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Persecution of Ahmadiis IN PAKISTAN

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Highlights

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE TARGETED	AHMADIS THREATENED AT HIS DOORSTEP	OATH OF END TO PROPHETHOOD IN NIKAH
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Opponents have long pressured the Ahmadi members of Faisalabad to remove minarets and Islamic inscriptions from their mosques, even though no laws were broken by Ahmadis. Anti-Ahmadiyya action has already been taken against three mosques, and two Ahmadis narrowly escaped assassination attempts. Many more Ahmadis are constantly harassed, and cases are filed against them in court. Ahmadis in the area fear their mosques will also be desecrated.

In Karachi, some clerics with madrassa students came to an Ahmadi household demanding to know whether they had sacrificed animals on Eid-ul-Adha and threatened action against him, and later miscreants were seen roaming outside his house. Similarly, miscreants took pictures of sacrificial animals Ahmadis were selling and posted them to social media, urging people not to buy from them. Hostile graffiti also appeared against Ahmadis in Karachi.

The Punjab Assembly has passed a bill that all couples prior to thier Nikah are required to sign an ‘Oath’ declaring an end to Prophethood and the head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Comunity to be infidel. It futher requires a declaration that Ahmadis are outside the fold of Islam. This oath is required not only by couples, but by all the witnesses, marriage solemnizer or Imams and even the registrar of the Nikah cermony.

AHMADIS CELEBRATED EID IN HORROR

Ahmadis faced, yet again, immense problems at various locations in practicing their religious rite of sacrificing animals at the festival of Eid-ul-Adha. Apart from other harassment actions against the victims, 10 criminal cases under anti-Ahmadiyya and religious laws were registered against Ahmadis for undertaking Eid rituals like sacrificing animals (Qurbani). 13 Ahmadi Muslims were arrested and locked up in jails while they were with their families celebrating Eid. The Qurbani is not specified, among the items forbidden to Ahmadis in law (PPC 298B and C). (See details on page 6-7)

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 11 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE TARGETTED

Chak 88 GB, Hasyana, District Faisalabad; 30 June & 1 July 2022: Opponents of Ahmadiyyat approached the police here against the minarets and inscriptions on Ahmadiyya mosque. Subsequently, the police registered a case under section PPC 298-B against four Ahmadi elders of Chak 88 on February 19, 2022. They are on bail. Later the opponents filed a writ in the court for expeditious follow-up. At this, the police called the local Ahmadi elders to Dijkot police station and pressurized them to remove the minarets and the Kalima (Islamic Creed) from the Ahmadiyya mosque. Ahmadis informed them of their rights under law and Constitution.

AHMADI THREATENED BY MULLAS AT HIS DOORSTEP

Dastagir Society, Karachi; July 13, 2022: Some clerics along with ten madrassa students came to Master (teacher) Fazal Ahmad's house on July 13 at 09:30 p.m. They were accompanied by a former student of the Master, who is now an office-holder in the management of the madrassa. Master's son Yassir Ammar answered the knock on the door. A mulla asked him, "Have you sacrificed an animal on Eid-ul-Adha and thus insulted the Sunnat (practice) of Ibrahim?" "I did not sacrifice", Ammar replied. They told him to send the head of the household. When Master Fazal Ahmad came out of the house, the clerics repeated the same question, to which he answered in the affirmative. They asked him if he had distributed meat to Muslims as well. "I

On the night of June 30, the Tehsildar, the Patwari and a police contingent came to the village. Ahmadis feared desecration of their mosque by these officials, but due to non-availability of the Town Committee staff, there was no action and the police went back. The next day, on July 1, a heavy police contingent along with more than 20 police vehicles and the staff of the town committee assembled at the Dijkot police station till late at night, but took no action. Earlier, anti-Ahmadiyya action was taken against three Ahmadiyya mosques in the jurisdiction of police station Dijkot, and two Ahmadis narrowly escaped assassination attempt.

give only to those who accept the meat," replied the Master. The mullas told him angrily that a police case could be registered against him over this. Then they said, "Why did you greet us with Salaam when we came? This way, you have insulted Islam and we know that you also go out to offer morning prayers. Now, our committee will decide tomorrow what to do with you." After that, they went back shouting slogans. On July 15, miscreants were seen roaming outside the Master's house. At first, the Master shifted to another place for a few days to avoid the problem, but then he returned to his home, saying his disappearance would encourage the mullas further. Brave of him!

HOSTILITY AGAINST AHMADIS IN KARACHI SUBURB

Shah Latif Town Sector 17/A, Karachi; July 2, 2022: Ahmadis own a truck station here and most Ahmadis here belong to transport business. On the night of July 2, around 15 youth came over from the nearby Bhains Colony mosque, and noted down the number plates of trucks owned by Ahmadis. This led to a scuffle. An influential person came over, caught one of the hoodlums and obtained essential information from him. Thereafter he went over to the cleric who had sent the boys and told him not to spoil the peace of the area.

The mulla did not like the fair intervention. Now, posts are appearing on the social media against Ahmadis. Ahmadis had sacrificial animals for sale, at the truck station. A few boys came again, took pictures of animals and the trucks, and uploaded them on social media. Khatme Nabuwwat activists are urging people on social media to do no trade with Ahmadis and not to buy animals from them. Hostile graffiti has also appeared against Ahmadis in Shah Latif Town and Abdullah Goth Karachi.

