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USEFUL EXTRACTS FROM PRESIDENT BIDEN'S NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

In March 2021, the U.S. President Joe Biden issued an important document titled: **Interim National Security Strategic Guidance**. There are no different opinions that the present day United States is the leading democracy — very powerful, prosperous, and functional. Pakistan claims to be a democracy and a republic. Surely, it could profit from the guidelines given by the President to the American government and people. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said: *Wisdom (Hikmah) is the lost belonging of the Mo-min; he should take it wherever he finds it*. We produce below some extracts from the Strategic Guidance that are particularly relevant to human rights, democracy, national cohesion etc. Pak leadership would find these useful in their own context (Highlighting is ours.):

We will defend and protect human rights and address discrimination, inequity, and marginalization in all its forms. ...

It is our most solemn obligation to protect the security of the American people. ...

This requires to meet challenges not only from great powers and regional adversaries, **but also from violent and criminal non-state actors and extremists**, and from threats like climate change, infections, diseases, cyber attacks and **disinformation that respect no national borders. ...**

America's ideals of democracy, equality and diversity are fundamental and enduring sources of advantage – but they are not a given. ...

We will enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion, ...

(Equity). This necessitates deep reforms to policing and our criminal justice system, and urgent steps to ensure voting rights for all. But that is not enough. ...

When we defend equal rights of all people – of women and girls, LGBTQI individuals, indigenous communities, people with disabilities, and people of every ethnic background **and religion** — we help ensure that those rights are protected for our own children. ...

We will work to ensure high-quality and equitable education and opportunity for children and youth. We shall advance gender equality, LBGTQI rights, and women's empowerment as part of our broader commitment to inclusive economic growth **and social cohesion.**

... Recent events show all too clearly, that many of the biggest threats we face respect no borders or walls, and must be met with collective action. Pandemics and other biological risks, the escalating climate crisis, cyber and digital threats, international economic disruptions, **protracted humanitarian crises, violent extremism and terrorism**, and the proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction will pose profound and, in some cases, existential threats. ...

We will lead in promoting shared norms and forge new agreements on emerging technologies, space, cyber space, health and biological threats, climate and the environment, **and human rights. ...**

And we will work to ensure that the Department of Defense is a place of truly equal opportunity where our service members do not face discrimination or...

Domestic violent extremism challenges core principles of our democracy and demands policies that protect public safety while promoting our values and respecting our law. We must adopt our approach to counter terrorism, including by aligning our resources to evolving threats. ...

THIRD CASE REGISTERED IN RABWAH AGAINST AHMADIS FOR QURBANI

Rabwah; August 2021:

We reported in earlier reports that two police cases were registered in Rabwah at the occasion of Eid festival, against Ahmadis for undertaking Qurbani and collection of hides.

On 29 July, police registered a new case on the application of Mulla Usama Rahim under FIR

No. 348, against 25 – 30 unknown persons under PPC 188 and 427 in P.S. Chenab Nagar for collecting Qurbani hides.

Mulla Usama Rahim is posted in Rabwah, and his main occupation is to implicate Ahmadis in police cases.

THREE AHMADIS SURVIVE A MURDEROUS ATTACK

43 South, District Sargodha; July 21, 2021:

Mr. Tayyab Ahmad was hit by a bike from the rear by an opponent, while coming back from the mosque. Mr. Ahmad went home without responding to the assault. The attacker, however, followed him to the house, where the elder brother of Mr. Ahmad told the attacker to stop harassing Ahmad. The attacker departed cursing them.

After a while, the attacker returned along with his brothers. They were carrying a pistol and iron rods and mounted an assault, Mr. Ahmad was shot thrice in the legs. The local Ahmadi president Mr. Faiz Ahmad and another Ahmadi Mr. Saif ul-

lah who intervened to stop the fight were also attacked. The president was shot in the leg while Mr. Saifullah received a head injury. They were shifted to a hospital.

This group is active against Ahmadis in the town for long. In 2013, they raised a religious issue against two Ahmadi teachers and made the administration expel them from the school. They harassed Tayyab Ahmad at the occasion of Eid ul Fitr. In their application to the police, they painted the incident in religious color. It is a difficult situation for Ahmadis.

AHMADI FAMILY SEVERELY HARASSED

Rajanpur; August 2021:

Mr. Muhammad Abdullah and his family joined Ahmadiyyat in 1996. On July 29, 2021, Abdullah's brother-in-law along with a few mullas came to his house. Abdullah was not at home at the time. He said that Abdullah had forcibly kept his sister at home and beat her. They took Abdullah's wife out into the street and shouted that they were not allowing the children to come out, and called the police. When the police arrived, the miscreants told the police that the Mirzais had forcibly locked the children in the house. The police went inside the house and took the children to the police station. There, the SHO urged the girls to

state that they had been forcibly converted to Ahmadiyyat, but they did not make such a statement. Then he told them that their father and brother had been arrested; where would they stay? The girls said that they would not go with their maternal uncle. The SSP Investigation separately interrogated the boys and girls and took statements, in which all the children stated that no one had forced them to become Ahmadi and they became Ahmadi of their own accord, and they don't want to go with their uncle.

At this, Abdullah's wife was taken away by her brothers and the children returned home.

AHMADI OFFICIAL REMOVED FOR HIS FAITH — FOLLOW-UP

August 2021:

Mr. Shaukat Hayat Majoka, Ahmadi, is a qualified government servant. He has faced great opposition and harassment at the hands of religious and political parties, in performance of his duties. A story of his ordeal was told in the monthly report of July 2021.

Mr. Majoka was appointed as Tehsil Municipal Officer (TMO) Fatah Jang and Jand, District Attock. Sectarian extremists wrote to the Chief Secretary Home Punjab that he was an Ahmadi while the locals were Sunni with faith in the end of prophet hood, so his appointment could lead to disorder. Also, a man who does not have full faith in the end of prophet hood could not be beneficial for the locals, they said. At this, he was transferred.

Then he was appointed as TMO Mianwali on July 16, 2021. The mullas and political self-seekers spearheaded a malicious campaign against him for being an Ahmadi. He was thus barred from assuming his charge.

On August 13, he received transfer orders for Rawalpindi. The anti-Ahmadi there lobby protested against his posting, called for a protest rally and issued a call for Friday sermons on August 20, 2021 against his posting. Moreover, they threatened with a sit-in at Kachehri Chowk if their demand was not met. The Action Committee Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwwat Rawalpindi organized this campaign.

