

PERSECUTION OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

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Police Raid Ahmadi Houses In
Faisalabad, Confiscate
Sacrificial Animals

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احمدیوں کی عید ڈر ڈر کر گزری



5 FIRs Against Ahmadiyya Community
For Sacrificing Animals On Eid
Ahmadiyya community spokesperson expresses concerns over reported police raids and F
stating that Ahmadis spent the occasion in fear and anxiety.
July 3, 2023



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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 18 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

Highlights

FROM 1984* TILL DEC 31, 2022



DURING 2022



DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2023

- Ahmadi brutally murdered on religious grounds.
- Ahmadi lawyer critically injured in a cleaver attack.
- Senior Ahmadi advocate beaten up and arrested under blasphemy clauses for having ‘Syed’ in his name.
- Ahmadi leader arrested from the headquarters of Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan.
- Ahmadi arrested for listening to the Holy Quran, another Ahmadi leader booked under blasphemy clause.
- 15 Ahmadis booked under anti-Ahmadiyya laws during May 2023
- 26 Ahmadis booked under blasphemy laws and 7 arrested during Jun 2023
- Nine Ahmadiyya Mosques attacked, minarets of another mosque concealed by a wall, another prayer centre besieged by a violent mob
- Burial of an Ahmadi woman denied in a common cemetery. Three graves damaged by opponents.
- Sacred inscriptions removed from three Ahmadi houses.
- Two Ahmadi students expelled from school.

* SINCE THE PROMULGATION OF ORDINANCE XX

The recent reports of persecution against the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in Pakistan are deeply concerning and indicative of the ongoing discrimination they face. The denial of their right to sacrifice animals during Eid, the booking of numerous Ahmadis under blasphemy laws, and the discriminatory actions within workplaces paint a grim picture of the challenges they confront daily.

The collaboration between the government and certain groups, like TLP, who actively promote agitation against Ahmadis, raises further alarm about the state of religious freedom and tolerance in the country.

Amidst these distressing reports, it is heartening to see supportive statements from HRCP and other international bodies like Bar Association UK, and the OHCHR UN. Such expressions of solidarity are essential in highlighting the plight of the Ahmadiyya community and urging for greater protection of their rights.

We call on the authorities in Pakistan to take immediate action to address the discriminatory practices and uphold the principles of equality and religious freedom for all citizens. The rights and dignity of Ahmadis, like any other religious community, must be respected and safeguarded as part of a just and inclusive society.

AHMADIS' FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THEIR FAITH WAS SEVERELY CURTAILED AT THEIR RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL EID UL ADHA

Punjab, Islamabad; last week of June 2023:

We regret to report blatant and manifest violation of Ahmadis' human rights in the domain of freedom of practice of their religion at the occasion of Eid ul Adha, one of their religious festivals. It is their routine practice to undertake animal sacrifice (Qurbani) on this occasion. The Mulla would like to deny them this practice, on the excuse that Ahmadis should not be allowed to share this practice with official Muslims. The mullas of the notorious Tehrik Labbaik were at the forefront of this campaign. The authorities in Punjab most wrongfully set aside guarantees provided to Ahmadis in the Constitution, and issued orders to police, etc. to restrict Ahmadis' freedom to practice this aspect of their faith. This precipitated a vicious predicament — Constitutional guarantees vs Authorities' expedience. Some Ahmadis went ahead and exercised their rights (and suffered) while the police did what Lahore had told them. Poor, even bad governance was the obvious outcome. The Mulla was entirely happy that he succeeded in worsening both — the government as well as the Ahmadis.

The tyranny suffered by Ahmadis did not go unreported. The following headlines appeared in the media:

- 5 FIRs Against Ahmadiyya Community For Sacrificing Animals On Eid
<https://voicepk.net/2023/07/5-firs-against-ahmadiyya-community-for-sacrificing-animals-on-eid/>
- Harassment of Ahmadis on Eid ul Azha
<https://www.thefridaytimes.com/2023/06/27/harassment-of-ahmadis-on-eid-ul-azha/>
- Police directed in Punjab to bar Ahmadis from undertaking Qurbani — VOA Urdu
<https://d2nxu8ddenvtf.cloudfront.net/a/ahmadiyya-community-face-legal-action-on-the-occasion-of-eid-30jun2023/7160221.html?nocache=1>
- Police took away meat from our fridge. Ahmadis celebrated Eid in fear.



<https://www.bbc.com/urdu/articles/c9974j5l8580>

- Another case registered in Punjab against members of Ahmadi community for sacrificing animals on Eidul Azha
The daily Dawn; July 4, 2023 - <https://www.dawn.com/news/1762942>

While the mainline print media refrained from reporting etc. the plight of Ahmadis on this day of their festivity, the social media provided them space to express their predicament. A few quotes:

@TahirImran

So far on Eid,
Police registered 4 cases against 10 Ahmadis.
6 Ahmadis Imprisoned including 15 year old boy.
8 other Ahmadis detained, without case.
Demonstrations/gatherings of terrorists outside 9 Ahmadi houses.
8 animals stolen from Ahmadi homes.
3 were forced to sell theirs.
2:53 PM · Jul 2, 2023

@SyedShoaib_

Police took away Qurbani meat from our fridge. My father hid himself, so the police took away his motorcycle. They detained my 13/14-year-old cousin but released him subsequently. (extract from bbc urdu article:
<https://www.bbc.com/urdu/articles/c9974j5l8580>)

All this did not happen in a void; it was un-

Mona Farooq Ahmad
@MonaChaudhry

TLP vigilantes are gathered for Dharna in Sialkot as they caught 3 Ahmadis doing Qurbani but police is not filing an FIR against them. @OfficialDGISPR it's ONLY you who know how to handle such miscreants with 'iron hands'. Plz keep the TLP on leash. #PakistanForAll



9:23 PM · Jul 1, 2023 · 61.5K Views

dertaken under the directions of the provincial government. The Home Department of the government of Punjab issued IMMEDIATE orders on 23rd June, 2023 to all Deputy Commissioners in a letter on the subject:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EID PRAYER GATHERINGS.

Its para 1 c) reads: "Only Muslims shall be allowed to perform Qurbani in accordance with Islamic rites." This office order was in violation of Article 20(a) of the Constitution which reads: "Subject to law, public order and morality, — a. every citizen shall have the right to profess, practice and propagate his religion; and"

Surely, this fundamental and constitutional right cannot be denied on the mere excuse of a subsequent interpretation of the law and the convenience of 'public order' which is the government's responsibility to maintain, anyway — in support of the Constitution, primarily.

The government letter is reproduced in Annex I

The District Police Officer, Hafizabad, subsequently issued a circular to his subordinates that carried his own interpretation of the Home Department's letter. He ordered what was more convenient to him and his men in the field — do the Mulla's bid. He could have allowed Ahmadis to perform Qurbani per their rites, but whither HR and FORB!

The DPO's letter in original and its translation is available in Annex II

This disgraceful campaign jointly undertaken by the extremist elements of the notorious TLP and the Punjab government produced its bitter fruit in tons. A large number of Ahmadis, all over the province, felt grievously

hurt over this denial of freedom to practice their religious rites. It is not possible for us to mention all these in this report, so we place on record briefly only those incidents where the police went all the way to register criminal cases, and/or made arrests of the innocent victims. Perhaps never before as many police cases were registered against Ahmadis in one month over their religion in this province.