RULING PARTY'S OFFICIAL ASKS EXPULSION OF AHMADIS FROM HIS DISTRICT

Khushab; July 30, 2022: Malik Ilyas Awan, Vice President Pakistan Muslim League-Q, Punjab sent an application to the Deputy Commissioner of District Khushab asking him to expel all Ahmadis from the district. We provide a picture of the original (in vernacular), and translate its content below:

To Deputy Commissioner Khushab

Subject: According to the Constitution of Pakistan, provision of security to Qadianis in Joharabad city is a joke with the Constitution; it should be stopped.

Respected Sir

It is submitted that Qadianis cannot worship freely in the Islamic state of Pakistan. The government of Bhutto Shaheed granted them space in Chenab Nagar, for a specified period. They cannot worship at any other location.

I submit that the State of Pakistan is an Islamic State created in the name of Allah and His Beloved Messenger, whereas Ahmadis offer Friday prayers at the house of Tariq Virk in New Satellite Town, Joharabad and preach their faith, which violates the law of the land and the Islamic law. Our policemen are posted there for security; what would they think, that they are guarding the lives of opponents of End of Prophethood, or whether it is loyalty to the Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.). Secondly, it has a negative impact on our children.

I request that their security should be terminated forthwith, and an inquiry should be held. Those who do not believe in the End of Prophethood should be expelled from the district. Thank you.

Your sincerely,

Malik Ilyas Awan, Member of the Supreme Council of End of Prophethood, Vice President of Pakistan Muslim League-Q Punjab
0300-6550006

It is relevant to mention here that this Vice President is that of PML-Q, the party of Mr. Parvez Elahi, the new chief minister of the Punjab. The application is enclosed as Annex I.

POLICE DESECRATE 53 AHMADIS' GRAVES IN GUJRANWALA

Talwandi Khajurwali, District Gujranwala; July 6&7, 2022: The Punjab Police again committed the same enormity as they were used to during the earlier Usman Buzdar (PTI) rule. They destroyed 53 Ahmadiyya gravestones — in District Gujranwala.

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

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

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

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

TALWANDI KHAJOORWALI



TENKI WALA QABRASTAN



QURBANI BLUES IN PAKISTAN AND A CANADIAN AHMADI

The Punjab; July 2022: Ahmadis faced, yet again, immense problems at various locations in practicing their religious rite of sacrificing animals at the festival of Eid-ul-Adha. Apart from other harassment actions against the victims, 10 criminal cases under anti-Ahmadiyya and religious laws were registered against Ahmadis for undertaking Eid rituals like sacrificing animals (Qurbani). The Qurbani is not specified, among the items forbidden to Ahmadis in law (PPC 298B and C). However, the police in its wide sweep did not spare even a Canadian Ahmadi. International Human Rights Committee (President: Sir Iftekhhar A. Ayaz KBE) issued a Press Brief this month on this issue; we reproduce it below:

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27 July 2022
PRESS BRIEF

CANADIAN AHMADI MUSLIM POLITICIAN FALLS FOUL OF ANTI-AHMADIYYA LAWS IN PAKISTAN
Pakistani Police and Mullahs spent Eid-ul-Adha this year by raiding the houses of Ahmadi Muslims, harassing, and humiliating them and registering criminal cases against them in Police Stations. Their outcry and senseless actions did not spare even visiting Ahmadis from foreign countries to join in the Eid celebrations. One such example is of Muhammad Fiaz, who is a citizen of Canada, visiting his family in Syed Wala, District Nankana, Punjab, became the victim of the Mullah's evil mischiefs. Fiaz is a high-profile citizen of Canada, a member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, and a well-respected prominent member of the Canadian Society. A FIR was registered against him along with five other members of his family and they are now awaiting prosecution. One arrested, two went back to Canada and four are on interim bail.

This turbulent wave of raids took place as Ahmadi Muslims were celebrating Eid-ul-Adha, an occasion of happiness and joy for Muslims the world over. But instead of happiness, this Eid brought a fresh series of oppression and victimisation for Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan, who are already marginalised

and discriminated against. Radical Mullahs are now demanding that Ahmadi Muslims be forbidden to worship or practice any of their faith obligations. There is a serious threat that Ahmadis will be prevented from their basic right of freedom of worship.

Thirteen Ahmadi Muslims were arrested and locked up in jails while they were with their families celebrating Eid. If no action is taken immediately to arrest and eliminate this increasing trend of false allegations and persecution against Ahmadi Muslims, it is likely that Pakistan is likely to further become the international hub of breeding extremists, evil mongers who are already very skilful in fabricating criminal cases against the law-abiding and peace-loving members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

The global community must condemn such acts of hooliganism and urge Pakistan to honour its international obligations towards foreign nations **and treat them with the dignity and protection as stipulated in the international charters to which Pakistan is a signatory.**

On a day when Ahmadi Muslims joyously celebrate the Muslim festival according to the Abrahamic tradition of sacrifice (Qurbani), many Ahmadis were arrested and still remain in prison. The Mullahs and their accomplices made a day of celebrations into a day of horrific experiences.

This terrible situation requires urgent international intervention. Political and faith leaders from across the world just met in London to secure Freedom of Religion and Belief for everyone worldwide, yet here we are with absolute contradiction of all the Charters on Freedom of Religion. For the respect of all that was resolved in the international conference, the world must take immediate and urgent action to ensure that Ahmadis in Pakistan enjoy their full right to their religion and are able to freely practice their faith as required.