When Mr. Majoka went to meet the DC Rawalpindi for joining, mullas also gathered there and protested, however the DC took his joining. The opponents then launched a trend against him on Twitter with the hashtag "Remove Qadiani Shaukat Hayat". Mullas reacted strongly to his appointment through the social media, and threatened further action and protest. In these circumstances, the administration transferred him to Lahore on August 25.

The issue is still active. We'll report follow-up.

AHMADI SCHOOL TEACHER FIRED FOR HER FAITH

Barakahu, Islamabad; August 5, 2021:

Ms. Atia tul Naseer Nabeel has been teaching here in "The Rise International School" for the past eight years. For the past three years, she was appointed as the Coordinator of the Junior School. She was promoted as Head of the Junior Campus in May 2021 for excellent performance and was given a separate office. She was accorded respect and appreciation, and her faith was not held against her.

On August 5, 2021, a man came to her office, misbehaved with her and threatened her of expulsion from the school. She complained against

him to the CEO who sent for him. He objected that a Qadiani had been given a supervising position. He threatened the CEO as well as Ms. Nabeel. He knew all the details of her house and family. Afterwards, he told the CEO about her sister's details who had been teaching in another school around 14 years ago and is now residing in Germany, and threatened him of consequences.

Afterwards, the CEO called her, fired her from the job and told her that he was helpless and advised her to remain underground for 3 months and not contact him. She is disturbed.

NEWLY APPOINTED CEO HEALTH DISTRICT CHAKWAL REMOVED FOR BEING AHMADI

London; September 1, 2021:

International Human Rights Committee issued the following Press Release, (extract): Newly appointed CEO Health Chakwal Dr. Waseem Ahmed has been removed from his post, for being an Ahmadi. Dr. Waseem Ahmad was appointed as CEO Health, Chakwal on 20th of August 2021 who assumed charge of this post on 24th of August, 2021.

Right after his assumption of charge a well-planned hate campaign was started against him in which, not only the religious organizations but also the local media outlets and lawyers' associations played their active part and a unanimous demand of removal of Dr. Waseem Ahmad was made to the Health Care Department of Government of the Punjab just because of his belief.

Intolerance and hatred towards Ahmadis in Pakistan are nothing new rather it has a history spread over decades which is gaining momentum day by day under the State supervision. Systematic marginalization of Ahmadis in all walks of life, because of their religious beliefs is not considered condemnable and Ahmadis are being treated as such a class which has no basic human rights and this recent incident in District Chakwal has proven these facts.

It has also been reported that local Member Provincial Assembly and Minister in Government of the Punjab, Hafiz Ammar Yasir raised this issue before the Speaker Punjab Assembly Ch. Pervaiz Elahi who approached the Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid and asked her to remove Dr. Waseem Ahmad from the position of CEO Health, Chakwal whereafter the Ahmadi public official was transferred from this post just after a few days of his appointment.

This incident is another evidence of the hatred prevalent in the society against Ahmadis who are being denied their rights just because of the fact that the majority is not happy with their religious beliefs.

On July 13, 2021, UN human rights experts expressed their deep concern over the lack of attention to the serious human rights violations perpetrated against the Ahmadiyya community around the world and called on the international community to step up efforts in bringing an end to the ongoing persecution of Ahmadis.

EVEN THE HIGH COURT REJECTS BAIL PLEA

Lahore; August 30, 2021: Seven Ahmadis, including a number of very senior community officials were booked in a fabricated case FIR No. 29 in P.S. FIA Cyber Crimes Lahore on May 26, 2020 under PPC 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 and PECA-II. Mr. Rohan Ahmad was arrested in this case. Later when Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Ahmad Shahzad reported to the FIA office, the officials arrested them too.

Subsequent to the rejection of their plea for bail by the Sessions Court Lahore, the three filed a post-arrest bail application before the Lahore High Court. In June, Justice Shehram Sarwar, thereafter Justice Anwar ul Haq Punnu refused to hear this case and sent it back to the Chief Justice. Justice M Waheed Khan was then named to hear the case. In the meantime, the trial went on in the court of ASJ Syed Ali Abbas in Lahore, where he added the Blasphemy Section 295-C to the charge sheet application of the complainant. The penalty under this clause is death.

On August 30, 2021, Justice Amjad Rafiq rejected the plea of bail of the three accused.

AHMADI STUDENT FACES HOSTILITY AT UNIVERSITY

Quetta; August 2021:

Miss Maheen Sharif is a student of BBA at the BUIITEMS University. No one knows about her Ahmadiyya faith there. A cousin of her, who is a varsity fellow, Hafiz Ibrahim spread the word about her Ahmadiyya belief in the university. Mr. Ibrahim has close links with Jamaat e Islami and different Khatme Nabuwat organizations.

After that, when Miss Sharif went to the

university, her fellow students stopped her on the way and asked her about her faith, mentioning Mr. Ibrahim's claims. She was asked to recite the Kalima, which she did. Then they noted down her CNIC number and spared her to go for the viva of Islamiat.

The situation has become normal after the incident, but Miss Sharif is under constant fear of being targeted again for her faith.

AHMADI SEVERELY HARASSED IN QUETTA

Quetta; August 2021:

Mr. Muhammad Tariq is facing severe threats from Shabban e Khatme Nabuwat group for a long time. Earlier, the same group compelled his brother to flee from Quetta. Now they are active against Tariq. They came to his business place, gave him anti-Ahmadiyya literature, and urged him to recant from Ahmadiyyat.

Anti-Ahmadi mullas like Irfan Burq and Syed Anees Ahmad (a student of Manzoor Chini-

oti) also met Mr. Tariq and harassed him. They visited the neighborhood mosque of Mr. Tariq and agitated the residents against him. Consequently, he is facing a boycott from society. The opponents are pressuring his landlord to de hire the house let to Tariq. He is now searching a house where he could shift.

A local informer told Tariq that he is under surveillance. This has caused him stress and affected his peace.

DID YOU KNOW?

AHMADIS FACE THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAWS FOR:

- Self-identifying as a Muslim
- Calling their place of worship a 'masjid'
- Making the call to prayer (azan)
- Preaching or propagating their faith

AHMADIS HAVE TO DECLARE THEMSELVES
NON-MUSLIM
TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE AND STAND FOR ELECTION

SEE PAGE 17 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

AHMADIYYA PLACES OF WORSHIP DURING AUGUST 2021

AHMADIS FORBIDDEN TO WORSHIP IN THEIR OWN WORSHIP PLACE

Samanburg, Johar Town, Lahore; August 22, 2021:

Anti Ahmadi activities have been agitating in this neighborhood for the past four years against the Ahmadiyya place of worship. Activists approached the police, the district administration, the high court to deny worship here to Ahmadis. The issue is kept alive by a few mullas and bigots.

