extend to five years and with fine which may extend to Rs 500,000.”

Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi after the passage of the bill said, “This bill will prove to be a milestone in the protection of Islam and its supremacy. The federation and provinces should follow us in this regard.” He added that a bill like this should be passed by Centre and provinces and should be enforced all over Pakistan. “The Section Number 3/F of this bill should be Article 295 of Pakistan Penal Code 1860,” the Speaker said.

The Speaker also praised Hafiz Ammar Yasir as well as opposition leader Hamza Shahbaz, provincial education minister Murad Rass and other MPAs who played their full role in the passage of this bill. “About a year back, the matter of three such books came into notice in which filthy and blasphemous language was used.”

“At that time our party member Hafiz Ammar Yasir moved a resolution in the Punjab Assembly in this regard which was unanimously approved. I constituted a special committee headed by Law Minister which did very good work,” he added.

Would a reading of this Bill not lead one to think of a fascist state?

In addition to the above following news/info on this issue are relevant:

- Shia Ulama reject Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill.

The Daily Express, Faisalabad, July 26, 2020

- Maulana Tariq Jamil and Maulana Tahir Ashrafi call on Shujaat, Pervaiz Elahi. (Both sides exchanged compliments for their services to religion).

The Daily Express, Faisalabad, July 17, 2020



Mr. Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi

- The government (PTI) and allies are united: Governor Punjab and Moonis Elahi (PML-Q) meet

The Daily Express, Faisalabad, July 25, 2020

- HRCP warns Punjab Assembly of fueling bigotry. Lahore, 24 July

The Human Rights...hrcp.web.org

- When Punjab Assembly was busy passing this Bill, it reminded one of Nazis. Giant companies like Amazon, Google and Wish were mindful of the extremely dangerous consequences of such philosophies and took steps to remove neo-Nazi and white-supremacist products being sold on their platforms. Google told BBC: “We don’t allow ads or products that are sold on our platforms that display shocking content or promote hatred. We enforce these policies vigorously and take action when we determine they are breached.”

- In a letter placed on social media by a Shia leader, serious objections were raised against the Bill drawing the following conclusions:

“In conclusion, I regret to say that as this inept government has completely failed in solving problems faced by the people, it is agitating sectarian issues in the civil society through religious debates in assemblies; the aim is to divert people’s attention from real issues. Sectarianism is scorching fire; unfortunately those officially responsible to fight this fire, are fanning it... . This disputed Bill will have to be totally discarded, or it will have to provide protection to Shia belief (*Aqaid*).”

Syed Hasnain Abbas Kazimi (Zanjani)

- In a BBC report of January 17, 2020 on this issue it was mentioned that, “In a statement issued by Punjab Assembly, it was a unanimous decision of a Special Committee, under the chair of Muhammad Basharat Raja, the law Minister that ‘the three books’ and the daily Al-Fazl will be banned.” Al-Fazl was the Ahmadiyya daily and Ahmadis have challenged the Special Committee to quote even one extract of a few lines from any issue of this daily over the past, let’s say five years, that the Committee finds blasphemous, even objectionable. The Committee’s inability to do that, would be a seal on the absurdity and sham nature of its accusations.
- The bill was passed unanimously. A few days later, after the furore by a section of the civil society, some MPAs, most of them Shia, joined the chorus of protest. When asked why did they support the Bill in the first instance, their reply was that they did not take this religious Bill seriously, and did not even read its contents prior to the vote. This response says a great deal about law-making and law-makers of this big but leaderless province.

Mr. Pervaiz Elahi audaciously recommended to the Centre that Section Number 3/T of this Bill should be (*in*) Article 295 of PPC. This section is perhaps the most controversial part of this Bill, while Article 295 of PPC is a blasphemy law, so the Punjab Speaker proposed it to become more hurtful. PML-Q appears to endeavor to take away the masses’ religious leadership from mullas.

Finally, over 200 elite members of civil society have written a letter to the Punjab Assembly, registering concerns regarding this Bill. This letter is now also open for public signature. It is an excellent expose’ of the Bill in its legal and constitutional aspects as also its violation of international law. An extract:

“ This bill is also in breach of Article 19-A of the constitution, which protects the right to access to information. The concept of glory of Islam, national interest, culture and sectarian harmony cannot be allowed to be misused and become a tool for whimsical, arbitrary, subjective, untinctured, dictatorial or reasonable censorship and control publications.”

And Punjab Assembly proposes other provinces and federation to follow its lead charted by mullas, PML-Q and PTI !

This Bill of dubious value, very harmful according to some, was passed unanimously. Soon thereafter approximately 20 MPAs raised strong objections to it. The civil society wrote a letter of criticism to the Assembly over the Bill and opened it for public signatures (*The News International, Lahore; August 6, 2020*). No wonder, the Governor did not sign it into law.

The passage of this Bill in Assembly deserves serious inquiry into its various aspects, so as to avoid a repetition of such a venture in future, as this kind of legislation can do immense harm to this nation. It is important to know the individuals and groups who were instrumental in its preparation and passage. To that end we produce quotes and extracts from an op-ed in the *daily Islam* of 5 August 2020. As this daily described this Bill to be of great merit, the op-ed's nomination of persons and organizations who deserve special 'credit' for its passage can be assumed as authentic. According to this op-ed (extracts):

“After passage of this Bill, Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi, Speaker of the Punjab Assembly termed the Bill historic and a milestone in the protection and supremacy of Islam. “The federation and provinces should follow the example set by us,” he said.

“Muhammad Basharat Raja, the law minister stated that now no one would dare defile the Prophet, the companions, the Prophet's Household, the Mothers of the Faithful, and any other religion, in school text books and other literature.”

“At this occasion Ch. Pervaiz Elahi gave the ruling for giving additional tasks to the drafting committee of the TBI Bill”.

“He (the Speaker) said that he thanks Mr. Asad Qaisar, the Speaker of the National Assembly for his personal interest in this issue. He said that he would consult him to finalize this project.”

“At that time (Assembly's consideration of blasphemous writings), Hafiz Ammar Yasir (PML-Q) moved a resolution in the Assembly which was passed unanimously and a special committee was formed under the chairmanship of Raja Basharat, the provincial law minister.”

“(According to Mr. Pervaiz Elahi) He was thankful to, in addition to Hafiz Ammar Yasir, Hamza Shahbaz Sharif the opposition leader, Murad Rass the provincial minister, and other members of the Committee namely Mian Shafi Muhammad, Kashif Mahmud, M. Muaviya Azam, M. Ilyas Chioniti, Sajid A.K.Bhatti, S.Hasan Murtaza, Neelam Hayat, Sardar M.P.Singh, Sardar R.S. Arora, and Khalil Tahir Sindhu.”

“He (the Speaker) further said that he was most grateful to SI Mufti M Taqi Usmani, Mufti Muneeb ur Rehman, Maulana Hanif Jalandhri, Maulana Tahir Ashrafi (of M Ulama Board), Maulana Zahid ur R ashidi, S. Kafil S. Bokhari, etc.”

“I am thankful to Mr. M.K. Bhatti the Secretary Assembly, Mr. Inayatullah D.G. Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Nazeer Ganjame Secretary Law and Raja Jahangir Secretary Information,” said Mr. Pervaiz Elahi.

“Raja Basharat, the provincial minister extended greetings (*Mubarak*) to the people on passage of the TBI Bill and said that it was an important step towards the *Riasat Madinah* concept of Prime Minister Imran Khan.”

“Maulana (M.) Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sikandar, the Central Amir of the Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat, M. Khawja Aziz and M. Hafiz N. Khakwani the Deputy Amirs and M Aziz ur Rahman Jalandhari the Nazim Ala, heartily welcomed ..., and termed the Punjab Assembly’s performance extremely commendable. These leaders demanded that all the existing laws concerning Qadianis should be strictly implemented and the blasphemers against the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.), the Mothers of the Faithful, the Holy Companions and the Holy Family should be given exemplary deterrent punishments.

“Maulana Allah Wasaya, M.I. Shuja Abadi, M. H.M. Akram Toofani, M. Aziz ur Rahman Sani, M. Abdul Naeem, M. Waseem Aslam paid tribute to all the parliamentary parties, all MPAs including Hafiz Ammar Yasir over the passage of the Bill.”

“Majlis Ahrar Islam and Tehrik Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat extended felicitations to Mr. Usman Buzdar the Chief Minister, Ch. Pervaiz Elahi the Speaker Punjab Assembly, Hafiz Ammar Yasir, the mover of the Resolution, and the entire House, and added that the passage of this Bill was a step towards (the ascendance of) Islamic ideology and Pakistan ideology. Syed Ata ul Muhaiman Bokhari, the Central Amir of Majlis Ahrar Pakistan, Prof. K Shabbir Ahmad, S.M. Kafil Bokhari, Secretary General, AL Khalid Cheema, Mian Mohammad Idrees, M. M. Mughirah, Syed A.S. Bokhari III, Dr M.U.F. Ahrar and other leaders also...”

Let all beware of all these blokes named above. They didn’t succeed this time, but they came perilously close to it. Next time the Land of the Pure may not be that lucky.

It is most relevant to remind the reader that the above-mentioned Majlis Ahrar is the same body of clerics who in 1953 precipitated anti-Ahmadiyya riots in the Punjab and were responsible for the imposition of first-ever martial law in Lahore. In the subsequent high-level judicial inquiry, worthy judges had this to say about this religio-political party:

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

It would be noted that the TBI Bill is largely about blasphemy. The existing blasphemy laws in Pakistan are not found in the Holy Quran. The international community and a large section of the local intelligentsia have demanded a downward revision of these laws. However, the fresh TBI Bill added extensively to them; this pleased the mullas to no end and they gleefully clapped the passage of this Bill. Is that in societal and national interest, one may ask?

Mullas and falsehood

Darul Noor, District Faisalabad; December 2020: Mr. Mohammad Ashraf, Ahmadi, runs a junk shop there. A few days ago, he was invited to a party. Some mullas had also come there. After the party, the mullas asked him to recite the Kalima (the Islamic creed). Mr. Ashraf recited it to them, at which some of them raised the slogan that Ashraf had thus given up Ahmadiyyat. These mullas got themselves photographed with Mr. Ashraf, uploaded it on social media with caption that Mr. Ashraf had given up his Ahmadiyyat.

Mr. Ashraf as an Ahmadi is committed to the Kalima since his birth.

Now, a Khatam-e-Nabuwat metro station



Lahore: All the 27 stops of the new local metro Orange Line are named, of course, after the locality/neighborhood they serve. However, last month the ultra-right-wing daily *Islam* published the news on November 12, 2020: **Ulama demand naming a metro train station as *Khatam E Nabuwat*** (end of prophethood).

Believe it or not, the news on social media this month tells us that one of the station-boards now carries the name ***Khatam E Nabuwat Station***. We do not know the

official status of this name change. However, it will be a pleasant surprise if the writ of the state is made to over-ride the writ of the mulla.

Faced with security scrutiny

Mehmand Abad, Peshawar; September 29, 2020: While Ahmadis in KPK were being murdered and severely persecuted in and around Peshawar in recent weeks, security agencies were busy in scrutinizing Ahmadis. For instance:

Four Ahmadi lady teachers teach at Govt Primary School Mehmand Abad, Peshawar. On September 29, 2020 four officials of a security agency came over to the school in plain clothes, met them and two other teachers, and interviewed them individually.

Ahmadi teachers were told to produce their ID Cards and were asked the following questions, *inter alia*:

- Do you belong to the Ahmadiyya community?
- Do you face any problems here?
- Do you consider yourself a Muslim?
- Your family comprises how many, and what do they do (for a living)?
- Do you have any relative in the Army?
- Did you ever visit Qadian?
- If you did, bring along your passport, on which the visa is stamped.

These officials visited again two days later for follow-up, and told the teachers to exercise caution. The security agencies are welcome to make their inquiries. Their quest for information could be both helpful as well as harmful for the interviewee, depending upon their office policy. One however wishes that similar inquiries were made in advance from the vicious extremists who had openly threatened Ahmadis on social media and displayed boldly their mobile phone numbers on social media. This could have effectively deterred them, and the blood soaked attacks on Ahmadis of Peshawar would have been avoided. Also, we do not know if top leaders who incited their audience against Ahmadis on September 6, 2020 (Senator Mushtaq Khan) and on September 7, 2020 (Maulvi Fazlur Rahman of JUI) were contacted and shown the PPC sections of the law and the constitutional provisions that they deliberately and openly violated.

Community life — at what cost?

Chakra, Dharmyal District Rawalpindi; December 2020: President of the local Ahmadi women association dispatched her monthly report to her district senior, through courier. For some reason this could not be delivered to her and was returned to her husband's (Mr. Abdul Qadir Chauhan) shop. As it was closed, the courier guy handed over the envelope to the nearby shop for delivery to Mr. Qadir later. This fellow opened the envelope and found the monthly report therein. He made photo-copies of this report and forwarded those to different people. This was malicious.

Thereafter Mr. Qadir started getting calls to get the shop vacated. The owner of the shop told him that there was a lot of pressure on him to vacate the shop from the 'Qadiani'. Similarly, on December 10, Mr. Qadir's neighbor's daughter told his daughter that some mullas in the neighborhood were considering blockade of their house. This, however, did not materialize. Then a meeting of the local Khatme Nabuwwat group was held on December 16, in which it was decided to expel the Ahmadi family from the area. Plans were also made to lay siege to the remaining Ahmadi homes of the neighborhood. In view of this Mr. Qadir informed the police. They summoned the leader of the opposition but he failed to report. The police then detained him and obtained a written statement from him that he would not indulge in any act to disturb the peace. He promised the same for future as well.

After that, the SP Cantt came to Mr. Qadir's house and said that if he withdrew his application, the police would surely protect him and his business. He then asked numerous questions regarding Mr. Qadir being an Ahmadi and the said monthly report. In reply to the SP's proposal Mr. Qadir replied that in view of the promised police protection he could withdraw this complaint. The SP then told him to sign the given undertaking as under:

"I, Abdul Qadir Chauhan, son of Abdul Haq, a resident of Burmyan, Dharmyal, Rawalpindi, confess that as a Pakistani citizen, I will fully abide by the Constitution of Pakistan. I will live my religious life according to the instructions given in the constitution of Pakistan. I will not preach nor teach any kind of Ahmadiyya religion from my house. Nor will I give my house the status of a mosque. I will close down the courses 'Siraat-e-Ahmadiyya'. The preaching activity of my religion will not reach people of other religions. I withdraw my written complaint made against Aashiq Elahi, the *Khatib* Jamia Masjid Khatame Nabuwwat Main Chakra Road. I made that request due to misunderstanding. I have no personal enmity with Mr. Aashiq Elahi. I will fully abide by all these things. I should be assured of security. I sign the above having fully understood its every word, as need for reference."

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The **Hate Campaign** *Anti-Ahmadiyya Rallies etc.*

The hate campaign against Ahmadis continued unabated throughout the year despite the National Action Plan, the Paigham e Pakistan and the recent Code of Conduct. The mullas have told the government to make anti-Ahmadiyya activity an exception, and the authorities conveniently seem to agree. The official Seerat Conference in Islamabad with Khatme Nabuwwat as its theme encouraged the mulla to no end.

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 rallies and hold conferences in Rabwah and elsewhere in the name of 'end of prophethood' are indefensible.

Scores of 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 KPK resulted in a spate of Ahmadi target-killing this year. The provincial government led by PTI's Mahmud Khan just let it happen.

Pak senators!

Islamabad; August 17, 2020: One reads about Roman senators in history. These days one hears of U.S. senators. One's general impression is that senators are powerful men, statesmen, mostly of distinguished character and great wisdom. Pakistan has its own senators. There could be some of these who are worthy of this title, but one often comes across many who behave like Senator Ata ur Rahman and Senator Mushtaq Ahmad. The former is brother of maulvi Fazl ur Rahman (JUI-F leader) while the latter represents Jamaat Islami.

These type promote little in the august house except opposition to the ruling group, religious bigotry and enmity towards the marginalized Ahmadi community. They spoke on the following two issues on the Senate floor on August 17, 2020:

- a. In village Jhakar Imam Shah, one Mr. Javed, a mentally disturbed fellow defiled a copy of the Holy Quran and set fire to its pages. He was caught, beaten by the people and handed over to the police. Opponents of Ahmadis considered it an opportune moment to spread disorder by declaring him to be an Ahmadi and instigating the public that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat had tasked him to undertake the defiling. Javed is certainly not an Ahmadi, nor did he claim to be one. The police made inquiries with the local Ahmadi seniors, who told them that the accused is neither an Ahmadi, nor Ahmadis could even consider defiling the Holy Quran, their own scripture.
- b. The other issue was the murder of a Pak-American (Mr. Tahir A. Naseem) in a court room in Peshawar in the presence of the judge. Mr. Naseem was a blasphemy accused, had been arrested and was facing trial for the last two years. He was not an Ahmadi, as he had claimed himself to be a sort of prophet and a reformer. The killer, a madrassah student in Islamabad pumped bullets in him, and then proudly offered himself for arrest over this murder of a man who still was not judged to have committed blasphemy.

We are in possession of the videos of these speeches, delivered in Urdu by the two senators. We produce below their translation:



Senator Ata ur Rahman (JUI)

Senator Ata ur Rahman (JUI). I draw the attention of this respected House to the important issue of the incident in town Jhakar Imam Shah in District DG Khan. There, one Javed son of Ghulam Rasul defiled the Holy Quran. He tore up a copy of the Holy Quran and dumped it in a nullah.... This guy did that as (many) Qadianis live in Jhakar Imam, and this fellow is a Qadiani (Ahmadi). However, over and above this, the police, who along with the DSP picked him up, used sticks (*lathi charge*) against the protesters and injured them. It is strange that this police DSP supports the fellow who

defiled the Holy Quran, provides him protection, and the police hits out against the protesting public. I request you gentlemen to hold an inquiry into this and a report be presented in the House. Here Honorable Muhammad Ali (sic) recites Darud and talks of Medina, but we see that in the past two years, Qadianis have continued to commit blasphemy, I shall not mention that our Prime Minister was not able to

pronounce correctly the word *Khatam an Nabiyyeen*; well, it was a slip of tongue. But consider the acquittal of the cursed Aasia *maluna* (cursed) and her departure from here. Time does not permit me to mention all these incidents, but Qadianis are supported all along, they are being promoted. And the opening of a (Hindu) temple in Islamabad! What's going on? And it was the first time that one MP, belonging to the ruling party, referred to Israel in the Parliament! Where are we heading? Pakistan came into being in the name of the *Kalima* (Islamic creed). One and half million Muslims shed their blood for it. This country, founded on Islam — here Islam is defiled, here the Holy Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is defiled, and more of this is happening in this tenure. What sort of *Riasat Madinah* is there? Punish at least one person, then we'll see (that the intention is serious). But these people (rulers) don't do that, and promote and support Qadianism, then whatever Faisal Khalid (the killer of the American accused) did in Peshawar will continue to happen. Then we'll be told that such wrongs, unlawful murders are committed, that should be punished. Why is the society being led to anarchy by permitting such incidents? Why the faith of Muslims is being provoked? Why the foundations of the state are being damaged? JUI, from the very first day made it clear that these rulers are not of our country, they are agents of foreign powers. Their actions betray their being agents of foreign powers... . But what we saw at Jhakar Imam Shah is a Qadiani issue. This man is a Qadiani.... He acted deliberately. Today the police picked him up, took him to a safe house, tomorrow he will fly away with state support.

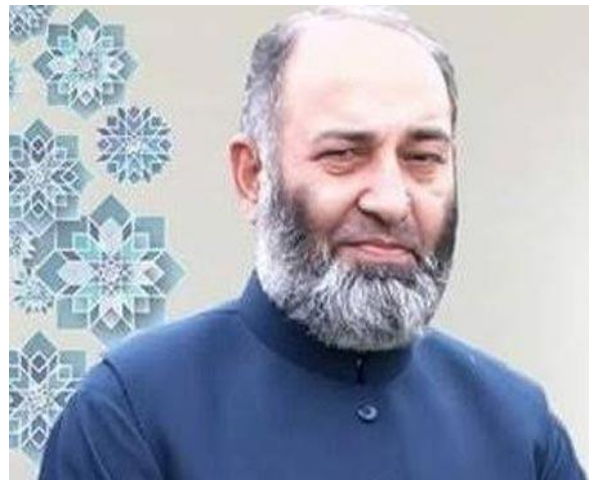
This I demand you, respected members of the House, that a complete report on the DSP's support and the (police) violence against Muslims, be demanded and presented in the Senate.

Chairman Senate: We'll do that. Ask for the report from Chief Secretary Punjab. Now Mr. Mushtaq!

Senator Mushtaq Ahmad (JI). It is a fact. I want to bring this to the notice of the Leader of the House as also (the minister of state) Ali Muhammad Khan. In the civilizational war of the belief in the End of Prophethood (KN) and the honour of Prophethood, Mr. Chairman, our enemies have targeted the Islamdom. Blasphemy against the Holy Quran is regularly undertaken in Europe, West and the U.S. The belief in the Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) is opposed. Blasphemy against prophethood (p.b.u.h.) is committed. This is encouraged. Those who do this, are given protocol like a minister of state. They are awarded highest honors, like the title of Sir. Cartoons produced by them are placed in museums as national heritage. That is the first thing; now the second. In the Islamic world, such elements are supported who attack the belief in *Khatme Nabuwwat* and the Honor of Prophethood. It happened here in the Aasia case. Whatever our authorities and courts did, it was openly under pressure of foreign pressure. Now I turn to the Peshawar incident (murder of Mr. Naseem).

Chairman Senate: Points of Public Importance — you have two minutes. Please be brief.

Mushtaq Ahmad: This is of great public importance, Mr. Chairman. On the issue of Peshawar Incident — the state and the government acted neutral. He was a confirmed Qadiani (*a lie — Ed.*). He was guilty of Blasphemy against the honour and grandeur of Prophethood (p.b.u.h.); videos, proofs and his own admissions are available. He admitted all this; then he went off to America. There he continued with these conspiracies. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan knows all this. Then he came back here, and the authorities



Senator Mushtaq Ahmad (JI)

arrested him. His case was not decided for two years. The police, the court, the government, all acted as mere observers. This compelled the people, in the name of *Khatme Nabuwat* and the Love of the Prophet (to act). When someone takes such an action, he is subjected to hostile propaganda. I am of the opinion that the state should play its role, through administration and the judiciary to deal with cases regarding End of Prophethood and Honor of Prophethood. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnN9f1WJ-9s>)

A sensible patriot would perhaps shed couple of tears over these utterances of the two honorable senators, and would want to redefine the word ‘honorable’ in this context. No Further Comments.

True colors of Jamaat Islami (JI)

Peshawar; September 6, 2020: Jamaat Islami is one of the leading religio-political parties in Pakistan. It has some appeal with average middle-class Islamists. Its founder, Maududi, had a convincing style for pseudo-intellectuals and run-of-the-mill Sunni Muslims. It poses occasionally to be rationalist, tolerant, and even progressive. In the past, it registered a few non-Muslims as members. However, it remains essentially an extremist, medieval, anachronistic party, committed to promote harsh and extremist understanding of Islam whom it occasionally calls a religion of peace and tolerance.

This month, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Khan, one of the few JI senators, addressed a KN (End of Prophethood) rally in Peshawar where he indulged in a furor against Ahmadiis (extracts):

Although most of what Mushtaq said above is plain falsehood and lies, his rhetoric must have left a mark on the impressionable minds of his prosaic audience. No wonder that some such men shot dead an innocent Ahmadi elder in Peshawar five days later, and pumped five bullets in another Ahmadi a week thereafter.

These Qadianis are traitors to the Constitution of Pakistan—traitors indeed. Qadianis are an organized terrorist group against the World of Islam (*Aalame Islam*). Qadianis are a people who are sitting in the lap of the enemies of Islam. They are there who are present in their ranks whose hands are drenched in the blood of Muslims. Qadianis are mercenaries; they are mercenaries of the U.S., of the Realm of Disbelief (*Aalam e Kuff*)...

My brothers, sometimes back when Modi went to Israel, the Qadiani leader was present there with the Israeli prime minister to welcome him at the airport.

A few days earlier, you would have seen the video in which a man from Jhelum was with Trump — he was Shakoor Qadiani, the book-seller. (You know that) Powerful rulers are unable to reach Trump, but Shakoor the book-seller reached him. He was complaining to Trump against you, complaining against Pakistan, complaining against those dedicated to Khatme Nabuwat, complaining against the soldiers of honour of Prophethood. Thus these (Qadianis) are American mercenaries. They are mercenaries of Europe. They are enemies of Islam. They are guilty of terror against Islam. We, in no way, will allow their anti-Pakistan schemes to succeed, God willing.

(Senator Mushtaq A Khan (JI), at a Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat rally in Peshawar on September 6, 2020)

Is there someone who would hold such hate-mongering individuals and political parties accountable for what they say in public? They openly violate the law — PPC 295-A.

Two hateful videos on social media

May 2020: Two specially prepared videos are in circulation these days; one is Ahmadi-specific, while the other refers to Ahmadis only to promote greater hate against the intended targets — the political elite families in Pakistan. The common feature in the twin is promotion of hate against Ahmadis, regardless of facts and national and communal interest. The moral fiber of both the producers is evil and dishonorable. Below we report the essentials of contents of these videos.