We strongly urge the international community to impress upon the Government of Pakistan to honour its responsibility to provide effective protec-

tion and freedom of religious practice to Ahmadis. The extremists and Pakistan governmental authorities involved in these arrests should be brought to justice, and Pakistan should immediately bring its laws and practices in conformity with international standards as ordained by Article 20 and United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 2, 18 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Article 25, 26. The daily Express Tribune printed an op-ed by Mr. Raza Habib Raja on this issue on July 15, 2022. It is recommended reading, and is reproduced at Annex II.

These developments in districts and countryside were initiated in capitals. Secretary Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat Forum wrote a letter a few weeks earlier to the Ministry of Religion and Interfaith Harmony and demanded a ban on Ahmadis' practice of Qurbani. The Ministry promptly sent this application to the federal Interior Ministry and the five provincial Chief Secretaries 'for necessary action'. What is reported above are the consequential 'necessary actions'. The Punjab leads all others in this.

Below we provide a list of the Qurbani cases registered in police stations in the Punjab this month. The list provides essential data of each case:

1. Mr. Zafar Ali and his father Mr. Arshad Pervaiz of Chak 84 Sarshamir, District Faisalabad were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 845 at police station Thekri Wala, District Faisalabad on July 12, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. They are in District Jail Faisalabad.
2. Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Mr. Imran Ahmad and Mr. Atif Ahmad of Chak 89 GB, Rattan District Faisalabad were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 842 at police station Thekri Wala, District Faisalabad on July 10, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. The first mentioned three Ahmadis were arrested and are in District Jail Faisalabad.
3. Mr. Sultan Ahmad and his son Mr. Umer Hayyat of Chak 79 Nawa Kot, Safdarabad District

- Sheikhupura were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 291 at police station Safdarabad, District Sheikhupura on July 10, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. They were arrested and later released on bail.
4. Mr. Azhar Mehmood, Mr. Abdus Salam, Mr. Fayyaz Ahmad, Mr. Tahir Ahmad, Mr. Nasir Ahmad and Mr. Abdul Wahab of Syedwala District Nanakana were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 272 at police station Warburton, District Nankana on July 12, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. Mr. Azhar Mehmood was arrested, later released on bail.
 5. Mr. Attaul Quyyum and Mr. Ataul Aziz of Chak 576 JB, District Nankana were booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 299 at police station Warburton, District Nankana on July 12, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. They were arrested, then released on bail.
 6. Mr. Zahid Mubarak of Rahwali, District Gujranwala was booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 751 at police station Cantt. District Gujranwala on July 13, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. He was arrested, later released on bail.
 7. Dr. Khalil Ahmad of Gujranwala was booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 749 at police station Cantt. District Gujranwala on July 13, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. He was arrested and later released on bail.
 8. Mr. Saeed Ahmad Arif of Gujranwala was booked under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 750 at police station Cantt. District Gujranwala on July 13, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha. He was arrested and later released on bail.
 9. A police case was registered against eight unknown Ahmadis of Darul Fazl, Rabwah under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 331 at police station Chenab Nagar (Rabwah), District Chiniot on July 10, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha.
 10. Mr. Usman Ahmad Malhi of Darul Nasr, Rabwah was booked at police station Chenab Nagar (Rabwah), District Chiniot on July 11, 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha FIR No: 332/22 under section 298-C of the PPC. He was arrested and later released on bail.

PRIORITY WITH THE NEW CHIEF MINISTER OF THE PUNJAB OATH OF END OF PROPHETHOOD IN NIKAH (MARRIAGE) FORM

Lahore; Last week July 2022: Mr. Parvez Elahi (of PML-Q, supported by the PTI) took over as chief minister of the Punjab on July 26, 2022 after the apex court verdict.

Within three days, his government issued a 'MOST URGENT' 'REMINDER' with a 'TIME LIMIT' to all the Divisional Directors of Local Government in the Punjab "to ensure implementation of the amendment regarding oath of Khatme Nabuwwat in the true letter and spirit" in Nikah formalities.

The daily Dawn of July 31, 2022 reported this news and commented, "The move to incorporate the oath of Khatme Nabuwwat in the Nikah Nama was initiated by Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi as speaker of Punjab Assembly and the amendment was made through legislation."

The Dawn further reported on the official handout, "It says the Nikah registrars have been directed also to use the updated Form II to solemnize the Nikah, failing which strict disciplinary action shall be taken against the UC secretary concerned.... Both the bride and the bridegroom will be required to sign the oath of Khatme Nabuwwat at the time of solemnizing Nikah, it says."

We enclose a copy of the government REMINDER dated July 29, 2022 at Annex III. This MOST URGENT REMINDER requires "A certificate regarding 100% implementation of said amendment must be furnished regarding your respective divisions within one day till 30.7.2022 on the Email: ID added.lgedpunjab@gmail.com without fail."

SLURS, HATE AND PERSECUTION

The daily Dawn; July 17, 2022: Mr. Nadeem F. Paracha wrote an article in this issue of the Dawn. Its lead line was: Slurs typically target small groups and communities, and are shorthand for discrimination, hate and persecution. In this essay he writes about Jews, Muslims (Muslas), Wahabis and, of course, Ahmadis. It is well-written. We produce below the lines that mention 'Qadianis'.

Slurred Speech

... In Pakistan, one of the most persecuted people are the Ahmadiyya. They are a tiny community that were constitutionally ousted from the fold of Islam in 1974. Despite their status being degraded and their decreasing numbers, they continue to be harassed, physically attacked and their places of worship demolished.