Now Maulvi Ihsan-ul-Haq has written to the police that worship takes place here while the former SHO had settled that only the residents of the place of worship would worship there. He alleged that Ahmadi youth show guns at the site and make loud noises etc. On August 22, 2021, the police and officials of the Special Branch came to the prayer center to check. When the guard opened the door, the SHO asked for the Ahmadiyya local head to report forthwith. Meanwhile, a Special Branch official contacted the president of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Johar Town. They visited the prayer center and the official reported to the SHO on phone that there was nothing objectionable there. Later an Ahmadiyya delegation met the SHO. The SHO said that the decision made by the former SHO that only residents of the place of worship would worship there should be followed, as any changes would turn the opponents against him. He said that none from outside the prayer center should come to worship there.

A bad decision need not be accepted as final.

ANOTHER AHMADIYYA MOSQUE AT RISK

Pirkot, District Hafizabad; August 2021:

For some time now, opponents of Ahmadis are engaged in extensive anti-Ahmadi activities through the police in districts of Hafizabad, Toba Tek Singh, Nankana Sahib, Sheikhpura, Gujranwala, and Faisalabad of the Punjab over the non-issue of minarets and niches in Ahmadiyya mosques.

On 24 August, an official from the office of the District Police Officer (DPO) visited the local Ahmadiyya mosque in Pirkot, took photos, and told the Ahmadis that they cannot write the Kalima in

the mosque. The local community president told him that this inscription was written a long time ago.

The DSP summoned the local Ahmadiyya representatives on August 26 and told them to remove the Kalima from their mosque. Ahmadis told him that there was no such issue in the village, and asked for two days' time to suggest a way out. There is no follow-up yet, but it is to be seen if the Hafizabad Police can act fairly and uphold the freedom of religion of the threatened community.

DID YOU KNOW!
**IN PAKISTAN AHMADIS MAY FACE THREE YEAR IMPRISONMENT FOR
CALLING THEIR PLACES OF WORSHIP A 'MASJID'.**

- 4 AHMADIYYA MOSQUES DESECRATED IN TWO MONTHS
- 10 AHMADIYYA MOSQUES DESECRATED IN 2021
- THE POLICE IS INVOLVED IN ALL INCIDENTS
- MEMBERS OF THE BANNED TLP INSTIGATED THE ISSUE

SOME FACTS ON AHMADIYYA MOSQUES 1984 TILL 2020

- 30 Ahmadiyya mosques **demolished**
- 40 Ahmadiyya mosques **sealed** by the authorities
- 28 Ahmadiyya mosques **set on fire** or damaged
- 18 Ahmadiyya mosques **forcibly occupied**
- 60 Ahmadiyya mosques, **construction barred** by the authorities

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FIT FOR ARCHIVES

Islamabad; August 2021: The Ashura Day of Muharram 10 fell on August 19 this year. Prime Minister Imran Khan issued a message to the people of Pakistan on this auspicious day, and the government had it transmitted on social media, including Twitter. We reproduce below translation of two extracts for record and reference:

6/10: My dear fellow citizens. The fight between right and wrong has gone on since ever and will go on forever. As such, we must always support the Truth and Justice. We should pay tribute to the Great Imam by countering all steps that support falsehood, deceit and duplicity.

7/10: We should not hesitate from offering sacrifice in support of the high principles of Islam for which Hazrat Imam Hussain offered the martyrdom of the Holy Prophet's family.

As the great event at Karbala was essentially and primarily about Human and Fundamental Rights, we place on record a statement tweeted by the Spokesperson of Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

The govt. legislative, judiciary, civil society & media in Pakistan have always worked for ensuring constitutional protections for members of minorities as equal citizens & their places of worship, whereas in India incidents against minorities take place with state complicity.



USCIRF'S OPINION ON RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN SOUTH ASIA

August 2021:

USCIRF is an independent, bipartisan US Federal government entity that monitors, analyses and reports on threats to religious freedom. It issued the following:

The Impact of Majoritarianism on Religious Minorities in South Asia

August 19, 2021

We have seen a significant deterioration in religious freedom conditions in South Asia in recent years. Blasphemy cases, forced conversions, attacks on houses of worship, hate speech and violence targeting religious minorities are among the long list of religious freedom concerns in the region — particularly in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Farahnaz Ispahani joins us to expound upon the myriad of concerns in the region. She is a former Member of Parliament in Pakistan, and is currently a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center and a Senior Fellow at the Religious Freedom Institute.

Read more about USCIRF's policy recommendations for all countries mentioned in this episode in the 2021 USCIRF Annual Report.

[Uscirf.gov/news-room/uscirf-spotlight/impact-majoritarianism](https://uscirf.gov/news-room/uscirf-spotlight/impact-majoritarianism)



The USCIRF was more specific about Pakistan in the tweet above.

SOME RELEVANT PAKISTAN PENAL CODES

Injuring or defiling places of worship, with the intent to insult the religion of any class

295

Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs

295 A

Up to ten years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

295 B

Life imprisonment

Use of derogatory remarks, etc; in respect of the Holy Prophet

295 C

Death and fine

Uttering words, etc., with the deliberate intent to injure religious feelings

298

Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

Use of derogatory remarks etc., in respect of holy personages

298 A

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles etc., reserved for certain holy personages or places, by Ahmadis

298 B

Three years' imprisonment and fine

An Ahmadi, calling himself a Muslim, or preaching or propagating his faith, or outraging the religious feelings of Muslims, or posing himself as a Muslim

298 C

Three years' imprisonment and fine

UPDATE OF ACTIVE CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST AHMADIS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

A brief statement and update (until August 31, 2021) of various on-going criminal cases against Ahmadis in Pakistan is produced below.