I. Ahmadis and Israel

The producer knows that most Pakistani Muslims feel very hostile towards Israel to the extent of hating the Israelis. He has used this depot of hate to target Pakistani Ahmadis by fabricating similarities between Ahmadis and Israeli Jews. He makes the following points:

- Ahmadis have established the town of Rabwah, from where they, with the co-operation of enemies of Pakistan, can destroy Pakistan.
- While establishing this town, Muslims were denied to buy a residential plot here. (*Wrong; Non-Ahmadi tradesmen were invited to have homes in Rabwah on the condition that they would abide by the building rules.*)
- Rabwah has become a state within a state. (*A lie*)
- The lease for Rabwah will expire in 2047, and as the people of Pakistan will not allow renewal of this lease, Ahmadis are purchasing land in the area at high prices to have another estate (*In fact there is no lease that will expire in 2047; it is fabrication.*)
- Farm lands are being bought extensively (*dhara dhar*). Ahmadis have reached up to Sargodha. The new city will be named Ahmad Nagar. (*White lie; Ahmadis have not purchased even 1% of land from Rabwah to Sargodha in the past 72 years.*)
- Jews purchased land in Palestine; now they own most of the land in that country. They indulge in genocide of Muslim Palestinians. They bombard them so as to kill all Muslims, so as to occupy all the land in Palestine. We shall have to stop (here) creation of another Israel. (*The producer has added pictures of Israel, Jews, the Wailing Wall to convince buffoons.*)
- Anti-Pakistan nations are paying Qadianis huge amount of money to buy this land. (*Rubbish, of course.*)
- Islamic history is loaded with evidence that Muslim states could not be broken up by external attack; they were destroyed only through internal subversion. This formula is being applied to Pakistan. (*Half-truth!*)
- I have never asked the viewers in the past to ‘forward’ my videos, but this time I urge you to forward this one, so that it reaches the top rulers for them to assess the internal threat to Pakistan.

It should be mentioned that the producer has not hesitated to include some fake photos in his video.

One had read about the Nazi propaganda machine of 1930's; it seems that the evil of this devil could match theirs, if circumstances allow. The duration of this video is 3:54; its displayed trade mark is dp, and the speaker is a male.

II. The ruling elite of Pakistan

The producer of this video starts off with the family of Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi the current Foreign Minister of Pakistan, and the family of Hardhat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani the holy founder of Ahmadiyya denomination. We'll come to that at the end.

The producer moves on to mention numerous leading political families of Pakistan. He mentions their services to the British Raj and the consequential awards, perks, grants and benefactions of the Raj to them in return.

The producer mentions numerous facts at his disposal — of course, not the whole truth. The mentioned families include Gilanis of Multan, elders of Chaudhary Nisar Ali, Hamid Nasir Chattha, Khurshid Qasuri, Syed Fakhar Imam, Nawabzada Nasrullah, the tribal elders of Murrees, Bugtis and Mazaris; he talks of Diwan Aashiq Ali, Nawab Kala Bagh, Sh Imam Din of Lahore; he takes on Gardezis, Mazaris and Bajaranis of Rajanpur, Pir of Makkah (!) Sharif, Qazalbashes of Lahore, Tiwanas of Sargodha, Sardars of Jhang, Khokhars of Pind Dadan Khan, Pirs of Makkah Sharif, Niazis, and in general all the Nawabs and Waderas.

The producer accuses them (of course, not all committing all these wrongs) of supporting the British with manpower and horses, killing Mujahideen, fighting against Muslim and Hindu freedom fighters, etc.

In return, these families were granted Jagirs, Titles, high ranks, tax collection authority (*Taalluqah Dari*) of numerous villages, annual grants, Robes (*Khilaa*), Pensions etc. The British imposed them on people to keep them under control. They opened special schools and colleges to educate their children so that they could be entrusted with government jobs to administer the country in British interest; some of these youth were facilitated to receive higher education in England.

At the start of the video, he condemns Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi's family and puts them in the same league as that of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani. While Qureshi's family remains imposed on people, a false prophet (*kazzab*) was provided to the people in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani whose progeny remains imposed on us in the form of *Mirzais* (Ahmadis), the narrator twists.

The producer does not mention any perk, title, grant or pension awarded to Mirza *Sahib* (because none was asked, nor awarded), but by mention of the two families in the same breath, he achieved his object of promoting hate against Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi that was his prime object. While describing Mr. Qureshi, he talks of British and American interests, refers to his drinking habit and socializing with Western women.

We, being non-political, reserve our comment on the absurdity or validity of this video, but we do point to its unethical and deceitful linkage with the person of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani who was a religious divine, a great teacher of moral and spiritual excellence and very distant from worldly worths.

The producer has chosen not to identify himself, but he seems to own abundance of historic archives, and finds it advantageous to discredit leading political families on grounds, fair or foul. The video's length is 8:19 minutes, and the narrator is a woman.

Our only comment is to humbly point out that production and circulation of such videos is not in the long-term national interest of Pakistan, especially these days when the nation needs unity and fraternity to fight the Covid-19 and cope with the highly vulnerable state of the State.

It would be appropriate to rise above the ground level happening of this case and look at the whole scene. It is well-known that after decades of unpleasant and hurtful experience, the Pakistan state and the international community have finally and visibly come to the conclusion that it is in everybody's interest that Pakistan suppresses violent radicalism, fights against terrorism and its breeding capacity, and promotes pluralism. If that be so, why the senior authorities in Cyber Crimes Wing (CCW) and the FBI allow their lower officials and mullas use law to violate the higher state policy and persecute a peaceful marginalized religious group like Ahmadis who have a 120-year history of opposing violence in the name of religion. Sectarian thugs were assessed as such in writing by a judge and by agencies in their archives. They are financially supported by undesirable petro-dollars from sources better known to authorities. They have apparently cultivated lower officials of the Cyber Crime Wing and periodically get police cases jointly registered against Ahmadis under laws that prescribe death or life imprisonment to its victims, through fabrication, fraud and bigotry. Surely, Cyber Crimes laws were not promulgated to suppress religious and sectarian diversity in Pakistan; there were other reasons well-known to CCW. Through cases like the present one, Mulla and lower level co-operatives in the CCW will only bring bad name not only to their Wing, but to the Pakistani state. Would it not therefore be appropriate for the CCW seniors to go deeper into Mulla/Deputy Director dealings and dump the mulla who can only bring bad name to Pakistan and its institutions through acts which do not befit a progressive, tolerant, democratic state that Pakistan would like to be?

Incident of blackening Professor Dr. Salam's portrait

BBC; October 16, 2020: BBC Urdu reported and commented upon a recent incident and video of blackening Dr. Salam's picture displayed in public in Gujranwala.

This happened outside the National Science College. The portrait of Dr. Salam was put up outside the college, along with other renowned national luminaries. A group of youth who claimed to be members of some State Youth Parliament came over to the site with black paint and sprayer and blackened Dr. Salam's portrait. The activity was recorded and its video was posted on social media. The youth shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans, as well.



The video invited numerous comments on the media. In a lighter tone, Dr. Arif Hameed tweeted @Arif Hameed on October 15: Dr. Abdul Salam's portrait should be replaced by that of Dr. Aamar Liaquat; this nation deserves doctors only of Liaquat type. (Translation)

Mr. Bilal Farooqui was more serious in his tweet @bilalfqi: This sickening act by the Gujranwala team of the so-called State Youth Parliament would have no effect on Nobel laureate Dr Abdul Salam's contribution to science and Pakistan. It is, unfortunately, a smear on the face of our nation, literally the darkness that lies ahead....

The BBC interviewed a number of people to record their views on the incident. Dr. Mubarak Ali, a renowned Pakistani historian was quoted as: Abdus Salam was a great scientist, but the youth are ignorant of that. As such, they act as religious extremists, and express their sentiments through riots or such incidents.

A few days later the social media showed that the damaged portrait was replaced by that of Maulvi Shah Ahmad Noorani, *Mujahid Khatme Nabuwwat*.

The trend among a section of the Pakistani youth to consider a Maulvi as their icon, and their total rejection of a great scientist for his faith is worth serious consideration of the Pakistani society.

Call for murder

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



The message on it can be translated as below:

Muhammad (peace be upon him)
There is only one punishment for insolence against the Prophet;
Head is to be chopped from the body. Head is to be chopped from the body.

Following observations are relevant to this message:

1. The penalty mentioned therein is neither found in the Quran, nor in Hadith.
2. It does not specify the authority that can award this penalty. The reader could assign himself this function.
3. It does not define the level of *Gustakhi* (insolence); it asserts that there is only one punishment (death) for any *Gustakhi*.

4. It prescribes even the mode of killing the blasphemer; chopping off the head.
5. The bill-board remained in place, and the authorities did not remove it for long — a sort of endorsement!
6. *Sar, tan sey juda* (beheading) was promoted as slogan by the fire-brand cleric Khadim Hussain Rizvi. By allowing this to remain displayed at a busy intersection, the Punjab government apparently endorsed the main slogan of the TLP.

Also note:

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

KN Conference in Peshawar

Peshawar, September 7, 2020: Maulvi Fazlur Rahman of JUI-F held a big conference with reference to 7 September as the Victory Day when in 1974, Ahmadis were declared to be Non-Muslim through Constitutional Amendment Nr. II. A number of other prominent mullas including Abdul Ghafoor Haidari, Shah Ahmad Noorani, Amjad Ali, Shahabuddin Popalzai and Mahmudur Rahman addressed the conference, and spoke filth against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat.

Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman talked of blood. “If an attempt is made to amend the Blasphemy law, we shall have ourselves cut to pieces (*kat marain gey*); the rulers may do what they like, we shall be a wall in front of them. We’ve started off in Peshawar, now there shall be rallies in other cities as well,” he said.

Other mullas followed the same line. “So long as the moths (*parwanay*) of End of Prophethood are there, no son of a mother can touch the law on *Khatme Nabuwwat*”, one of them said. They condemned the UK MPs’ report concerning persecution of Ahmadis. They warned, “Zulfikar Ali Bhutto remains praiseworthy to-date for moving Amendment II. Do not besmirch (*Mitti plead na karo*) Pakistan. All (sects) are united over the issue of Blasphemy and Islamic provisions,” they insisted.

Mulla Fazl ur Rahman remains deprived of political power, so he seems to attempt a big wave through religious issues to ride to his recovery. The next day after this rally, the only Ahmadi family in nearby Phandu had to be evacuated to safety. The mob forced the police to register a blasphemy case against an Ahmadi youth.

“Ahmadiyya is a wounded snake; its head should be crushed”

Chiniot, September 10, 2020: Addressing the 15th Annual End of Prophethood Conference under the auspices of All Pakistan Lawyers Forum, Malik Rabb Nawaz, Advocate said the following:

- Ten thousand persons laid down their lives in 1953 as sacrifice to protect the end of prophethood. Earlier the Companions, in the battle of Yamama, put their seal on this belief with their lives.
- According to Justice Khawaja Muhammad Ahmad Samdani the Rabwah incident of May 29, 1974 was the result of Jamaat-e-Ahmadiyya’s terrorism. It is unfortunate that no government has so far acted on the recommendations made in the report of the commission headed by him.
- Ever since the Ahmadiyya were declared non-Muslim by the parliament of Pakistan, the US, UK in particular, Israel and India in general have been constantly interfering in the integrity and

sovereignty of Pakistan, and a vicious campaign has been launched in the name of human rights that the Qadiani and Lahori groups be restored to their former status. Anjuman Ahmadiyya should be banned for acting traitor to the country.

- He demanded that NAB chief Justice (retired) Javed Iqbal look into the sale deed of Rabwah land to Ahmadis in 1949, and reverse it. He demanded that the boundaries of Chenab Nagar be demarcated to know how much area is occupied by Jamaat Ahmadiyya.
- He wondered that the U.S. is oblivious of the plight of Muslims in Kashmir, Palestine, Eritrea, Cyprus, Bosnia, Philippines, Rangoon, India, Myanmar, but raises voice in support of Qadianis and Lahories.
- Jamaat Ahmadiyya is a wounded snake; its head should be crushed.

The above spiteful concluding remark of Advocate Nawaz is expressive of his commitment to anti-Ahmadiyya stance. He has learnt from his ‘spiritual’ mentors that lies and falsehood in support of faith are not only permitted, but at times even mandatory (*wajib*). We, make brief comments on his remarks.

- The number of people who died during the 1953 anti-Ahmadi riots, at the hand of law-enforcing agencies was 37, according to the high level judicial inquiry — rather than 10,000 as quoted by Nawaz.
- In the battle of Yamama, the issue was not End of Prophethood, but armed revolt against the nascent Islamic state of Medina. This is the scholarly historic finding.
- The mention that Justice Samdani came to the conclusion that the Rabwah incident in 1974 “was the result of Jamaat Ahmadiyya’s terrorism,” is a pure lie.
- It is true that human rights activists and organizations have been pointing out the plight of Ahmadis in Pakistan. It is their job.
- NAB is welcome to demarcate the boundaries of Rabwah. The government of Punjab has done it repeatedly.
- Jamaat Ahmadiyya is not a wounded snake. The Jamaat’s motto was, and remains: Love for All, Hatred for None. Nawaz thinks that Ahmadiyya leadership thinks and reacts the way he does. It does not.

This conference held in the Municipal Committee Hall, Chiniot was presided over by Qari Muhammad Yameen Gohar Chinioti.

A hateful, even idiotic leaflet

June 2020: A leaflet has been circulated in social media by Khatme Nabuwwat Youth Force Pakistan. They have given their phone numbers but we are not aware of any action taken by the authorities against the producers of this pamphlet which is a mixture of hate, bigotry, ignorance and pure lies — quite an achievement in the limited space.

Translation of the leaflet:

- When Qadianis went to the Supreme Court for the protection of their rights, the Court gave verdict in historic words; “No rights for a deceiver.” (SCMR 1993)
- The portrait of a traitor to the country and Islam, the accursed Abdul Salam Qadiani, should be removed from the reception hall of the Ministry of Science and Technology and severe action should be taken against those involved in this conspiracy (of putting up the portrait).

- The fresh quota for jobs in Pakistan Ordnance Factory Wah Cantt should be abolished for Qadianis and their induction be stopped.
- It should be remembered that Qadiani organisations Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and Furqan Force are spreading terrorism in Pakistan on payment of large amounts of money from foreign countries. (The idiots do not know that Furqan Force was disbanded 70 years ago.)

Exhortation by AMTKN to be ready to shed blood for End of Prophethood and to boycott Ahmadiyya products and services

Chakwal; August 2020: Alami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) Chakwal in the Punjab (Phone # 0301-5782490) has recently issued a pamphlet titled *Qaumi Ehad* (National Pledge). In its foreword it requires the reader to make a pledge to uphold country's defense and "to never desist from sacrificing my life for the belief in End of Prophethood (KN) and the Honor of the Messenger (p.b.u.h.)."

Thereafter it provides two lists, 1) Ahmadiyya products and services available in Rawalpindi Division. 2) Ahmadiyya products and services in Pakistan. The former provides addresses of 24 businesses while the second records 60 of these.

The pamphlet also gives a general directive that if one is aware of any other Ahmadiyya products these should be boycotted, *Jazakallah* (May Allah reward you for that). It also urges the reader to produce more photocopies of the pamphlet and distribute these further. As for the Pledge, it contains a verse: "*Till I am not cut down for the honor of the Prophet, by God, my faith is not perfected.*"

Anti-Ahmadiyya conference in Rabwah

22-23 October; Rabwah: Extremist mullas were permitted to hold another anti-Ahmadiyya conference in the home-town of Ahmadis. Ahmadis had requested the authorities earlier to disallow this conference in view of the prevailing law and order situation, but it went in vain. Such conferences create a lot of trouble for Ahmadis in their own town. Women and children had to stay at home for two days to avoid any unpleasant incident. Markets remained closed during this time. The whole town remains under a sort of siege during these conferences which openly promote hate and incite violence against Ahmadis.

Alami Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat (AMTKN) held this two-day Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Rabwah on 22 and 23 October, 2020. Maximum attendance reached 13000 on second day.

The first session started at 10:30 on October 22 and ended at 13:15. Maulvi Khalil Ahmad of Kundian chaired it. Approximately 2500 attended this session. Mullas Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi, Ahmad Khan of Quetta, Qazi Haroon ur Rashid of Rawalpindi, Muhammad Owais of Quetta, Mufti Laal Muhammad, Zia ud Din of Lahore, Khabib Ahmad of Toba Tek Singh, Jamil Ahmad of Sukkar and Abdul Mujeeb of Sindh used foul language against Ahmadis and their elders. Qari Jamil, in his lies went to the extent, "Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was a one-eyed man."

The second session started at 13:50 and continued until 16:30. Attendance improved to approximately 3500. Maulvis Khalid Amir of Sargodha, Amjad Khan of Faisalabad, Aleem ud Din of Lahore, Abdul Qayyum Haqani of Peshawar, Muhammad Arshad of Tando Adam,

Azmat Ullah of Bannu, Mubashir Mehmood of Faisalabad, Jamil ur Rehman of Gujranwala and Senator Atau ur Rehman (JUI-F) of Peshawar addressed the audience.

Muhammad Arshad said, "Qadianis are a filthy gang. Juice produced by them is filthier than urine." Maulvi Azmat Ullah said, "Efforts are on to deprive the madrassahs of their autonomy. ... Blasphemer is *wajib ul qatl* (must be killed)." Senator Atau ur Rehman (JUI-F) said, "The sacrifices made by our forefathers for the sake of Pakistan are not hidden from anyone. ... The Prime Minister deliberately did not utter the word *Khatam-an-Nabiyyeen* (end of prophethood) correctly in the swearing-in ceremony. The accursed "Aasia release and the Kartarpur Corridor was opened during this government. The government has removed Qadiani column in NADRA's form." Qari Aleemuddin said, "Blasphemers of the Companions should be punished according to the constitution. Those who do not believe in the Companions: Take the liberty, but do not insult their dignity."

The third session started at 20:30 and was presided by Mulla Aziz ur Rehman Sani. Approximately 12000 men were present. Maulvis Abu Bakr of Lahore, Muhammad Hasan of Lahore, Mudassir Ahmad of Tonsa Sharif, Abdul Shakoor Razi of Faisalabad, Qazi Mushtaq Ahmad of Rawalpindi, Irshad Ahmad of Kabir Wala, Dr. Saeed Ahmad of Karachi, Abdul Majeed Hazarvi of Haripur, Safdar Shah Secretary General of JUI, Dr. Abu ul Khyr Muhammad of Karachi, Maulvi Siraj ul Haq Amir Jamaat Islami, Ibtisam Ilahi Zaheer and Zia Ullah Shah Bukhari of Sahiwal addressed the audience.

The speakers used abusive and threatening language against the Ahmadiyya community and its elders e.g. Maulvi Abu Bakr of Lahore said, "We will isolate Qadianis all over the world, and they will be suppressed in every forum." Mulla Mudassir of Tonsa was highly abusive; he said, "You are the dirtiest and filthiest people in the world." Mulla Abdul Shakoor said, "Qadianiat is the biggest mischief of the present age. All anti-Islam forces support them. ... End of prophethood is the foremost mission of Muslims worldwide. ... Qadianis and anti-Islamic forces are being imposed on the Muslims through a conspiracy." Qazi Mushtaq Ahmad said, "This is the worst mischief in the Islamic history.... In fact, the rulers are the killers." Maulvi Irshad said, "Street dogs are better than us if we do not protect the belief in the end of prophethood." Maulvi Abdul Majeed Hazarvi said, "The rulers that have been imposed on us have come on behest of the foreign establishment. ... It is the duty of every Muslim to support Maulana Fazlur Rehman." Syed Safdar Shah general secretary of JUI said, "We are all with Ghazi Khalid who sent a disbeliever to hell. We demand the release of Ghazi Khalid. If the government does not curb the deniers of the end of prophethood, events like Peshawar will continue to happen where a denier of the end of prophethood was sent to hell in public."

Siraj ul Haq, Amir of Jamaat Islami spoke malice against Ahmadi Jamaat and said, "All the scholars present here are like jewels. Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is a *kafir* (infidel), without any argument. Qadianis are involved in the murder of clerics; they want to spread chaos in the country. ... Nawaz Sharif martyred Mumtaz Qadri. Nawaz Sharif paved the way for Qadianiat in the country. ... False claimants of prophethood and blasphemers should not be allowed to remain on earth. The poisonous snake of Qadianiat has turned into poisonous dragon with the backing of world powers. Qadiani conspiracy is behind the murder of clerics and the bloodshed among Muslims in Pakistan. In Punjab, for the last 15 years, there has been a humiliating attitude towards religious scholars. To expect any good from these political crooks is to deceive oneself. Reliance on ulama can defeat Western culture and Western politics." Dr. Abul Khyr Muhammad said, "The National Solidarity Council has weakened sectarianism by promoting the unity of Ummah. Sectarianism is being promoted in the country. It has the patronage of the government. The power of madrassahs and mosques in Pakistan will not be questioned and the

country will not be allowed to become secular.” Zia Ullah Shah Bukhari said, “Hundreds of Qadianis have converted to Islam after reading the proceedings of the National Assembly. The sacred voice of *Tahafuzz Khatme Nabuwwat* has reached African and European countries through the efforts of Pakistani ulama.” Maulana Noor Muhammad said, “Without faith in the end of prophethood, all prayers, fasting and other acts of worship are useless.” This session ended at 03:30, the next day.

The fourth session started at 10:00 on 23 October and lasted until 13:30. It was chaired by Maulvi Aziz Ahmad of Kundian. The attendance was approximately 13000. Maulvis Sajid Ahmad of Layyah, Abdus Salam of Gilgit, Muhammad Adil of Azad Kashmir, Abdul Razzaq of Quetta, Dr. Deen Muhammad Afridi, Muhammad Tariq of Dera Ismael Khan, Mukhtar Ahmad of Mir Pur, Tausif Ahmad of Haidarabad, Muhammad Arif of Gujranwala, Aziz ur Rehman of Lahore, Muhammad Ismael Shuja Abadi, Abdullah Hameed Gul s/o General Hameed Gul, Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai and Arshad Madni addressed the audience. Mufti Shahabuddin Popalzai used highly abusive language against Ahmadi elders and called them *kafir* (infidel) and *zindeeq* (heretic). Maulvi Sajid said, “Calling Qadianis by dirty names is *sawab* (spiritually rewarding). ... They are the enemies of Pakistan's integrity.” Maulvi Abdul Razzaq said, “Irrigation of Islam demands our blood. We are ready for this sacrifice.” Maulvi Muhammad Ismael Shuja Abadi said, “Qadianis are enemies of both Islam and Pakistan. They are involved in Shia-Sunni riots and incite sectarianism. Qadianis are agents of Jews and were planted by the British.” Abdullah Hameed Gul said, “O Muslims unite. If you unite, the disbelievers will flee. ... Soon India will fall apart, and Kashmir will become independent.”

The fifth and last session of the conference started at 14:15 on October 23. The attendance was approximately 12000 in this final session. Maulvis Muhammad Ismael Shuja Abadi, Karim Bhakhsh of Multan and Nasiruddin Khakwani addressed the audience. They used highly abusive and provocative language against Ahmadis. For example, Maulvi Nasiruddin Khakwani said, “Qadianis are disbelievers of *Khatme Nabuwwat* and are enemies of Pakistan and the Constitution of Pakistan. They are hypocrites and agents of Jews.” Maulvi Karim Bhakhsh said, “Jesus will follow *Shariat Muhammdiyya* even after his second coming.”

Syed Kafil Bhukhari demanded of the government that Qadiani Jamaat be banned and all the offices and networks of Qadiani Jamaat be sealed. Maulana Muhammad Rizwan Aziz said, “Qadianis’ *kufir* (infidelity) has gone beyond the *kufir* of Jews and Christians and become *zindiqa* (heretic). In view of the situation, Mirza Muhammad Ali Jhelumi and Javed Ahmad Ghamdi are following in the footsteps of Mirza Qadiani.”

A question and answer session was held during this conference. One question was about Ghazi Khalid (who had assassinated Tahir Naseem in a Peshawar court). In reply, Maulvi Allah Wasaya said, “When the law is not followed, the hand of a Muslim stops the blasphemer.” Replying to a remark that Maulvis collect donations from the people in the name of end of Prophethood, but they talk of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-F in the conference, Maulvi Allah Wasaya said, “As the presence of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-F is heavy in parliament, and they keep raising voice in support of protection of end of Prophethood, therefore, we support them amply.”

Most of the participants in this year's conference were from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and most of them carried the pendants of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam.

Various resolutions were also presented at the end of the conference. Some of them are paraphrased below:

- This conference strongly condemns the anti-Pakistan report produced by 40 members of the British Parliament on July 20, 2020.
- This conference also condemned June 14, 2018 report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights violations in Jammu and Kashmir. The parliament of Azad Jammu and Kashmir had done no violation of human rights by declaring *Mirzais* non-Muslim on February 6, 2020.
- They demanded that the word ‘*Mirzai*’ or ‘*Qadiani*’ be added to the names of Qadianis.
- They demanded that the Sharia punishment for apostasy (death) be imposed and implemented.
- They demanded ban on *Khudam ul Ahmadiyya* (Ahmadiyya youth organization).
- They demanded that the religion box be included in the computerized ID card.

Ahmadis excluded from sports tournament

Attock, Punjab; July, 2020: Organizers of the Saleem Nisar, Ashfaq Memorial Tape Ball Cricket Tournament 2020 planned and advertised this tournament scheduled for the post-Eid holiday. The publicity sheet boldly mentioned the following:



“Note: Qadianis will not be allowed to participate in our tournament.”