The slur used against them is 'Qadianis'. The word is derived from the Indian town Qadian where the Ahmadiyya founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was born in 1835. In the late 19th century, he formed a Muslim sect. Religious leaders from other Muslim sects in India, such as Sunni and Shia,

and Sunni sub-sects such as the Deobandi, Barelvi and Ahl-i-Hadith, denounced Mirza as a heretic.

But the slur 'Qadiani' has come to mean anyone who disagrees with certain interpretations of Islam. For example, non-Ahmadiyya Muslim liberals and modernist Muslims are often also dubbed 'Qadiani'. The term therefore, doesn't only mean an actual Ahmadiyya, but a Muslim who is critical of the manner in which state institutions or individuals 'misuse' Islam for cynical, political and even economic purposes.

The practice of calling moderate/liberal Muslims, Qadiani, most likely emerged in the early 20th century. It certainly peaked from the 1970s onwards, and especially during the Gen Zia dictatorship in the 1980s. For example, the progressive lawyer and activist late Asma Jahangir was often referred to as a 'Qadiani' by the pro-Zia Islamists.

There are just a few million Ahmadiyya left in Pakistan. Just as there were only a handful of 'Wahabi' in India in the 19th century.

AHMADIS FACE HATE AND THREATS VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

Qamarabad, District Naushehro Feroze; July 2022: Qari Saeed threatened Ahmadis with police cases on Eid festival through social media. He is an anti-Ahmadiyya activist in the area. He successfully managed to get the local Ahmadiyya mosque locked up by the authorities in 2018. Later in 2019, Saeed urged people to boycott marriages and funerals of those who participated in Ahmadis' last rituals. Saeed posted the following this year, before Eid:

1. Qadianis, being non-Muslim, are not allowed to undertake Qurbani on Eid festival. In case they do so, they shall be booked under PPC 298-C.
2. Qadianis violate the Constitution and law by openly using Islamic rituals and fraudulently portraying themselves as Muslim and part of Ummat e Muhammadi (Muhammad's followers).

DEOBANDIS TODAY AND THE TALIBAN — A SIDENOTE

Peshawar; July 2022: The daily Dawn in its Bureau Report reported the following, (extracts):

"The eight member ulama's delegation, led by Mufti Taqi Usmani (A Deobandi top leader in Pakistan), has returned from Afghanistan after holding meetings with the TTP (the banned Tehrik Taliban Pakistan) leadership and Afghan Taliban.

"A source privy to the ulama's delegation claimed that Mr. Usmani, respected by the Afghan Taliban as well as the TTP, was able to convince the militant group that he had reviewed Pakistan's Constitution and there was nothing in there which could be construed as un-Islamic... .

"The source described it as a major breakthrough. There was no formal comment from Mr. Usmani, the government or the TTP... .

"While the TTP released a two-page statement reiterating its demands and calls for an Islamic system in Pakistan, Mr. Usmani in a tweet sounded optimistic that their meetings with the Afghan Taliban leadership were useful in strengthening, restoration of peace and achievement of common goals between the two countries.

"Mr. Usmani did not make any reference to their meetings with TTP leadership but said more details would be shared later. Unconfirmed reports said the outlawed group handed a charter of demands to the delegation...."

This press report is expressive of a great deal with reference to the Deobandi school of thought, the Taliban on both sides of the Durand

Line, and the Pakistani state. The Dawn, a few days earlier, had mentioned in a report that the authorities chose the Mufti Taqi Usmani-led delegation to talk to the TTP for their common denominator — Deoband School.

Very briefly, the Deoband Madrassah was opened in India (UP) in 1866 by a group of Sunni ulama motivated for reform in Indian Muslims. It flourished, but with passage of time and the country's division through Partition, different groups in the region evolved their own interpretation of Islam and Sharia. They, however, pulled together and hard in anti-Ahmadiyya race in the initial decades of Pakistan's history. Deobandi thought prevailed here in official circles, through Jamaat Islami, Tehreek Khatme Nabuwwat, JUI, Ahrar etc. It also became the mainstream religious trend in NWFP (KP) and with Taliban. The rest is known history.

Extremism became accepted religious attitude with most of Deobandis in Pakistan. They wielded political influence through this philosophy. More recently, the competitor Barelvis have caught up with this strategy and have regained some lost ground, through the rhetoric of mullas like (Late) Rizvi.

We wish the best to Mufti Usmani's official contact with confreres TTP for peace and calm in this region, however militants fed on a diet of extremism and violence over decades are like cheetahs, unable to change their spots and colors.

AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

1

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

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

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

3

Mr. Shiraz Ahmad etc. were booked by Cyber Crime Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019 under FIR Nr. 88, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11, for allegedly creating a group "Sindh Salamat" and allegedly sharing Ahmadiyya content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021.

As of July 31, 2022:

- 11 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- 13 Ahmadis arrested during the month with 5 still behind bars for sacrificing animals on Eid.
- A 65 year old Ahmadi lady and another Ahmadi were arrested under blasphemy clauses during February for allegedly tearing off an anti-Ahmadiyya poster. They both were released on bail. Their trial continues.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student is in jail under PPC 295-C (blasphemy clause).
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)

2

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

4

Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020 in a fabricated case under Sections 298-C, 295-B, PECA-11 and 109. He was granted bail on February 23, 2021 and was expected to be released in four to five days after paper formalities. On February 27, when Malik Zaheer Ahmad was expected to be released from the Camp Jail, the Cyber Crime Wing Lahore team arrested him under FIR Nr. 88 as outlined in the above case, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case.