- Imprisoned Ahmadis from Bhoiwal, District Sheikhpura were booked on May 13, 2014 in FIR Nr. 291. An appeal is pending in Lahore High Court (LHC) against the decision of Sessions Court Ferozwala, District Sheikhpura that condemned them to death under PPC 295-C on October 11, 2017. They are in Sahiwal Jail, and are behind bars for over seven years.
 - » Because of holidays in the High Court, the court has not given fresh date of hearing their appeal, after July 14, 2021.
- Mr. Waqar Ahmad, a student of Jamia Ahmadiyya and Others were booked with FIR Nr. 152 on November 12, 2019 under PPCs 295-B, 295-A, 298-C, 34, 109, 120B at P.S. FIA Lahore, and they arrested him.
 - » After the LHC rejected his plea for bail, the Supreme Court released him on bail in March 2021, after one year four months of his incarceration. There was no hearing on his last date of court appearance on August 17, 2021. The next given date is August 30, 2021.
- Ms. Ramzan Bibi wife of Mr. Munir Ahmad of Chak 120 Chailayki, District Nankana was booked and arrested with FIR Nr. 275, P.S. Sangla Hill Sadr on April 30, 2020 under PPC 295-C. After her release on bail on February 15, 2021, her trial goes on in the court of ASJ Saleem Chohan Sangla Hill, District Nankana.
 - » There were no proceedings on August 11, 2021; the next date of hearing is August 23, 2021.
- Mr. Rohan Ahmad, Malik Usman Ahmad, Hafiz Tariq Ahmad Shahzad and four others were booked with FIR 29 on May 26, 2020 in Police Station FIA Cyber Crimes Lahore under PPCs 295-B, 298-C, 120-B, 109, 34 and PECA-11. Mr. Rohan Ahmad was arrested; he is in Camp Jail, Lahore.
 - » FIA arrested Malik Usman Ahmad and Hafiz Tariq Ahmed Shahzad on September 30, 2020 when they presented themselves at FIA Office. They are in Camp Jail.
 - » Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, a rep of the Lahore Ahmadi Community who accompanied the above two accused to the FIA Office, was also arrested at the occasion, under PPC 295-B, 298-C, 109, PECA-11. He is imprisoned in Camp Jail, Lahore.
 - » On June 29, 2021, ASJ Lahore Syed Ali Abbas added PPC 295-C to the charge sheets of Messrs Rohan Ahmad, Usman Ahmad

and Tariq Ahmad Shahzad. Their plea for bail lies in the LHC before Justice M Waheed Khan. The next hearing is on August 24, 2021.

- » Lahore High Court had accepted Mr. Zaheer Ahmad's plea for bail on February 23, 2021, however, the officials of FIA (Cyber Crimes), immediately before his release, rearrested him in Case Nr. 88/2019 Al-lama Iqbal Town, Lahore and put him again in Camp Jail despite the fact that Mr. Zaheer Ahmad had not been named in the said case. In this case, ASJ Lahore Ali Abbas canceled Mr. M. Iqbal Hashmi's bail on August 03, 2021 and ordered his arrest. Before this, the same judge had added PPC 295-C to his charge sheet on request of his opponents.
- » The next date of hearing on plea for bail is September 09, 2021.
- The police booked three Ahmadi community officials namely Mr. Shariat Ahmad (president), Mr. Akbar Ali (finance secretary) and Mr. Tahir Naqqash (teacher) with FIR Nr. 352 in P.S. Mangtanwala, District Nankana under 298-B and 298-C on May 02, 2020. They were arrested on October 2, 2020 after LHC rejected their plea for bail.
 - » While in detention, Mr. Akbar Ali died of heart attack on February 16, 2021.
 - » Thereafter, Justice Asjad Javed Gharal of LHC accept their plea for release on bail and the authorities released them. On May 24, 2021, Justice Farooq Haider of LHC endorsed the decision of Magistrate Adil Riaz and ASJ Abu Bakr Siddique of Nankana Sahib to add PPCs 295-C and 295-B to their charge sheet; an appeal against his Order is now with the Supreme Court. The trial goes on in the Sessions Court, Nankana.
- Mr. Abdul Majeed of Peshawar was booked on September 10, 2020 in Case Nr. 648 under PPC 295-C. They arrested him. He is now in Peshawar Jail.
- The police booked Messrs. Naseer Ahmad, Rafiq Ahmad, Naveed Ahmad, Ali Hussain, Niaz Hussain, Sanaullah and M Amin (not an Ahmadi), in Case Nr. 750 on July 26, 2021 in Police Station Dijkot, District Faisalabad under PPC 7ATA, 124, 148 and 149.
 - » Mr. Naveed Ahmad is under arrest and trial.
- The police registered a case against Mr. Ilyas Ahmad and four unnamed persons with FIR Nr. 335 at P.S. Chenab Nagar on July 22, 2021 under PPC 298-C over sacrificing cattle on Eid ul Adha.
- The police registered a case against Mr. Sarwar Ahmad with FIR Nr. 388 on July 26, 2021 at P.S. Chenab Nagar under PPC 188 over collection of sacrificial hides on Eid ul Adha.
- The police registered a case un-

named with FIR Nr. 348 on July 29, 2021 at P.S. Chenab Nagar under PPC 427 and 188.

- The police booked Dr Shahid Iqbal, Mr. Nasim Ahmad, Mr. Nasser A Qamar and Others with FIR Nr. 325 on July 23, 2020 at P.S. Rajanpur City under PPC 295-B, 295-A, 298-A, 298-B, 298-C and 506, over the school.

» Dr Iqbal was acquitted in December 2020. The other two named accused Mr. Nasim Ahmad and Mr. Naseer A Qamar's temporary bails were not confirmed by the ATC Judge at DG Khan, Mr. Farrukh Bakhat Behzad, and he ordered their arrest. These two accused were shifted to Rajanpur jail.

» The High Court will now hear the accused's plea for bail on September 09, 2021, as the sessions court rejected their plea.

- The police booked and arrested Mr. Mansoor A Tahir of Chak 3/SP District Okara with FIR Nr. 217 on March 31, 2021 at P.S. Haveli Lakha under 16 M.P.O. Later they added PPC 295-A to the charge sheet. The sessions court rejected the accused's plea for bail.

» They registered a fresh case against the accused with FIR Nr. 112 on July 02, 2021, and shifted him from Okara to Camp Jail, Lahore. ASJ Ali Abbas rejected the accused's plea for bail, plea against that decision lies with LHC.

- As regards the Dulmial, District Chakwal case, four Ahmadi detainees were released on bail and the case is active in ATC, Rawalpindi. The case is kept 'pending' after a re-

consideration agreement between the two parties. As for the Ahmadiyya mosque, the case lies with Civil Court, Choa Saidan Shah, District Chakwal. Hearings under 145 to de-seal the mosque are held separately. The next date of hearing is September 06. It is nearly five years that this only place of worship available to the Ahmadis of Dulmial remains sealed.

- Mr. Tahir A Khalid was booked and arrested on March 31, 2014 under PPC 295-B. The court released him on bail five and half months later. The trial goes on in Karachi. The next hearing is on September 04, 2021.

- Messrs Amjad Iqbal Salooni and Ikram Ilahi were released on bail in March 2018 and are under trial. Next date of hearing is September 16, 2021.

- Mulla Hassan Muawiyah put up a writ petition in LHC for depriving Ahmadis their right to undertake Qurbani. Next date of hearing is not available.