- On June 29, 2023, three Ahmadis of Dharowali, District Nankana Sahib asked butchers to slaughter their animals. Mullas reported this to the police, who interrogated the butchers. They even contacted the DPO who showed up at the scene and ordered registration of a case and follow-up arrests. The police registered a case against three Ahmadis, Messrs Rafique Ahmad, Azam Ali Kalu, and Nabeel Ahmad under section PPC 298-C in FIR No. 462/23 at Shah Kot police station.
- On June 30, 2023, the police arrested and registered FIR No. 508/23 against two Ahmadis Messrs Aftab Ahmad and Javaid Ahmad of Dheroki under PPC 298-C at Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, for offering sacrifice, thereby allegedly hurting the sentiments of Muslims.
- On June 30, 2023, the police registered another FIR No. 509/23 against two other Ahmadis Messrs Asad Ijaz and Ahmer Sheraz of Dheroki at the same Sadar police station, Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh, under section PPC 298-C for offering sacrifice and hurting the religious feelings of Muslims by performing this ritual. They were subsequently arrested. The local Ahmadis tried to approach the DPO, but he did not help and ordered the registration of the case.
- On July 1, 2023, complainant Ghulam Mustafa, a local cleric of TLP, reported to police that Mr. Tanvir Ahmad, an Ahmadi of Roshanwala, Faisalabad was sacrificing a calf in the yard of his farmhouse. The police registered FIR No 571/23 against him under PPC 298-C at Roshanwala police station, Faisalabad.
- On July 1, 2023, the police registered an FIR No. 1454/23 against three Ahmadis, Messrs Ghazanfar Ali, Zubair, and Da-wood, under sections PPCs 298 and 298-

C at Badami Bagh police station, Lahore. According to the FIR, the complainant Nouman Umar called the police helpline 15, around 8 pm, when he found out that the accused were offering sacrifice at their residence in Badar Colony, Badami Bagh, Lahore. The police showed up and arrested the three from their residence. They were sent to prison on judicial remand.

- Bigots filed a complaint against two Ahmadis, Babar Ahmad and Nishat Ahmad of Kot Agha, District Sialkot for offering sacrifice. The police registered a case against the two under PPC 295-A in FIR No 327/23 at Qila Kalarwala police station on July 3, 2023. The complainant Muhammad Ali Muawiyah does not even reside in the village of the accused. His maternal grandparents reside in the village; they have a personal vendetta against the accused over a land dispute. This provided them with an opportunity to vent their grudge.

Human Rights Commission of Pakistan issued the following strong statement on these developments:

Following miscellaneous but important pieces of information also merit a place on record:

- Anti-Ahmadi activists prepared a template of application to the police to help bigots lodge a police complaint/FIR against Ahmadis who are seen performing any part of the religious rituals of Eid. The template was spread on various so-

cial media channels.

- A general message was widely circulated on social media telling people to inform the police on # 15 immediately on seeing an Ahmadi undertaking Qurbani or distributing meat, etc.
- Consequently, at various locations, Khatme Nabuwwat activists approached the police to preempt any action by Ahmadis to undertake Qurbani. One such application was forwarded to the SHO Sabz Pir P.S. District Sialkot apparently on behalf of eight villages located within the jurisdiction of the police station.
- At places such applications to the police were moved by activists, although the majority of the locals had no objection to Ahmadis undertaking Qurbani.
- Advocate Ashraf Khan, president of Bar Association Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh offered his legal services for free to prosecute Ahmadis performing the religious rituals of Eid.
- Dissenttoday.net reported: "At least three houses belonging to members of the Ahmadi community were raided by the police in Faisalabad on Eid al Azha following complaints by workers of extremist group Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), and the policemen confiscated sacrificial animals present inside the houses"

<https://dissenttoday.net/news/police-raid-ahmadi-houses-in-faisalabad-confiscate-sacrificial-goats/>

- The Ahmadi spokesperson rebuffed the Home Department's directive and termed police actions unlawful and unconstitutional.
- The police in District Sialkot went overboard to appease the Mulla; it registered the Qurbani case against the Ahmadis under the grave PPC 295-A which provides for 10 years in prison, and permits trial in an anti-terrorism court. TLP has thus roughed up the Punjab admin badly and thoroughly.

Mullas' input. Mullas, mostly from the TLP and Khatme Nabuwwat organizations were at the forefront of this campaign to deny Ahmadis their fundamental rights. Their words and deeds require a separate story, but for lack of space, we mention here very briefly a few of the highlights:

- 23 applications and complaints were submitted in various police stations
- Punjab Police harassed Ahmadis at 89 places
- At 4 places, Ahmadis were barred from offering Eid prayers
- There were 28 surety bonds that Ahmadis were forced to submit
- 13 Ahmadis booked in 6 cases, 7 Ahmadis arrested
- 10 animals were illegally taken into custody by the police
- 5 Ahmadi houses were illegally searched by the police
- On 11 occasions, Ahmadis were harassed and intimidated by the miscreants

- Liaqat Gujjar tweeted: The space has been constricted for the traitors of the End of Prophethood. 1200 companions of the Holy Prophet sacrificed their lives as an example and admonished future generations to not take this mission lightly (sic). The Mujahedeen of Labbaik are in the field. Qadianis are not allowed to perform Islamic rituals. That's it. Period.
- Mulla Ghulam Murtaza organized a sit-in at police station Daska and sent a message: All the members are requested to come here and join us; we will not leave till we get an FIR registered against Mirzais. ... We will nab every Mirzai from the ends of the earth who performs Islamic rites.
- A TLP top bigot is seen saying in a video: (Police) SHOs have assured us that no Qadiani will offer Eid prayer inside their place of worship nor will perform Qurbani inside or outside these places. If they do so inside, their women will (be considered) complicit in the crime under (PPCs) 298-B and 298-C, and if they do outside, 298-B and 298-C will apply.

Pakistan is firmly in the grip of religious bigots these days, and the culprits are not mullas and the authorities only; the civil society generally supports the rhetoric and intolerance of the dogmatist. In this, unbelievably, bar associations take the lead. Letters written by Lahore, Islamabad, and Sargodha bar associations to authorities demanding the denial of the Qurbani rite to Ahmadis are mentioned in another story in this report. No wonder, someone on social media called these bar associations "Legal Wing of Tehrik Labbaik." A copy of their letter is placed at Annex III.

The Friday Times produced a very apt op-ed on this issue on June 27, 2023; we produce below only two extracts from it:

In the meanwhile, we are stuck with small minds in bar associations and police services, who are bending over backward to appease religious bigots and extremists of all hues. In response to my Twitter post on the issue, a Hindu from India called Harpal responded with this: "Bro, when Muslims can do it to Ahmadis in Pak, can we vegan Hindus ask for the same in India without being labeled?"

At every universal periodic review, Pakistan gets lambasted for the woeful treatment of religious minorities, especially Ahmadis. Ultimately several of the economic incentives Pakistan enjoys — such as GSP+ are linked directly to the ICCPR. There is economic cost to persecuting minority communities at home. The world is taking note.

The crop of this seed was there for everyone to see. The BBC and VOA issued reports on these incidents. Punjab authorities might have avoided inconvenience at the hand of the Mulla for now, but they will surely not be lauded for any long-term service to the country. Their letter only worsened the state of the State. Punjab is ruled these days by Mr. Mohsin Naqvi, the caretaker CM, while Mr. Shehbaz Sharif the PM minds the federation.