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RIGHT TO VOTE FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

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

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

BOTH CHOICES ARE INCONCEIVABLE TO AHMADI MUSLIMS

DECLARATIONS BY THE CANDIDATE ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

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

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

DECLARATION AND OATH TO REGISTER AS A MUSLIM VOTER ELECTION ACT 2017 AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN

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

(Name & Signature of Voter)

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

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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

Alarming Facts

SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 4 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 274 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 17 murder attempts, 10 attacks during the current year.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 19 Ahmadiyya mosques have been desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities.
- 235 graves have been desecrated, 173 of these were during 2022 and 53 during this month.
- 35 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws, 10 of these were registered this month.
- Sacred inscription from 19 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 Ahmadis 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 Ahmadis 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

Four Qadianis booked over slaughter of cattle (in District Faisalabad)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 13, 2022

Updated form (incorporating oath of Khatme Nabuwwat) a must for soleminsing Nikah

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 31, 2022

(Police) case registered against five Ahmadis for sacrificing animals (in District Toba Tek Singh)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 13, 2022

Dispute over construction of mosque claims two lives (in Jaranwala, Punjab)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 14, 2022

Fight in mosque: 65 people booked on blasphemy charge

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

Jirga bars women from picnic spots (in Bajor, KP)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

110 Ulama, Zakireen barred from entry in District Attock

The daily Dunya Lahore, July 30, 2022

Pension is a right, not bounty: LHC

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 9, 2022

Islamic values require avoiding everything that causes hatred: Hajj sermon (by Sh Muhammad bin Abdul Karim)

Geo News July 8, 2022

President endorses Rahmatul lil Alamin wa Khataman Nabiyyeen Authority Bill

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 16, 2022

Democracy requires moral, not military strength: Imran

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

Sharma alone responsible for setting country on fire, Indian SC held

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 2, 2022

Gujranwala-born Khizr to get top US civil award

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 2, 2022

India: One more butchered over support for the blasphemous statement

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 3, 2022

At least 12 dead, dozens injured in 4th of July shooting (in the US)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2022

Finland, Sweden sign to join NATO but need ratification

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 6, 2022

Biden signs order to help abortion seekers

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 9, 2022

Indian journalist Zubair granted bail, but will remain in detention

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 9, 2022

20 years imprisonment to American policeman for killing (Black) George Floyd

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 9, 2022

Imperialists are scared of Muslims’ power based in Faith, Jihad and Trust (in God): Kham-naei (Iranian Supreme Leader)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 9, 2022

US vows to use all means to stop Iran N-bomb in Israel pact

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 15, 2022

Biden raises Khashoggi killing with MBS (in SA)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 16, 2022

Six booked by police for offering prayers in shopping mall in Lucknow (India)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 17, 2022

Pope Francis: Pontiff says he is ‘deeply sorry’ to Canadian residential school survivors. He asked indigenous residential school survivors for forgiveness. Pope Francis expressed sorrow, indignation and shame... .

BBC News; Toronto, July 26, 2022

US terms Imran’s (conspiracy) claim disturbing, looks ahead to strengthen ties

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 18, 2022

US to donate 16m Covid vaccines for (Pak) children

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 28, 2022

China warns of consequences of (Pelosi’s) Taiwan visit

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2022

Award-winning Iranian film director to serve 6-year jail term

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2022

Canada: Park shall be named after Shahbaz Bhatti (a former Christian Pak fed minister killed by terrorists)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 20, 2022

UN records hundreds of killings and rights violations by Taliban

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 21, 2022

1.5 million Afghans chose to stay back in Pakistan after US pullout

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 26, 2022

The eight-member ulema’s delegation, led by Mufti Taqi Usmani, has returned from Afghanistan after holding meetings with the TTP leadership and Afghan Taliban.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 31, 2022

Farah Gogi, mother booked over ‘illegal allotment’ of industrial plots. Two plots worth Rs 600m were allotted in Faisalabad for Rs 83m.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 2, 2022

10 soldiers injured in NW (North Waziristan) suicide attack

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2022

ACE (Punjab Anti-corruption Establishment) summons Bushra’s (IK’s wife) brother, 18 other

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2022

Two religious parties lend support to PML-N in Punjab by-polls

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 9, 2022

We have no enmity with ‘Neutrals’: Imran Khan

The daily Dunya Lahore, July 9, 2022

May Allah pull us out of the debt swamp; appeal to the pilgrims for prayers: Shahbaz Sharif (PM)

The daily Dunya Lahore, July 9, 2022

He (Imran) talks a lot but says little about his performance (as PM); the PM House was the HQ of blackmailing: Vice President N-League

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 13, 2022

ECP probe into vote buying by Multan candidate

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 13, 2022

Imran ‘deeply hurt’ detailed SC judgment (on deputy speaker’s ruling)

PTI leader (Fawad) calls SC detailed order more of a ‘political decision’

Interior minister (Rana Sana) says all those mentioned in apex court order will be tried under Art. 6 (on treason)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 15, 2022

Vote buying inquiry against son of Qureshi (for PP217)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 15, 2022

ECP seeks army presence for by-polls

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 15, 2022

Abducted army officer found dead (in Baluchistan)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 15, 2022

PM’s son declared ‘proclaimed offender’

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 16, 2022

Additional troops to be deployed during Punjab by-polls

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 16, 2022

JUI-F leader (and colleague) gunned down in N. Waziristan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

Special security for 676 highly sensitive polling stations (in Punjab by-elections)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

Cop martyred in attack on Khyber checkpost

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

PTI worker held with 200 ID cards

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

(Fawad) Accuses ECP of working as PML-N wing...