- Ahmadis challenged in the High Court the Notification that banned Roohani Khazain, a set of books written by the Founder of Ahmadiyyat. It is before the Multan Bench. It was 'Left Over', and a fresh date is yet awaited.

- The Notification to ban Ahmadiyya periodicals was challenged in the High Court. It is pending there, and a fresh date of hearing is not yet available.

DESECRATION OF A TEMPLE — COMMENDABLE RESPONSE

The daily Dawn; August 5-7, 2021:

Hundreds of people reportedly vandalized a Hindu temple in Bhong, District Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab, and blocked the Sukkur-Multan Motorway on August 4, 2021 after a local court granted bail to a nine-year old Hindu boy, who allegedly urinated in a local seminary.

The media, the government, the judiciary, all took due note of the incident. It is worth placing on record. The daily Dawn reported the developments in its issues of August 5-7. Headlines:

- Mob ransacks temple after minor boy gets bail in desecration case. August 5, 2021
- CJP summons Punjab police Chief today over temple vandalism August 6, 2021
- Cases against suspects a day after temple riot August 6, 2021
- Editorial: Desecration of temple August 6, 2021
- SC orders police to arrest culprits behind temple attack. CJP deplors police failure to safeguard temple. August 7, 2021
- Over 20 rioters arrested in temple attack August 7, 2021

In addition to above, federal ministers tweeted messages to condemn the attack. Urdu press reported that the National Assembly passed a unanimous condemning resolution. Even the Punjab Assembly demanded severe penalty against the rioters. KPK and Sindh assemblies passed similar resolutions.

The Chief Justice of the SC ordered the Chief Secretary and the IG Police Punjab to take legal action against the miscreants. He observed in court, "The country got a bad name because of this attack on temple, the police failed to act. It is three days and not one (attacker) has been arrested. If the Commissioner and DPO are unable to perform, they should be removed. An 8-year old child is detained who knows no difference between a Hindu and a Muslim. Relieve the SHO (of his job). Form peace committees to promote religious harmony, to ensure no repetition of such incidents. Arrest them (the accused) without delay."

Daily Dunya August 7, 2021

The above reaction and notice by the authorities is praise-worthy. This however, calls for a reappraisal of the policy in the Punjab on demolishing and desecration of Ahmadiyya mosques by the police. After all, when the common person sees the police vandalizing the Ahmadiyya mosques with Kalima written on them, he feels free to vandalize temples where they worship deities other than Allah.

END OF PROPHETHOOD TO BE TAUGHT RE-PEATEDLY

IN PRIMARY CLASSES IN THE PUNJAB

Sialkot, August 2021: We have received a copy of Chief Executive Officer, District Sialkot letter that deserves placing on record for future reference, and calls for a comment now. We produce below its translation:

From the Office of Chief Executive Officer (DEA) Sialkot
To: All the District Education Officers District Sialkot
Letter No: 3568 Date: August 17, 2021

- Subject: Important Instructions to Heads of Institutes
1. All heads of education institutes should be made to appoint only Muslim teachers to teach the subjects of Islamiyat and Arabic, who have a good knowledge of Islam.
 2. The students should be given lectures from time to time during the Islamiyat and Arabic periods on Khatme e Nabuwwat in the light of the teachings of the Holy Quran and Hadith.
 3. The following Hadith should be displayed on prominent and safe places of the school.

انا خاتم النبيين لا نبي بعدي (ترمذی شریف)۔
I am the last of the Prophets, and there will be no Prophet after me.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer (DEA)
Sialkot

Copy for information: Deputy Commissioner Sialkot

Copy of original vernacular is placed at Annex I.

There is a background to the issuance of this letter. Earlier on, the Punjab Government had made the study of the Holy Quran compulsory as a separate subject under “The Holy Quran Compulsory Study Act 2018”. Three to four periods per week were to be allocated to the subject and all private and government schools and Madrassas were to follow this instruction and make arrangements accordingly.

In addition, the subject of Khatm e Nabuwwat (KN) was taught only in Matric and Intermediate, but now it has been made part of the syllabus from class I onward.

This order apparently has been issued on instructions from Lahore, the provincial capital. The promulgated instructions call for some analysis and commit.

First, it makes no sense that Arabic, a language, should be taught only by a Muslim teacher. Not only Muslims but also Christians, Jews and other Non-Muslims including those of no religion speak this language. This language existed long before Islam come to Arabia. Therefore, this order is sectarian,

improper, unjust and baseless.

Second, what is the rationale of teaching the dogma of Khatme Nabuwwat during Arabic language periods? A language has no religion; its learning should involve no commitment to a religious belief.

Third, why only one particular Hadith should be displayed in the school, out of a collection of tens of thousands of Hadiths? Also, there are numerous Hadiths on the issue of Khatme Nabuwwat, why not display one or two others also that shed light on this issue from a different perspective, for instance the one from Sahih Muslim wherein the Holy Prophet, while referring to the advent of the future Messiah, termed him a Nabi (Prophet) four times in a single discourse.

Fourth, it is said that the Holy Quran contains approximately seven hundred Sharia orders etc. The Hadith would contain even more. So how come the authorities find only the End of Prophethood fit to be taught repeatedly to students over 12 years in Islamiyat and Arabic periods? There must be some ulterior motive other than simply imparting Islamic teachings on KN. It is not difficult to guess.

Fifth, what is the purpose of giving so much time and emphasis to this particular issue in this country where 97% of the population is Muslim? Even Ahmadis believe in the Finality of Prophethood. The difference is merely semantic and only in finer interpretation. The authorities obviously have their own (political) agenda, and they hope to make some personal gain through a hateful campaign that this issue will make it possible to precipitate through sectarian and extremist elements.

There is enough experience that the periods allocated to the KN issue in schools and colleges are spent on hateful propaganda against the Ahmadi community, while no Ahmadi is ever permitted to explain the Ahmadiyya belief on this issue. To prove our point, we place at Annex II a homework sheet given to students by a teacher. To conclude, by adding the topic of Khatme Nabuwwat to primary school syllabus, false and baseless information on Ahmadiyyat and its founder will be imparted to the young students. This will create an environment of hate against the Ahmadi students in schools that will add greatly to their problems.

DECLARATIONS BY THE CANDIDATE ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN	DECLARATION AND OATH TO REGISTER AS A MUSLIM VOTER ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN
(iii) I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophet-hood of Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the last of the Prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.	I, _____(name of the voter), do solemnly swear that I believe, in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the last of the prophets and that I am not the follower of anyone who claims to be a Prophet in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever after prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), and that I do not recognize such a claimant to be prophet or a religious reformer, nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group or call myself an Ahmadi.
[Note: This paragraph is for Muslim candidates only and is not applicable to non-Muslim candidates.]	(Name & Signature of Voter)

PERSECUTED, BUT HELD IN REGARD

Ahmadiyya Community is a worldwide community, tied together in common spiritual, moral and social bonds. One of its core policies is to endeavor and promote higher values in these fields among its members, regardless of their geographical, ethnic or national identities. It is quite successful in achieving this aim.