The daily Nation, in its editorial comment on July 3, 2023, candidly and unambiguously condemned all that happened to Ahmadis during the Eid festival, and concluded: "It is important to remember that such bigoted behavior towards our minorities paints the entire nation in poor colour, labeling us as intolerant, dogmatic and rigid."



3 Jul 2023

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HRCP strongly condemns the judicial harassment of the Ahmadiyya community, most recently in the shape of cases filed against them by individuals with far-right political links for engaging in ritual sacrifice during Eid-ul-Azha. No progressive society can afford to be held hostage to the whims of religious extremists in this manner. Moreover, such harassment flouts the 2022 Supreme Court judgement which upholds all religious minorities' fundamental rights as citizens of Pakistan, including their right to dignity and to practice their faith within their places of worship. All such cases must be quashed immediately.

TWELVE AHMADIS BOOKED IN POLICE CASE; EIGHT DETAINED, LATER RELEASED EXCEPT ONE

Bhulair, District Kasur; June 4-5, 2023:

Twelve Ahmadis were booked under FIR Nr. 588 under PPCs 324, 149, and 148 in Police Station Phool Nagar, District Kasur. In this case, Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad, Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Mr. Maqsood Ahmad, Mr. Ansar Shahzad, Mr. Amar Ahmad, Mr. Daud Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Irfan, Mr. Yasir Ahmad, Mr. Liaqat Ali, Mr. Faryad Ahmad and Mr. Shahzad Ahmad were named. The police detained Messrs Waqas Ahmad, Ashfaq Ahmad, Maqsood Ahmad, Muhammad Irfan and Yassar Ahmad out of the named accused and Messrs Muhammad Shafiq, Muhammad Safyan and Danyal Ahmad from the unnamed list. On subsequent investigation, all were released except one, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad.

There are 9 — 10 Ahmadi families in Bhulair. In the recent past, there has been a significant increase in hostile activities against them. Their religious opponents have been systematically creating an hostile atmosphere by making baseless accusations against the Ahmadis, persecuting and prosecuting them. Ahmadis have resisted in self-defence. TLP mullas have taken the lead in this confrontation.

There occurred a personal dispute between a TLP mulla Abdul Rauf and an Ahmadi youth on December 7, 2022. The TLP gave the incident religious color, met the police authorities,

and demanded demolition of the Ahmadiyya mosque. They declared a complete boycott of Ahmadis and demanded the exile of Ahmadis from the village. Later, on December 17, 2022, police registered a case against 11 Ahmadis. The accused Ahmadis in this case are on bail, however seven of these have now been re-nominated in this case.

On June 3, 2023, Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Ahmadi, was on way to visit his relatives when armed miscreants intercepted and detained him. They tortured him as well. When his family and friends came to know, they immediately reached the spot to help him. Mr. Waqas managed to escape. Ahmadis went to the police station to complain. Instead of legal and moral support, the police took the Ahmadis into custody and registered the above-mentioned FIR.

A delegation of local senior Ahmadis met senior police officers and informed them of the negative activities of the opponents and the actual situation. They were good enough to order the release of the guiltless detainees, except one, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad.

The incident shows that the TLP mullas have made life very difficult for Ahmadis, and it is not easy for the victims to live in dignity as peaceful citizens.

It would be recalled that a criminal case was registered in Chenab Nagar police station on December 6, 2022, under the blasphemy law PPC 295-B and the anti-Ahmadiyya law PPC 298-B against Mr. Sani and a few others on pretext of the distribution of alleged corrupted translation of the Holy Quran. The accusation

was malafide, fabricated, and baseless. The penal code applied allows imprisonment for life. Mr. Sani whose full-time job is to educate and train his students in memorizing the Holy Quran was ironically arrested for defiling the Holy Quran on January 7, 2023. He is incarcerated in a prison in Faisalabad.

He applied for release on bail. The judge rejected his plea despite the circumstances of the case, the unjustifiable registration of the case, the inappropriate penal code applied, and the fact that he has already suffered over five months in prison. Also relevant is the fact that in the recent past, judges of high courts and the Supreme Court have granted bails to a large number of accused who are facing very serious charges, for sedition and violent conduct, etc. under official allegations.

The mulla was delighted over this rejection of Ahmadi principal's plea, and hurried to issue the statement, It is provided below, along with the translation:

الحمد للہ گستاخ مرزا مبارک احمد قادیانی کی ضمانت خارج

مذہب تحریف شدہ قرآن کریم کی طاعت اشاعت، ترسیل اور سوشل میڈیا کے ذریعے پوری دنیا میں اگلی اشاعت میں ملوث، قادیانی ٹیٹ ورک کا مرکزی کردار ہے۔ ملزم قادیانی جماعت کے مرکزی ادارے جامعۃ النطق کا پرنسپل، مدرسہ عائشہ کا نگران اور مرکزی شوریٰ جماعت قادیانی کا ممبر ہے۔ آج ملزم کی ضمانت سیشن جج راؤ اہمل کی معزز عدالت میں زیر سماعت تھی۔ ملزم کی جانب سے اسکے وکیل مرزا عادل ایڈووکیٹ (قادیانی جماعت کی درالقضاء کا جج) اور عامر منیر ایڈووکیٹ (سیکرٹری امور عامہ قادیانی جماعت) اور آفتاب چیمہ ایڈووکیٹ پیش ہوئے۔ کہا کہ ملزم کے خلاف شواہد موجود نہ ہیں۔ ملزم کو سازش کے ذریعے اور مذہبی تعصب کی بناء پر مقدمہ میں ملوث کیا گیا ہے۔ مقدمہ بے بنیاد ہے جبکہ مدعی مقدمہ حسن معاویہ کی جانب سے لیگل کمیشن آن بلا سٹینی پاکستان کی لیگل ٹیم ندیم کھر، کامران، سردار اہمل ایڈووکیٹس شیخ نواز ایڈووکیٹ کی سربراہی میں پیش ہوئی، مدعی کے وکلاء نے ملزم کے خلاف تمام شواہد معزز عدالت کے سامنے رکھے۔ اور ملزم کا مجرمانہ کردار سامنے رکھا۔ فریقین کے دلائل اور ریکارڈ ملاحظہ کر کے معزز عدالت نے ملزم کی ضمانت خارج فرمادی۔

This case provides a testimony to the hypothesis that while dealing with Ahmadis on religious issues, the mulla and the judiciary have often acted as a team — of course, there were exceptions, even if rare.

The list of originators of the above statement shows the role of Vukala Gardi, (Lawyers' activism) in anti-Ahmadi sectarian role. The list includes a body like the Islamabad Bar Association — note the depth and extent of the cancer.