This publicity sheet further mentioned that the tournament was being held under the aegis of Sardars Mazhar Khan, Amjad Khan and Haider Ali Khan. Mr. Tahir Malik, Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Malik Fayyaz etc. were mentioned for ‘their great support’. The managing committee comprised Malik Shahzad, Raja Riasat, Zeeshan Malik etc. Mr. Khalid Mahmud, Aamar Shehzad and two others were mentioned as chief organizers.

This tournament was to be held in District Attock where a few months ago a lady Assistant Commissioner Ms. Jannat Husain was persecuted for saying a few words in support of minorities. These bigots do not realize that by such actions they are providing a precedence and model for religion-based tyranny to the neighbors across the Wagah border.

Anti-Ahmadiyya rally in District Mirpur Khas, Sindh

Naukot, September 20, 2020: Opponents organized an anti-Ahmadiyya rally from Talhi, Karimnagar to the Press Club, Naukot on 20th September 2020. Approximately 150 persons participated. On their way, they stopped at the houses and villages where Ahmadis reside, made anti-Ahmadiyya speeches and tried to incite the villagers against Ahmadis. They shouted slogans against Ahmadiyya president of District Mirpur Khas Mr. Tanvir Ahmad and his brother Mr. Mansoor Ahmad, president Naukot, at their business location. Thereafter they went to the press club where the speakers used foul language against Ahmadiyyat.

The authorities took little action against hate-mongers.

Hostile processions in Rabwah

Rabwah; October 30, 2020: Anti-Ahmadiyya groups, especially Majlis Ahrar and Khatme Nabuwwat organizations do not spare even the blessed birthday of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to hurl abuses against the Ahmadiyya community. They converge on Rabwah and hold rallies and lead anti-Ahmadiyya processions in the town's main streets. Their hostile presence here is deliberate provocation to the locals. Despite our repeated written requests to authorities to disallow such sectarian conferences and processions in this Ahmadiyya town, these are facilitated by the administration.

On October 30, a procession emerged from Masjid Bukhari in Darul Fazl at 9:30 a.m. It was led by Mulla Umair Arshad. Approximately 200 men participated in it. It reached Aqsa roundabout via the bus stop. There, mulla Umair spoke venomously against Ahmadis, and said, "In France, a blasphemer was beheaded by a moth of Islam. We will not tolerate the blasphemy against our Prophet". Addressing Ahmadis, Qari Ghulam Mustafa said, "Leave Qadianiat and don't be the fuel of hell. According to the Qur'an and the Constitution, we call you *kafir* (infidels)".

Another procession emerged from Khichian at 10:00 a.m. and reached Rabwah bus stop via Aqsa roundabout. There, people from other locations joined this crowd. Members from Tahrik-e-Labaik Ya Rasul Ullah also participated. Maulvis Zia Ullah Sialvi of Karachi, Ghulam Nabi of Khichian and Khizar Hayat of Khichian addressed there and used foul language against Ahmadis. Ghulam Nabi announced contribution of Rs 100,000 for the next conference.

Majlis Ahrar started their activities on the previous evening of 12th Rabi ul Awwal. They held a Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Madrassah Ahrarul Islam Kot Wasawa, a village on the outskirts of Rabwah. It started at 10:30 p.m. and ended at 01:30 a.m. It was presided by Syed Ataul Muhaiman Bukhari, the Central Amir at Multan. Participants numbered approximately 3500 men. Syed Kafil Bukhari, Maulvis Ataullah Salis, Haroon Matiullah, Shabir Ahmad Usmani, Muhammad Umer and Abdul Rauf Hazarvi spoke in the conference. All of them bad-mouthed Ahmadiyyat and its founder. Syed Kafil Bukhari said, "Like every year, we invite Qadianis to Islam so that the *zindeeq* (heretic) Qadianis may repent and become followers of our Prophet and escape the fuel of Hell." Maulvi Ataullah said, "Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani is the name of a great *fitna* (mischief); we will suppress this mischief jointly." Maulvi Haroon Matiullah said, "Qadianiat is a great mischief created by British to divide Muslims. Qadianis are behind all the mischiefs that are arising in our country. Jews and Christians are backing the Qadianis. We will suppress this mischief. Qadianis are also behind the recent blast in Peshawar. We demand the execution of blasphemer and the end of ties with France." Maulvi Shabbir Ahmad Usmani said, "The caricatures

made in France were made on behest of Qadianis. We pay tribute to Ghazi Khalid who sent Tahir Naseem Qadiani to hell inside the court in Peshawar.” Muhammad Umer said, “O Muslims unite to suppress the mischief of Qadianis.” The police were present all along and provided them official sanction.

Majlis Ahrar took out a procession later in the day at 14:50. It started from Kot Wasawa and reached Ewan Mehmood (An Ahmadiyya building). Participants numbered about 5000. Maulvis Umer Farooq, Ataullah Shah Bhukhari, Ilyas Chinioti MPA of Chiniot, Khalid Latif Cheema of Chichawatni, Mehr Taimoor Amjad Lali a PTI MPA, Muhammad Mughira and Syed Muhammad Kafil Bhukhari spoke against Ahmadis in their speeches. Ilyas Chinioti MPA said, “Jesus is alive up in sky.” He spoke harshly against the founder of Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Maulvi Khalid Latif Cheema said, “Qadianis, accept Islam or we are at war against you.” Mehr Taimoor Amjad Lali PTI MPA said, “He who does not consider the Holy Prophet as the last prophet is a non-Muslim. He who does not support the Prophet is our enemy. Everything can be sacrificed for the Holy Prophet.” Syed Kafil Bhukhari said, “Qadianis are worse than Jews and Christians. There was no condemnation from Qadianis regarding the caricatures made in France, so how can we believe that you are followers of our Muhammad.”

This procession reached the Bus Stop at 17:00 and dispersed after shouting hateful anti-Ahmadi slogans.

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

Anti-Ahmadi activism in PPP’s Sindh

Mirpur Khas, Sindh; September 2020: For some time Mirpur Khas has been hotbed of anti-Ahmadi activities. Miscreants in Nau Kot area especially feel free to do what they like in this context.

A few days ago, a businessman involved in the contract of the fruit garden in Nusrat Abad Estate was on his way to the village. Two armed highwaymen stopped him and made inquiries. He introduced himself. “We were expecting a Qadiani to pass this way and were waiting for him,” they explained, and let him go.

On September 27, Mr. Mansur Ahmad, president of the Nusrat Abad Ahmadi community was returning home after attending a funeral, when a few miscreants placed their motor cycle in front of his jeep and attempted an altercation. They called him a *Qadiani Kafir* and threatened him. In the meantime, two Ahmadi youth riding a rickshaw arrived from the direction of Nafees Nagar. They stopped and intervened to rescue their president.

Agitation in Mardan

Mardan, October 2020: Preparations were underway in Mardan for a gathering (*jalsa*) in the name of the end of Prophethood, in September. Banners and boards were put up all over Mardan. In the previous years there used to be only one gathering here but now this group is divided in two and their gatherings are held separately. These gatherings were planned to be organized on 15 and 18 October 2020. Anti-Ahmadi mullas participated in these events.

Ahmadis feel insecure in these circumstances.

A hostile conference in Rabwah by KN mullas

Rabwah; September 7, 2020: Khatme Nabuwwat organization was allowed again to hold a hostile and provocative conference in Rabwah on September 7, 2020. Annual International Khatme Nabuwwat Conference was held in Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani's madrassa, situated in the Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar.

First Session

This conference was conducted in two sessions. The first session was chaired by Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, Administrator of Madrassa Usmania, Chenab Nagar. Following speakers participated in the first session:

1. <i>Sahibzada Khalid Mehmood Qasmi of Faisalabad</i>	2. <i>Molvi Zahid Mehmood Qasmi of Faisalabad</i>
3. <i>Molvi Shafi Shakir of Lahore</i>	4. <i>Qari Ahmad Ali Nadeem</i>
5. <i>Dr. Fareed Ahmad Paracha (JI)</i>	6. <i>Muhammad Yousaf of Sheikhpura</i>
7. <i>Molvi Quraish Khan Sulaimani of Peshawar</i>	

In almost every way it was a replay of such conferences held in Rabwah in the past. So we shall not mention them in detail; we produce here only the translation of the gist of mullas' speeches to show what the mullas say on these occasions:

- Qadianis presented a false report to the UK Parliament. We reject that report. Qadianis are purchasing land around Chenab Nagar. We should keep an eye on them.
- These people are holding important governmental posts; we should keep an eye on them.
- We should watch every move of Qadianis.
- We are going to start a campaign for *Namoos e Risalat* (Honor of Prophethood); we will not spare the adversaries of the Prophet's companions.
- Dr. Paracha of JI said that the rejoinder to Qadianis is the same as that to Musailma Kazzab (slaying). When our ancestors were given death penalty, people advised them to appeal against the decision but they refused, saying that this would be *Shahadat*. He added that Israel had occupied our places of worship, slaughtered our children, and Muslim countries are making friends with it.
- All the speakers used filthy language against the founder of Ahmadiyyat, and incited the participants against Ahmadis.

Second Session (9:30 p.m. to 4:15 a.m.)

The Second Session was also presided by Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani. It was attended by 400/450 participants. Following spoke:

1. <i>Molvi Abdul Khaliq Hazarvi</i>	2. <i>Molvi Muhammad Talha Farooqi of Lahore</i>
3. <i>Molvi Zafar Ahmad Qasmi</i>	4. <i>Molvi Muhammad Hafeez Chaudhry</i>
5. <i>Molvi Muhammad Tayyab of Faisalabad</i>	6. <i>Molvi Fareed Ahmad Haqqani of Lahore</i>
7. <i>Molvi Abdul Rauf Farooqi (JUI) of Lahore</i>	8. <i>Syed Abdul Razzaq of Lahore</i>
9. <i>Molvi Shafi Shakir of Peshawar</i>	10. <i>Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Chairman Ulama Council Pakistan</i>
11. <i>Molvi Yousaf Farooqi of Faisalabad</i>	12. <i>Molvi Faheem Ul Haq of Gujranwala</i>
13. <i>Molvi Allah Ditta Mujahid of Kasur</i>	14. <i>Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema, Nazim e Aala Majlis Ahrar ul Islam Pakistan</i>

These speakers cursed Ahmadis, incited the participants against Ahmadis and used foul language against the founder of Ahmadiyyat. They also said the following:

- Stay away from Qadianis because they are the greatest mischief of the present age.
- Qadianis try to convert innocent people by luring them in different ways.
- Law applies to all. If somebody commits blasphemy, he should be punished (with death).
- Taliban got 400 men released for four American soldiers.
- India is being beaten up by China and Nepal; Pakistan will join them soon.
- Pakistan will not accept Israel in any case.
- A group of Deobandi ulama has done a great job against Shias. All of us should join them. We know of their tiffs with Hazrat Umar. Hazrat Umar to Ameer Muawia, all are being abused, including Abu Sufyan. We will not tolerate it.
- Hazrat Abu Bakr started the Khatme Nabuwwat movement, and Molvi Shabbir Usmani is continuing it.
- Shias tried to sabotage us. We will formulate a strategy for the *Sahaba* (the Companions) and *Ahle Bait* (the Family of the Holy Prophet).
- Qadianis! go wherever you want to, but we'll continue to pursue you to show that there is no hiding place for you anywhere (in the world).
- Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Chairman Ulama Council Pakistan said that the enemy is attacking the companions of Holy Prophet and his *Ahle Bait*. He is trying to turn this country into Syria and Iraq, but ulama will not allow him do so. People who bark at Hazrat Umar are infidels and agents of India. We demand government of Pakistan to punish the enemies of *Sahaba*.
- Molvi Abdul Latif Khalid, *Nazim e Aala* of Majlis Ahrar e Islam Pakistan invited Qadianis to the fold of the Holy Prophet to save themselves. He told them to accept either Islam or their minority status. He added that whether it is denier of prophethood or denier of *Sahaba*, we are fed-up of both.

Resolutions

Resolutions to the following effect were moved and passed at this rally:

- Qadiani conspiracy to annul the law on end of prophethood (*Tahaffuz e Khatme Nabuwwat*) and the blasphemy (*Tahaffuz e Namooos e Risalat*) is at its peak. This gathering demands government to explore the national and international conspiracies against these laws.
- This gathering condemns the burning of Quran incidents in Sweden and Norway as well as the expected publication of insulting cartoons in France. This gathering demands the international community to stop this.
- This gathering condemns the recent incidents of insulting the companions of the Prophet and other respected personalities.
- This gathering rejects the demands of the US Commission for Religious Freedom and British parliamentarians for ending blasphemy laws, granting religious freedom to Qadianis, and allowing their publications.
- This gathering rejects the acceptance of Israel by UAE and Kosovo.
- This gathering supports *Tahaffuz e Bunyaad e Islam* Bill. This law should be enforced countrywide.
- This gathering condemns inhuman treatment of Kashmiris by the Indian forces.

- This gathering pays tribute to Pak Army and COAS Qamar Bajwa.
- This gathering supports the ongoing operation *Rad-ul-Fasad* in the country and pays tribute to the martyrs.
- This gathering shows grave concern over increasing activities of Qadianis in the country. Government should take strict notice of unconstitutional activities of Qadianis. They should be made to abide by the country's constitution.
- This gathering demands the government to include *Khatme Nabuwwat* in school syllabi.
- Increasingly violent activities of Qadianis in Chenab Nagar should not be tolerated.
- There should be an addition of religion column in the computerized ID card, or the color of ID card for Muslims should be different.
- Government should ban the Ahmadiyya television (MTA).
- *Sharia* punishment of apostasy (death) should be implemented as per the recommendation of Islamic Ideology Council.
- All endowments of every religious minority are under direct control of government except the Qadianis'; their endowments should be taken over by the government.
- Residents of Chenab Nagar should be given ownership rights.
- Jihad is the moto of Pak Army; so Qadianis should not be commissioned as officers.
- Qadianis should be removed from key posts in every department.
- Notice should be taken of the unlawful judiciary of Qadianis in Chenab Nagar; it is like state within a state.
- Every militant organization is banned in the country whereas the Qadiani militant organization *Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya* is not. They should be banned forthwith, and their assets should be confiscated by the government.
- Qadianis should be stopped immediately from using the name of Islam.
- 7th September should be observed as national holiday in memory of 1974 Assembly's decision.

Last, but not least; this is what went on here in earlier years as well during the rules of PML (N) and PPP. Where is the much-trumpeted *Tabdeeli* (change) promised by PTI?

Hateful wall-chalking in Jhelum

Matyal, District Jhelum; October 27, 2020: Unidentified miscreants sprayed anti-Ahmadiyya writings on the boundary wall of the Ahmadiyya Bait-ul-Hamd. A complaint was filed with the Sadar police station, upon which the SHO sent a policeman there who removed these writings.

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

Anti-Ahmadiyya gatherings in Sargodha

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

Hostile conference in Rabwah

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

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

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

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

Anti-Ahmadiyya procession in District Nankana

Kot Dialdas, District Nankana; September 20, 2020: Opponents took out a procession here on September 20, 2020. It passed in front of Ahmadis' houses to end up in the Jamia Masjid. The participants chanted anti-Ahmadi slogans and bad-mouthed the Ahmadiyya community. In view of this situation, Ahmadis informed the police on 15, to prevent any untoward incident. The police arrived. The procession went inside the Jamia Masjid for a *Mehfil Milad* (birthday celebration of the Holy Prophet p.b.u.h.) but delivered hateful speeches against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. Meanwhile, the police remained there and no further untoward development occurred.

The next day, on September 21, 2020, the mullas filed a petition with District Police Officer Nankana accusing eight Ahmadis of obstructing their celebrations and throwing stones at it. When the police inspector was contacted in this regard, he said that the police were present outside the mosque at night at the time of the *Mehfil Milad* and there was no incident like throwing stones etc. The next day, on September 22, the police sent for both the parties and closed the matter, after making both the parties sign a peace deal.

La justice a' la Punjab Police!

Ahmadiyya futile appeal to authorities

Rabwah; October 30, 2020: Ahmadiyya central office forwarded the following request in writing to authorities to disallow mullas' sectarian conference and processions in the Ahmadiyya town Chenab Nagar (Rabwah), scheduled on Holy Prophet's birthday:

Title: Request for appropriate action on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on October 30, 2020 gatherings and processions at Rabwah/Chenab Nagar, District Chinot

Blessed programs have been announced across Pakistan on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal on October 30, 2020 to celebrate the blessed birth of Hazrat Muhammad *Khatam an 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 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 the 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,

Saleemuddin

Director Public Affairs, Pakistan


Chenab Nagar, Distt Chiniot

Anti-Ahmadiyya procession in Gujranwala

Bhiri Shah Rehman, Gujranwala; October 31, 2020: A procession was taken out here against France. In order to increase the participation, students of neighborhood schools were pressurized to join the rally. Ahmadi students were told that those who did not join the procession are enemies of Islam and are supporters of France. Speaking against France, Deobandi Maulvi Ehsanullah switched over to anti-Ahmadiyya theme and said that 'Qadianis' are staunch enemies of Islam. People have to come out against them and the enemies of the country. Anti-Ahmadi slogans were also raised.

Anti-Ahmadiyya sermons in Gujranwala

Rahwali, Gujranwala; December 2020: Irfan Burq, an anti-Ahmadiyya mulla held *Tajdar-e-Khatme Nabuwwat* conferences in Rahwali, Gujranwala. He delivered Friday sermons on 18th



and 25th December wherein he incited the public against Ahmadis. After his sermon on 18th and 25th December, children of the area took out a rally and raised anti-Ahmadiyya slogans.

JUI exploits religion

Larkana, December 11, 2020: For some time now Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam (JUI) party is very active against Ahmadiyyat in this part of Sindh. On December 11, 2020 they held an anti-Ahmadi rally in Larkana city. The speakers bad-mouthed Ahmadi elders by name and incited the audience against Ahmadis. This was in clear violation of the laws PPCs 153-A and 295-A.

The opponents now intend to do a similar program in the town of Qambar.

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Miscellaneous; Reports from all over

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a) Reports from cities

Frontal attack of religious bigots on Islamabad and Multan Bar associations

Islamabad and Multan; January 2020: Bar associations in these two cities came up with resolutions and actions on the issue of End of Prophethood, that would surprise most of their own past and future members. These reports are indicative of the *laissez faire* attitude of the lawyers' community to religious issues and their apathy towards the onslaught of religious bigotry on their profession and professional community.

Multan: ANI released the following report on January 11, 2020; it is reproduced in original; comment is neither called for, nor offered:

Multan Bar Association bars non-Muslim lawyers from elections

Punjab (Pakistan), Jan 11 (ANI): In yet another example of subjugation of minorities in Pakistan, Multan bar association passed a resolution which forbids non-Muslim lawyers including Ahmadis to participate in the Bar council elections in the city, local media reported.

The resolution was presented by the lawyers of district bar association of Multan. It stated that the lawyers contesting bar elections will also need to submit an affidavit to prove their faith in Islam, Naya Daur reported.

Pakistan has been condemned internationally for cracking down on its minorities.

Islamabad has also reportedly been discriminating against its religious minorities, manifested in various forms of targeted violence, mass murders, extrajudicial killings, abduction, rapes, forced conversion to Islam among others, making Pakistani Hindus, Christian, Sikhs, Ahmadiyyas and Shias one of the most persecuted minorities in the region.

The condition of minorities is deplorable in Pakistan. They have always been mistreated and suffered injustices from fellow civilians and the administration. Pakistan administration has always patronized religious, ethnic, cultural and racial disagreements to further their regime. (ANI)

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Recently, a resolution named 'Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Risalat' was unanimously passed by lawyers of Multan bar association. According to that resolution, no non-Muslim lawyer including Ahmadis will be able to participate in the bar elections of Multan.

The resolution was presented in a Tahaffuz-e-Khatm-e-Nabuwwat conference organized by the lawyers of district association of Multan. The resolution stated that the lawyers contesting bar elections will also need to submit an affidavit to prove their faith of Islam. All the participants then took oath that they believed in the finality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

At the end of the conference, books regarding the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) were distributed among the lawyers.

Islamabad: According to a press release of the District Bar Association, Islamabad, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of its president, Mr. Zafar Malik on January 15, 2020. It was decided that as per some earlier decision of the General Body to amend Associations rules, 2019, members were to declare their religion, and if they claim to be Muslim, they have to submit an affidavit of belief in *Khatme Nabuwwat* (end of prophethood) by 31 January 2020.

Defaulters would have their membership suspended and a list to that effect would be posted on the notice board, they were told.

It is learnt that some worthy members protested over the amended rule. Mr. Mustafa N Khokhar, Advocate plainly refused to comply. Within a few days, the Association management withdrew the Notice.

A lawyers' forum in the Land of the Pure

Lahore; December 4, 2020: The daily *Mashriq* of Lahore published the following photo of a group of lawyers with the note: "Lawyers of the Allama Lawyers Forum protest against Israel, outside the High Court".

The vernacular message written on their banner is noteworthy. Its translation:



**Qadiani, Israel, US, India, France
collusion — Death on it**

Fire all Qadianis from key posts. Deport the traitor, Juda the journalist, fifth columnist Mubashir Luqman who is a tout of Qadianis and Israel, so that no one dares to become a national enemy. Mubashir Luqman is a cursed fellow, a beast, spokesperson of

Jews, representative of Israel, man with no conscience, and black mark on journalism.

A Conspiracy against Ahmadiyya Community

Green town, Lahore; December 4, 2020: A person named Qasim from Okara, was accused of burning a copy of the Quran and dumping it in a sewer. A police case was registered against him under clause 295-B and he was arrested.

On interrogation, he admitted the crime and reportedly claimed to be an Ahmadi. This was found to be entirely false, as Ahmadiyya Jamaat inquiry found that no such person is on their roll in Okara nor in Lahore.

After his claim, numerous anti-Ahmadiyya processions were taken out, a siege was laid to the police station and the protestors pressurized the police to take action against Ahmadis. This was a planned conspiracy against the Ahmadiyya Community; opponents tried to add to the anti-Ahmadiyya hype through this fabrication.

Opposition—with no scruples

Islamabad; January 2020: It is learnt that a movie "Zindgi Tamasha" has been produced by Sarmad Sultan and was to be launched on January 24, 2020. As per press reports, some religious groups objected to its contents, and raised objection. The censor authorities got cold feet, ordered a stay and referred the film to IIC for their opinion.

In the meantime, the hostile critics launched a propaganda war against the film, and undertook false and baseless accusations against it. They issued ads on social media wherein they claimed, of course falsely, that the film was promoted by 'Qadiani atheists'.

The post contained the following statements:

- Qadiani atheists acted (promoted) this film.

- It openly associates Islam, mosques and madrassahs with terrorism, and a '*Mehfal Naat*' has been ridiculed.
- On the other hand, the beliefs of Qadiani atheists have been promoted in every scene.
- We robustly demand of the Government of Pakistan and Pemra to block the screening of this film.
- As evidence of your commitment to faith (*ghairat*) in Ummate Muslimah, share this post (with others).

We are not sure of the authenticity of comments made above but we categorically affirm that comments referring to 'Qadianis' are entirely false and fabricated.

Ahmadi at risk in Lahore

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

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

Ahmadis faced social boycott in Lahore

Sabzazaar District Lahore; August 2020: A shopkeeper of Sabzazaar Lahore displays a big banner outside his shop, produced by *Tahrik e Labbaik ya Rasool Allah*: "**Ahmadis are infidels**", written in bold letters on it.

Three Ahmadi families reside in the vicinity of this catering shop. The shopkeeper came to know of their religious identity, so he campaigned for a social boycott of these families and encouraged their friends to do the same. Upon this some of them ended their terms with them. Ahmadis of the area were removed from the WhatsApp groups as well.

Ahmadis were told to first become Muslim before social relations could be normalized. One of the friends of an Ahmadi youth invited him to encourage him to convert to Islam. The Ahmadi asked him not to discuss religion and stated that if he considers Ahmadis to be infidels, he can have his opinion.

Every Thursday, the shopkeeper invites a group of madrassah students to his shop for a meal; thereafter they raise slogans in support of TLP.

In addition, two main boulevards of Lahore were wall-chalked with hostile slogans against Ahmadis: "**Earn through spiritual curses on the infidel Mirza Qadiani**".

The authorities remain unmoved over this display of hate and animosity.

The lawyers and Khatme Nabuwat

Dera Ismail Khan; February 22, 2020: We have received copy of a hand bill circulated by the District Bar Association, Dera Ismail Khan about a Khatme Nabuwat (KN) seminar organized by them in Shuja Hall on February 22, 2020 at 11 a.m. All the lawyers were requested

to participate. Mullas Muhammad Asif, Hussain Ahmad Irfan etc. were expected to address. “Moths of the candle of end of prophethood are appealed to join in,” the handbill urged.

It is interesting that this professional association of lawyers finds little to talk about other than the KN. For them, apparently the issues of rule of law, constitution, enforcement of laws, fundamental freedoms, democratic development, rights of the disadvantaged, social and economic rights, bar, bench, human rights, administration of justice, death penalty, enforced disappearances, education, democracy, environment, etc have all been satisfactorily settled, while the End of Prophethood which is primarily the territory of clerics deserves special support from the lawyers’ community.

Three cheers for the leaders of the District Bar of Dera Ismail Khan!