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 17, 2022

PTI stuns PML-N with thumbing win (in Punjab by-elections)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 18, 2022

Uncertainty, political leanings plague bureaucracy (in Punjab)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2022

Peshawar 2 policemen shot dead, one injured

The daily Dunya; Lahore, July 28, 2022

PTI approaches Lahore High Court to remove PM

The daily Dunya; Lahore, July 28, 2022

Army chief reaches out to US on ‘matter of economic security’

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 30, 2022

Cricket club disclosure haunts PTI funding case (Ref: Report in Financial Times)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 30, 2022

Sibtain (PTI) wins speaker’s election (in the Punjab)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 30, 2022

Imran’s statement on media freedom flies in face of reality: PFUJ

- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 18, 2022
We defeated the entire state machinery and the Election Commission: Imran
- The daily Dunya Lahore, July 18, 2022
The nation at this time is at the threshold of a revolution; for this, we are grateful to Almighty God: Imran
- GNN News at 21:38 on July 18, 2022
There is no base for any of the blames on the Election Commission by PTI Chief: Spokesperson Election Commission
- GNN News at 21:41 on July 18, 2022
Three cops injured in Kohat attack
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 19, 2022
Fawad (PTI) says 'new (PTI) provincial govt may ban entry of Sana and Tarar to Punjab'. (Note: Both are Punjabis; former interior minister in the federation, the latter was interior minister in the Punjab)
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2022
Zardari is trying to buy our MPAs (Rs 50 crores each); he should be put in prison: Imran Khan
- Sanaa TV at 07:12 July 21, 2022
I was offered Rs 1.1b (to vote for the N candidate of CM Punjab): Rafiqat Gilani
- The daily Dunya Lahore, July 22, 2022
Ruling, not numbers, hands Hamza 'victory'
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 23, 2022
Shocked Imran says eyes on SC, calls for protests
- Maryam Nawaz; July 24, 2022
Don't expect us to bow to one-sided (court) decision: Maryam Nawaz
- 37-member Punjab cabinet sworn in (prior to SC verdict on new CM)
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 25, 2022
PML-Q Chief (Shujaat) insists Elahi remains 'his man' for CM slot, just not as a PTI-backed candidate
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 24, 2022
Supreme Court rejects demand for a full court hearing; ruling alliance boycotts SC.
- The daily Dunya Lahore, July 26, 2022
SC voids Hamza election, Elahi is new CM
- Ruling coalition rejects, PTI hails apex court verdict
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 27, 2022
Journalist Ayaz Amir, driver thrashed by un-

identified men

- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 2, 2022
Punjab regime change 'ill omen' for police officers
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2022
Uzair Baloch acquitted in three more cases
- The decade-old cases pertain to murder, kidnapping, possession of explosives, and police encounter
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 28, 2022
PML-Q strips Chaudhry Shujaat, Tariq Bashir Cheema of party roles
- Party spokesperson says Kamil Ali Agha not empowered to call CWC meeting
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 29, 2022
Peshawar police arrest 20-year-old for sexually assaulting, killing minor girls
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 29, 2022
Pakistanis among 10 top buyers as Dubai property sales skyrocket
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 30, 2022
9m poor families of Punjab to get free electricity
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 4, 2022
Produce missing persons or PM in court by Sept 9: IHC
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2022
Robbers kill petrol pump guard, loot Rs. 6.6 million
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 5, 2022
ECC okays up to 335pc gas price increase (in Pakistan)
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 9, 2022
Over two million cases pending in courts across country
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 13, 2022
According to guesstimates, the size of the Eidul Azha economy this year is around Rs 150 billion, down from about 170bn last year
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 13, 2022
Three brothers killed, two injured over fight among children in Bhera
- The daily Dunya Lahore, July 16, 2022
Four policemen among five jailed for life in kidnap case
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 30, 2022
Six of a family shot dead over property dispute

(in Punjab)

- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 19, 2022
Govt notifies (150 percent) executive allowance for officers
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2022
Killing of 'proxy' in checkpoint attack embarrasses Khyber police
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 20, 2022
Pakistani passport remains fourth-worst in the world
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 21, 2022
Rao Sardar transferred, Faisal Shahkar is the new I.G. Punjab
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 23, 2022
Commission formed to probe 'harassment' allegation against ex-NAB Chief
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 24, 2022
Punjab Bar Council secretary (Ashraf Rahi) shot dead
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, July 24, 2022
Telecom services affected due to extensive electric load-shedding (Ad.)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, July 24, 2022

Op-ed Israel's secret weapon

Israel has shown the effectiveness of its secret weapon; it has also exposed the vulnerability of opponents who don't have it. There are lessons here for Pakistan and a strong reason to wrest control away from Jamaat-i-Islami ideologues that, from the time of Ziaul Haq onward, have throttled and suffocated our education. The heights were reached under Imran Khan's Single National Curriculum which yoked ordinary schools to madrasahs. But even with Khan's departure, ideological poisons continue to circulate in the national bloodstream. Until flushed away, Pakistan's intellectual and material decline will accelerate.