Translation:

A verse of the Holy Quran, Al-Ahzab 57, with Urdu translation

City: Chenab Nagar- Chiniot:

Date: June 10, 2023

Alhamdulillah, the bail of blasphemer Mirza Mubarak Ahmad Qadiani got rejected

The accused is a major culprit in the Qadiani network responsible for the compilation, publication, and worldwide dissemination of altered versions of the Holy Quran through social media. The accused is the principal of the central institute of Qadiani Jamaat *Jamiatul Hifz*, in-charge *Madrasah Ayesha*, and a member of the central advisory council (*Shura*). Today the bail of the accused was heard in the respected court of Sessions Judge Rao Ajmal. From the accused's side, his advocate Mirza Adil (a judge of the Qadiani Jamaat's *Darul Qaza*), Advocate Amir Munir (Secretary, General Affairs Qadiani Jamaat), and Advocate Aftab Cheema were present. They said that there is no evidence against the accused. The accused has been involved in the case out of religious prejudice and conspiracy against him; the case is baseless. While from the complainant's side, Legal Commission on Blasphemy Pakistan's legal team comprising Advocates Nadeem Gujjar, Kamran, and Sardar Ajmal were present under the leadership of Advocate Sheikh Nawaz. The plaintiff's lawyers presented all the evidence before the court and elaborated on the criminal character of the accused. After examining the arguments of both parties and viewing the records, the respected court rejected the bail of the accused.

For contact: 03345375607

Requesting for prayers:

Legal Commission on Blasphemy Pakistan

Legal Thinkers Forum, Razakaran (Volunteers of) Khatme Nabuwat, Ahle Sunnat Media Research Forum, World Khatme Nabuwat Council, Anjuman Ashiqaan e Muhammad (SAW), Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat Forum, Rizvi Media World, Eagle of Islam, Team Muslim Media, Tehrik Tahaffuze Namoose Risalat Pakistan, Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat Wukala (Lawyers) Forum, Legal and Cyber Crime Experts Forum, Islamabad Bar Association, Fidayaan (devotees of) Khatme Nabuwat Forum RMRP.

PLEA FOR BAIL REJECTED BY ASJ

Lalian; June 10, 2023:

ASJ Lalian rejected the plea for bail of Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani, the principal of the Ahmadiyya Noor Academy. He remains in prison while awaiting trial and a verdict. It is almost six months that the esteemed head is behind bars.

UK BAR COUNCIL RAISES CONCERN OVER RECENT RELIGIOUS ISSUES IN PAKISTAN



European News; June 17, 2023:

The UK Bar Council issued the following press release, which was published in

<https://www.europeantimes.news/2023/06/uk-bar-council-raises-concern-over-treatment-of-ahmadi-muslim-lawyers-in-pakistan/>

UK Bar Council raises concern over treatment of Ahmadi Muslim lawyers in Pakistan

The Bar Council is profoundly concerned by recent announcements in parts of Pakistan that Ahmadi Muslims lawyers must renounce their religion in order to practise at the Bar. Both the District Bar Association of Gujranwala and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bar Council issued notices that anyone applying for admission to the Bar must positively assert they are Muslim and denounce the teachings of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and its founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan enshrines the principles of religious freedom and equality before the law and it is

difficult to see how the notices can be consistent with that principle.

Nick Vineall KC, Chair of the Bar of England and Wales, has written to the chair of the Pakistan Bar Council requesting that action be taken to remedy this discrimination against Ahmadi Muslims and non-Muslims.

According to news reports from The Friday Times, Ahmadi Muslims have also faced physical attacks in court. In a judgment from the High Court of Sindh Karachi, Omar Sial J. said: "Not only an attempt was made to intimidate the court and interfere in the smooth administration of justice, but a lawyer... was physically abusive towards... one of the learned counsel for the applicant. [...] This was simply unacceptable behaviour and conduct and must necessarily be condemned by the Bar Associations and Councils."

Commenting, Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales Nick Vineall KC, said:

"There is understandably a huge amount of international political focus on Pakistan at the moment. Amid these wider concerns over democratic processes, we have been alerted to the specific concerns of Ahmadi Muslim lawyers who are facing discrimination in being denied the right to practise at the Bar because of their religion.

"The decisions taken in Gujranwala and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to exclude Ahmadi Muslims and non-Muslims from the Bar – and by extension, potentially excluding citizens from access to legal representation – are intentionally discriminatory and seem impossible to reconcile with Pakistan's constitutional principles of religious freedom and equality before the law.

"We are urging the Bar Council of Pakistan, as the overarching body, to take action."

AHMADI BOOKED, VICTIM OF PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSY — POLICE ARRESTS SONS INSTEAD

Kotli, AJK; June 23, 2023:

A case was registered against Mr. Mubarak Ahmad in City Police Station Kotli under PPC 298, 298-C and 489-P. Mr. Mubarak works as a stamp-paper seller at the Judicial Complex Kotli and has a better business than his competitors, which caused professional jealousy among other stamp-paper sellers — the complainant Muhammad Zulfiqar Hussain is one of them. According to the details, they took the mobile phone of the accused on the pretext of making a phone call, and posted some irrelevant remarks regarding the End of Prophethood (Khatme Nabuwat). Subsequently, in consultation with mullas, they got a police case registered against Mr. Ahmad. The police

raided his residence to arrest him, but when they could not find him, they detained two of his sons, Taimoor Ahmad and Luqman Ahmad, and also his servant.

Mr. Mubarak Ahmad is the younger brother of the president of the Ahmadiyya Community Kotli. The police went for him as well but could not locate him. The police is trying to arrest Mr. Ahmad while the wrongfully detained sons and servant were released from custody.

The incident shows the vulnerability of Ahmadi citizens, and the police role in support of religious bigots.

YET ANOTHER AGREEMENT WITH TLP

Before we reproduce some of the clauses of the agreement, a brief timeline of this party's 9-year history would be appropriate.

August 2014: Mulla Khadim Hussain Rizvi founded the party, Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasullullah — later changed into Tehrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP).

November 2017: First major protest march to Islamabad against granting of voting rights to Ahmadis. Blockaded the capital. Some people died in the confrontation with the government. The authorities sought Army's help. Peace was restored after the acceptance of most of the demands. A federal minister had to resign.

April 2018: A 12-day protest by the TLP. The government had to enter into a deal.

May 2018: Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal was injured in an assassination attempt by a TLP activist.

June 2018: Rizvi spoke at a Khatme Nabuwat



conference, "The day Islam comes to power, there will be one decision regarding Mirzais (Ahmadis). Either recite the Kalima (become a Muslim) or accept death. There will be nothing else other than this...."

Oct/Nov: 2018: TLP's protests and riots over Asia Bibi's acquittal in the blasphemy case. Vast damage to properties. Khadim Rizvi is seen in a video saying, "Those who are friendly to Mirzais should flee abroad with them."

Year's end 2018: Pir Afzal Qadri spoke the unspeakable in the presence of Khadim Rizvi, against the Supreme Court, the Army, and the

government. He declared three SC judges Wajib ul Qatl and urged their guards to kill them. Speaking against the COAS, "All generals who are Muslim are responsible to rebel against these generals." The two mullas were then booked for sedition and arrested but were released on bail by the LHC.

2020: TLP takes the lead in attacks on Ahmadiyya mosques and graves, and persists in this as a matter of policy. The authorities join in.

Nov 2020: TLP's march on Islamabad protesting Islamophobic cartoons in French media. Demands the expulsion of the French ambassador and a boycott of French products.

Nov 19, 2020: Khadim Rizvi passed away; Saad Rizvi, his son takes over TLP.

Jan-April 2021: TLP protests and undertakes riots in pursuit of its demands regarding the French ambassador. A large number of policemen were injured, and some were killed. TLP was banned. Government signs another agreement with TLP.