In Pakistan, the community gets a very bad press — especially the vernacular. The media provides Ahmadis no space to explain or defend themselves. The law is worded to forbid them do that (calling it *proselytizing*). As such, it is not surprising that uninformed public opinion in the country rates them very negatively these days. The reality of Ahmadis' communal worth however is not difficult to assess in the global village, from independent sources.

The UK Ahmadiyya Community held its annual gathering in the first week of August this year. At this occasion, a number of VIPs from many parts of the world sent Messages. We produce below a few of these; these reflect adequately upon the Community's true position and worth, that is quite different from what the media in Pakistan portrays:

Message from Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson, 10 Downing St. London

To Your Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, all delegates of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community attending the Jalsa Salana and indeed the wider Muslim community across the world, I extend my best wishes on this auspicious occasion and a very warm 'Assalamo Alaikum' to you all.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is well known to me, and your services in helping make our country the wonderful and diverse place it is are recognised across Government and wider society. I fondly recall my visit to the Baitul Futuh Mosque and, of course, the warmth of my meetings with His Holiness.

The spirit of service to humanity which your community exemplifies, captured beautifully in your renowned slogan of "Love for all, hatred for none", has been very much in evidence, as I have seen for myself in the incredible work the community is doing across the UK in response to challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. From providing PPE and social support, hosting vaccination centres across mosques and your community centres, to 'Easy Cooking Campaigns' — these are all great examples of how you have pulled together during times of unprecedented challenge and helped each other — and for that all I can say is thank you and keep going!

I also want to pay tribute to the many members of the community who work in all parts of our incredible NHS, ensuring we get our country vaccinated, support the most vulnerable and who, together with many volunteers, continue providing care to the elderly and families across society.

Of course, this inspiring work is not limited to the UK and I know, under the dynamic leadership of His Holiness, the community has continued to work in some of the most challenging parts of the world, helping those most in need who suffer from hunger and poverty, particularly through the superb work of Humanity First.

So, as you gather after many months of challenge, as we collectively continue our battle against the pandemic, as we pause in prayer and reflection to mourn the loss of loved ones, I believe we approach the future stronger as a country with a greater sense of togetherness. May the Jalsa Salana be a truly blessed occasion and, while this year I know your numbers are limited, I do hope that as we continue to build back from the pandemic that, 'inshallah', next year's event will celebrate the gathering of the community from across all parts of the world.



Message from Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister Canada

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at on this occasion of the 55th Annual UK Jalsa Salana.

I would like to offer a particular welcome to Canadian members of the community, who, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, are unable to host an event in Canada this year. I would also like to express my gratitude to Canadian Ahmadis for all of their humanitarian efforts during the COVID-19 crisis and for offering their services to help Canadians from all walks of life. Ahmadis around the world do exceptional work through Humanity First.

This 55th anniversary edition of the UK Jalsa Salana is sure to be a memorable experience. The last year has been a challenging one for our society and the COVID-19 pandemic has made planning events especially difficult. I would therefore like to thank His Holiness, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at for holding the 55th Annual UK Jalsa Salana and for their dedication in bringing this event to fruition.

Please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a successful Jalsa Salana.



Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer, Leader Labour Party UK

The Labour party stands with you and your fight for Peace, Justice and Tolerance across the world.

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister Scotland

I hope that this year's event is a very special one. It will enable you to reflect on how we can create a fairer society and a more peaceful world.



Lord Zac Goldsmith, Baron of Richmond

For more than a century you have given so much to this country. Where you faced persecution and hate, you faced it down with compassion, and you've brought communities together.

Background image scenes from Jalsa Salana UK

The following message sent out from the Jalsa is also worth quoting:

The 2021 Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the advancement of peace goes to 'Mother Teresa of Asia' Dharma Master Cheng Yen of Taiwan.

The 2021 Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the advancement of peace has been awarded to Dharma Master Cheng Yen of Taiwan for her humanitarian work. She is the founder of the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation. TZU CHI is active on five continents and has provided relief aid to 100 countries and areas globally.

A NOBLE INITIATIVE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

Islamabad, August 4, 2021:

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (and 7 others) shared a poster on Twitter from Government of Pakistan official Twitter handle on the 75th Anniversary of the Independence of Pakistan, in 'Remembering our Legendary Heroes'. These include Sir Muhammad Zafarullah Khan, an Ahmadi who was appointed as the first Foreign Minister of Pakistan by the founding father, Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. We reproduce below the poster.



Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and 7 others Tweeted on 4th August

We may add that this release by the federal ministry is a praiseworthy action on its part, and is in the highest tradition of dissemination of truthful information in the face of fabricated and hateful popular propaganda. Bravo.

As of August 31, 2021:

- 17 Ahmadi are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- 5 Ahmadi were arrested for their faith during July 2021.
- PPC 295-C is added to the case of three imprisoned Ahmadi in June.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student is in jail under PPC 295-C, which carries the death penalty.
- 3 Ahmadi have been on death row since 2017 and in prison since July 18, 2014
- 1 Ahmadi prisoner died while in police custody in Feb. 2021

Know the Facts

THIS YEAR SO FAR

- 1 Ahmadi has been murdered in 2021, raising the total to 271 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 8 murder attempts
- 1 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, he was imprisoned on the basis of his faith.
- 10 Ahmadiyya places of worship have been desecrated
- 45 gravestones have been removed
- 19 new cases have been registered against Ahmadi under PPCs 298, 298-B,C, 295-A,B,C
- Sacred inscription from 15 houses and shops have been removed

AHMADI CENSORSHIP

- The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has blocked 20 non-Pakistan based foreign websites affiliated with the worldwide community and properly registered in their respective countries. PTA has also issued notices to their operators with criminal prosecution for violating Pakistan's blasphemy and anti-Ahmadiyya laws. According to PTA any website that portrays Ahmadi as Muslims will be blocked in Pakistan.
- Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) has ordered that Ahmadi channels (MTA) should not be carried by any distribution service licensee.
- In 1996, the government of Punjab issued a notification to return all nationalized educational institutions, that affected the community's 8 Schools and 2 colleges which were nationalized in 1972. Despite fulfilling all terms and conditions, and regardless of repeated requests and numerous reminders, the community's institutions are not denationalized.
- The entire population of Rabwah i.e. Ahmadiyya headquarters in Pakistan, was charged under section PPC 298-C on Dec. 15, 1989, and again on June 8, 2008. (Rabwah population is approximately 60,000.)
- The government has banned all outdoor rallies & conferences of Ahmadi in Rabwah.
- The government of Punjab has banned the publishing of the Quran and its translation
- The government of Punjab has banned the entire written works of the Founder of Ahmadiyyat.
- Ahmadiyya daily newspaper and periodicals for women, youth, children and elders were banned by a Punjab government notification.
- Authorities have prohibited sports events organized at a community level.