Societal harassment

Karachi; September/October 2020: Although not everyone in Pakistan has turned anti-Ahmadiyya, and there are good souls around who are tolerant and broad-minded, but most of the society has become antagonist, even hostile to Ahmadi, under the influence of one-sided propaganda. The law and the mulla do not allow Ahmadi to defend and explain their position. As a result the new generation is generally ignorant of the reality of Ahmadiyya beliefs, teachings and contribution to society. We produce below a recent report from Karachi.

Syed Muhammad Shah, Ahmadi’s family is residing in Saddar, the central area of Karachi. He and his wife are active in community work. They are facing hostility from some people in their neighborhood.

They have two school-going daughters who attended a ‘tuition’ class held by a teacher in their residential block. She stopped them from attending her class, for being Ahmadi. The local internet company has terminated the family’s connection. On inquiry, their worker told the family that his senior told him to not recharge their card.

Mr. Shah’s sister resides in the same area, next to the well-known Ahmadiyya Hall. Her residential electric connection was disconnected three times. Women neighbors tell one another to boycott her socially. Her son’s motor cycle is parked in the block’s parking area, where boys damaged it repeatedly. Recently the local urchins badmouthed her sons and shared hostile post about them on social media. They also

FAITH-BASED ULTRA-HOSTILITY

Model Colony, Karachi;
February 2020: Mr. Waseem Abbas decided to join Ahmadiyyat eight years ago. He faced severe hostility at home. His father is a lawyer by profession and much inspired by the precept of Khatme Nabuwat. He stopped talking to his son. He invited a few mullas to talk to his son. He handed over Mr. Abbas’s important personal documents like Nikah Form, passport, the will etc to a local mulla. Recently he brought along two mullas who threatened Abbas with police action etc. They advised the father to forget that Waseem Abbas was his son. In these circumstances his mother discreetly helped her son to flee from home.

indulged in venting hostility against the Ahmadiyya Jamaat. They, more than once, turned off the water valve on the pipe from the reservoir on the roof, thus depriving them of water for daily use.

This situation is quite upsetting for the affected families.

An Ahmadi expelled from residence in Lahore

Johar town, Lahore; August 2020: An Ahmadi family resident of Lahore, was told to quit the rented house, just for their faith.

Mr. Munawar Ahmad's family was residing in Johar Town, Lahore, while he was in West Africa. The landlord told the family to vacate the house as soon as possible because he was facing extreme pressure from the neighborhood. He further told them that after the Peshawar incident (where a former Ahmadi was murdered in a courtroom) the locals and the mullas of the local madrasa had pressurized him to evict Ahmadi tenants.

Ahmadis under threat in Swabi, KPK

Topi, District Swabi; August 2020: A small Ahmadiyya community is found here. Families of Mr. Anwar Ahmad and his brother live here. Other Ahmadis have shifted abroad. There are two mosques near Anwar Ahmad's house. The mullas there frequently sermonize killing and violence against Ahmadis. As such, there is a risk of a mob attack or an armed robbery. These families have been advised to exercise caution, and to inform the police in writing.

Ahmadi faces difficulties in Kasur

Kasur; October 13, 2020: Mr. Aleem Ahmad Shahid, An Ahmadi, went to the local grinding facility, but the owner refused to accept the wheat and said that he would not grind an Ahmadi's wheat. Mr. Shahid went to another mill and got the wheat grinded.

Two days after this incident, the mulla, under whose influence the owner had behaved badly, got involved in a driving accident and ended up with a fractured right leg.

Deteriorating situation in Rajanpur

Rajanpur, September 2020: Ahmadis have been facing increasing hostility there for some time. The opponents organized a rally on 4th September, 2020. This was held by blocking a crossing in the center of the city. Participants were holding banners with pictures of mulla Khadim Rizvi of TLP. Speakers demanded harsh sentences for blasphemers and narrated incidents of a son killing his father for blasphemy.

Opponents are trying hard to provoke the public against Ahmadis.

Ahmadi told to shift, in Karachi

Model Colony, Karachi; January 16, 2019: Malik Mubashar Ahmad, an Ahmadi, has been living here in a house on rent for many years at 9-C Bakery Stop, Karachi. The landlord's grown up sons were opposed to Ahmad for his faith. But the owner was a nice person, he was happy with Ahmad as his tenant. Some days ago he died and his sons sent Mr. Ahmad an eviction notice.

Mr. Ahmad arranged an adjacent house on rent. But under the pressure of locals the landlord returned him his advance payment. Mr. Ahmad is very upset as he has no place to

live. Due to the prevalent hostility, Ahmadis face difficulties in renting a house in Model Colony and Gulshan Jami.

Harassment of Ahmadis in Lahore

Jamaat Ali Town, Lahore; February 2020: Three Ahmadi families reside in Ali Town, Lahore. A marriage ceremony was held by one of the families. The mulla of the local mosque mobilized non-Ahmadi residents of the neighborhood against Ahmadis through his Friday sermon. An Ahmadi family which intended to participate in the ceremony was told that they being *Mirzaies* (pejorative term used for Ahmadis) and not-Muslims should convert to Islam. A youth who is a student in a Tahir ul Qadri madrassah is very active in this anti-Ahmadi campaign. Ahmadis had to take steps to remain unharmed.

Ahmadis threatened in Karachi

Karachi; September 2020: Mr. Saadat Ahmad Zafar and his brother Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Mubashir live in Drigh Colony, Karachi. Some youths of the Sunni Tahrik told the sons of their landlord to get the house vacated of Qadianis or they would evict them from there. They were told to mind their own business. They even exchanged harsh words. Later one day, Mubarak Ahmad's son was going home when the boys told him, "You are laughing now. You will know when your screams come out tomorrow." The police were informed of the incidents.

On September 11, a suspicious man on a motorcycle came to Bait ur Raheem (an Ahmadiyya worship place) and made suspicious moves. The same man had come on August 31, and asked Ahmadi youths on duty about the Ahmadiyya office. When the man came again, the Ahmadi youths on duty informed the police. The police arrived and questioned him. He said he had come to the hospital with his relative, but when he was taken to the hospital, he could not identify any relative. The police then took him to the police station where he stated that he had come to see how Qadianis pray. The police were not satisfied with his statement and detained him at the police station for further investigation.

Hateful incidents in Attock

Attock; October 2020: Opponents are active in Attock and attempting to implement boycott of Ahmadis. Some of the incidents in this regard are reported below:

- A local mulla Qari Abdul Rauf gathered shopkeepers and traders in the mosque and made a hateful speech against Ahmadis. He also referred to anti-Islamic activities in France. The mulla told them to boycott French products and end all ties with Qadianis. “Qadianis are also brethren of the French”, he said.
- In District Attock, a printed statement is put up at various shops: "NO DEALINGS ARE DONE WITH QADIANIS HERE".
- Ms. Shamim Ramzan, a resident of Kamra, District Attock, is employed in Asfandyar Bukhari District Hospital. Opponents are campaigning against her. A few days ago, Hafizullah Alvi, a member of the Central Majlis-e-Shura, Tahrik-e-Labaik Pakistan, rallied the people and provoked them against her. Hostile reports have been published against her in local newspapers and social media.

b) Reports from towns and villages

Ahmadi's house demolished by relatives

Ahmadpur East; December 2020: Mr. Muhammad Arif had become Ahmadi three years ago and faced severe opposition in the village. His uncle told him that he had apostatized and that unless he became a Muslim, he could not continue to live there. He occupied Mr. Arif's house.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Arif had to leave the country. Now, Mr. Arif's uncle sent for his sister and conveyed to her, "We have waited for three years, but your brother has not become a Muslim, so we have demolished his house to build a madrassa in its place. You should take away its debris."

More incidents in District Gujranwala

District Gujranwala; September 2020: Short-sighted administrators and policemen think that by yielding to the mulla, they can overcome sectarian problems, but they fail to realize that the mulla's list is long, and he is ever ready to add to it. Elsewhere in this report, we have mentioned police handling of anti-Ahmadi incidents in District Gujranwala. Here we narrate a few others to show that the encouraged mulla is active to add more such events to his credit.

Mr. Nasir Ahmad, Ahmadi, in Rahwali was asked by his next door shop-keeper Mr. Asim Cheema to come over to him.

Cheema told Ahmad that there was a *Darud Sharif* sticker on the latter's window; he should remove it as the law did not permit him to have it (sic). "I've not put it up myself; it was there when I rented the shop. I am not going to remove it. You may do it if you bring yourself to it," replied Ahmad. And surely enough, Cheema undertook the wrongdoing.

Asim Cheema, who is the local president of the notorious TLP, walked over to the shop of Mr. Ghulam Abbas, another Ahmadi on September 23. Cheema told him that his house

frontage had a tile with *Mashallah (Dei gratia)* written on it; remove it as Qadianis are not allowed to put it up.

Mr. Muhammad Akram, another Ahmadi is resident in the same street. He is painter by profession. His house has the same inscription. Cheema interrupted him as well and told him to remove the inscription. "If you do not do that, people will assemble, and there would be unrest," he threatened.

Numerous other Ahmadis have religious inscriptions on their houses. These form a part of their belief system. But the mulla finds in that an excuse to deny Ahmadis freedom of their faith. The police finds it convenient and facile to support the bigots.

Ahmadi told to leave the village

Basti Noor, District Umer Kot; October 2020: Mr. Rehan Ahmad, an Ahmadi, was in friendly contact with a non-Ahmadi on Facebook. In the beginning, they both talked like friends. Then this person started using foul language against the founder of Ahmadiyya community. In response, Mr. Ahmad too wrote harsh words about mullas. The person, on advice of a mulla lodged a report in the police station. Then he spread this issue in the area for promoting hatred against Ahmad. The police were inclined to a rapprochement, but the mulla was adamant that Mr. Ahmad be brought to the police station. When Mr. Ahmad went to the police station, mullas gathered there, surrounded the police station, and made noise. The police detained Mr. Ahmad for a while. On his release the mullas made a lot of noise and tried to physically harm him. However, the police rescued Mr. Ahmad, and by obtaining a written apology from him solved the issue. The clerics still threaten Mr. Ahmad with serious consequences if he stays on in the village.

Mentally upset Ahmadi youth dragged into forced conversion

Chak 10/63 Munshiwala, District Nankana; August 9, 2020: A youth Saim Riaz was taken to the local non-Ahmadi mosque on the night of August 9. There he confessed to become a non-Ahmadi. The boy came back to his house and started crying that he had made a mistake. Non-Ahmadis posted his photos on Facebook. The boy's father informed the president of the local Ahmadiyya community, who came over and saw the boy sitting on the ground crying. "I have made a mistake, save me", he said. The next day the police visited his house and took the boy's statement. He said in his statement that he adhered to his parents' faith. Two days later the police took his statement again on the phone and he again confirmed his Ahmadiyya identity. At this the police were satisfied and said, "If someone bothers you, let us know." This boy is a little mentally upset; but remains an Ahmadi.

Opposition was already there in the village, but it has intensified since this incident. Anti-Ahmadi pamphlets have been distributed in the village stating that "Qadianis are traitors to both Islam and the country. There is not the slightest doubt that Mirzais are working with Jews to paralyze Pakistan's nuclear program and our technological advancement."

Ahmadis are exercising caution and restraint.

The deteriorating situation for Ahmadis in Kot Abdul Malik

Factory Area, Kot Abdul Malik; October 2020: Kot Abdul Malik's End of Prophethood Council sponsored anti-Ahmadiyya panaflex appeared in various parts of the city, in which

Ahmad Raza Khan's *fatwa* on the end of prophethood that belief in the end of prophethood is the basic identity of Muslims and a reflection of our religion.

The panaflex carried selected Qur'anic verses and hadiths written in support of the belief that Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) is the last messenger of God and that anyone who claims to be a prophet after him, will be an antichrist, a liar, a disbeliever, an apostate and must be killed. English Prophet of *Mirzaees*, Ghulam Ahmad not only claimed to be a prophet but also wrote such articles through which sentiments of Muslims got hurt. Due these beliefs of Qadianis, Ahmad Raza Khan said that they are apostates, hypocrites. The banners further stated that anyone who considers Ahmadis oppressed, and associates with them because of the boycott by Muslims, is out of Islam and whoever does not call an infidel, infidel is also an infidel. So stay away from them in the area. If one of them is ill, it is forbidden to go to inquire into his health; if he dies, it is forbidden to go to his funeral; also it is forbidden to bury him in the graveyard of Muslims and it is forbidden to go to his grave.

Banners and panaflexes were removed by the police from the area and a report of police and special branch was sent to higher authorities on the sectarian situation in this neighborhood.

Mr. Qamar Zia, Ahmadi was murdered here a while ago.

Things are getting worse day by day in the area, Ahmadis feel insecure and threatened.

False report against and harassment of Ahmadis through police

Chianwali, District Gujranwala; September 2020: Mr. Arif Shah, an office-bearer of the local Ahle-Sunnat forwarded an accusation to the police against Ahmadi community officials in Chianwali accusing them falsely and spuriously of the following: 1. Ahmadis openly proselytize, 2. They pay people cash or advance them loans to convert to Ahmadiyya, 3. Mr. Shaukat Bhatti's house is the preaching centre, 4. I am the administrator of the big mosque and both I and the Imam of the mosque were told to stop teaching *Khatme Nabuwwat* or face death etc, 5. As such, an FIR should be registered against i. Mr. Jamil Ahmad Bhatti, the Ahmadi president, ii. Shaukat Bhatti, Secretary iii. G Mohiuddin, Secretary Finance, iv. Mr. Hidayat Cheema and v. Akhtar Rabbani (*These last two are non-Ahmadis, but friends of Ahmadis*), 6. All these should be punished duly.

The accusations were, of course, *malafide* and rubbish.

The police sent for both the parties on September 22, 2020. Ahmadis denied the accusations.

Discrimination and social restrictions against Ahmadis in District Okara

32/2R, District Okara; June 2020: Hate campaign against Ahmadis picked up tempo here with return from Karachi of a Madrassah graduate Aman Ullah. He mobilized the villagers against Ahmadis. The farm house of *pirs* (religious leaders) was used for meetings and gatherings against Ahmadis. The main mosque of the village was made the source to spread anti-Ahmadi propaganda. A few incidents that happened are mentioned below:

- Rao Muhammad, Ahmadi Ashraf died during Ramadan. His funeral prayer was denied by the local mulla because he had once attended funeral of an Ahmadi.

- Rana Nasar Mehmood has been distributing relief packages and cash among needy persons of the village during Ramadan for years. This time the mulla announced from the mosque that people should not accept relief packages from Mr. Mehmood. Those in need paid no attention to him. Then the mulla started to threaten the villagers that their *nikah* would be annulled if they received any kind of help from Ahmadis.
- Rana Nasar Mehmood, Ahmadi, had hired a worker to look after his lands and livestock. Opponents coerced the worker to leave the job. His entire family was made to convert to Islam through reciting the *Kalima*, once again.
- An Ahmadi farmer provided milk to the locals on payment. The opposition devised a plan to forbid the buyers from buying milk from the Ahmadi.

Ahmadi asked to remove holy inscription from house

Tando Bago, District Badin; October 3, 2020: Mr. Zaheer ul Din, president of local Ahmadiyya community received a call from the police station to appear before the SHO because a complaint had been received against him. There Mr. Din was told to remove the “*Mashallah*” (*Dei gratia*) inscription from his house because the general secretary of the Majlis *Khatme Nabuwwat* Tando Bago filed an application against him. Mr. Din was further told that as he is an Ahmadi, he cannot use these holy inscriptions as per the law (sic).

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

Mr. Din told the SHO that the inscription was written 15 years ago by the masons, he would not himself remove it, nor allow any civilian do that; the police could remove it but without his consent. At this, the SHO phoned the opposition’s representative and asked him to come to police station so that they would jointly remove the inscription from the house.

However, no further action was taken thereafter in this regard.

Sectarian justice!

Jatoi, District Muzaffar Garh; December 2020: Mr. Ehsan Ahmad, Ahmadi purchased a plot along with two shops built on it. His non-Ahmadi cousin occupied the plot. Ehsan took his plea to a court, but his opposite party gave it a religious color, extended threats to Ehsan and dug in.

Ehsan Ahmad owned a 5-marla plot about five kilometers outside Jatoi. His paternal non-Ahmadi cousin laid claim to this plot through his mother. He is helped in this litigation by a mischief-maker Abdul Ghafur. They approached the area chairman who sent for both the parties and had a look at the documents. The chairman then telephoned someone and asked for an edict (*Masala*), “In a litigation, one party is Qadiani but has the right, while the other party is Muslim and is in the wrong; what to do?” The chairman held back his decision.

The opponent has told his lawyer that there was a precedent — the lawyer who defended Mumtaz Qadri (who murdered Governor Taseer) charged no-fee; similarly in this case, a Muslim should be supported with no-fee. The case lies in court.

Anti-Ahmadiyya slogans raised in market

PTV Colony Barakahu, District Islamabad; October 1, 2020: Mr. Umar Waheed, An Ahmadi, went for car wash at a local service station. During the wash an unknown person of about 55-

year age, appeared from nowhere and started raising slogans against Ahmadis. “**Qadianis are infidels; kill the Qadianis**”, he said. The workers paid him no attention and completed the job.

Mr. Waheed has been residing in this area for the last 6 years, and everybody knows about his Ahmadiyya identity. He could be insecure in future.

Officials visit Ahmadi community in a village

Dherokay, District Toba Tek Singh; December 2020: Some time ago, a few miscreants put up anti-Ahmadi banners here and agitated the public over the tombstones issue. They also lodged an application with the police against Ahmadis for using Islamic rites. The police took action accordingly and covered up the Arabic phrases on Ahmadis’ gravestones, with cement.

On December 5, the Assistant Commissioner and the *Patwari* came to the village for an inquiry. They were told that the worship place was built in 1957 and was renovated in 2009 with the permission of the AC.

The AC questioned about the number of Ahmadis living there and the issue of removal of the *Kalima* from the worship place etc. Ahmadis mentioned to them their problems and complained of anti-Ahmadi actions of the locals. The opponents were also heard and the officials told one and all to go by the law. Ahmadis re-confirmed their commitment to law.

Ahmadi harassed severely for his faith

Rahim Nagar, District Nankana; March-April: Mr. Ataul Aziz is president of the local Ahmadiyya community. He is facing severe persecution for his faith. His opponents tried to implicate him in a fabricated police case accusing him of robbery, but failed. Then they lodged another application against him. The application conveyed that Mr. Aziz threatened and abused the opponent party on March 12. It was a total fabrication, but the police sided with the opponent party.

The man who previously had accused Mr. Aziz of robbery accused him this time of throwing acid on the applicant’s son. The police readily lodged an FIR against Mr. Aziz and two unidentified men, and raided his house but failed to arrest him. Mr. Aziz had to get bail the next day.

On May 23, 2020, Mr. Ataul Hai, a brother of Mr. Aziz was returning home along with his family, in Mr. Aziz’s car. The opponents attacked them. They abused Mr. Hai and threatened him savagely. His mother was also in the car; she made noisy protest at which the attackers retreated, and the family’s lives were spared. They called the police, but the police only asked them to lodge a complaint, and did nothing.

Ahmadis victimized in District Dera Ghazi Khan

Basti Ahmadpur, Jhakkar Imam Shah, District Dera Ghazi Khan; July 2020: An online hostile campaign was undertaken here against Ahmadis of District Dera Ghazi Khan. The opponents told the locals that sale/purchase from Ahmadi shopkeepers is prohibited in *Shariah*. Photos of some of the Ahmadis were shared on social media with a cross sign and the phrase: “Ahmadis are infidels, they pretend to be Muslim; they are promoting *Qadianiat* among Muslims, they blackmail Muslims after giving loans”.

On Friday, July 17, opponents made anti-Ahmadiyya speeches here and put up anti-Ahmadi stickers on Ahmadis’ shops in the bazaar.

On July 20, a police constable came and took photos of the Ahmadiyya place of worship and said that he wanted to photograph graves in the Ahmadiyya cemetery. The keys were not readily available, so he broke the lock and took pictures of some graves. Later, Ahmadi security man reported that the opponents had climbed over the wall of the graveyard at night and taken pictures of the gravestones and minarets of the mosque. Based on this, the opponents have sent an application to the Assistant Commissioner. It is feared that they will damage gravestones and minarets.

These days Madrassa Usmania is hosting some bully boys of the Irshad Haqqani Network. Local Ahmadis had to improve their security and take precautions. The opponents have told them to leave the area.

Social problems for an Ahmadi

Ismailkay; District Sialkot; December 2020: Mr. Sanaullah of this village joined Ahmadiyyat years ago. His family is the only Ahmadi household there.

Now, for some time, he is facing opposition, even animosity in the village. One, Mr. Nadeem, a member of the extremist TLP is leading this agitation. Last year, he invited Qari Afzal to the village to lead a Khatme Nabuwat rally. This disturbed the religious harmony there. A few days ago when Mrs. Sanaullah went to offer condolences at some local's home, Nadeem told her to go away and not pollute the last rituals.

Nadeem lately interfered with the gas station business of the Ahmadi family. He assembled a few mischief-makers, led them to the victim's place and indulged in disturbing the peace. This met a defensive response from Mr. Sanaullah's son. Nadeem rushed to the police station and put up a fabricated complaint.

It is a very difficult situation for Mr. Sanaullah and his family. His only hope is that the police would act fair and just.

A sample brief of societal persecution of Ahmadis

Kasran, District Attock; December 2020: Opposition to Ahmadis has increased here for some time. A page on Facebook named 'Apna Kasran' carries hate material against Ahmadis and anti-Ahmadi comments. A cricket tournament was held here on the second day of Eid-ul-Adha 2020. It was declared that 'Qadianis' would not be allowed to participate in the tournament. On July 22, a comment was made on the same page that 'Qadianiat' should be banned. Again for a tournament held in October participation was disallowed to Ahmadis.

Khtame Nabuwat conferences are held here and foul language is used therein against Ahmadis. On September 7, an End of Prophethood Conference was held at the Hanafia mosque. Thereafter hostile comments were made against the Jamaat on the same page. Then on September 20, another End of Prophethood Conference was held in which Ahmadis were bad-mouthed. Still another conference was held on October 17, in which it was announced that a complete boycott of 'Qadianis' would be imposed. On October 26, Qari Rauf of Hanafia mosque invited mulla Shahir Sialvi from Islamabad and a meeting was held against Ahmadis. The next day, traders of all sects were gathered at the Hanafia mosque and were asked to boycott all French products, as well as Ahmadis. After that, the shopkeepers of the village put up notices outside their shops that no trade would be undertaken with 'Qadianis'.

Now all the shops in the village are closed to Ahmadis except three whose owners did not follow the mulla.

On November 7, 2020, a rally was held against France, in which it was announced that no trade would be undertaken with Ahmadis. Also, the publicity poster of the Inter-village Cricket Tournament of November 9 to 14, carried the note that no ‘Qadiani’ could take part in it.

Situation tense in District Narowal

District Narowal; August 2020: In July an Ahmadi teen-ager of Baddu Malhi was made by his uncle to disassociate himself from his father and Ahmadiyyat. In follow-up, the boy managed to escape from his uncle and join his father. Thereafter he was abducted by the opponents. The police refused to help in boy’s return to his parents. Next hearing of the case was on August 25. This is a case of forced conversion as well. The parents and the boy worried about his safety.

In another incident, a mulla was invited to Qalandarabad to lead the Friday prayers. He used foul language against Ahmadis and provoked the locals against them. A complaint was made by Ahmadis to the police. They invited both the parties and an agreement signed, under which both agreed not to interfere in other’s religious practices and no outsider would be invited in future.

Further, a new prayer center was established by Ahmadiyya Community in Cheenekay, Ehdipur. An unknown opponent entered the place and took photos of the center and the books without permission, which could be used to prosecute Ahmadis.

Opponents also took pictures of tombstones of Ahmadis’ graves in Ludhar Karam Singh, to file a complaint with police against Ahmadis.

C) The Media

PTA issues notice to Wikipedia, Google



December 25, 2020: The daily Dawn issued the following story concerning PTA and the Ahmadiyya Community.

PTA issues notices to Google, Wikipedia for ‘disseminating sacrilegious content’

By Javed Hussain, 25 December 2020

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has issued notices to Google Inc and Wikipedia for “disseminating

sacrilegious content” through the two platforms, it emerged on Friday.

In a press release, the authority said it has been receiving complaints regarding “misleading search results associated with ‘present khalifa of Islam’ and an unauthentic version of the Holy Quran uploaded by the Ahmedi community on Google Play Store”.

Being a matter of a very serious nature, the PTA has approached Google Inc with directions to immediately remove the unlawful content, the statement said. “The platform has been issued the notice under the Removal and Blocking of Unlawful Online Content (Procedure, Oversight and Safeguard) Rules 2020 to remove sacrilegious content to avoid any legal action by the regulator.”

The authority added that complaints were also received regarding hosting blasphemous caricatures of Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) and dissemination of “misleading, wrong, deceptive and deceitful information” through articles published on Wikipedia portraying Mirza Masroor Ahmad as a Muslim.

“After extensive communication on the matter, Wikipedia has been finally served with the notice to remove the sacrilegious content to avoid any legal action”, the statement said.

In case the platforms remain non-compliant, the PTA shall be constrained to initiate further action under Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2016 (PECA) and Rules 2020, the statement said.

Notes: The Ahmadi community claims that it has not uploaded any unauthentic version of the Holy Quran. It asserts that it reproduces text of the Holy Quran that does not differ in any way whatsoever, by a letter, even vowel, from the standard text in vogue these days.