Oct 2021: Another march and violent riots by the TLP. Eight policemen were killed. Authorities sign another deal with the TLP. Ban lifted.

Aug 2022: Ahmadi stabbed to death in Rabwah by a TLP activist

Sep 2022: A TLP leader, mulla Naeem Qadri tells his followers to kill Ahmadis, especially pregnant women to stop Ahmadi babies from being born.

Feb 2023: A TLP leader Anas Rizvi tells the audience, "The companions of the Holy Prophet killed 36000 Mirzais, under the leadership of Caliph Abu Bakr Siddique in the battle of "Yamamah". (This battle took place 1200 years before the birth of the founder of the Ahmadiyya denomination. Ed.)

May 2023: TLP announced 'Historic Karachi to Islamabad, Save Pakistan March' outwardly against inflation.

June 18, 2023: The federal government entered into an agreement with the notorious

extreme rightwing politico-religious party Tehrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) after its protesters had reached Sarai Alamgir, 70 kilometers from Islamabad.

The government signed a 12-point deal with the protestors, primarily on the blasphemy issue, and the TLP leadership ended the protest.

The daily Dawn published the deal in its issue of June 18, 2023. We produce below some extracts:

TLP ends protest after 12-point deal with govt

ISLAMABAD, the Tehreek-i-Labbaiq Pakistan (TLP) has called off the protest after reaching an agreement with the government on assorted issues, including the ease of restrictions on the party and a reduction in fuel prices.

... The 12-point agreement was signed by federal ministers Rana Sanaullah and Ayaz Sadiq from the government's side and Dr. Mohammad Shafiq Amini and Allama Ghulam Abbas Faizi from TLP.

According to the agreement speedy trials of the blasphemy accused will be ensured along with swift decisions on appeals filed by those awarded punishment by the courts.

The capacity of institutions responsible for dealing with blasphemy cases will be strengthened and a Counter Blasphemy Wing will be established under the FIA.

Those accused of committing blasphemy and charged with Section 295-C of the Pakistan Penal Code will also be booked under the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997.

As per the agreement, the Foreign Office will write to US authorities within three days for the release of Dr. Afia Siddiqui, who is incarcerated in a medical facility in Texas.

The government has also agreed to lift the ban on the coverage of TLP on electronic and social media while all political cases filed against TLP workers and leaders will be withdrawn.

The interior ministry will issue a letter clari-

fying that (TLP) was not a terror outfit but a political party duly registered with the Election Commission of Pakistan. The letter will also state that there were no restrictions on TLP's coverage on social and electronic media and the party has complete freedom as enjoyed by all other political parties.

TLP leaders whose names have been taken off the Fourth Schedule of the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 will have the freedom of movement and the federal government will issue directives to provincial governments in this regard.

The agreement also mentioned that petrol and diesel prices will be reduced on June 30

and July 15. The government will consider reduced oil prices in the international market, the arrival of cheap Russian oil, and improved value of rupees against the US dollar to pass on the relief to consumers.

The government and TLP have also agreed that Urdu will be promoted as the official language for written communications in government offices.

Regarding the TLP's demand for the release of Dr. Aafia, the interior minister said her incarceration was a national issue "that saddened every Pakistani",...

UN CONCERN OVER TREATMENT OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

The daily Dawn; June 3, 2023:

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) wrote a letter to the government of Pakistan, to take effective action, and send back a report. It was reported in the daily as reproduced below:

UN body voices concern over treatment of Ahmadis

ISLAMABAD: The UN human rights body has expressed concern over the treatment of Ahmadis in Pakistan and sought a reply from the government by the end of this month to allegations that the community does not enjoy the freedoms and rights granted by international law to all individuals regardless of their religion, caste, creed or colour.

The concern was expressed by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) through a letter submitted to Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Permanent Representative's office forwarded the letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this week.

The OHCHR wrote the letter after receiving a report prepared by a team of its Special Rapporteurs — Fernand de Varennes, Irene Khan, Margaret Satterthwaite and Nazila Ghanea.

The letter went on to say: "We would like to bring to the attention of your excellency's government information we have received concerning growing discrimination and rising incidents of hate speech and incitement to violence against the Ahmadi religious minority in Pakistan, including attacks against places of worship and other acts of intimidation."

The UN agency called upon the government to take measures for putting an end to the alleged violations, ensure that they did not recur and take action against individuals found responsible.

"While awaiting a reply, we urge that all necessary interim measures be taken to halt the alleged violations and prevent their recurrence and in the event that the investigations support or suggest the allegations to be correct, to ensure the accountability of any person(s) responsible for the alleged violations."

The High Commissioner's office said "religiously motivated instances" of hate speech and "acts of intolerance" against Ahmadis were on the rise in Pakistan.

"We are deeply concerned about violent attacks against the Ahmadi minority, which we

have previously addressed in several communications that despite our requests for remedial actions from authorities, the safety of the Ahmadi minority continues to deteriorate." the OHCHR said.

Published in the Dawn, June 3rd, 2023

THE DEGENERATION OF PAK CIVIL SOCIETY

2023 AD:

In modern-day nation-states, civil society is an important pillar of the state, and if it is in relatively good health, the state is expected to bounce back even if some of its other pillars and institutions have suffered decay. Pakistan is not in a state of good health; unfortunately, its civil society shows signs of degeneration, decline, and even rot. And the educated lawyers' community, a leader in civil society, is at the forefront to display this regrettable state of affairs.

Human rights and freedom of faith are two important indicators of good governance of a state. The maltreatment of Ahmadis in this regard is known to all sections of society in Pakistan. One would expect the lawyers' community, which deals with issues of justice, fair play, and good governance, all the time, to provide support to the beleaguered and marginalized community. But no, some bar associations unabashedly urge the authorities to 'do more' to worsen the victims.

Recently, at the time of the Eid ul Adha festival, bar associations of Lahore High Court, Islamabad, and Sargodha wrote letters to authorities to make sure that Ahmadis are not allowed to exercise freedom of practice of their faith by undertaking animal sacrifice at their religious festival of Eid ul Adha.

We provide a copy of their letter in Annex III to this report. The text of the letter is identical

in all three cases. It seems that a workless lawyer of some Khatme Nabuwwat forum, who had no case to plead in a court, drafted it and forwarded it to these Associations, who owned up his rendition of highly doubtful merit, and forwarded the same to authorities.

It is noteworthy that these associations blatantly failed to uphold Article 20 of the Constitution which gives every citizen, to whatever religion he or she may belong, the right to profess, practice, and propagate his or her faith. What a failure!

These associations have referred to some decisions of the Supreme Court given in 1993 and 1985 i.e. thirty to forty years ago; but they completely and conveniently missed out on the most recent verdict of the Supreme Court of the year 2022. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Aminuddin Khan held that the right of Ahmadis to practice their faith within their homes or places of worship, cannot be abridged. It is unbelievable that these professional bodies committed such ignorance or disregard.

Any good lawyer knows that there are good laws, and there are bad laws. Apartheid in South Africa was founded in law, but eventually, almost all agreed that it was a bad law, and good, sensible, and morally sound lawyers said so—loud and clear. How come the Bar Associations of Islamabad, Lahore, and Sargodha have lost their moral moorings—even the legal ones? It is unfortunate, indeed.