Pervez Hoodbhoy in the daily Dawn of July 2, 2022

Op-ed Fight is on for a just world

... Many eyebrows were raised recently when the supreme court gave a clean chit as it were to Prime Minister Modi in cases pertaining to anti-Muslim pogroms during his tenure as chief minister of Gujarat. What caused greater consternation was the court's censure of the petitioners and an unusual

order that those who pursued the case for over 16 years be put in the dock. Consequently, rights activist Teesta Setalvad and two former top cops were slapped with charges and jailed. All three have stood shoulder to shoulder with the Muslim victims of the pogroms. But, the debate over the shocking judgement hasn't significantly enthused major Muslim groups — barring some individual responses — that seem to confine their interest to religious disputes.... Eminent historian Romila Thapar and other scholars filed a petition against the targeting of intellectuals but lost the appeal. The dissenting judge, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud observed "that a clear-cut distinction has to be made between opposition to the government and attempts to overthrow the government by rising up in arms". For him, the Bhima Koregaon case was "an attempt by the state to muzzle dissent ... Each of them is prosecuted for being a defender of persons subjected to human rights violations". Justice Chandrachud is expected to become chief justice in November 2022.

Javed Naqvi in the daily Dawn of July 5, 2022

Op ed Justice on trial

It is important to alleviate concerns arising about the impartiality of the apex judiciary in order to strengthen the court's authority. The judicial activism exercised by former chief justices Iftikhar Chaudhry and Saqib Nisar has done huge damage to the credibility of the judiciary.

Zahid Hussain in the daily Dawn of July 27, 2022

Cartoon



Published in the daily Dawn of July 26, 2022

ANNEX I

بخدمت جناب ڈپٹی کمشنر خوشاب

عنوان: آئین پاکستان کے مطابق جوہر آباد شہر میں قادیانیوں کو سکیورٹی آئین پاکستان سے ساتھ کھلاڑ ہے بند فرمائی جائے۔

جناب عالی!

گزارش ہے کہ قادیانی اسلامی ریاست پاکستان میں آزادانہ عبادت نہیں کر سکتے بھٹو شہید کی حکومت کے دوران ان کو ایک جگہ چناب نگر میں دے دی گئی تھی جس کا ایک مدت کے لیے معاہدہ ہے۔ اس کے باہر وہ کسی قسم کی عبادت نہیں کر سکتے۔

التماس ہے کہ مملکت پاکستان ایک اسلامی ریاست ہے اللہ اور اس کے پیارے رسول پاک ﷺ کے نام سے بنائی گئی ہے جبکہ جوہر آباد نیو سیٹلائٹ ٹاؤن طارق ورک کے گھر ہر جمعہ کو نماز پڑھی جاتی ہے تبلیغ کی جاتی ہے جو کہ ریاستی آئین کے مطابق ریاست اسلامی کے خلاف ہے جو ہمارے پولیس کے جوان وہاں سکیورٹی پر تعینات ہوئے ہیں وہ کیا سوچتے ہوں گے کہ ہم ختم نبوت کے مخالفین کی پیرے داری کر رہے ہیں یا محمد کریم ﷺ سے وفا۔ دوسرا ہمارے بچوں کے ماحول پر غلط اثر پڑ رہا ہے۔

التماس ہے کہ فل فوران کی سکیورٹی ختم فرمائی جائے انکو آزادی کی جائے۔ جو لوگ ختم نبوت پر ایمان نہیں رکھتے ان کو ضلع بدر فرمایا جائے۔ نوازش ہوگی۔

البد

ملک الیاس اعوان ممبر تحفظ ختم نبوت سپریم کونسل نائب صدر پاکستان مسلم لیگ ق پنجاب

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30/07/22

ANNEX II

**REMINDER
MOST URGENT
TIME LIMIT**



No. LG&CD/AD(T)/43/2020/(Circular)
**DIRECTORATE GENERAL
LOCAL GOVT. & COMMUNITY DEV.
PUNJAB, LAHORE**
Dated Lahore, the 29th July, 2022

To
All Divisional Directors,
Local Govt. & Community Development,
Punjab.

Subject: **IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF AMENDMENTS IN THE WEST PAKISTAN RULES UNDER THE MUSLIM FAMILY LAWS ORDINANCE 1961.**

Please refer to this office endorsement No. LG&CD/AD(T)/43/2020(Circular) dated 22.03.2022 and subsequent letter No. LG&CD/AD(T)/43/2020 (Circular) dated 12.05.2022 regarding the subject cited above wherein it was requested to furnish implementation status of the subject amendments including oath regarding Khatam-e-Nabuwat. However, the requisite information is still awaited.

It has now been reported that proper implementation of the said amendments is not being made. It has also been reported that old Nikah Nama is still being used in Union Councils and Municipal Committees dealing with the matters of marriage registration.

Foregoing in view, I am directed to request you to ensure implementation of the said amendment regarding oath of Khatam-e-Nabuwat in the true letter and spirit. Moreover, amended Nikah Registers must be used in all Registration Sites. All subordinate officers and relevant registration sites i.e Union Councils and Municipal Committees may be instructed accordingly.

A certificate regarding 100% implementation of said amendments must be furnished regarding your respective divisions within one day till 30.07.2022 on the Email: ID adcd.lgcdpunjab@gmail.com without fail.

29/7/22
Assistant Director (Trg.)
LG&CD, Punjab Lahore

C.C:

1. The Additional Secretary (LG), LG&CD Department, Govt. of Punjab.
2. The Secretary Punjab Local Govt. Board, Punjab Lahore.
3. All the Deputy Directors LG&CD, Punjab.
4. All the Assistant Directors LG&CD, Punjab.
5. PA to Director General LG&CD, Punjab.