2. As for ‘Khalifa’, the Ahmadiyya *Al-Fazl* International of December 27 thus quoted the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Community, (translation):

“A Khalifa is appointed by Allah, not by any search engine, and I have never claimed to be the Khalifa of the Muslim Ummah. My seal carries the designation: *Khalifa tul Masih*. My letters written to the world leaders were under the letter-head of *Khalifa tul Masih*”.

3. On this issue, the following editorial appeared in Pakistan Today (extract): “... There is a presence of both rampant hypocrisy and a severe detachment from reality when on one hand federal institutions such as the PTA are issuing warnings such as the one it has and then there is an outcry from the government when the USA places the country on a religious freedom blacklist.

(*Pakistantoday.com.pk/2020/12/27/pta-and-social-media*)

Urdu journalism – a sample

Vernacular press in Pakistan has played a big role in the decades-long persecution of Ahmadis, by fanning the fire of hate and prejudice. Granted that its level varies from newspaper to newspaper, but overall the vernacular press is one of the main sources of anti-Ahmadi religious violence in the country.

The *Nawa-i-Waqt* is one of the oldest and most-circulated Urdu dailies in the country. We produce below extracts from one of its op-eds in December 11, 2020 issue, written by a regular and experienced journalist Mr. Muhammad Akram Chaudhry, to give an idea of the nature and style of such opinion makers who claim plenty of space in the Urdu print media, and educate literally millions in their societal outlook (extracts translated):

**US State Department’s false report based on prejudice and narrow-mindedness
(Siren, by Muhammad Akram Chaudhry)**

The mighty US has suddenly discovered that people in Pakistan have no religious freedom. Its State Department has produced a Report which mentions that in Pakistan, its citizens perhaps face difficulties in following their religion. First of all, there is need of a report on this Report that how come the State Department, located thousands of miles away, found out that Pakistani people lack religious freedom, and its citizens belonging to different faiths face problems in (practice of) their faith, belief or worship — especially when in US, leave alone religious freedom, even life itself is at risk. Consider, for example, the Black Lives Matter movement...

...There is no option but to reject and condemn this Report without reading or listening to its content, and criticizing this act itself (of its production), as there is no doubt that it is not even feasible that any Pakistani could have a religious problem, (as) all Pakistani citizens of all faiths enjoy full freedom of religion...

People of all religious minorities enjoy the same opportunities of career development as the (majority) Muslims. In facts, at times, Muslims have offered their posts to those of other faiths. One would rarely come across elsewhere such religious tolerance. There is no doubt and exaggeration in this (assertion), as it is the ground reality that Pakistan is a great country for people of all faiths. You would perhaps rarely come across such religious harmony and tolerance anywhere else in the world...

...Pakistani Muslims exercise more patience, tolerance and religious harmony while dealing with people of other faiths than perhaps is the case in the US, England, Canada, Germany, France, Holland, Japan, China, Russia and other major countries of the world. Pakistan faces a different set of problems, however as for religious tolerance, a fair comparison would surely show that here people of all faiths live lives full of religious freedom....

When US State Department has time, it should talk to its department of interior and find out the present status of Black Lives Matter movement....

Enemies of peace in Pakistan are ever busy in instigating Muslim communities to fight among themselves; and hostile forces spend lot of money in this effort, although mutual toleration found here among different denominations is perhaps to be found nowhere else...

This Report of US State Department is based purely on prejudice and narrow-mindedness. It is not even remotely close to reality. They surely are objecting to something else, which is clear. All this is linked to the law on end of prophethood. In this regard, we shall not accept pressure from any country. In this regard Pakistanis will not compromise on (*the Islamic creed*). It is part of our faith; in fact this is our faith as the Quran has made it clear to us (*Arabic verse*). After this we need no other argument. All countries, including the US, who want to patronize this hatred and historic mischief, should know that the brave and high-minded Muslims, who love the Holy Prophet more than themselves, their property and their children, will not let any harm to the end of prophethood of the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.). Every Pakistani Muslim is a guardian over the *Khatme Nabuwwat*, and will not allow anyone to rob it away (*Dakah dalna*), and will not spare his life on this issue...

...One wishes that the State Department would compile this Report without prejudice, and would also take notice of Modi's Hindutva — it would notice Modi's terrorism and French Satan's anti-Islam, and this narrow-minded Department would report on tyranny against Muslims.

ARY TV channel's Sabir Shakir fabricates lies in attempt to harm the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan

April, May 2020: Mr. Sabir Shakir and Ch. Ghulam Hussain have jointly aired anti-Ahmadiyya programs on ARY TV channel recently. The distinguishing features of these

programs are the lies fabricated maliciously by Sabir Shakir and the bazaar language used by Ghulam Hussain. TV channels rarely reached this level of evil planning and expression in the anti-Ahmadi context in the past. The programs were telecasted on April 30, May 14 and May 18, 2020.

English translation of the transcription of the relevant part of the programme is reproduced below:

On May 14, 2020

Sabir Shakir: The resolution (*on Namooos-e-Risalat unanimously passed in Punjab Assembly; it required Ahmadis to accept themselves as non-Muslims*) was passed; after that, I followed up. I have my own acquaintances and informers in Chenab Nagar, their city, Rabwah, and contacted one or two *Murabbis* (Ahmadi clerics) to know the reality. It turns out that the **Pakistan chapter of Qadianis are now ready to accept their status as a minority**, and are ready to become part of the system because they face no problem. **They say that they have all the rights in Pakistan. They are (happy) living their lives, their children are studying in schools, and they have religious freedom and jobs. However, the London headquarters is not yet ready to accept this; they are not allowing them (to accede). The controversy goes on among them.** However, Pakistan chapter is saying that, the top are sitting in London and Europe and having fun, they do not have to come here and they have no idea about our problems, we have no voice on any forum, they should come back and talk here, otherwise we are ready to own it up here and are going to accept membership of the minority commission and we will do so in public. This controversy now goes on. Mr. Chaudhry?

Chaudhry Ghulam Hussain: Notwithstanding their controversy, we know that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the *Khatam an Nabiyeen*, the last prophet; no prophet is to come after him and the Qur'an is the last book. One who does not believe that is a *kafir* and is out of the realm of Islam. Whether they become a member of the commission or not, it is their legal tactic; we have nothing to do with it

Sabir Shakir: There is no doubt about it, Mr. Chaudhry, there is no doubt about it, but this is how it is being controlled from London. This is exactly what Altaf Hussain used to do.

Chaudhry Ghulam Hussain: **Their position is, that only they are Muslims and the remaining one billion are not Muslims. This is their position.**

Sabir Shakir did another live programme on May 18, 2020 in which he said, "Since I did my last programme and stated that Ahmadiyya chapter in Pakistan is willing to accept the minority status, I have been receiving threatening phone calls and been abused on social media, but I am not afraid of that."

In the program aired on May 18, Ghulam Hussain used foul language violating norms of TV conduct. He said, "On the issue of our faith in the return of Prophet Isa: None of your sordid business (*Tum Mamay lagtey ho?*). Whatever our belief! You people (Ahmadis) are agents, your people; we'll not go into that (sic)."

Comment: It is obvious that Sabir Shakir and his team deliberately planned and fabricated the story of a rift between the 'Pakistan chapter' and 'the London leadership'. It is of little consequence to Ahmadis whose faith in their leadership is unshakeable, but it is indeed surprising and disappointing to see that the media leadership of Pakistani majority can go so

low in professional integrity and fabrication. Mr. Ghulam Hussain's (who is he?) appearance on ARY with his foul talk, brings no credit to ARY, one of the leading TV channels in Pakistan.

Ahmadiyya office has reported the incident to PEMRA for action as per law, even though our experience with PEMRA in upholding Ahmadiyya rights gives us little hope. Ten days after the ARY program on May 18, PEMRA forbade Ahmadiyya TV MTA's distribution through cable companies.

Intense hate-promoting propaganda in media against Jamaat Ahmadiyya

May 2020: On the issue of allowing Ahmadis to sit on National Commission for Minorities a few federal ministers took the initiative to propagate hateful opinions against Ahmadis, while the ARY TV channel fabricated hostile information, for reasons best known to them. The Ahmadiyya central office took note of this damaging campaign and issued a press-release. It is reproduced below:

Press Release

Hatred against the Ahmadis is being incited by false propaganda being aired on the media.

No one from the government approached Jamaat about the national commission for minorities.

We were never asked to be part of this commission, nor do we aspire to sit on such commissions.

Jamaat Ahmadiyya has one supreme leader and behind him, we are one Jamaat: Spokesperson Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan

Chenab Nagar (PR). The news about allowing Ahmadis to sit on national commission for minorities and then reversal of that decision by the government of Pakistan has reignited the hate campaign against the Ahmadiyya community.

Federal ministers Noor ul Haq Qadri and Ali Muhammad Khan also spoke against the Ahmadiyya community on Samaa News TV program with Nadeem Malik (live) and spewed venom and hatred against the Ahmadiyya community. Ali Muhammad Khan even posted a violent tweet maliciously aiming it at Ahmadiyya community that called for "chop off the head of people disrespecting the prophet".

And when it comes to Ahmadis, everyone considers it their national duty to spew venom and hate against the community. So politicians from other political parties including PML-N MNA Javed Lateef, MPA Ilyas Chinioti and senator Mushahidullah Khan also joined this debate. PML-Q's MPA presented a resolution in Punjab provincial assembly which was unanimously passed.

This whole campaign also spilled over to social media and conventional media where it was nasty and one-sided. It is also important to note that none of the news anchors or reporters took the version of Jamaat Ahmadiyya on this matter. Social media trends openly calling for beheadings of Ahmadis or killing them or chopping their heads off. And all of this makes the already persecuted Ahmadiyya Community very insecure.

The programs on electronic media openly called into question the faith of Ahmadis and their love for Pakistan. There was no regard for basic journalistic ethics or decency in this whole debate. And none of these thought it appropriate to talk to the Ahmadiyya community and ask them for their version.

Amid this whole barrage of lies and hatred, ARY's program The Reporters leveled unprecedented and totally fictitious information. On 14 May the host of program "The Reporters" Sabir Shakir shared

information in his program based on so-called sources. The information is so ridiculous and absurd to be mentioned. But we must say that unfortunately, this information could be the wish of the so-called anchor but it has definitely got nothing to do with facts. The anchor tried to portray that there are some differences of opinion (within the community), but the way it was shared tells how credible it is.

Anyone who deals with Jamaat Ahmadiyya or knows the Jamaat also knows the fact that we are one Jamaat under the leadership of one spiritual head. There is no concept of chapters or divisions and we are all united under the leadership of His Holiness. After Allah, he is the only one who always guides us and steers the community with his wisdom and knowledge. And this is the binding force of our community.

The other person on the program Chaudhry Ghulam Hussain also falsely alleged that Ahmadis consider other Muslim sects as Non-Muslims, which is a white lie and shows the intellectual dishonesty and lack of basic understanding of Jamaat's core principles. Jamaat Ahmadiyya believes that anyone who recites the *Kalima* is a Muslim and no one in the world has a right to decide about their faith.

The spokesperson of Ahmadiyya community Salimuddin said that:

"I as the spokesperson of Jamaat Ahmadiyya Pakistan strongly condemn this whole campaign and allegations. I would also like to make it clear that Jamaat Ahmadiyya has never requested to be made part of any minority commission nor the government has approached us for this. Ahmadis have never wanted to be part of such commissions nor do we aspire to be part of them in future. We can never compromise on our faith and basic principles to be part of such toothless commissions. We are always ready to follow the voice of our Imam and leader and we consider his wishes and commands as part of our faith and life.

I also want to make it clear that anyone who calls himself a Muslim and recites the Kalima we consider that person a Muslim. And we have a very clear stand on this that no one should be given the right to decide about the faith of an individual. We demand that the government take action against such hate campaigns and act according to the law. And Pemra should fulfil its duties to keep a check on such programs that are an open violation of its code of conduct and rules.

Note: While this baseless high-level propaganda went on in electronic media, the fearless op-ed writer Yasser Latif Hamdani wrote an op-ed in the *Daily Times* of May 10, 2020, titled: Citizenship, Religion and Genocide. It is readable.

Ahmadis hurt badly in media cross-fire

3rd and 4th week of May 2020: Mr. Shakil ur Rahman, owner of the Jang Publications and Geo TV etc., was behind bars awaiting further investigation and trial by NAB on various charges. He is trying his best to avail release and quashing of charges. His competitors in media are very happy with his ordeal and would like him to suffer great set-back. In May, they found an opportunity to tighten the knot around his neck.

The media reported that the Geo TV, in some report, referred to Ahmadis as Ahmadi Muslims. This lapse was welcomed by the opponents for being fraught with dire consequences. Geo management evaluated the gravity of the slip and hurried with a profuse media apology and regret. But the competitors and mullas were in no mood to let Shakil ur Rahman off the hook with merely an apology. And here was an opportunity to worsen both the Geo and Ahmadis, with a double edged sword.

On TV Channel Bol the viewers were bombarded with repeated displays in Breaking News strips and a lengthy report. The news strips shown carried the following ‘news’ and messages (*translation*):

- Condemnable audacity of Geo
- Media Pharaoh’s (Mr. Shakil ur Rahman) hit on the End of Prophethood (KN) law
- GEO’s unholy attempt to pass Ahmadis as Muslims
- People express extreme anger and grief
- Another criminal act of the media Pharaoh
- Sunni Ittihad Council decides to dedicate the (next) Friday to the KN issue
- Sunni Ittihad Council plans sit-in (*Dharna*) against Geo and PEMRA
- Who will reign in (*lagam dega*) this *Neelay Peelay* channel?
- An application (is planned) to PEMRA to close down Mir Shakil’s channel

All this was displayed at about 13:40 PST on Thursday, May 21, 2020. It was the 27th Ramadan and the government had announced earlier in the day maximum fatalities with Covid-19 to date. The next day was Friday, *the Juma tul Wida*, considered the holiest Friday by most Sunni Muslims. The mullas of the Sunni Ittihad Council planned to dedicate the whole day to this KN non-issue and agitation.

As if the above exposure to the issue was not enough, the Breaking News were immediately followed by a video report presided by a Bol anchor. The report displayed a few chosen statements by commoners expressing indignation and displeasure against Geo’s indiscretion. One of the interviewees asked Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmad to take suo motu notice of the case and proceed.

Mr. Shakil ur Rahman should partly blame himself for this treatment, as in the past he adopted the policy of one-way media persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan on behest of mullas.

d) Disturbing threats

Rising threats to Ahmadis in Peshawar

Hayatabad, Peshawar; September 2020: Mr. Afaaq Ahmad, Ahmadi, found a shopping bag in his garage. There was a stone, a bullet and a piece of paper with message: “**Blasphemer is worthy of death**” inside it.

Grandfather of Mr. Ahmad was murdered because of his faith back in 2008. This family belongs to village Singo. They own enough land in that area. Father of Mr. Ahmad had to migrate to UK along with his mother. His brother Asif Sajjad also had to leave the area along with his family. Caretaker of their village house left on the pressure of locals, and left it unattended.

Threat to Ahmadi’s life

Rawalpindi, September 2020: Mr. Kabir Ahmad Bhatti an Ahmadi, received a threat letter from *Tahaffuz e Khatme Nabuwwat* in which it was written: “We have come to know of your family’s links with apostates Qadiani infidels. If it is true, then you should know that killing of a person who has such contacts, is a source of reward for us. We have faith in the end of prophethood, and for this we will consider giving our lives and taking others’ as felicity. It is a warning for you that if you have such contacts or you yourself are Qadiani by faith then you should repent immediately and prove yourself

to be a Muslim who believes in the end of prophethood. You can contact any Sunni cleric for conversion to Islam. Otherwise, on completion of our inquiry we may not give you time.”

Mr. Bhatti had to take special security measures.

Ahmadi shopkeeper threatened with death in Rawalpindi

Mahmooda, District Rawalpindi; August 13, 2020: Mr. Zafar Ahmad belongs to Jamaat Ahmadiyya Mahmooda, District Rawalpindi. He runs a stationery shop at Chak Bailey Khan, 2 km from his village.

On August 13, 2020, some men came to his shop and told him, “You are a *Mirzai*, you should convert to Islam or leave this area; otherwise, we will kill you.” The local police were immediately informed but they took no action.

On August 19, mulla Dawood, a leading mulla of the area came there, inspected the shop and went away. The police officers (SHO and DIG) were contacted and were apprised of the situation. The local police, which had not been cooperating earlier, moved into action. The police sent for Mufti Dawood. He stated that he had nothing to do with the matter and that the men who had visited the shop and threatened Zafar were not his men.

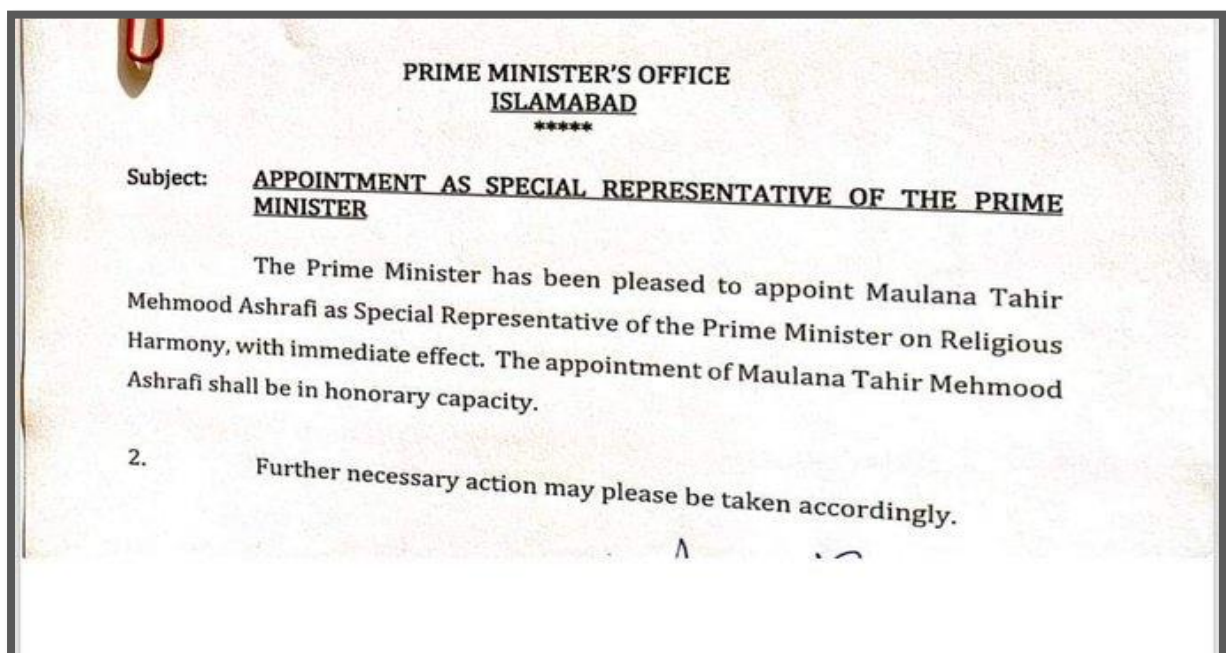
Thereafter the ASP sent for both Mr. Ahmad and Mufti Dawood. Mr. Ahmad informed the ASP of the whole situation and said that Mufti Dawood was running a campaign against the Jamaat Ahmadiyya from his mosque and was spreading hate against the Jamaat on loudspeaker. “He has created his own channel on YouTube and uses foul language against the Jamaat”, Ahmad complained. Mufti Dawood denied the accusation.


After the inquiry the ASP assured Mr. Ahmad protection and assistance.

e) Diverse

Hafiz Ashrafi elevated to become PM's Special Representative

Islamabad; September 30, 2020: Following notification was found in circulation on social media:





The daily Dawn confirmed the appointment. Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi is the same cleric who last year asserted 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 this definition of Religious Harmony, the Prime Minister Imran Khan is ‘pleased to appoint (him) as his Special Representative on Religious Harmony’!

The Land of the Pure — May Allah protect and save her.

Rights groups decry attacks on Pakistan's minority Ahmadis

BY MUNIR AHMED, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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ISLAMABAD — Three international human rights groups on Thursday denounced recent attacks on Pakistan’s minority Ahmadi community and asked Islamabad to “urgently and impartially investigate a surge” in violence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patricia Gossman, associate Asia director at Human Rights Watch, also called on Pakistan to take “immediate legal and policy measures to eliminate widespread and rampant discrimination and social exclusion” of Ahmadis.

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

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

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

Munir Ahmed, The Associated Press

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

Shrine of Hindu saint vandalized



Karak, KPK; December 30, 2020: We mention this incident in this Ahmadiyya report, as it is of the same genre and class as desecration of scores of Ahmadi places of worship in the country. The targeted Ahmadiyya places receive little mention in the press and generally receive little sympathy from the authorities, so this brief report on Karak temple would be found useful by many who are willing to improve religious harmony in Pakistan.

The daily *Tribune.com.pk* reported the following on December 31, 2020, (extracts): A mob, instigated by a local cleric, vandalized a small Hindu temple and the adjacent shrine of saint Shri Paramhans Ji Maharaj, which is pilgrimage site for the community, in the Terri area of Karak.

Meanwhile police on Thursday arrested Maulana Sharif along with dozens of his supporters who have been mentioned in the FIR registered on the complaint of Rehmatullah, the SHO Terri police station. The arrests were made in Urmar village of Karak.

Besides Maulana Sharif, Hafiz Faizullah, Qari Abdul Azeem, Abdullah Shah, Maulana Amanullah, Maulana Imdadullah, Maulana Mutiullah and Maulana Haleem have also been nominated in the FIR.

In all, 24 people have been arrested, police said, adding that the suspects had been identified on the basis of video footage of the incident available online.

"This was the samadhi of our revered saint Shri Pramhans Ji Maharaj, who had died at the site," a community leader told The Express Tribune by the phone from Kohat. "We can't express our concern openly. We are poor people and cannot afford confrontation with these fanatics," he added while requesting anonymity.

"It is not the first time Maulana Sharif instigated the desecration of the shrine and temple. In 1997 too, he had vandalized the same premises," the general secretary of Terri Aman Committee, Shafiq, told The Express Tribune.

"...Maulana Sharif, who is an influential cleric from the nearby village of Umar, was not happy with the development (of peace brokered by the DC). Last Friday, he made a public announcement of his intention to raze the temple," Shafiq said, "On Wednesday, he made good on his threat.

According to him, Maulana Sharif belongs to the Maulana Fazl-led faction of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam and the area is considered a stronghold of the politico-religious party. "He had issued a fatwa that anyone killed during the attack on the shrine/temple would be a martyr," he added.

Wazir Zada, the provincial chief minister's advisor on minority affairs, visited the site on Thursday. "There was a small temple and a shrine. It was a pilgrimage site for the Hindu community, he told The Express Tribune by the phone from Peshawar.

He confirmed that both the structures have been demolished and reduced to ashes. "Such acts are not acceptable," he added.

However, Wazir denied the district administration was aware of the intentions of the gathering mob and that it didn't stop them from desecrating the premises.

"Policemen were deployed but the mob outnumbered them," he said. "They could not stop the mob who stormed the premises."

The national English press gave plenty of coverage to the incident, while the vernacular press remained shy. Many people, high and low, offered their opinions on social media. For instance @fawadchaudhry (the well-known federal minister) posted the following worthy comment (translated):

"Arson against the Hindu shrine in Karak is consequence of anti-minorities mind-set. The army can fight terrorism, but the fight against extremism is that of the civil society. Nothing is done against extremism, from schools to social congregation, and we are sinking deep in this marsh."

Ms. Shireen Mazari tweeted the following on @ShireenMazari:

"Strongly condemn the burning of a Hindu temple by a mob in Kurk Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. KP government must ensure culprits brought to justice. MOHR also moving in on this. We as a govt have responsibility to ensure safety and security of all our citizens & their places of worship."

The daily *Tribune* reported that:

Chief Justice of Pakistan Gulzar Ahmed will take up the desecration of a Hindu shrine/temple in Karak district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) by a mob as police on Thursday rounded up dozens of suspects — including the cleric who had instigated the attack.

The top judge also directed the One Man Commission on Minorities Rights, the provincial chief secretary and police chief to visit the site and submit a report on the incident, according to statement issued by the apex court.

While we Ahmadis condemn the mob attack on the shrine, we find the post-incidence state response appropriate and refreshing. We take this occasion to assert that the Constitution

of Pakistan gives equal rights to Ahmadi citizens as well, and all concerned would agree that Ahmadis' sensitivities and sentiments about their worship places and holy sites are the same as members of the majority or the minorities.