FROM THE MEDIA

- Two injured in PU student groups clash (between IJT and PSC)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 27, 2021
- CII condemns mob attack on Hindu temple
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2021
- Minorities’ rights, places of worship to be protected: CJP says temples, gurdwaras, churches are as sacred to him as his own religious places.
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 12, 2021
- Fazl’s felicitation to Taliban termed JUI-F internal matter
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2021
- Ch Muhammad Sarwar, Governor Punjab said that minorities in Pakistan are the most protected (Mehfuz) as compared to those in the rest of the world
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 24, 2021
- Bars won’t fete judges who backed elevation
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 05, 2021
- Suspected Jihadists kill 51 villagers in Mali, 12 troops in Burkina Faso
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 10, 2021
- Un-conditional \$2.8bn from IMF due on 23rd
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 13, 2021
- Taliban enter Kabul (President) Ghani flees
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 16, 2021
- 47 Spain-bound migrants feared dead off Mauritania
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 18, 2021
- Suicide blast at Kabul Airport: 72 (later 175) dead including 13 U.S. troops, 150 injured. ISIL-K claim responsibility
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 27, 2021
- 14 million Afghans may die of hunger: Chief UN Food
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 27, 2021
- Thai police chief arrested over death in custody
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 28, 2021
- US ending 20-year presence in confusion and uncertainty (in Afghanistan)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 31, 2021
- UK court orders NAB to pay \$1.2m to Broadsheet
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 03, 2021
- MPA Chohan says ‘sorry’ to Akbar for questioning

- faith
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 2, 2021
- PTI’s Abdul Qayyum Niazi elected prime minister of AJK
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 5, 2021
- A fresh inquiry initiated by NAB against Shahbaz Sharif
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 5, 2021
- MPA Chohan accuses Tareen of using him against Shahzad
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 5, 2021
- 42 American citizens in Pakistan will leave today: Fawad Chaudhry
BBC Urdu, August 5, 2021
- Three coal miners gunned down in Baluchistan
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 25, 2021
- Pakistan wants refugees kept inside Afghanistan
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 1, 2021
- Govt set to seek extension of election ordinance
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 2, 2021
- Govt slammed over ‘failure’ to exit FATF grey list
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 3, 2021
- 3 Levies die in bomb attack in Baluchistan
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 27, 2021
- JUI-F chief to lead PDM march on capital
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 30, 2021
- Hindu temple vandalized (in R.Y. Khan)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 5, 2021
- 30 more arrested in temple attack case
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 8, 2021
- Grenade attack on imambargah
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 8, 2021
- UN sounds terrifying warning on climate change
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 10, 2021
- FIA refers ‘gang-raped’ boy’s death case to police
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 10, 2021
- 12 killed in grenade attack on mini-truck in Karachi
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 15, 2021
- 36 more suspects held in Tiktoker’s assault case Primax (at Minar-e-Pakistan). 40 others sent to jail for identification parade.
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2021

- Lawyer shot dead outside his chamber (in Narowal, Punjab)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 25, 2021
- Karachi: 16 workers die in factory fire
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 28, 2021
- Islamabad gets 3m doses of Pfizer vaccine donated by US
The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 27, 2021
- Restrictions imposed on government employees’ use of social media
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, August 29, 2021

Editorial: Afghan Taliban flags

As the Afghan Taliban solidify their grip on power, valid questions have emerged about how the movement’s taking of Kabul will impact associated groups in Pakistan. After all, the Taliban have a number of ideological fellow travellers in this country, including jihadi and sectarian outfits, who are overjoyed by the Afghan group’s victory. One recent incident in the federal capital illustrates that this nexus must be closely watched by the security apparatus to prevent Talibanisation in Pakistan. According to reports, the Afghan Taliban’s white flags were raised from Jamia Hafsa recently — a seminary associated with Islamabad’s infamous Lal Masjid and its militant clerics. The madressah’s administration claims “some students” were behind the stunt; the banners were taken down the same day.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, August 22, 2021

Op-ed: HRCP welcomes Bill declare Torture a Crime

... However, HRCP feels concerned that FIA has been assigned the function of holding inquiry in complaints regarding the crime of torture. There is evidence that FIA itself indulged in torture, and there is need for structural changes in it so as to ensure that, in league with state agencies, it does not use torture as a tool in penal inquiries.

With reference to the long history of use of torture to intimidate political opponents, we

should decide to put an end, through constitutional provisions, to the culture that supports torture in the criminal justice system, so that human rights activists and journalists are spared state tyranny.

Press Release of HRCP on July 13, 2021



Desperate Afghans clinging to US plane amid chaotic scenes at Kabul airport



A man falling from a plane who tried to stow away in the undercarriage of an aircraft

ANNEX I LETTER FROM THE CEO DISTRICT EDUCATION AUTHORITY SIALKOT



از دفتر چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر (DEA) سیاکوٹ۔

بنام۔ جملہ ڈسٹرکٹ ایجوکیشن آفیسرز ضلع سیاکوٹ۔

مراسلہ نمبر 3568 تاریخ 17-02-21

عنوان۔ ضروری ہدایات برائے سربراہان ادارہ جات۔

- ۱۔ تمام تعلیمی ادارہ جات کے سربراہان کو پابند کریں کہ اسلامیات اور عربی کا مضمون صرف اس مسلمان ٹیچر کو تفویض کریں جو دین اسلام کا اچھا فہم رکھتا ہو۔
- ۲۔ اسلامیات اور عربی کے پیروی میں ختم نبوت ﷺ کے موضوع پر طلباء و طالبات کو قرآن و احادیث کی روشنی میں وقتاً فوقتاً درس دیا جائے۔
- ۳۔ سکول کی نمایاں اور محفوظ جگہ پر درج ذیل حدیث کو مع ترجمہ لکھوائیں۔

(ترجمہ شریف)

ان خاتم النبیین لا نبی بعدی

ترجمہ: میں نبیوں میں سے آخری ہوں میرے بعد کوئی نبی نہیں!!

