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Persecution of Ahmadiis IN PAKISTAN

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Highlights

ASSAULTS IN MARCH	AHMADIYYA MOSQUES	SOCIAL BARRIERS
<p>In Peshawar, a non-Ahmadi doctor was killed during an attack on a clinic run by an Ahmadi. Another employee was wounded as well. Abdul Qadir, an Ahmadi doctor, was killed in a nearby medical facility last year. Five Ahmadis have been killed in Peshawar during the last two years.</p> <p>In another incident in Taunsa Sharif, an elderly Ahmadi suffered serious head injuries.</p>	<p>An Ahmadiyya mosque's roof has been burned in Badin, the same place where a local Ahmadi's wedding tents were torn down by enemies a month ago. There is a threat to another Ahmadiyya mosque in 275 RB, Kartarpur, Faisalabad, where the opponents have reported to authorities that Ahmadis have constructed a place of worship resembling a mosque.</p>	<p>An Ahmadi, named his shop after the name of his son. The TLP members gathered and forced him to remove the name from the front of the store. In addition, they harassed and threatened him. This was due to the name 'Abdullah', which means, 'Servant of Allah'. See similar details on pages 8 and 9, an insight into the difficulties Ahmadis face every day.</p>

OATH OF KHATM-E-NABUWWAT FOR MARRIAGE REGISTRATION

Earlier we reported that the Punjab assembly has adopted a resolution to introduce an oath of Khatm-e-Nabuwwat to solemnize all marriages in the province under the Muslim law. A formal notification has been issued by the Governor this month. This notification provides an affidavit for the parties to prove their Islamic credentials. It contains the following sentence (Tr): *"I consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be a Jhoota (false/liar/fabricator) Prophet."* Ahmadis adhere to the principle of KN; however, the evil intended to its founder by the said oath must be condemned.

DID YOU KNOW?

AHMADIS FACE THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAWS FOR:

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

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

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

AHMADI'S CLINIC ATTACKED IN PESHAWAR, LEAVING ONE DEAD

Bazid Khel, District Peshawar; March 5, 2022:

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

The killer also fired at other people in the clinic, but luckily they remained unhurt. The assailants then managed to escape.

Dr. Muhammad Shahid Ahmad was 35 years old. He left behind three mourning children and a wife. Dr. Shahid was the son of Dr. Mansoor Ahmad's cousin. He was a very good person.

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

Five Ahmadis have been target-killed in Peshawar in a wave of hate campaign during the last two years.



Dr Muhammad Shahid Ahmad



AHMADI SURVIVES ATTEMPT ON LIFE

Taunsa Sharif, District D.G. Khan;

March 18, 2022: Mr. Abdul Latif, an Ahmadi runs an electrical shop. One Afzal aka Chanda entered his shop and struck him with a hammer — severely injuring him. He, however, survived.

The police were informed of the incident. They filed an FIR against the attacker and arrested him. He is now on judicial remand.



Abdul Latif - Taunsa Sharif

AHMADI ARRESTED

Rajanpur; March 2022:

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

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

The husband and wife developed a dispute

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

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

THREAT TO AHMADIYYA PLACES OF WORSHIP

275 RB Kartarpur, District Faisalabad;

March 2022: Hafiz Rafaqat who leads prayers in another village, came along with two of his friends, took pictures of the two Ahmadiyya places of worship here. Later, it was learnt that he lodged a complaint with PCP (Pakistan Citizen Portal) that the Qadianis had built two mosque-style places of worship, and Islamic rites were used openly.

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

Ahmadis feel threatened and insecure.

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE'S ROOF PARTLY BURNED DOWN

Goth Ali Murad, District Badin, Sindh;

Jan-Feb 2022: On February 19, some unidentified opponents set fire to a wooden structure adjacent to the Ahmadiyya mosque in the village. The fire engulfed the Ahmadiyya mosque and half-burnt its roof. Locals came out to extinguish the fire to save the attached houses.

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



Ahmadiyya Mosque Goth Ali Murad, Badin , Sindh

AHMADI BEATEN UP AND FORCED TO CLOSE DOWN BUSINESS

Shahzad Colony, District Faisalabad; March 2022:

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

Some people assembled there but, on learning of the Ahmadiyya identity of the proprietor, no one took a stand for him. In the mean-

time, Ahmad's brother reached the spot, closed the shop, and they went home.