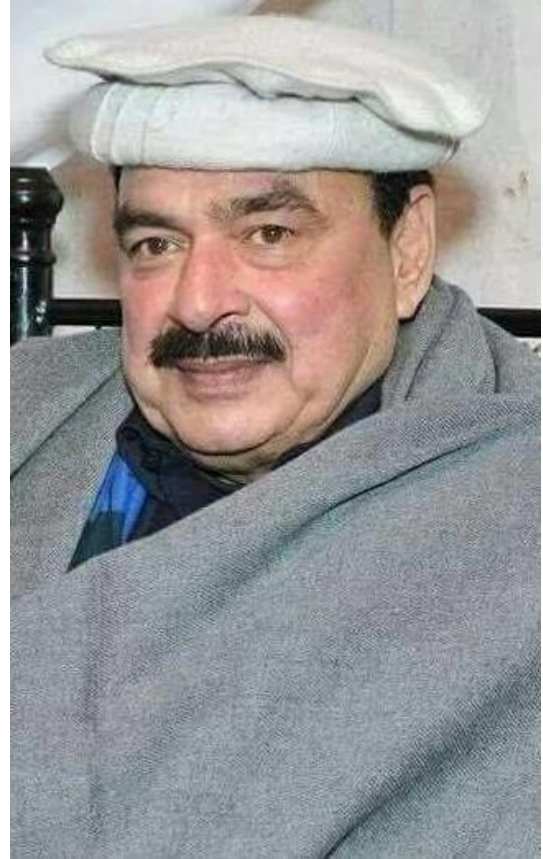
At this we are reminded of our such locations in Dulmial, Sialkot, Kharian, Jhelum, Muridkay, etc. Many would even say: Oh! What happened there?

The new interior minister

Islamabad; December 11, 2020: Sheikh Rashid Ahmad, Pakistan's newly appointed Minister of Interior, held a press conference in Islamabad at this occasion. English translation of his press conference is given below (extracts):

"I will improve the law and order situation in all the four provinces. I am a soldier of Islam and a *mujahid* of the end of prophethood. In the era of Imran Khan, if Allah wills, the flag of *Qala Qala Rasulallah* (The Prophet's command) will be raised. I repeat that in Imran Khan's era, the flag of Allah and His Prophet's *Qala Qala Rasulallah* will fly high.

"...As Minister of Interior, I want to tell all Islamic forces that I am your voice. All the religious madrassas are towers of Islam. ...This country has been threatened from within. Foreign investment is being made in this country to spread chaos in the country. Those who want to spread chaos from within will fail. It is fun to perform in difficult times. Allah is hearing our calls. O Allah, help me through your Prophet so that the truth lives and is honored, and may He defeat those who are in the business of politics and are active in securing their ill-gotten wealth. ..."



(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjwMLclW2r8&ab-channel=DunyaNews>)

A meritorious letter from the Prime Minister

Islamabad; October 25, 2020: Mr. Imran Khan, the PM wrote an excellent letter on the subject of Islamophobia to Mr. Zuckerberg CEO of Facebook.

It is a very appropriate, convincing letter – hence recommended reading. We provide its copy at Annex V.

We suggest that if the word Islamophobia was replaced by Ahmadiphobia and a few other entries were only slightly and suitably replaced, this letter would be a worthy piece for the state and society of Pakistan. The conclusion, restated below, would also equally be valid:

“The message of hate must be banned in total – one cannot send a message that while hate messages against some are unacceptable, these are acceptable against others.”

A fresh Code of Conduct

Islamabad; October 6, 2020: Council of Islamic Ideology organized a conference in which Ulama from major sects were invited to decide on a 20-point Code of Conduct (CoC) in the light of *Paigham-i-Pakistan* promulgated in 2018 in consultation with a large body of Ulama. We translate below some of these points and offer a few brief comments:

2. All citizens should ensure respect to all basic rights mentioned in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
5. Ulama and Mashaikh and citizens from all walks of life should support law-enforcement institutions and the armed forces so as to root out violence from the society.
7. No one shall indulge in sectarian hatred, armed sectarian conflict or imposing one's views on others, as this is open violation of Shariah and is *Fasad fil Arth* (violence on earth).
8. No private, government and religious educational institute should promote militancy, hatred and extremism. Those involved in such activities and against state departments (*Adaron*) would be strictly dealt with based on evidence.
9. Those, who promote extremism, sectarianism and terrorism, regardless of their belief or organization, will be severely dealt with by the administration and through law.
10. All Islamic sects have the right to propagate their sectarian faith but would not be allowed to malign, create hatred or make baseless accusations against any other person, institution or sect.
11. No one will be allowed to insult the *Khatam-an-Nabiyeen* (PBUH), his family members and Companions and the Caliphs. No person or group will be allowed to take the law into their hands nor hinder the investigation or prosecution of cases pertaining to blasphemy.
12. No one would condemn or malign other sectarian faiths or declare anyone *Kafir*, and only a religious scholar would elaborate Shariah principles on the basis of religious view. However, only the court has the authority to give the final verdict in that regard. (The definition of Muslim would only be valid as given in the Constitution of Pakistan.)
13. No one would be allowed to participate in, conduct and promote terrorism or offer support or training in terrorism.
14. Religious, public and private educational institutions should include respect for all various schools of thought in their syllabi, and accommodate difference of opinion, as that is the best venue to undertake research.
15. All Muslim citizens and officials will perform their functions in the light of Islamic teachings and the Constitution.
17. Non-Muslim citizens have the right to their religion and its practice as per their belief.
19. No person shall make hate speech in mosques, *Minbar-o-Mehrab*, *Majalis* and *Imambargahs*, and will not indulge in controversial discussion on sectarian issues in press, TV, social media.

As Ahmadis, our first reaction to the above CoC is that of appreciation and best wishes. Although it is discriminatory against Ahmadiyya rights on some points, we generally and whole heartedly support its aims and objects, as its honest acceptance and effective implementation will bring great relief to the sectarian strife-torn society in Pakistan.

But – there is a big but, not one but many. Some relevant observations would be helpful.

First, it is not clear whether the CoC is meant to promote inter-faith harmony or inter-sect harmony. The original document released From the Chairman' Desk is non-committal.

In an op-ed published in the daily *Dawn* of October 8, 2020, the worthy writer opines: “Traditionally, such fatwas and declarations (as CoC) have wielded little to no influence on most radical elements and extremist groups in Pakistan. Even in the presence of such drafts and decrees, extremist elements and groups would continue to spread hatred as per their convictions or other internal and external compulsions.”

We, regrettably agree fully with the above opinion. Our past experience supports that. Two and half years ago, *Paigham-i-Pakistan*, agreed upon by hundreds of Ulama and promulgated by the President of Pakistan conveyed essentially the same message and decisions. However, in the follow-up, the Jamaat Ahmadiyya has experienced worse discrimination, intolerance, propaganda, hate speech, extremism — even terrorism.

For instance, mulla Khadim Rizvi, leader of TLP declared in June 2018: “The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding *Mirzais*: Either recite the *Kalima* or accept Death. There won't be anything else than this...” The authorities took no action against Rizvi on this. Last year the widely known Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, President of Pakistan Ulama Council asserted in an open multi-religions meeting, “...I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country. ...To speak against Qadianis *is* Religious Harmony.....” Recently the Hafiz has been appointed Prime Minister's Special Representative on Religious Harmony.

We can only express sympathy for CII. They face more than a Herculean task.

It is noteworthy that none of the top leaders of *Khatme Nabuwwat* organizations is among the initial signatories of the CoC, although it is their thought, indoctrination and motivation that propelled a youth like Faisal/Khalid to shoot dead a former Ahmadi, Tahir Ahmad Naseem, a US citizen, in a court in the presence of the judge on July 29 this year. Article 9 of the CoC is praise-worthy as it promises strong administrative and punitive action against the defaulter regardless of his organization or faith. We shall keep a record of the performance of the *Khatme Nabuwwat* Organizations like the AMTKN, IKNM, etc.

Article 15 expects all Muslim officials to perform their functions in the light of Islamic teaching. Now, who will decide what is the Islamic teaching in a certain case or situation? In November 2018, Pir Afzal Qadri of Tehrik Labbaik declared three judges of the Supreme Court to be *Wajib ul Qatl* (must be put to death).

It is over 70 years' experience in Pakistan that most fair Islamic intentions can be and are interpreted and corrupted beyond recognition.

Article 17 of CoC mentions Non-Muslims' right to practice their religion as per their faith, but does not mention their right to proselytize the same, although Article 20 of the Constitution gives a non-Muslim the right to “propagate his religion.” This is a violation of not only the Constitution but also of Point 2. of CoC itself which requires all citizens to ensure respect towards all basic rights of all citizens, “mentioned in the Constitution”. It seems some mulla prevailed to deny this Constitutional right to non-Muslims — a bad start for the well-intended CoC!

An insane murder, the state and the society

Quaidabad, District Khushab; November 4, 2020: Malik Imran Hanif, manager of National Bank of Pakistan, Quaidabad Branch was shot dead by a security guard of the bank over a purported blasphemy allegation. Soon after the killing, the murderer tried to portray that the victim was an Ahmadi by faith.

The guard, Ahmad Nawaz who killed Hanif claims to have done so over blasphemy. According to the initial reports, the two had earlier argued over attributes of prophethood. The DPO, however, felt skeptical of the guard's blasphemy claim and said that it was most likely that this incident was result of personal grievance.

Multiple videos of the occurrence emerged. In one of these, the guard is seen leading a group of supporters after the murder, shouting slogans as they walk in the street, along with leaders of Tehrik-e-Labbaik Pakistan. Some people are seen kissing the killer. In another video the killer is seen served with a cup of tea in the police station seated on a chair (like a political VIP) after he was taken in custody. Another video shows the killer and his sympathizers standing on roof top of the police station, shouting slogans and addressing the crowd. Supporters of the killer demanded an FIR on lines desired by them, while addressing the rally from the rooftop.

Another video shows the uncle of the deceased denying the guard's claims. He assured that the family was Muslim who had nothing to do with Qadianis. The uncle said that the killing was on personal grounds, not for blasphemy.

A large number of people attended the funeral of Maik Hanif at Jauharabad. The prayer leader announced at the funeral that the deceased belonged to a Sunni family and was a true lover of Prophet Mohammad (p.b.u.h.), and not a Qadiani. Footage doing the rounds shows that those in the audience confirmed the prayer leader's statement by raising their hands. Referring to the murderer, Fawad Chaudhary, Federal Minister for Science and Technology, called upon the State to make perpetrators of such crimes an example for those who use the pretext of blasphemy to settle personal scores.

Public reactions to the murder over alleged blasphemy, the killer leading the procession in street and his reception and freedom at the police station provide some food for thought on the state of Punjab Police and the civil society in the province. Reference to Qadianiat seems to imply justification of the crime if the victim were an Ahmadi.

The mulla and Hindu temple in Islamabad

June 2020: Mulla Hisham Elahi Zaheer, a known leader of Ahle Hadith denomination in Pakistan has aired his views in a Facebook video and has got it circulated on social media. (<https://www.facebook.com/100012652336353/posts/997842790647456/?d=w>)

Although construction of a temple in Islamabad should have been a non-issue but some extremist Islamist elements have taken their opposition to a court, while a few bigots in politics and religion have agitated the issue on media, so they deserve to be placed on record and replied. Zaheer has taken the lead among mullas who would like to deny this fundamental right to the Hindu community in Pakistan.

Zaheer has wrongfully constructed his views on his own version of Shariah. He mentions that subsequent to the conquest of Makka, the Holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.) cleared the Kaaba of all the idols. He also mentions the story that Prophet Ibrahim (p.b.u.h.) damaged the idols in a temple. While the two incidents mentioned by him are true, he fails to mention that the circumstances of the two events are vastly different than those in the Islamabad case. Hence his arguments do not apply, being incongruent.

Ibrahim broke up the idols in his family temple to show that they were merely helpless stones and were in no way gods fit for worship. As for the Holy Prophet's action to clear the

Kaaba of idols, it was the culminating phase of a great religious revolution in which the opposing party, the Qureish had adopted utmost violence and extreme persecution of Muslims to exterminate nascent Islam. They had initiated and perpetuated a state of war against Muslims, and had been finally vanquished. That was a befitting occasion when the Holy Kaaba could be restored to its original purpose i.e. worship of One true God; so The Holy Prophet was fully justified to clear the sacred site of its idols. The construction of a Hindu temple in Islamabad, the capital of the nation-state of Pakistan, where Hindus are equal citizens of the state, has no parallel with the Holy Prophet's action on final victory in war over the Quresh who were committed to deny religious freedom to people who had adopted the new religion or were considering switching over.

The Holy Quran, in fact directs Muslims to not only respect but even fight for the protection of worship places of other religions. In Sura 22, verses 40 and 41 of the Holy Quran, Muslims are told by Allah:

“Permission to take up arms is given to those against whom war is made, because they have been wronged and Allah, indeed has power to help them—Those who have been driven out from their homes unjustly, only because they said, “Our Lord is Allah,” And if Allah had not repelled some people by means of others, cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques, where-in the name of Allah is remembered, would surely have been destroyed. And Allah will, surely, help him who helps Him. Allah is, indeed Powerful, Mighty.”

Hindus have, of course, their own Sanskrit word for Allah, they call Him Parmeshar etc., whom they worship in their temples in their own way.

Mulla Zaheer further added:

- He repeated his stand concerning the government's permission to build the temple as: “We place this permission under the sole of our shoes.”
- He ridiculed (with some justification) the PTI slogan to turn Pakistan into a Riasat Madinah. He objected strongly to spend public money to build the temple. (This deserves further consideration.)
- He falsely asserted that in the past 70 years not a single Hindu had been killed nor a Hindu temple has ever been attacked in Sindh.
- He supported the Lal (Red) Masjid terrorist family group of Islamabad in their claim to a Madrassah and the Masjid.

It is relevant to mention that when this mulla asserts that no Non-Muslim has a right to build a place of worship in this Islamic Republic, he has in mind the right of Ahmadis to build a mosque. In fact, the authorities have already implemented the mulla's *Sharia*, in that they have not allowed Ahmadis to build a proper place of worship in Pakistan for decades. The chicken have come home to roost.

Mulla Hisham Zaheer is a son of mulla Ehsan Elahi Zaheer who was on the pay-roll of Saudis. He preached violence in the name of religion, and was eventually injured in a bomb blast triggered by someone who was equally an extremist. He was flown over by Saudis to their land, but he succumbed to the wounds. He died, but left behind his progeny to preach hate and violence in the name of Wahhabi understanding of Islam.

Profile in courage — Khawaja Muhammad Asif MNA

Islamabad; July 2020: Mr. Raja, an academic recently wrote in his op-ed, “When it comes to Ahmadis, most political leaders in Pakistan, instead of showing some responsibility, merely try to outdo each other in their display of bigotry and hatred toward them.” This is true to some extent with respect to other religious minorities as well. However, in a National Assembly debate reported by GNN

Ahmadi Khalifa’s response

In view of the unusual hype in anti-Ahmadiyya propaganda from both governmental and private sources in Pakistan and callous and professionally corrupt attitude of authorities, the Ahmadiyya Khalifa-tul-Masih V decided to say the following few words in public on this subject in his Friday Sermon on June 5, 2020 which was televised live worldwide (extract):

... Similarly, Pakistan government should consider not multiplying excesses and tyranny against Ahmadis for fear of the mulla, and should govern justly. Learn lesson from the history. No government flourished in the past over the Ahmadiyya issue and by being unjust to Ahmadis, nor will any flourish in future. Stop thinking that the rule can be prolonged by (exploiting) this issue. On the other hand, this tyranny has resulted in greater expansion of Ahmadiyyat worldwide and that will be so in future as well, InshAllah. This is the Divine scheme; none can obstruct it. Anyway, we pray to Allah that He puts a stop to tyranny, injustice and disorder everywhere, and that man learns from (all forms of) pandemic and changes his (evil) ways; also may Allah enable us Ahmadis to better deliver on the right of His worship and the rights of His creation so that we become greater recipients of His love, and thus witness our greater progress with our own eyes.

on July 8, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, MNA from Sialkot most frankly and courageously spoke on minorities’ freedom of religion. His discourse is worth placing on record. He spoke in Urdu; we provide below its English translation:

“An organized campaign goes on in social media in Pakistan against minorities. Caricatures are being published. It is shameful that in our country minorities are not safe. It is our duty to uphold the sanctity and protection of their places of worship. (*Cheers*). Whatever happened here in 1980s, damaged our thought and perception. This produced such fault lines (in our national landscape) that could, God forbid, cause our ruin. In 1960s and 1970s we had plenty of tolerance here... .

“In New York, I myself offered my Eid prayers in a church. This is unthinkable here. This land belongs to (all) 220 million citizens. (*Cheers*). There is no license for any religion to be superior to others. (Note: At this there was a vocal protest from some Jamaat Islami and JUI members). In response Khawaja Asif said that these were the people who called the Quaid-i-Azam, a Kafir-i-Azam. They had no such teaching (*Tarbiyat*) while I was imparted Quaid-i-Azam’s teaching. (*Cheers*). My comment (on religions’ comparison) was with reference to politics. It is incumbent on us, the representatives of people to promote tolerance (*rawadari*) and unity in this country. We should promote the *Sunnah* of the Holy Prophet. In his and his Khalifas’ time, minorities felt secure. *Wa ma alenaa illal blagh* (We are duty-bound to be frank and explicit).” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7RtTRZF3x0&ab_channel=GNN

This speech will go down in history of the National Assembly as one of the few great ones.

Life is like that!

Lahore: The daily *Dawn* in its issue of 19 and 20 October reported that a massive fire in Hafeez Centre, the city’s major multi-story market housing mobile phones, laptops and computers business, gutted more than 400 shops, godowns and repair facilities on Sunday, October 18, inflicting heavy losses on traders. It went on for 11 hours. Twenty-five people



trapped in the building were rescued safely. A preliminary report stated that the fire erupted because of a short-circuit on the third floor; it completely damaged third, fourth and fifth floor. Goods worth billions of rupees have been reduced to ashes.

Fire-wrecked Hafeez Centre was sealed. The building has been declared dangerous. Preliminary investigation states that there were no fire hydrants and no implementation of fire safety codes. The fire incident, reportedly, exposed the association of the Centre as it had ignored a warning of the Civil Defense Lahore regarding dysfunctional fire-fighting equipment. “Similarly, automatic fire alarm and detection system, and fire point and fire control room were not properly maintained. ... Fire extinguishers at various floors were not functioning as well.”

Most of the Hafeez Centre shops carried the stickers: **Closed to Mirzais; Qadianis, first enter Islam, then enter this shop; Entry of dogs and Mirzais is forbidden;** etc....It would be recalled that the Hafeez Centre was in the news in a big way in December 2015. The police took action against a shop-keeper Abid Hashmi and his assistant Noman for putting up a sticker in Urdu: **Qadiani (dogs) not allowed entry here.** The Centre’s traders and association, in a show of solidarity, put up stiff resistance to police action. As a result, the accused were released the next day, and the sticker(s) remained in place. At this, Musharraf Zaidi wrote, with clairvoyance in the daily *The News* of December 16, 2015:

“So now we have this Hafeez Center thing. What did we expect? Born and raised on a diet of tumors, tumors of stupidity beyond redemption, and tumors of self-righteous to the point of being suicidal (literally), were we expecting little brown baby, Justine Trudeau to come out of the bag of tricks we have turned in the name of our republic, our freedom, and our faith?”

Islam is known to forbid arrogance, bigotry, and intolerance. Ahmadis in general are sympathetic to the victims of this Centre over their losses but wish that they had gained Allah’s pleasure and protection by following true Islamic teaching.

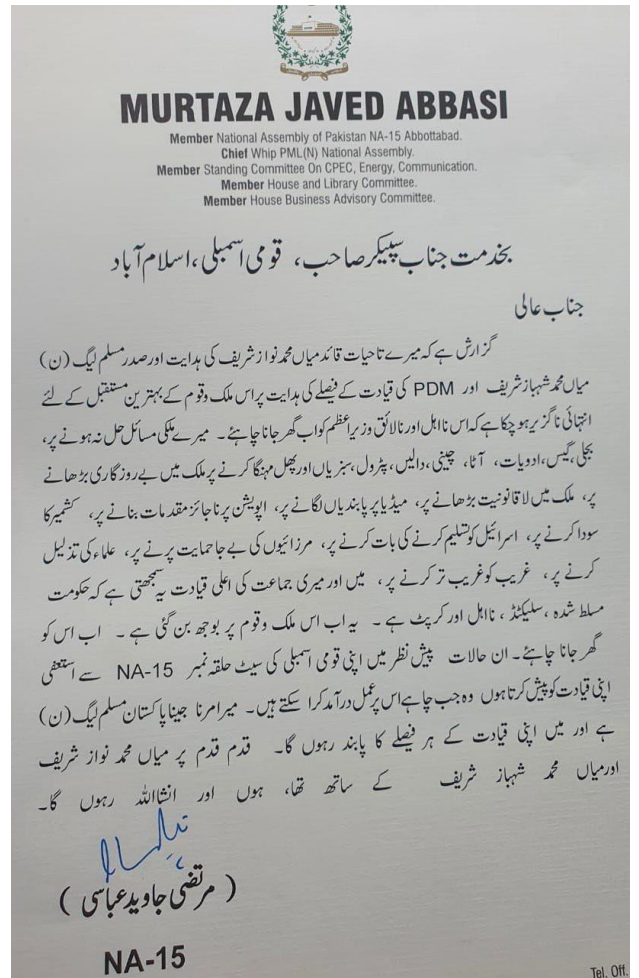
PML-N guilty of openly exploiting religion for politics

Lahore; December 2020: Anti-PTI government campaign is currently going on in the country led by a group called PDM. An important faction in the PDM is PML-N, led by Ms. Maryam Safdar, the daughter of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and a niece of Mr. Shahbaz Sharif a former chief minister of the Punjab.

While we hold back our political opinion on the performance of the PTI government, as also on the validity of PDM criticism, we have to take note of a gross and highly objectionable move by the PML-N whereby they have blatantly and unashamedly used religion in service of their politics.

A recent decision of the PDM was to be ready to resign from their seats in the Assemblies. PML-N leadership asked its members of the national and provincial assemblies to deposit their resignations in advance with their leadership to be used as and when decided. Accordingly, a number of them complied with the instruction. Some of these resignation letters were uploaded on social media. We have four of these from PML-N’s MNAs and MPA. It appears that a general guideline in draft form was given by the party leadership to these legislators, as all these letters carried almost the same stuff with very minor variations here and there. These letters contain a statement of commitment of loyalty to the Sharif family and a list of allegations against the performance of the PTI government.

The PTI is accused of, *inter alia*, “*Mirzaion ki beja hamayat karney par*” (undeserved support to Ahmadis). The PML-N knows that this is a false accusation — almost everyone knows it. However, they included this in their list only to avail of the prevailing anti-Ahmadi hate-climate which was nourished by them in the preceding five years of their own rule. The PTI government has not changed that policy. However, the PML-N decided to still draw the last drop of milk from this unholy cow.



Copy of the resignation of MNA Murtaza Javed Abbasi

This blatant lie is condemnable if nothing else.

Note: The four letters available on social media are from the following senders:

1. Mr. Murtaza Javed Abban, MNA of NA-15
2. Dr. Ibadullah Khan, MNA of NA-10
3. Malik Sohaib Ahmad Bherth, MPA of PP-72
4. Dr. Muhammad Sajjad, MNA of NA-14

Firebrand cleric Khadim Rizvi dies

Lahore: According to the press report, some blamed his death on Covid 19 while others on heart attack. Thus reported the daily *Dawn* on November 20, 2020:

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

Rizvi was very fond of Sir Iqbal, the poet. He remembered and could quote hundreds of his verses. He also popularized the penalty for blasphemy: Sar tan sy juda — Sar tan sy juda (Head to be chopped off from body — Head to be chopped off from body)

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

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



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From the Media

A great deal of what goes on in Pakistan has a bearing on the current or future human rights and freedom of faith of Ahmadis, directly or indirectly. Some developments abroad similarly affect Ahmadis to some extent. This happens throughout the year. It is our practice to pick head-lines or extracts from op-eds, mostly from the print media, and reproduce them in our monthly reports. Only selected ones from these are placed here. This material is divided in the following sub-sections: a. Ahmadis' human rights; b. Rabwah; c. Anti-Ahmadiyya rhetoric; d. The militant mulla; e. Statements on record; f. Foreign and NGOs; g. Political; h. Miscellaneous; i. Op-eds etc.

12. From the Media

a. Ahmadis' human rights

(Ahmadi) Chemist gunned down in Dabgari Gardens (Peshawar)

The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, August 15, 2020

Pakistani police say gunmen kill minority Ahmadi professor

The daily Washington Post, October 05, 2020

'Blasphemous contents' PA body bans three books, a daily (*Al-Fazl*), social media accounts

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 10, 2020

Ahmadi community member shot dead (in Nankana)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2020

Another Ahmadi killed by unidentified men in Peshawar

The daily Jehan Pakistan; Lahore, November 9, 2020

PTA issues notice to Wikipedia, Google (over *Khalifa of Islam* issue)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 26, 2020

Minister of Religious Affairs denies Qadianis' inclusion in NCM

The daily Ummat; Karachi, May 1, 2020

Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat resolution unanimously passed in (Punjab) PA, Qadianis should accept themselves as non-Muslims: Pervez Ilahi (the Speaker)

The daily Express; Faisalabad, May 13, 2020

PEMRA orders all cable operators to block Qadiani channels

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; June 2, 2020

Chenab Nagar: Two Qadiani *Murabbis* arrested for uploading banned books on Internet

The daily Ausaf, Lahore;

June 11, 2020

Ahmadi man, sons booked over Eid sacrifice (in Toba Tek Singh, Punjab)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 17, 2020

Police case registered for preaching Qadianiat (in Chawinda, Punjab). SHO arrested him.

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 17, 2020

LHC dismisses bail pleas of three Ahmadi men

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 06, 2020

Punjab Assembly passed a bill to stop blasphemy against religious personages. Text Book Board is duty bound to seek approval of the Mutahidda Ulama Board prior to publishing any Islamic book.