A NOTABLE HATE-MONGER

Twitter; June 16, 2023:

There is no shortage of hate-mongers in Pakistan, although the country does not need them. They spread hate based on politics, ethnicity, language, caste, creed, etc. Ahmadis are often targeted, however, there are not many miscreants who use social media for this purpose in a senseless manner. There is a fresh entrant in this field who tweets from address @Riaz_Hussain77, and calls himself RH Riaz. Riaz refers to Ahmadis with the sole object of slander, hate, malice, bad-mouthing, etc. without caring whether his message makes any sense, has any logic, or is supported by even half-truths. We do not know who is his paymaster and what he gets per posting, regardless of its worth. We produce one of his recent fabrications below, as a specimen:



Translation

(The opening statement)

Who are (these) people who talk about Qadianis' rights?

In fact, the greatest danger to Islam is the Qadianis. All these are shameless Qadianis.

Who, by elevating Imran to the rank of Imam and Prophethood, are spreading misguidance and dissension?

Imran is the anti-Christ evil (*Dajjali fitna*).

(The pictorial display; pictures are mostly of supposed Ahmadis)

Top: What kind of Muslims are these?

Left column: I seek the forgiveness of Allah.

Right column: I seek the forgiveness of Allah.

Centre: Unreadable

Bottom: Undiscernible

Centre bottom: If these are not Qadianis' beliefs, then what else are? Please consider copiously.

Bottom: What sort of religion is this?

Honestly, we cannot make head or tail of the above. Who are his target, Imran Khan or 'Qadianis'? Perhaps both, in the opinion of this fellow.

Mr. Riaz's sponsors should reconsider if he and his assignment are worth their money.

Last, not least, Ahmadis played an active role in creation of Pakistan. They remain its genuine well-wishers despite... . Don't call them bad names and do not persecute them; it harms Pakistan itself.

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, allegedly for sharing a WhatsApp message regarding a religious Quiz program and a General Knowledge competition arranged by the youth organization of the Ahmadiyya community.

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 later on 30.09.2020 on reporting to the FIA office; they are in Camp Jail Lahore.

Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet on June 29, 2021 exposing them to the penalty of death.

The Supreme Court rejected their post-arrest bail application. Thereafter the High Court rejected Rohan's bail on statutory ground on June 8, 2023. Statutory ground here means 'trial not concluded within 2 years of the arrest of the accused'.

2

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 Salammat" and sharing Ahmadiyya content in it. He was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021. Subsequently the trial court added the Blasphemy section 295-C of PPC to the said case.

His plea for bail was rejected by the Supreme Court.

3

Malik Zaheer Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2020 in a fabricated case under Sections 295-B, 298-C, 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.

His plea for bail was rejected by the Supreme Court.

4

Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani Principal of Noor Academy was arrested on January 7, 2023 from his home in Rabwah. He was booked with FIR Nr. 661/22 under the blasphemy section 295-B, PPC298-C and the Punjab Holy Quran (Printing and Recording) Act 2011, allegedly for distributing copies of the Holy Quran as prize among students who memorised the Holy Quran. He was sent to Jhang Jail after judicial remand and later transferred to District Jail Faisalabad. His plea for bail was rejected by Additional Sessions Judge Lalian, District Chiniot.

5

The police booked Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq for having 'Syed' in his name, under PPC the anti-Ahmadiyya 298-B with FIR No. 54 on April 27, 2023 in the police station City Court Karachi. He was arrested and sent to jail.

Sindh High Court allowed his release on bail on May 27, 2023, but due to a production order in an old case of October 20, 1992, his release has been stalled.

6

Mr. Javed Iqbal and Mr. Aftab Talib of Chak 433 GB, District Toba Tek Singh were booked and arrested under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 508 at police station Gojra Saddar, District Toba Tek Singh on June 30, 2023 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha.

7

Mr. Asad Ijaz and Mr. Ahmad Shiraz of Chak 433 GB, District Toba Tek Singh were booked and arrested under PPC 298-C with FIR No. 509 at police station Gojra Saddar, District Toba Tek Singh on June 30, 2023 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha.

8

Mr. Ghazanfar Ali, Mr. Muhammad Daud and Mr. Zubair Ahmad of District Lahore were booked and arrested under PPCs 298 and 298-C with FIR No. 1454 at police station Badami Bagh, District Lahore on July 1, 2023 for sacrificing animals on Eid-ul-Adha.

9

Twelve Ahmadis were named in FIR Nr. 588 at Police Station Phool Nagar, District Kasur, facing charges under PPCs 324, 149, and 148. While several Ahmadis were detained, Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad (one of the named person in the FIR) remains in custody. In Bhulair, religious opponents, mainly TLP mullas, have been creating a hostile atmosphere for Ahmadi families.

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)

AS OF JUNE 30, 2023:

- Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Sani - principal Hifz School Rabwah was arrested in Jan.
- Mr. Syed Ali Ahmad Tariq - advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan arrested in Apr.
- 14 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- Fabricated cases against 8 Ahmadis were registered during Nov and an FIR is registered against some members of Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan in Dec.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student has been awarded 5 years imprisonment in Nov 2022, for hurting the religious feelings.
- 13 Ahmadis were arrested during August 2022 for sacrificing animals on Eid.
- This year 13 Ahmadis are nominated in 6 cases and 7 have been arrested on Eid festival. (*this figure include the first week of July*)
- 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.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died while in police custody (Feb. 2021 & Jan 2022.)

Alarming Facts SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 6 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 276 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 19 murder attempts, 10 attacks during 2022, 2 attacks in May.
- Fabricated cases against 8 Ahmadis were registered during Nov 2022 and an FIR is registered against some members of Ahmadiyya leadership in Pakistan in Dec. Two new cases registered, one Ahmadi arrested in Feb 2023
- 13 Ahmadis are nominated in 6 cases for sacrificing animals on Eid festival, 7 of them are arrested.
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 29 Ahmadiyya mosques desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities. 9 attacked during 2023
- 246 graves have been desecrated, 180 of these were during 2022. Burial of an Ahmadi lady denied and the graveyard sealed in Nov. Burial of another Ahmadi lady denied in Jan 2023.
- 53 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws.
- Sacred inscription from 22 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

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- Harassment of Ahmadis on Eid ul Azha
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 7, 2023
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- Three soldiers martyred in North Waziristan
The daily Dawn, Lahore; June 12, 2023
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 6, 2023
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 4, 2023
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The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, June 7, 2023
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 17, 2023
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- Our defense budget is far less than that of our neighbour: Finance Minister
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, June 11, 2023
- Firing at funeral of slain Afghan governor kills 11
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 10, 2023
- 41 massacred, six abducted in ghastly Uganda school assault (by IS linked militants)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 18, 2023
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 17, 2023
- Egypt bestows highest honour, the Order of Nile, on Modi
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 26, 2023
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 23, 2023
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The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 14, 2023
- India's deadliest (train)crash in 20 years claims 288 lives
The daily Dawn, Lahore, June 4, 2023
- PTI chief masterminded May 9 violence: Sana
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 8, 2023
- Former PM booked for Quetta Lawyer's murder
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 8, 2023
- Elahi taken into custody after week-long siege
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 2, 2023
- Parvez Elahi to face fresh NAB probe
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 10, 2023
- Imran's sister, brother-in-law booked