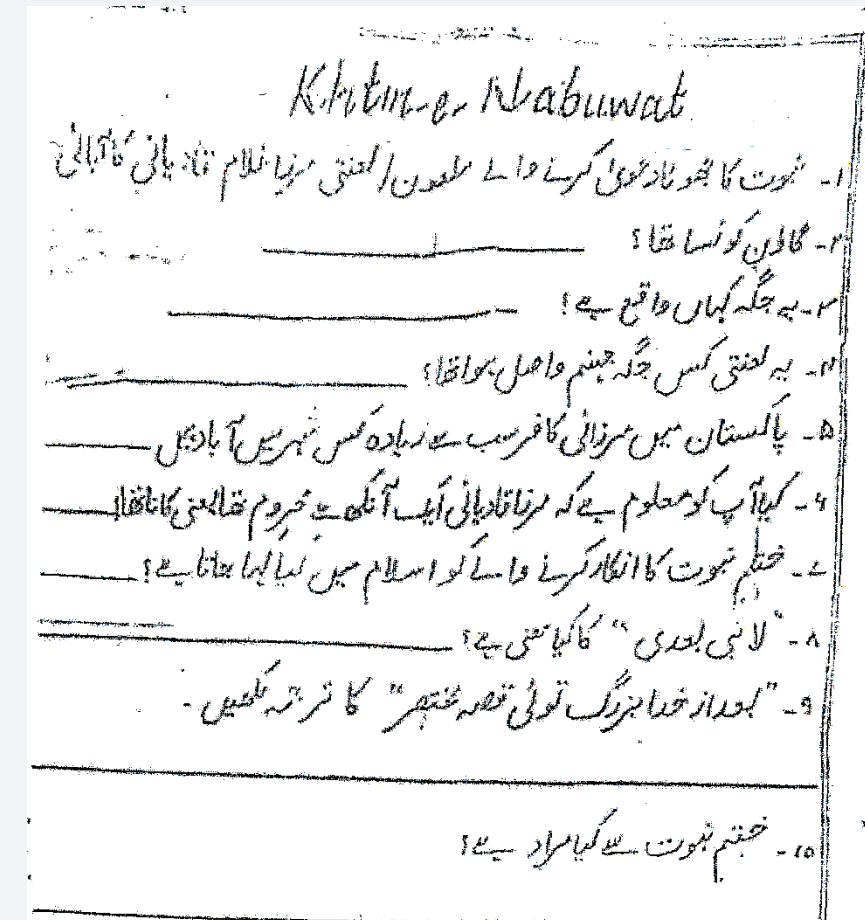
چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر (DEA)
سیاکوٹ۔

کاپی برائے اطلاع

جناب ڈپٹی کمشنر صاحب سیاکوٹ۔

DEA letter to all the District Education Officers, Sialkot on teaching End of Prophethood

ANNEX II VITRIOLIC HOME-WORK FOR STUDENTS IN A PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL IN DISTRICT SIALKOT



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?

THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT IS A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATION, INTERNATIONAL IN CHARACTER, WITH ESTABLISHED BRANCHES IN OVER 210 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES IN ASIA, AFRICA, THE AMERICAS, EUROPE AND AUSTRALIA. IT HAS TENS OF MILLIONS OF MEMBERS WORLDWIDE AND IS GROWING. THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY WAS FOUNDED IN 1889 BY HADRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD OF QADIAN, ON TEACHINGS THAT HE SAW AS AN EMBODIMENT OF THE BENEVOLENT MESSAGE OF ISLAM: PEACE, UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, AND SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD. HE CLAIMED TO BE THE LATTER-DAY MESSIAH AND REFORMER AWAITED IN LEADING WORLD RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD. HE OPPOSED VIOLENCE AS A MEANS OF ADVANCING RELIGION AND REJECTED TERRORISM IN ANY FORM OR FOR ANY REASON.

DECLARING AHMADIS AS NON-MUSLIMS

THE PAKISTANI RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT BRANDS THE AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY HERETICAL IN NATURE AND DOES NOT APPROVE OF ITS REFORMATORY NATURE. POLITICIANS HAVE ALSO FOUND IT EXPEDIENT TO SUPPORT THE RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT IN THEIR ANTI-AHMADIYYA STANCE. THE FIRST COUNTRYWIDE WAVE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE COMMUNITY ERUPTED IN 1953. FOLLOWING THE EXTENSIVE RIOTS, AN IN-DEPTH JUDICIAL INQUIRY BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND A JUDGE OF LAHORE HIGH COURT FOUND POLITICS TO BE THE MAIN CAUSE OF DISTURBANCES. MANY YEARS LATER, IN 1974, MR ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, THE THEN PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN, FOUND IT POLITICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE AHMADIS DECLARED A NON-MUSLIM MINORITY, WHICH IN PAKISTAN IS A FORM OF SECOND RATE CITIZENSHIP. IT WAS A UNIQUE INNOVATION; WHILE OTHER NON-MUSLIM RELIGIOUS GROUPS, LIKE CHRISTIANS AND HINDUS, WERE NON-MUSLIM MINORITY BY THEIR PROFESSION, AHMADIS WERE FORCIBLY DECLARED A NON-MUSLIM MINORITY THROUGH LEGISLATION.

ORDINANCE XX

FOLLOWING BHUTTO'S LEAD, GENERAL ZIA UL HAQ, THE MILITARY DICTATOR OF PAKISTAN FROM 1977 TO 1988, TRIED TO COURT EXTREMISTS BY PROMULGATING THE NOTORIOUS ANTI-AHMADIYYA ORDINANCE XX IN 1984. THE ORDINANCE ADDED SECTIONS 298-B AND 298-C TO THE PAKISTAN PENAL CODE. THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE, THE RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AHMADIS WERE DIRECTLY VIOLATED. UNDER ITS PROVISIONS, AHMADIS COULD BE IMPRISONED FOR THREE YEARS AND FINED AN ARBITRARY AMOUNT FOR ORDINARY EXPRESSION OF THEIR FAITH. ADDITIONALLY, TO PROHIBIT AHMADIS FROM PROSELYTIZING, IT EXPRESSLY FORBADE THEM FROM CERTAIN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND THE USAGE OF ISLAMIC TERMINOLOGY. THIS ORDINANCE EFFECTIVELY MAKES A CRIMINAL OUT OF EVERY AHMADI BY INCLUDING THE BROAD PROVISION OF "POSING AS A MUSLIM" A COGNIZABLE OFFENCE, GIVING THE EXTREMISTS À CARTE BLANCHE TO TERRORIZE AHMADIS WITH THE BACKING OF THE STATE.

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