Express RSS; June 10, 2020

Ban proposed on non-Muslim lawyers contesting elections: Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Multan Bar

The daily Jang; Lahore, January 10, 2020

Islamic symbols removed from Ahmadiyya graveyard

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 16, 2020

LHCBA wants Ahmadis barred from sacrificing animals

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 29, 2020

Peshawar: Murderer of the blasphemy accused in police custody on physical remand

The Daily Express; Faisalabad, July 30, 2020

Action should be taken against Qadianis for animal sacrifices (letter of President Lahore High Court Bar to Interior Ministry)

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, July 29, 2020

Khatme Nabuwwat: Important meeting between Ch. Pervaiz Elahi, Speaker Punjab Assembly and Irfan Mahmud Barq

Twitter, August 25, 2020

Ahmadi family rescued from mob in Peshawar

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 11, 2020

JUI's Khatme Nabuwwat conference in Peshawar

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 7, 2020

KP Assembly resolution terms report by British MPs (on minorities in Pakistan) a conspiracy

The News International, September 8, 2020

Conspiracy to have Qadianis released fails. Case registered against accused who offered bribe and made strong threats to the investigating officer.

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, October 04, 2020

28 Qadianis convert to Islam in Peshawar. The end of Qadianiat is at hand: Dr Abdul Razzaq Sikandar

The daily Islam; Lahore, December 16, 2020

Research finds biases against minorities in text books

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2020

b. Rabwah

Chenab Nagar's sewer system has become most troublesome for the residents

The daily Islam; Lahore, February 10, 2020

Chenab Nagar: Municipal Committee reluctant to move against encroachments

The daily Jang; Lahore, March 21, 2020

Chenab Nagar: The town has become a depot of filth. Piles of garbage all over.

The daily Ausaf; Lahore, August 16, 2020

Dirty water supply continues in Chenab Nagar. Citizens ill due killer diseases

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 8, 2020

Chenab Nagar: Professional beggars become great problem for citizens

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, October 12, 2020

c. Anti-Ahmadiyya rhetoric

RAW and Qadianis are involved in sectarian terrorism: (mulla) Mumtaz Awan

The daily Islam; Lahore, October 15, 2020

Qadianiat is the worst *Fitna* (mischief) in the whole world: AMTKN

The daily Islam; Lahore, February 26, 2020

Qadianis are more dangerous than Hindus and Jews: Speakers (at KN conferences, Gulshan Ravi)

The daily Islam; Lahore, November 23, 2020

Qadiani virus is more dangerous than Coronavirus: Khatme Nabuwwat conference

92 News; Faisalabad, March 2, 2020

Qadianis are bent upon disturbing country's peace: Allama Mumtaz Awan (of World Pasban KN)

The daily Islam; Lahore, August 1, 2020

Jamaat Ahmadiyya is an injured snake; its head should be crushed: Speakers at KN Lawyers Forum, Chiniot

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, September 10, 2020

Qadiani lobby is busy in conspiracies to precipitate sectarian riots: Maulana Abdul Naeem (AMTKN)

The daily Mashriq; Lahore, December 13, 2020

d. The militant mulla

Suicide attack claims eight lives in Quetta

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 18, 2020

Maulana Tariq Jamil and Maulana Tahir Ashrafi call on Shujaat, Pervaiz Elahi. (Both sides complimented each other for distinguished services to religion.)

The Daily Express; Faisalabad, July 17, 2020

58 fiery ulama and zakereen banned from entry in Faisalabad

The daily Jehan Pakistan; Lahore, August 7, 2020

My principal difference with Maulana Fazl ur Rahman is over telling lies; he has set all ulama on (path of) falsehood: Maulana Sherani

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, December 21, 2020

e. Statements on record

US places Pakistan, nine others on violators of religious freedom list

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 9, 2020

Construction of a new (Hindu) temple in Islamabad violates the spirit of Islam: Pervaiz Elahi (PML-Q)

Express RSS; July 2, 2020

PA (Punjab Assembly) resolution seeks most stringent anti-blasphemy law

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 1, 2020

Misuse of the Blasphemy law has ended: Tahir Ashrafi

The daily Jang; Lahore, December 21, 2020

Prime Minister Imran Khan boasted last year that Pakistan had one of the 'freest presses in the world'

New York Times, August 5, 2020

Zulfi Bukhari (Special Assistant to PM) vows to protect *Khatm-e-Nabuwat* (PBUH)

The daily Nation; Lahore, December 15, 2020

The Ummah that is unable to do much about Blasphemy against the Prophet (PBUH) deserves to die: Chief justice Lahore High Court

Express RSS, December 3, 2020

Rights groups decry attacks on Ahmadis

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 27, 2020

Islam allows minorities full religious freedom: NA Speaker

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2020

We reject UK APPG's demand. Qadianis were declared a minority in 1974. They are surely forbidden (all) activities: Maulana Ilyas Chinioti

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, September 15, 2020

Islam is religion of peace and love... It is violation of Sharia to forcibly impose dogma on others: Ulama Ragheb Naeemi, Abdul Khabir Azad, Tahir Ashrafi etc.

The daily 92 News; Lahore, October 19, 2020

No constitutional, Sharia constraint on temple in Islamabad

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 29, 2020

Declaration of faith to be accepted on face value: SC

Top court decides matter related to inheritance on basis of faith.

The daily Express Tribune; Lahore, January 14, 2020

Freedom of expression can't be curbed: CJ (LHC)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 28, 2020

Our minorities are equal citizens of our country. We shall deal firmly with those who target non-Muslim citizens or their places of worship: Prime Minister

The daily Jang; Lahore, February 27, 2020

Lal Masjid standoff ends with 20-kanal land offer

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 10, 2020

2020 Bill on Protection of Foundation of Islam approved, history is made: Pervaiz Elahi (PML-Q Speaker, Punjab Assembly)

The Daily Express; Faisalabad, July 23, 2020

None who does not recognize the constitution is holding any important post: Tahir Ashrafi

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, December 3, 2020

Every Muslim is a guard at belief in End of Prophethood: Asad Qaisar (Speaker NA)

The daily Islam; Lahore, December 4, 2020

The state is not serving the people Those responsible for citizens' security are themselves violating the law, accountability is called for... . The elite are facilitated in every way; the law applies only to the poor; in case of VIPs instructions are issued, "Regularize it": CJ Athar Min Allah of Islamabad High Court

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 16, 2020

(National Assembly's) Approval to include Quaid-i-Azam speech of 1947 (11 August) in school syllabus

The daily Jehan Pakistan; Lahore, August 22, 2020

Protection of human rights is first national priority: Prime Minister

Express RSS; August 27, 2020

The structure of all essentials of faith, worship, morals, dealings and social interaction is based on the precept of *Khatme Nabuwat*: Maulana Mogul in Aftab Nabuwat Conference

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 15, 2020

Census form should have a column for 'Denomination' in addition to Religion: Mufti Muneeb

Newspedia.com

TBI Bill is an urgent necessity: Tahir Ashrafi

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, September 10, 2020

Minorities have all the fundamental rights and freedom of religion in Pakistan: Nur ul Haq Qadri (Federal minister)

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 19, 2020

Political will must to tackle sectarianism, say experts. Mr. Parvez regretted that political will for dealing with the problem was missing.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 20, 2020

The enemy has targeted Pak Army and the religious lobby: Tahir Ashrafi

The daily Express; Faisalabad, October 17, 2020

'University of jihad' (at Akora Khattak KPK) proud of Taliban alumni

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2020

No tolerance for insulting any faith.... Decision to form a Commission against extremism, violence: PM

The daily Jang; Lahore, November 11, 2020

State must protect minorities: SC

The daily Express Tribune, October 24, 2020

State is duty bound to protect all citizens: Tahir Ashrafi

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, November 10, 2020

Code of Conduct issued (by CII) to promote inter-sect harmony (On October 6, 2020)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 7, 2020

President, PM urge nation to follow in Quaid's footsteps

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 26, 2020

The services rendered to mosques and madrassahs in the present regime are unmatched by those in the past ten years: Tahir Ashrafi

Ticker on TV GNN at 14:43 on December 27, 2020

Dialogue is essential to rid of sectarian violence: Tahir Ashrafi

The daily Express; Faisalabad, October 14, 2020

Only Muslims have the right to proselytize (in Pakistan): Leader AMTKN

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, October 16, 2020

f. Foreign and NGOs

U.S. demands abrogation of the blasphemy law, and removal of religion column from the ID card form. New contract offered.

The daily Ausaf, Lahore; June 18, 2020

Federal minister Noor ul Haq Qadri rejects American report on religious freedom

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, January 18, 2020

British government declares Professor Salaam's house national heritage site

The daily Jang; Lahore, December 14, 2020

Pakistan gets US presidential waiver to avoid sanctions (as violator of religious freedom)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 10, 2020

Head of Ahmadiyya ... Community strongly condemns horrific act of Quran burning in Malmo (Sweden), in a meeting with the national Ahmadiyya executive, while calling for a peaceful response.

Press Release on August 29, 2020

Pope indicates support for same-sex civil unions

BBC Top Stories; October 21, 2020

Saudi ambassador calls on Chaudhry brothers at their residence in Lahore

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 15, 2020

ME on knife-edge as US kills Iran's feared general

Khamenei promises 'severe revenge'

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 4, 2020

UN court orders Myanmar to prevent genocide of Rohingyas

The daily Dawn; Lahore, Jan 24, 2020

Extremists (Islamist) in Mozambique chop off heads of 50 persons

The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, November 11, 2020

110 farmers killed in Nigeria by armed groups (Boko Haram)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2020

10 sentenced to death in BD for bomb attack on communist rally

The daily Dawn; Lahore, Jan 21, 2020

39 dead in Delhi riots

The daily Jang; Lahore, February 29, 2020

Tanzania anti-gay force official Paul Makonda banned from US (his immediate family members too)

BBC News at 5:40 p.m. on February 01, 2020

Khashoggi fiancée rejects family forgiveness offer (to his killers)

BBC; May 25, 2020

Trump terminates US relationship with WHO

BBC Top Stories; May 30, 2020

China and India face off on the roof of the world

BBC Top Stories; May 30, 2020

We'll continue to provide all possible cooperation to ensure Saudi Arabia's security: (Pak) Foreign Minister

Express RSS; July 26, 2020

UK accuses China of 'gross' abuses against Uighurs

BBC, Top Stories; July 19, 2020

(UK PM) Johnson warns Israel against West Bank annexation

BBC, Top Stories; July 1, 2020

Riyadh denies Israeli PM met Saudi crown prince

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2020

Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are in fraternal bond: Ch Shujaat, Pervaiz Elahi

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 15, 2020

Qureshi (FM) asks OIC to stop dragging feet on Kashmir meeting. "It's right. I'm taking a position despite our good ties with Saudi Arabia," he said.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 6, 2020

The US has become an incredibly unequal society and a deeply divided one: US scholar, Dr. Jeffrey David Sachs

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2020

Trump says Bid will hurt the Bible, hurt God

BBC Top Stories, August 7, 2020

French periodical hurt sentiments of 2 billion Muslims (by printing sketches)

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 6, 2020

UAE, Bahrain sign accord (with Israel) brokered by Trump

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 1, 2020

How an Indian doctor (Dr. Kafeel Khan) became an enemy of state? National threat or symbol of repression? He had criticized the Indian government over new discriminatory citizen law and the authorities arrested him under national security law and kept him in detention for more than 200 days...Dr Khan was released after a court order.

BBC Top Stories; September 3, 2020

India's Muslims feel more abandoned than ever. A court in India found no-one guilty of razing a 16th-Century mosque which was attacked by Hindu mobs in the holy city of Ayodhya. But more specifically the verdict has thrown into sharp relief the increasing marginalization of India's 200 million Muslims.

BBC Top Stories; September 30, 2020

(Muslim) Doctor loses citizenship case in German provincial court over not shaking hand with a woman

The daily 92 News; Lahore, October 18, 2020

Advani, 31 others absolved of conspiracy to raze Babri Masjid

The daily 92 News, Lahore; October 01, 2020

Macron unveils plan to fight ‘radical Islam’ in France

BBC Top Stories; October 21, 2020

g. Political

DSP among 15 martyred in Quetta blast

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 11, 2020

Mass funeral prayers of the 14 martyred in terrorist attack at Ormara

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 17, 2020

The government has neither ability nor competence to run country’s affairs: Chief Justice

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, August 2, 2020

NAB started investigations against Noorul Haq Qadri, Fed. Minister for Religious Affairs

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, May 21, 2020

Fazl (JUI) accused of committing graft, inciting violence

Ministers say JUI-F Chief using religion for personal gains, politics

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 22, 2020

IHC declares Nawaz proclaimed offender in two cases

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 3, 2020

Mrs. Shahbaz (Sharif), Nusrat declared proclaimed offender by the Accountability Court

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, December 9, 2020

Nawaz declared ‘absconder’ for violating bail terms

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 26, 2020

Assets of Shahbaz’s wife, others attached, court told

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 23, 2020

It is odd to open the Qadiani Pandora Box in these sensitive days: Q League (Chaudharys of Gujrat)

92 News; Faisalabad, April 30, 2020

Raid on Shahbaz Sharif’s residence for his arrest (escaped)

Express RSS; June 2, 2020

Court issues perpetual arrest warrant of Nawaz

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 11, 2020

Accused including Shahbaz Sharif and Hamza Sharif indicted in money laundering reference

Express RSS, November 12, 2020

Uzair Baloch admitted 158 murders. Those involved in crimes are (sitting) in parliament: Ali Zaidi, Shibli Faraz

The Daily Express; Faisalabad, July 8, 2020

Bilawal visits Golra Sharif

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 11, 2020

NAB summons Fazl’s brother (Mr. Zia ur Rehman) over illegal assets

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2020

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, accompanied by his sons met Chaudhry Shujaat at his residence

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 6, 2020

Police case registered against son of Maulana Tahir Ashrafi. Bilal Tahir Ashrafi is accused of paying 5.2 million fake currency for a land cruiser.

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 10, 2020

Process to declare (Salman Shahbaz) an absconder begins

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 7, 2020

Non-bailable warrants of arrest issued against Nawaz Sharif. Action in hand to declare him absconder.

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 16, 2020

PML-N breathes defiance after Shahbaz's arrest, opposition leader faces charges of accumulation of assets beyond means, money laundering

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 29, 2020

NAB briefs LHC on cases against Chaudhry brothers

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 17, 2020

Nawaz takes 'parallel govt' head on (in MPC)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 21, 2020

He (Nawaz Sharif) praised Supreme Court judge Faiz Isa, and former Islamabad High Court judge Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui and called for reviewing the statement made by the latter under oath.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 21, 2020

21 martyred in 2 terrorist attacks in Baluchistan, Waziristan

The daily The News; Lahore, October 16, 2020

Lahore: Siraj ul Haq Amir Jamaat Islami welcomes Gulbadeen Hikmatyar (photo)

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 21, 2020

Minister and Advisors are incompetent (*ek takey kay nahin*). People are ready to throw rotten eggs on ruling junta: Sanaulla Masti MNA (in Parliamentary Party's meeting)

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 17, 2020

Fazlur Rahman, Captain (R) Safdar and Amir Muqam to face NAB inquiry

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 6, 2020

Money Laundering case: Warrants of Arrest reissued against Salman and Nusrat Shahbaz (of PML-N)

The daily Jang; Lahore, October 6, 2020

Convict Nawaz Sharif departed deceitfully, his conduct extremely shameful: Islamabad High Court

The daily 92 News; Lahore, October 01, 2020

Court orders confiscating Nawaz Sharif's property

The daily The News; Lahore, October 10, 2020

They (PTI) tell us to improve; while we are already improved. In case we deteriorate, you'll face the same fate as the Americans faced in Afghanistan: Maulana Fazlur Rahman (JUI)

<http://twitter.com/aadiroy/status/1310645617849401349?s=24>

Rs. 9.5 billion discovered in bank accounts of the servants of Mr. Salman Shahbaz son of Mr. Shahbaz Sharif, former CM Punjab. His peon Maqsud had Rs. 2.3 billion. He bought an expensive Mercedes costing Rs 15 million. Shahbaz clerk had Rs 1 billion; Rana Wasim has 240m; Iqrar has 640m; Tamirul Haq clerk has 520 m, Khizr Hayat accounts clerk has 1.2 billion, while Tauqir uddin 450 million. Some money was withdrawn as well after these deposits. Some of these men were interrogated by FIA.

Express RSS, September 21, 2020

Supreme Court is requested to provide justice to (Justice) Shaukat Siddiqui: Maryam Nawaz

TV Bol 7:35 on 25 October 2020

Captain (R) Safdar booked for rebellion against state, in PS Satellite Town, Gujranwala

Express RSS; October 04, 2020

We want Baluchistan to be a free state: Awais Noorani

Samaa TV on October 29, 2020 at 9.20 p.m.

h. Miscellaneous

Ashrafi made special representative (to the PM) on religious harmony

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 20, 2020

Religious Education Directorate established to bring 30 thousand madrassahs in mainstream

The daily Khabrain; Lahore, Jan 19, 2020

If Pakistan does not rescind religious myths, it has no future: Chomsky

The daily Pakistan; Lahore, December 9, 2020

Punjab gets sixth IGP in two years

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 9, 2020

Motorway gang-rape causes outrage

The daily Dawn; Lahore, September 11, 2020

140,000 government servants were receiving funds (from Benazir Income Support meant for the destitute): Sania Nishtar

The daily Jang; Lahore, January 16, 2020

81-year-old woman declared dead in Rask (Russia) after an operation and placed in morgue, opened her eyes two hours later

Express RSS; August 22, 2020

Two polio vaccinators shot dead

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 30, 2020

Respirators disappear from twin cities markets with confirmation of first corona virus patient

The daily Dawn; Lahore, February 28, 2020

Maulana Tariq Jamil accused Pak media of telling lies

Express RSS; May 28, 2020

Licenses of 141 pilots of PIA are suspect: Aviation Minister

Express RSS; June 10, 2020

E.U. bans PIA operations in EU for six months

Express RSS; June 30, 2020

Alarming situation in Lahore (due Covid-19)

Bol TV at 08:20 on June 17, 2020

Pakistan borrowed \$29.2 billion in last two financial years: Ministry of Finance

The Daily Express; Faisalabad, July 25, 2020

More than 2 million cases active in Pakistan courts

Express RSS; August 8, 2020

45% increase in official loan in the past two years (of PTI rule): Finance Ministry

The daily Jang; Lahore, August 25, 2020

Entire city (Karachi) drowns in torrential rain

Express RSS; August 27, 2020

There is nothing in Islamabad except clash of personal interests: IHC

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 17, 2020

Mir Shakil (of Jang Publications) is detained (*habse baija*) for 192 days; should be released forthwith: Speakers

The daily Jang; Lahore, September 19, 2020

Power division misspent, Rs 3tr, points out AGP

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 9, 2020

2 ½ year-old girl was raped before being killed (in KP), says medical report

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 9, 2020

Six Covid patients die in Peshawar for want of oxygen

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 7, 2020

Licenses of 50 pilots cancelled after scrutiny, court told

The daily Dawn; Lahore, December 20, 2020

i. Op-eds etc.

Op-ed: Why Pakistan does not deserve the service of Atif Mian

... Frankly, when it comes to discussing the rights of the Ahmadis, the distinction between extremist and ‘moderate’ Pakistanis blurs to such an extent that it is impossible to distinguish between the two.

...I still remember the video which shows a female Assistant Commissioner being hounded by some petty students and being forced to apologize for merely suggesting that all of us, including Ahmadis, should be united.

...When it comes to the Ahmadis, we as a nation have lost our collective conscience and even our sanity. We are blinded by petty hate. In fact, both the opposition and the government try to outdo each other in whipping up hate against them. It is strange that our religious beliefs are so weak that they are ‘threatened’ by merely four million Ahmadis in a population of more than 200 million. It is truly puzzling to try and decipher how a zoom lecture by Mian, easily one of the finest brains Pakistan has produced in recent years, is somehow putting Islam in danger....

In the conclusion, I simply wish to make a personal appeal to Mian. Sir, the simple truth of the matter is that we as a nation do not deserve you, stop caring for us. Let us rot in our misery and hate.

By Raza Habib Raja in the daily Express Tribune, October 24, 2020

Op-ed: Narendra Modi, End of Prophethood and Democracy

... There is another community in the world that bears some resemblance to Ahmadis. It originated in the U.S. and is normally called Mormons. These people believe that subsequent to Jesus the Christ, Joseph Smith born in 1805, was a prophet. Not only that, they believe that every Head of their church thereafter is also a prophet.

Notwithstanding that, their beliefs are quite different from Christianity. They call themselves Christians. According to many Church leaders they have no right to call themselves Christians, however no Congressman can even think of moving a bill in the Congress that Mormons be declared Non-Christians. Even if someone presents such a bill, and if it miraculously gets Congressional approval, the American judiciary will dump it in the wastebasket the same day, as the state is concerned with citizens’ rights and duties, not with their set of beliefs.

It is said that majority of the public gets emotional on such issues. That is so, and they have a right to that. But then it is derived that if the state moves forward allowing for the emotions of the people, that should be OK. Here I differ.

The state can never be emotional, nor should it cater for emotions. The state should not act as per emotions of the majority; on the contrary it should protect minorities from the

majority's emotions. In this, both the Pakistani and Indian states have failed. It is tyranny of the majority when two wolves and one sheep vote over the menu for the supper.

Rafi Aamir in humsub.com.pk/303148/rafi-amir-

Op-ed: Citizenship, Religion and Genocide

... The other night a TV anchor was grilling government ministers to find out who put Ahmadis on the minorities' commission. This is incredible. First, you make them a minority and then you also deny them their fundamental rights under the constitution. We all know what happened with Atif Mian when he was put on the Economic Advisory Council. As things stand Ahmadis are not allowed to hold any office whatsoever in the state, even those that are reserved for minorities. In the last few weeks, the hatred against Ahmadis has spiked to levels, which are unacceptable. One fears now that an unthinking majority will subject this community to a holocaust and the state will be entirely complicit in it. We stand at the threshold of a great tragedy. If Pakistanis do not care about the culling of about a million people for their faith, they should know that this will make Pakistan a pariah state cut off from the outside world for decades to come. The price for such genocide will be paid by your future generations. Meanwhile history will definitively answer Jinnah's question (*mentioned earlier*) in the negative.

I can only ask those who are leading us to the precipice of a great disaster to cry halt before it is too late and Pakistan stands forever sullied in human history like Nazi Germany. Let us build Pakistan on the basis of what Jinnah said on 11 August, a country which does not discriminate nor allows discord on the basis of faith. Let us tear down these distinctions and make Pakistan a state that the posterity will bless not curse.

The writer Y. L. Hamdani is an Advocate of the High Courts of Pakistan.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/609941/citizenship-religion-and-genocide/>

Op-ed: HRW's comment on Ahmadiyya situation in Pakistan in the context of inclusion in NCM

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The persecution of the Ahmadiyya community is embedded in Pakistani law and encouraged by the Pakistan government. In September 1974, the Pakistani parliament declared the Ahmadis to be non-Muslims. In 1984, Pakistan amended its penal code, giving legal status to five ordinances that explicitly targeted religious minorities and two laws specifically restricting the activities of Ahmadis, including prohibiting them from "indirectly or directly posing as a Muslim." Ahmadis are prohibited from declaring or propagating their faith publicly, building mosques (or even referring to them as such), or making the call for Muslim prayer.

Pakistan's electoral law effectively excludes Ahmadis. To register to vote, Ahmadis must either renounce their faith or agree to be on a separate electoral list and accept their status as non-Muslim.

The authorities routinely arrest, jail, and charge Ahmadis for blasphemy and other offenses because of their religious beliefs. In several instances, the police have been complicit in harassment and filing of false charges against Ahmadis, or stood by in the face of anti-Ahmadi violence.

Pakistani laws against the Ahmadiyya community violate Pakistan's international legal obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), including the rights to freedom of conscience, religion, expression, and association, to profess and practice their own religion, and to vote and be elected at genuine periodic elections. Pakistan ratified the ICCPR in 2010.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has previously excluded Ahmadis from government positions because of outside pressure. Hardliners objected when he appointed a Princeton University economist, Atif Mian, an Ahmadi, to his advisory council in September 2018. Khan initially said he would "not bow to extremists," but later he removed Mian from his post. Two members of the advisory council resigned in protest.

...

"Pakistan needs an independent and inclusive national human rights institution, and not an exclusionary government-controlled one," Adams said. "Excluding Ahmadis from the NCM is just the latest sign of its deeply discriminatory policies towards this persecuted group."

[https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/08/pakistan-ahmadis-kept-minorities-commission#:~:text=\(New%20York\)%20%E2%80%93%20Pakistan',Human%20Rights%20Watch%20said%20today](https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/08/pakistan-ahmadis-kept-minorities-commission#:~:text=(New%20York)%20%E2%80%93%20Pakistan',Human%20Rights%20Watch%20said%20today)

Candid op-ed by a 'Non-Qadiani'

Mr. Yasser Latif Hamdani wrote the following in the Daily Times:

"... Below all of these groups (*5 levels of religious minorities in Pakistan*) is the Ahmadi community. First stripped of their Muslim identity and forcibly declared a minority, they are now virtually non-citizens. It is argued that this denial of citizenship is because they do not accept themselves as Non-Muslims and therefore by extension do not accept the Constitution of Pakistan. Ahmadis have never broken the law and have accepted even the most unjust of laws against them. As far as their right not to think that they are non-Muslims, that is a right granted by Article 20 of the Constitution. Disagreeing with any part of the constitution is not disobedience to the constitution. That is what the amendment process is for.