- over 'belched' land deal
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 11, 2023
- Parvez Elahi develops heart problem in prison
The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, June 12, 2023
- Parvez family used peon's accounts for money laundering
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 6, 2023
- Ex-Punjab CM Buzdar bids adieu to PTI, politics
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 3, 2023
- Missing lawyer Jibran Nasir returns home
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 3, 2023
- Inquiry into assets of 22 former cabinet ministers
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Tv Hum at 07:10 on June 7, 2023
- Rs 4.5 bn transactions detected in bank accounts of Farhat (a close friend of former prime minister Imran Khan—now abroad since his removal as PM)
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 7, 2023
- Lawyer's murder in Quetta sparks blame game
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- Ex PM's wife, brother named in another case
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 8, 2023
- After relief in eight cases, NAB grills PTI Chief for four hours
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 9, 2023
- PTI govt destroyed health care system: Governor (KP)
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- JI vows not to accept 'fake' election of Karachi mayor
The daily Dawn; Lahore, June 17, 2023

Op-ed: Religion and Pakistaniat

... 'Academic pursuits' and 'intellectual debates' cannot happen without the freedom to question, to push back, to engage. They cannot happen if people cannot take different, distinct and often opposing positions on is-

sues.

It is also not possible to have critical thinking in some areas and not in others. It is not possible to have critical thinking in physics but not in Pakistan Studies or Islamiat. If we close debate in one area, it has an impact on debate in other areas as well.

Some might feel that observing Holi does not have anything to do with having intellectual debates and that the same goes for dress codes and the intermingling of men and women. But it does. It goes to the mindset, it goes to the 'space' that is present or not present for thinking, debate and questioning.

If, as Dr Sohail says, we have to get the young people of the country ready to take over the running of the country, restrictions on thought and action, in any domain, without debate and the making of a 'deliberative' democracy, are bound to lead to failure.

By Faisal Bari published in the daily Dawn; Lahore, June 23, 2023

Op-ed: War or Peace

...Interestingly, the people claiming to perform acts of terrorism today in the name of Islam don't even consider Muslim-majority countries as being in the House of Peace. According to them, since such countries do not fully implement Islamic laws, they do not fall in the category of the House of Peace. For them, the whole world is a House of War, thus they justify the killing of individuals in blatant disregard of Islamic principles. On the contrary, Islam clearly rejects the unlawful killing of civilians. The Quran says: "... If anyone kills a person — unless in retribution for murder or spreading corruption in the land — it is as if he kills all mankind" (5:32).....

There is still light at the end of the tunnel that the tide of extremism can be controlled. The vulnerable youth, who are more prone to extremist rhetoric, have the religious justification to stand up to those falsely claiming to speak on behalf of Islam and restore its image as a peaceful religion. In this regard, the role of our policymakers is also more important since

it is time to make legislation in the new context and implement the National Action Plan in letter and spirit. In fact, a fresh wake-up call to the nation to deal with this newly emerged wave of extremism, hidden in the garb of political activism, is the need of the hour.

By Rashad Bukhari published in the daily Dawn; Lahore, June 23, 2023

Op-ed: Other people's sons and daughters

Abul Ala Maududi (d1979), the founder of the Jamaat-i-Islami (JI), had nine children. He is often considered to be one of the most influential Islamist ideologues in the Muslim world. Yet, he sternly debarred his own children from joining the JI. In fact, in a 2013 interview that one of Maududi's sons gave to the Bangladeshi newspaper Daily Star, he said his father did not even allow his children to read the many books that he (Maududi) had authored.

The son, Haider Farooq Maududi, has frequently castigated his father for stopping his children from following the political philosophy that he shaped and advocated. According to Haider, this, however, did not stop his father from 'using' sons and daughters of other people to bolster JI's politics. Haider entered his twenties in 1970 but was pointedly told by his father that he could not even go near a JI rally.

Yet, in 1971, when civil war broke out in the former East Pakistan, Maududi's party was in the forefront of recruiting young men to aid the military in its war against Bengali separatists. In Religion and the Cold War, the historian Phil Muehlenbeck writes that the military helped the JI form two militia units, Al-Badar and Al-Shams, whose purpose was to root out and hunt down Bengali separatists.

Thousands were killed in the war, but this could not stop the separatists from succeeding in turning East Pakistan into Bangladesh. Many young men from West Pakistan too were recruited by the JI, especially for Al-Shams. However, none of the two militias included even a single son or daughter of JI's top leader-ship.

History then repeated itself when, during the Ziaul Haq dictatorship (1977-88), the JI was facilitated by the regime to recruit young men to fight a 'jihad' against communists in Afghanistan. Many died on the battlefield. Whereas the JI leadership was enthusiastically recruiting sons of other people to fight Soviet forces in Afghanistan, the leadership's own children were studying in good educational institutions, or were employed in reputable companies, or they were running their own businesses. None of them saw any action in Afghanistan. In fact, many even migrated to the US and became citizens of that country.

Recently, former prime minister Imran Khan,.....

By Nadeem F. Paracha published in the daily Dawn; Lahore, June 18, 2023

Op-ed: Boats of doom

It is being called the worst migrant boat disaster in the Mediterranean Sea. A week ago, a migrant boat carrying up to 750 people, 400 of them said to be Pakistanis, started to have trouble with its engine. After three days of being stranded, the boat capsized and most of the passengers died — in fact, all of them, except for 104, who were rescued. Among the survivors were only 12 Pakistanis.....

By Rafia Zakaria published in the daily Dawn; Lahore, June 21, 2023

Editorial: Medical crimes

AS humans fade into numbers, our white coats paint a grim image for the sick. Last week, two women were victims of a strange roulette — the namesakes were wrongly operated on at Independent Hospital in Faisalabad; the one with a leg infection endured gallbladder removal and the gallbladder patient underwent a leg surgery. As is tradition, the Faisalabad health authority head formed an inquiry committee for an inquiry. A fortnight prior to the swap, an infant died of burns in an overheated incubator at Lahore's Children's Hospital.....

Published in the daily Dawn; Lahore, June 12, 2023

Tweets



Translation: (Above) Rupees 325 million were transferred from the account of a peon of the Punjab Assembly to the Chaudhry family: FIA

.... (Below) Rupees 325 million were transferred from the account of a peon of the Punjab Assembly to the Chaudhry family. FIA stated that Mr Qaiser Iqbal Bhatti, a peon in the Punjab Assembly made money through corruption and it is linked with Rasikh Elahi and his wife, and Moonis Elahi and his wife.