ANNEX III

An op-ed from the daily Express Tribune on July 15, 2022

The right to have rights The intense hatred towards a religious community

From policing behaviour in public, we now breach the privacy of their homes and forcefully strip them of human dignity
Raza Habib Raja July 15, 2022

During the Eid holidays, I came across a piece of news which shocked and disgusted me to the core. I found out that three individuals in Faisalabad belonging to the Ahmadi community were arrested for performing the Islamic ritual of animal sacrifice in their homes during Eidul Azha. According to the FIR, their actions “hurt Muslim sentiments”, and therefore the “culprits” were arrested and charged under Section 298-C (which prohibits any person of the Ahmadi sect from calling himself a Muslim or preaching or propagating his faith) of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC).

According to the FIR, the complainants had heard from some sources that Ahmadis were doing qurbani (animal sacrifice), and to verify this “breach” of law, they climbed up the roofs of the nearby house and from there were able to ascertain that some Ahmadis were sacrificing goats in their houses. What truly baffled me was that these individuals were arrested even though they were doing the qurbani within the confines of their homes. So now it appears that Ahmadis are not even safe within their own homes.

While the laws against Ahmadis are already draconian and inhuman, forbidding them to do anything in public which even resembles Islamic rituals, this time they were arrested and charged for doing something within their homes. From policing their behaviour in public, we have now started to breach the privacy of their homes and in doing so are forcefully stripping them of their human dignity and respect completely. **When it comes to Ahmadis, it seems we have lost our collective sanity and have become blinded by petty hatred. We actually try to outdo each other in expressing hate against a community which numbers only four million.**

This hatred is so intense that we won’t shed a tear even if they are killed in large numbers. I still remember when two Ahmadi mosques were attacked by extremists in Lahore in 2010. In the evening, as I was leaving my office when I overheard the following remark: “Although terrorism is bad, they (Ahmadis) deserved it”.

The fact that the massacre of innocent individuals was being celebrated in such a cold-hearted manner shocked me beyond belief. I was witnessing naked and intense hatred, stripped of even basic humanity and empathy. In those fleeting moments, I thought that maybe this was just a few individuals expressing hate. However, soon after the tragedy, the general reaction proved me wrong.

Normally, tragedies of this scale lead to widespread condemnation and even national mourning, irrespective of the ethnicity, or faith of the individuals. It is said that every national tragedy also leads to moments of national unity. In Pakistan’s case, whenever tragedy struck, society always rose above ethnic, linguistic, and communal differences and stood united in condemnation and grief. However, this tragedy was different.

Instead of grief and condemnation, there was a deafening silence. While people were shocked by the scale of the tragedy, there was literally no condemnation. It seemed that everyone was either afraid to offer condolences or simply did not want to, a glaring anomaly which was also reflected vividly in the media coverage. Amongst leading politicians, only the late Salman Taseer and Nawaz Sharif could muster up some courage to visit the community’s representatives to offer their condolence. I still remember

the uproar when Nawaz merely stated that Ahmadis were also an asset for Pakistan and were like our brothers and sisters.

It was at that point that I truly learnt about the Ahmadi exceptionalism in Pakistan. Even amongst all the oppressed communities in the country, the treatment meted out to them is by far the worst. While all ethnic and religious minorities could claim to be in danger, and with justification, the danger Ahmadis face is supplemented by widespread societal discrimination and intense hatred so much so that no one is willing to offer condolences even in the wake of immense tragedy.

I remember that the entire country was condemning Prime Minister Imran Khan when he showed reluctance to visit the Hazaras after a suicide attack killed several members of their community. Just imagine, what would have the reaction been if Ahmadis had been massacred instead. In that case, Imran would most likely have been under immense pressure to not go to offer his condolences.

After the aforementioned massacre in 2010, a lot has happened which has merely strengthened my belief. Their mosques have been ransacked, graves desecrated, Dr Abdul Salam’s picture was blackened, Atif Mian was forced to resign from the Economic Council and so on. This latest incident, which proves that now Ahmadis are not free to practice religion customs even within their own homes, merely shows that this issue will progressively worsen.

I have read a lot about the entire Ahmadi issue and also written about it. I know for sure that this issue has reached the present situation not because of theological differences but because of the way various political stakeholders have politicised it over the years. Once it got successfully politicised, particularly in early 1970s, then it also became intertwined with the way the state started to cultivate civic nationalism. As a result, the second amendment was passed declaring Ahmadis to be non-Muslims.

The second amendment, instead of defusing the situation, became the blueprint for further state oppression, and the Ziaul Haq regime introduced several laws to further restrict Ahmadis’ right to practice their religion. These laws have given the religious right further impetus to spew more venom against the Ahmadis, which in turn has also intensified hatred against them in society. Such laws have given a sense of entitlement to all to inflict harm on the Ahmadi community.

Ahmadis are now being treated not like a minority but rather like complete outcasts, both by the state and society. As pointed out by Professor Ali Usman Qasmi in his excellent overview of the entire issue:

“The way Pakistan’s legal language has evolved, Ahmadis have merely been reduced to blasphemers and traitors, which means their existence in the country is under threat. To quote Hannah Arendt, Ahmadis in Pakistan do not have the right to have rights.”

This latest episode has shown that now things have taken an ominous turn. I just hope that our society realises that Ahmadis are humans just like all of us. Even if we disagree with their beliefs, we can do so without reducing them to an inhuman status. Our moral case against the atrocities of Muslims in other countries is weakened immensely by the way we are treating Ahmadis in our own country. Above all, it is Allah’s prerogative to judge someone’s faith. Please let them live with dignity.

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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