"... I can only ask those who are leading us to the precipice of a great disaster to cry halt before it is too late and Pakistan stands forever sullied in human history like Nazi Germany. Let us build Pakistan on the basis of what Jinnah said on 11 August, a country which does not discriminate nor allows discord on the basis of faith. Let us tear down these distinctions and make Pakistan a state that the posterity will bless not curse."

(Dailytime.com.pk/609941/citizenship-religion-and on May 10, 2020)

Op-ed: The five capital curses

The intolerance displayed by the Multan Bar has been manifesting itself in various forms.

The smell of rot in the state can be detected from a long distance. The communication gap between Pakistani rulers and the ruled continues to widen. The former claim the process of national decline has been reversed, the latter maintain the country is sinking deeper into the abyss of poverty, lawlessness and despair.

It seems the people are suffering because of five capital curses that are affecting their lives, their thoughts and their conduct: intolerance, hypocrisy, selective memory, premium on nonsense and the culture of obedience.

Some days ago, the Multan District Bar Association issued a press release regarding a resolution adopted by the Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat conference organized by it. According to the resolution,

read out by Syed Athar Shah Bukhari, former Multan High Court Bar Association president, no non-Muslims, including 'Qadianis', will be allowed to take part in the district bar elections. The candidates will be obliged to file an affidavit about their being Muslim. The government did not repudiate this uncalled for assault on the rule of law and basic rights. Even if it didn't agree with the resolution it was probably afraid of taking on the preachers of intolerance. ...

I A Rehman in the daily Dawn of January 23, 2020

Review: The Bhutto Dynasty

...His (Z.A.B's) crowning achievement was the establishment of Pakistan's nuclear programme, which has provided the country with the security it so badly needed. On the flip side, his most damaging legacy is the declaration of Ahmadis as non-Muslims. Zulfikar was hardly a fanatic, but he chose to appease the Islamist, and this fateful decision has left the country with an open wound that bleeds to this day.

Dr Zooria Hamiduddin's review of "The Bhutto Dynasty" by Owen Bennet-Jones in the Dawn of December 20, 2020

Op-ed: The Red Storm

... The Ahmadi issue has become the great corrupting evil at the heart of Pakistani society. As the years pass hostility towards the community proliferates and seeps further into the DNA of the country, infecting its institutions, courts, media and law enforcement agencies. Since 1974, the government itself has chosen to grade citizenship on the basis of religion, and made the case for some groups to be considered less Pakistani than others, setting the stage for ineradicable prejudices and resentments.

Statistically, there has not been an act of violence against Ahmadis equal to the grim standard of the assault on Baitul Nur and Darul Zikr in the years since. But the community has seen their publications banned. In Punjab, Ahmadis are no longer allowed to print or own copies of the Quran. Members of the community have been arrested for being in possession of them, or for sharing Quranic references on social media. Markets have banned their entry.

The Covid-19 pandemic has only increased this hostility in recent days. Clerics have called the "Qadiani pandemic" ("Qadiani" being a derogatory term used for Ahmadis in Pakistan) a greater threat to Pakistan than the coronavirus. Across the country, people have refused rations from charities suspected of being run by Ahmadis. And when the government made efforts to include Ahmadis in a commission for minorities, hundreds of people on social media claimed that the community should instead be killed for their treachery to Pakistan. One government minister even tweeted in support of the beheading of Ahmadi people.

(<https://popula.com/2020/06/08/the-red-storm/>)

Op-ed: Winds of change in the religion and Pakistan

Here is a challenge for Pakistan. It has full potential to push the region in a new marsh of terrorism in the name of Islam as before; while its alternate challenge is the rapid arrival of change that will affect society deeply, not only the economy but also the regional politics. Under these circumstances internal stability is very important in Pakistan to ensure national interest in economy, society and politics. Adequate attention in this regard is not apparent. As for the opinion that Pakistan is absent from the ongoing changes in the region, the recent Imran—Hasina Wajid contact has nullified that.

Farooq Adil in the Daily Express of July 27, 2020

Op-ed: Behind the culture of impunity

... In the latest episode, a systematic campaign by religious extremist groups, publicly supported by Pakistan Muslim League (Quaid-i-Azam)—one of the key political allies of the ruling Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaf (PTI)—compelled Capital Development Authority to halt the construction of first-ever Hindu temple in Islamabad.

Waqar Gillani in the daily The News on July 12, 2020

Op-ed: The fate of minorities in Pakistan

... A country, which was envisioned to be a home for all, without regard to one's caste, creed or religion, to provide equal rights to all citizens of the state, and a state that was not to interfere with the religious beliefs of its citizens has failed miserably in honoring the very principle on which it was founded.

Pakistan now ranks as the seventh most dangerous country in the world for religious minorities.

Zafar Aziz Chaudhry in the Daily Times; July 21, 2020

Letter: Letter to Punjab Assembly on concerns regarding Tahaffuz-e-Bunyad-e-Islam Bill

“...This bill is also in breach of Article 19-A of the Constitution, which protects the right to access to information. The concepts of glory of Islam, national interest, culture and religious and sectarian harmony cannot be allowed to be misused and become a tool for whimsical, arbitrary, subjective, unstructured, dictatorial or unreasonable censorship and control of publications.”

The news.com.pk/print/696306-letter-to-pa

Editorial: Regrets, post facto

The MPAs belatedly expressing their opposition to the bill (TBI Bill) have behaved in a shockingly irresponsible manner. That they should have voted in favor of a piece of legislation without even reading it is bad enough, but to have done so in a matter that involves the tinderbox of religious sensitivities is truly appalling. A simple reading of the bill's clauses throws up numerous red flags. If enacted, the law will be a gift to the ultra right and could reverse the gains made in delegitimizing violent extremism in society.

Published in the daily Dawn, August 11th, 2020

Tweet: “Pakistanis...”

“Pakistan used to have advanced science with Nobel laureates and so on...

Pakistan has no future if it lives in religious superstition: Noam Chomsky

December 7, 2020- @fawadchaudhry on 8.12.2020

Op-ed: High drama in Islamabad

... It is therefore time the government seriously considered the desirability of pursuing Quaid-i-Azam's ideal of a democratic polity and allowed all citizens to adopt and practise whatever

religious belief appeals to their mind. Any other course will put the state at risk of dangerous attacks from what in fact are seekers of political power in religious garb.

IA Rehman in the daily Dawn of November 19, 2020

Op-ed: Home-made bomb of the Punjab Assembly

...The way the *Tahaffuz Bunyade Islam* (TBI) Bill was messed about (*Mazaq hua*) before and after its passage, gives a pretty good idea of the level of men who are tasked with the sensitive task of legislating that affects millions of lives.

This is the incident that came to light; who knows that till now, our parliament and assemblies have passed how many bills that were read only by their sponsors and drafters....

Am I to understand that Punjab Assembly, in particular, is in the grip of such children who are tossing around like a ball, the home-made bomb of their authority to legislate?

Wusatulla Khan in Jahde Haq of September 2020

Report: Canadian premier says free speech has limits

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau defended free speech on Friday, but added that it was “not without limits.”..... “We owe it to ourselves to act with respect for others and to seek not to arbitrarily or unnecessarily injure those with whom we are sharing a society and a planet

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 01, 2020

Imran Khan @ImranKhanPTI · 28 Feb
Replying to @ImranKhanPTI
Images coming out of Muslim homes & businesses being burnt, Muslims being beaten & killed, mosques & graveyards being burnt & desecrated are similar to Jews fleeing the pogrom in Nazi Germany. The world must accept this brutal reality of the Modi fascist racist regime & stop it.
533 5.3K 12.7K

Dr Irfan Malik @dr_irfan_malik · 28 Feb
Dulmial #Pakistan [Pakistan flag] extremist attack on Ahmadi Muslim Mosque (Dec 2016)
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Tweet: Islamabad Bar Association

Adil Najam (@AdilNajam) tweeted at 10:01 AM on Sat, Jan 18, 2020:

The notice by the Islamabad Bar Association to apply a faith-based ‘purity’ test to members is not just wrong, it’s a disgrace. Not just crass bullying, it’s thuggery. Not just bigotry, but an affront to the teachings of the Prophet. Let us all, again, hang our heads in shame.<https://t.co/txPCNoBZrk>

(<https://twitter.com/AdilNajam/status/1218397983353528321?s=03>)

Conclusion

In conclusion, the year 2020 was regrettably another very bad year for violation of human rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan. Regrettably this year's annual report on persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan is the most voluminous ever.

Senior politicians, including those from the ruling party made anti-Ahmadi hate statements in public. The trend to use religion to serve political interests was visible in Assemblies too. This affected the Ahmadiyya situation adversely.

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, brother of mulla Hassan Muawiyah was appointed Prime Minister's Special Representative on Religious Harmony and Middle East.

This year, there was upsurge in violence against Ahmadis. There was a spate of murders in KPK's capital. It was apparent that authorities took little effective action to prevent these murders although the killers had issued threats on social media to their targets, and had posted their own phone numbers.

The plight of Ahmadis was relatively worse in the Punjab and the KPK provinces where the PTI and its allies were in power. The police registered criminal cases against 50 Ahmadis on the basis of religion. The mulla and Cyber Crimes Wing Lahore acted as a team and booked 20 Ahmadis in spurious cases agitating the grave blasphemy sections. Consequently numerous senior Ahmadi office-bearers were made to face charges and were thus exposed to life or long-term imprisonments. This created an ugly situation not only for Ahmadi community but also the country.

Ahmadiyya worship and worship places remained in the cross-wires of religious bigots who blatantly violated Ahmadis' freedom of religion, apparently in league with district level police and administration who, of course, follow policy lines from the capitals. The judiciary provided relief in some cases but AJK and Lahore High Court top brass gave verdicts and made observations which rather than helping the marginalized Ahmadi community, worsened its plight.

The civil society mostly acted timid, and shied away from confronting the religious bully on the Ahmadi issue. Bar associations opted to support bigotry and religious extremism. The prestigious institute IBA Karachi decided to cancel a lecture of the renowned Ahmadi economist Atif Mian, because of 'internal threats'.

There were few bright spots during the 2020 HR situation of Ahmadis in Pakistan. It will go down in history as a bad year on this count. The state, its institutions and the society persisted this year as well to continue with the persecution of Ahmadis that was triggered 46 years ago by Mr. Bhutto and implemented through specific and discriminatory laws ten years later by General Zia. In 2020, Mr. Imran Khan and his party continued to uphold that policy that has done little to improve the social, political and community life of the unfortunate 220 million people of this land, who deserve better.

December 31, 2020

Annex I

Particulars of Police Cases Registered on Religious grounds against Ahmadis during 2020

S.No.	Number	Names of Accused	Police Station	FIR No.	Date	Penal Code	Remarks
1	1-3	Mr. Ataul Aziz, two unknown persons	Warburton, District Nankana	149/2020, 45/2020	17/03/2020	336-B, 377, 392	
2	4	Ms. Ramzan Bibi	Sadr Sangla Hill, District Nankana	275/20	30/04/2020	PPC 295-C	Arrested
3	5-7	Mr. Sharafat Ahmad, Mr. Akbar Ali, Mr. Tahir Naqash	Mangtanwala, District Nankana	352/20	03/05/2020	PPC 298-B, 298-C	Arrested
4	8-21	Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Shehzad, Syed Khalid Ahmad Shah, Malik Khalid Masood, Mirza Fazl Ahmad, Mr. Salik Ahmad, unknown persons, composer, proof reader, writer, computer operator, owners of phone no. 0333-6708729, 0322-4374750, 0333-6678820	FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore	29/2020	26/05/2020	PPC 298-C, 295-B, 120-B, 109, 34, PECA-11,	Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Shehzad are in prison.
5	22-23	Mr. Yousaf Saleem Shahid, Mr. Nasir Jameel	Haripur City	924/2020	12/06/2020	PPC 10 RBA	
6	24-29	Mr. Naeem Ahmad, Mr. Naseem Ahmad, Dr. Shahid Iqbal, Mr. Naseer Ahmad Qamar, Mr. Fazl Ahmad, Ms. Bushra Talib	Rajan Pur City	325	23/07/2020	PPC 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C, 506-B	Dr. Shahid Iqbal was arrested on October 1, 2020.
7	30	Mr. Muhammad Anwar Shahzad	Rajan Pur City	343	03/08/2020	PPC 212	
8	31-33	Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Mr. Fazl Saeed, Mr. Munawwar Saeed	Pir Mahal, District Toba Tek Singh	710	15/08/2020	PPC 298-C	Mr. Fazal was arrested.
9	34	Mr. Waheed Ahmad Butt	Phalora, District Sialkot	309	15/08/2020	PPC 298-C, 295-A	Arrested

10	35-40	Mr. Tahir Noman, Mr. Waqar Ahmad, Mr. Akash Ahmad, Mr. Zain ul Hasnat, Two unknown persons	Sadar Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh	579	16/08/2020	365-B	
11	41	Mr. Haq ul Mubeen	Shahdara, Lahore	2637	02/09/2020	PPC 298-C	Arrested
12	42	Mr. Abdul Majeed	Phandu, Peshawar	648	10/09/2020	PPC 295-C	Arrested
13	43	Malik Zaheer Ahmad	FIA Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore	77	30/09/2020	PPC 295-B, 298-C, 109, PECA-11	Arrested
14	44	Mr. Rameeq Mutahir Ahmad (Rahiq Ahmad Tahir)	Rajanpur City	462	01/10/2020	PPC 212	
15	45	One Ahmadi	Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore	99/2020	28/10/2020	PPCs 295-A, 153-A, 1860 R/W, and PECA-11	
16	46	Mr. Muhammad Asif Badar	Rajanpur City	535/20	16/11/2020	216	Arrested
17	47-48	Mr Tariq A. Tahir, Mr. Safwan Ahmad	Nagar Parker, District Tharparkar	83/2020	23/11/2020	PPC 295-B, 34	Mr. Tahir was arrested.
18	49-50	Malik Tariq Mahmood of Spain And another	Cyber Crimes Wing, Lahore	124/20	04/12/2020	PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 109, 34 and PECA-11	

Annex II

Updated Statistics of the Police Cases registered against Ahmadis on religious grounds, in Pakistan

(From April 1984 to Dec 31, 2020)

NO.	Description of cases	Total number of cases
1	Number of Ahmadis booked for displaying Kalima, i.e. <i>“There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah”</i>	765
2	Number of Ahmadis booked for calling <i>Azan</i> , call to prayers	47
3	Number of Ahmadis booked for ‘posing’ as Muslims	484
4	Number of Ahmadis booked for using Islamic epithets	161
5	Number of Ahmadis booked for offering prayers	93
6	Number of Ahmadis booked for preaching, etc.	856
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	74
12	Number of Ahmadis charged under the “Blasphemy Law”, i.e. PPC 295-C	320
13	Number of named Ahmadis booked in other cases on religious grounds	1262
14	Former Supreme Head of the Community while living in London was charged in his absence in sixteen cases.	16
15	Present Supreme Head of the Community while living in London charged in cases:	2
16	The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan was charged under section PPC 298-C on 15-12-1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Population of Rabwah is approximately sixty thousand.)	
17	A case against the entire Ahmadi population of Ahmadis in Kotli, was registered for taking up repairs and improvement in their mosque in 2008	

Statistics of other Human Rights violations

((From 1984 to December 31, 2020, except where mentioned otherwise))

• Number of Ahmadis killed	270
• Number of Ahmadis target-killed this year	5
• Ahmadis assaulted for their faith	400
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places demolished	30
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places sealed by the authorities	40
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places set on fire or damaged	28
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places forcibly occupied	18
• Number of Ahmadiyya worship places, construction of which was barred by the authorities	60
• Ahmadis' bodies exhumed after burial	39
• Burial of Ahmadis was denied in common cemetery	76
• Ahmadis' graves desecrated and damaged this year	156
• Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' houses and shops	45
• Number of incidents of <i>Kalima</i> removal from Ahmadis' worship places	103

The Government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the founder of Ahmadiyyat as also the publishing of the Qur'an and its translations by Ahmadis.

All open air rallies and conferences of Ahmadis in Rabwah, the Ahmadiyya headquarters town in Pakistan, have been under a ban since April 1984 after the promulgation of anti-Ahmadiyya ordinance. Even sports events organized at the community level have been prohibited by the authorities.

Laws specific to Ahmadis, and the so-called blasphemy laws

Anti-Ahmadi laws

- I. **PPC 298-B. Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles, etc; reserved for certain holy personages or places.** (1) Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name) who by words, either spoken or written or by visible representation:
- refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a Caliph or companion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as '*Ameerul Mumineen*' '*Khalifa-tul-Mumineen*', '*Khalifa'tul'Muslimeen*', '*Sahaabi*' or *Razi Allah Anho*
 - refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as '*Ummul Mumineen*'
 - refers to, or addresses, any person, other than a member of the family (Ahle-bait) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), as *Ahle-bait*; or
 - refers to, or names, or calls, his place of worship as 'Masjid':
- shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.
2. Any person of the Qadiani group or Lahori group (who call themselves Ahmadis or by any other name) who by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representation, refers to the mode or form of call to prayers followed by his faith as '*Azan*' or recites *Azan* as used by the Muslims, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, and shall also be liable to fine.

- II. **PPC 298-C. Person of Qadiani group etc, calling himself a Muslim or preaching or propagating his faith.** Any person of the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name), who, directly or indirectly, poses himself as Muslim, or calls, or refers to, his faith as Islam, or preaches or propagates his faith, or invites others to accept his faith, by words, either spoken or written, or by visible representations, or in any manner whatsoever outrages the religious feelings of Muslims, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.

The blasphemy laws (category PPC 295)

PPC	Description	Penalty
295	Injuring or defiling places of worship, with intent to insult the religion of any class	Up to two years' imprisonment or with fine or with both
295-A	Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs	Up to ten years' imprisonment, or with fine, or with both
295-B	Defiling, etc. of Holy Quran	Imprisonment for life
295-C	Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet	Death and fine



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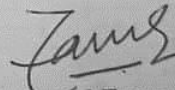
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All Regional General Managers.
All In-Charge of Regional Offices.

Subject: DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL CHANNELS.

Reference may please be made to the subject matter.

2. This Office has, from time to time, been receiving numerous complaints against distribution of illegal channels especially Ahmedia channels including "MTA, MTA-1, MTA-1-Al-Awla, Ahmedia-1 (Urdu)" etc., however, despite inquiry, specifics of such distribution network(s) remained unavailable.
3. All Regional Offices are however directed to remain vigilant and to ensure that no such illegal channel is carried by any distribution service licensee. In case of violation, stern legal action must be initiated against the violator including but not limited to seizure of complete equipment besides initiating process for cancellation of its license, in accordance with law.


(Muhammad Farooq)
Director General
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Annex V

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PRIME MINISTER

Islamabad
25 October 2020

Dear Mr. Zuckerberg,

I am writing to draw your attention to the growing Islamophobia that is encouraging hate, extremism and violence across the world and especially through the use of social media platforms including Facebook. I appreciate your taking the step to rightly ban any posting that criticizes or questions the Holocaust, which was the culmination of the Nazi pogrom of the Jews in Germany and across Europe as Nazis spread across Europe.

However, today we are seeing a similar pogrom against Muslims in different parts of the world. Unfortunately, in some states, Muslims are being denied their citizenship rights and their democratic personal choices from dress to worship. In India, anti-Muslim laws and measures such as CAA and NRC as well as targeted killings of Muslims and blaming Muslims for Corona virus are reflective of the abominable phenomenon of Islamophobia. In France, Islam has been associated with terrorism and publication of blasphemous cartoons targeting Islam and our Holy Prophet (PBUH) has been allowed. This will lead to further polarization and marginalization of Muslims in France. How will the French distinguish between radical extremist Muslim citizens and the mainstream Muslim citizenry of Islam? We have seen how marginalization inevitably leads to extremism – something the world does not need.

Given the rampant abuse and vilification of Muslims on social media platforms, I would ask you to place a similar ban on Islamophobia and hate against Islam for Facebook that you have put in place for the Holocaust. The message of hate must be banned in total – one cannot send a message that while hate messages against some are unacceptable, these are acceptable against others. Nor should the world have to wait for a pogrom against Muslims, which is ongoing in countries like India and in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, to be completed before Islamophobia is banned. This in itself is reflective of prejudice and bias that will encourage further radicalization.

Sincerely,

(Imran Khan)

Spate of murders

Editorial 22 Nov 2020

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

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

Published in *Dawn*, November 22, 2020



Mullas assert denial of all religious practices to Ahmadis (see translation overleaf) and involve the police in this outrage.

(Translation)

**We are the guardians of End of Prophethood
We are the loyal servants of the Sovereign
(p.b.u.h.)**

**To permit Qadianis practice Islamic rites is
equivalent to churning out blasphemers Salman
Rushdie.**

**As per PPC 298-B and 298-C of Anti-Qadiani Ordinance
of 1984, Qadianis are not allowed to preach their faith
nor practice any Islamic rite that identifies one as a
Muslim, like (Qurbani, Prayers, Fasting, Hajj, Zakat)
and if you see a Qadiani slaughter a sacrificial animal
or distribute meat**

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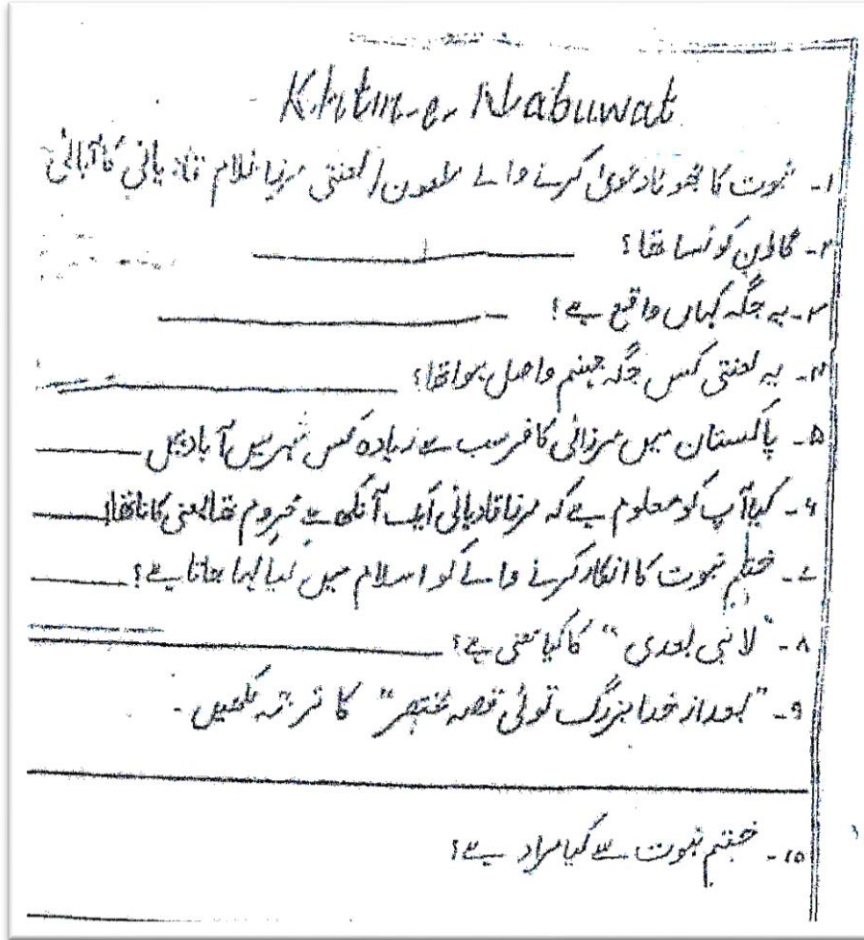
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***(Mullas insist on validity of legal denial of all religious
practices to Ahmadis and involve the police in this outrage.)
Original overleaf***

**Translation:**

- What is the name of the village of the false claimant to Prophecy, the 'cursed' Mirza Ghulam Qadiani?
- Where is this place located?
- From what city was this 'cursed' person transferred to hell (*die*)?
- In which city of Pakistan, these infidel *Mirzais* are found in majority?
- Do you know that Mirza Qadiani was one-eyed?
- What do we call a denier of *Khatam-e-Nabuwwat* in Islam?
- What is meant by "*La Nabi-a-Baadi*"?
- Translate, "*Bad az Khuda buzurg tui qissa mukhtasar*"
- What is meant by *Khatam-e-Nabuwwat*?

Vitriolic home-work for students in a prestigious school in District Sialkot

For the record

60%

increase in number of average pages of monthly persecution reports this year over 16 1/2 pages in the final year of previous regime

5

Ahmadis murdered for their faith

15

Ahmadis in prison, more than the maximum ever during the past two regimes.

162

Number of Ahmadis' tombstones damaged by authorities in the Punjab this year

2020

14

Ahmadiyya worship places defiled or closed down etc. this year

21

Ahmadis booked fraudulently this year under PPC 295-B for which the penalty is life imprisonment

The poisonous snake of Qadianiat has turned into poisonous dragon with the backing of world powers.

Sirajul Haq, Amir Jamaat Islami

Mr. Tahir A Nasim, a former Ahmadi; was shot dead inside a court room, in the presence of the judge on July 29,

360%

increase in number of Ahmadis booked on basis of religion, compared to last year