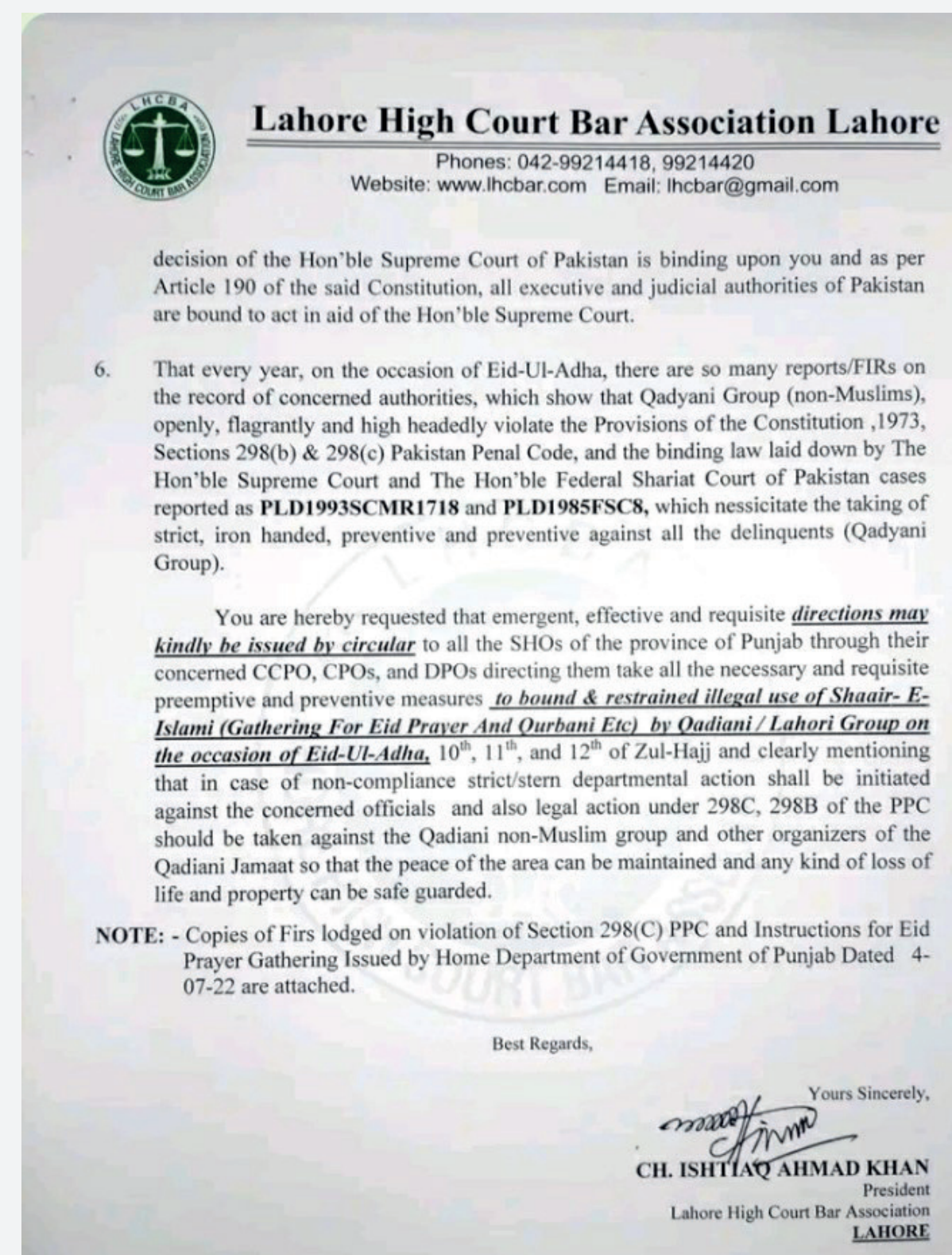
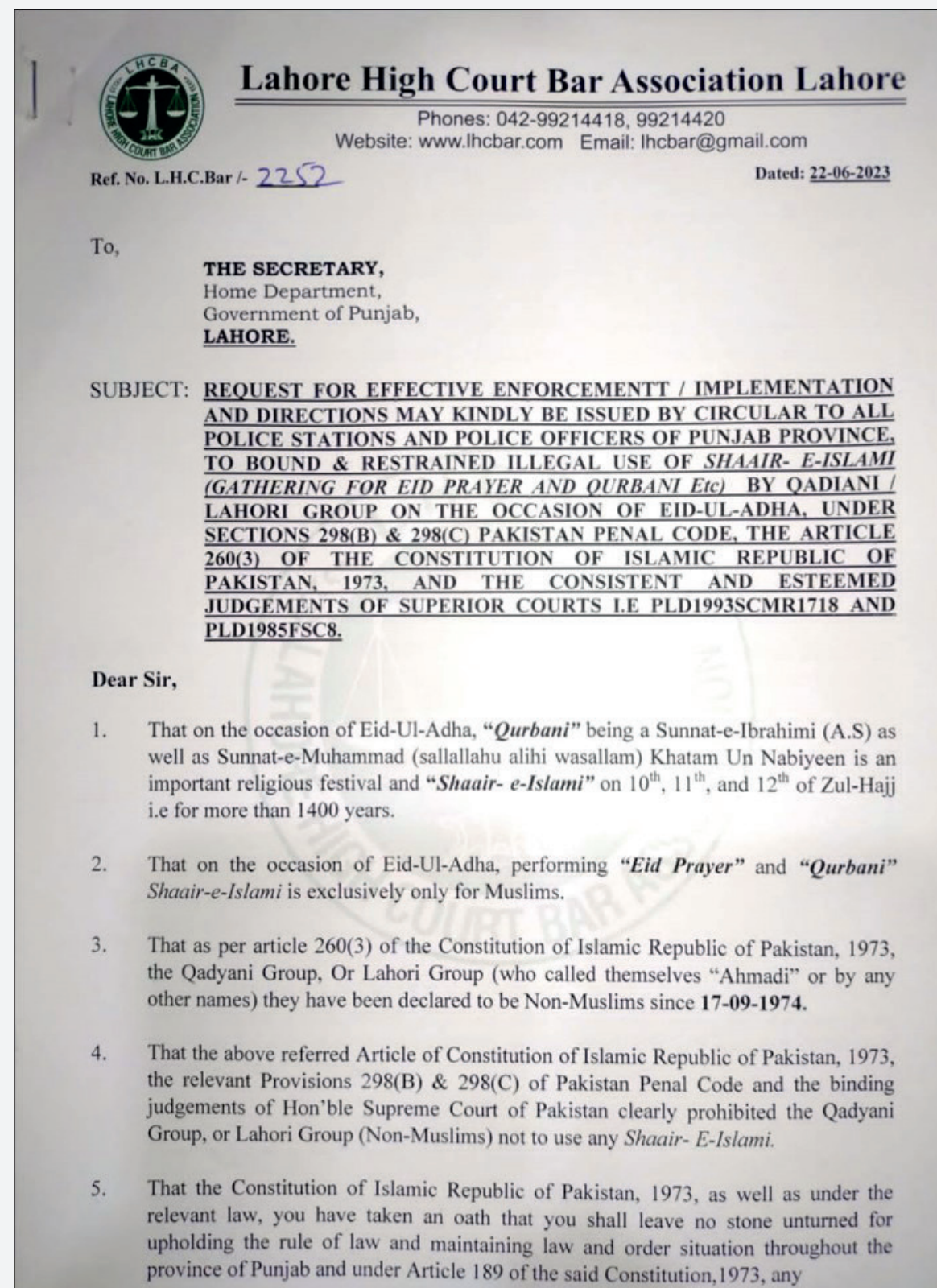
Translation: The daddy doesn't have a second pair of Shalwar, while the son indulges in English (statements) sitting in Spain Breaking News

For the last 10 days, I've only one pair shalwar; I put on the same for seven days after washings: Parvez Elahi

(Bottom) Islamabad: Both the houses passed the Resolution regarding May 9: Yousaf Raza Gilani

ANNEX III

Letter from Lahore High Court Bar Association to bar Ahmadis from animal sacrifice



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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