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

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

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

BAIL AWAITED FROM SUPREME COURT

Lahore, March 2022:

Mr. MM Iqbal Hashmi, Mr. Shiraz Ahmad, and others were booked by Cyber Crimes Police Station Lahore on June 20, 2019, under FIR 88 under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11 for allegedly creating the group 'Sindh Salamat' and sharing Ahmadiyya content in it.

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

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

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

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

The opponents opposed Mr. Hashmi's plea for bail, and an ASJ rejected the plea and ordered his arrest on August 9, 2021. Earlier, at the opponents'

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

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

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

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

A three-member bench of SC was appointed to hear the appeal against the decision of the High Court. SC issued notices to the parties on February 15, 2022, to appear on March 9, 2022. There was no proceedings due to the absence of the prosecutor because of his illness. It is years and months that these three Ahmadis are behind bars on religion-based charges.

AHMADIS APPROACH THE SUPREME COURT FOR BAIL

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

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

In response to a plea of the opponents, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet

on June 29, 2021. This exposes the accused to penalty of death.

On March 9, 2021, Additional Sessions Judge Lahore Hamid Hussain rejected their pleas for bail. They filed an appeal in the Lahore High Court against the decision, and Justice Muhammad Amjad Rafique rejected it on August 30. Thereafter they filed leave to appeal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Meanwhile, the trial of the case goes on in the court of Additional Sessions Judge Lahore.

The Supreme Court was scheduled to hear the bail application on March 9, 2022. A three-member bench of the apex court adjourned the case till next date due to non-availability of the complainant's lawyer.

IMPORTANT OBSERVATION AND REMINDER — BY BILAWAL

Lahore; March 5, 2022:

The daily Dawn printed today a newsreport with the headline:

Bilawal links Peshawar blast (57 dead in mosque) to non-implementation of NAP. Alleges PTI government has soft corner for terrorists.

We produce below extracts from the report:

By Imran Gabol and Shafiq Butt

Lahore/Sahiwal: The Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has condemned the Peshawar blast, blaming the government for not implementing the National Action Plan (NAP) to check terrorism in the country and accusing it of failing to establish the writ of the state by surrendering before terrorists.

Addressing the participants of the party's long march at Chichawatni's Rai Chowk, Sahiwal district, he said the incidence of terrorism had increased in the country as the Pakistan Tehreek-i-

Insaf government lacked the capacity to face the menace.

Why the blood of the masses is cheap and terrorists are roaming free in the country, while no action was being taken against them, the PPP Chairman asked the government....

Note: The Government of Pakistan announced NAP in January 2015 to crack down on terrorism and to supplement the ongoing anti-terrorism offensive after the terrorist attack on Army Public School on December 16, 2014 in which 151 died including 132 children. After this massacre, there was a huge outcry against the atrocities of religious terrorism, and the politicians and military got on one page to take multi-pronged action against the terrorists. Mr. Nawaz Sharif was the prime minister; however, major political parties were on board. The NAP is an inclusive and readable document.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIAL BARRIERS AHMADIS FACE IN PAKISTAN - MARCH 2022

PREDICAMENTS OF A CONVERT

Sillanwali, District Sargodha; March 2022:

Mr. Qamar Abbas was in touch with Ahmadiyya Community since long. Eventually he decided to join the community two months ago. Mr. Abbas is the sole Ahmadi in his family. He had to face severe opposition after his conversion.

A man, who was tracking him for days, told Mr. Abbas's family of his switch over. At this, they turned against him and threatened him with con-

sequences. A local cleric announced his marriage null and void. The cleric gave him an ultimatum of three days to recant, or face arson at his house as well as other Ahmadis houses.

His relatives have imposed a societal boycott against Mr. Abbas. His wife and children are no longer staying with him.

PROPERTY RIGHTS DENIED ON DEMAND OF MULLAS

Sillanwali, District Sargodha; March 2022:

Mr. Abdul Aziz, Ahmadi, has a property here, which he rented out to the medical college. The mullas have been protesting against this for some time now. Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat complained to the Town Committee that Qadianis were going to construct a place of worship there. The administration promptly sealed the said property on mullas' demand.

Mullas then approached the WAPDA office and de-

manded that the electricity meter installed there be removed. They also invited mullas from Sargodha to join them in this drive.

Mr. Aziz contacted the concerned office to get the construction plan approved but they hesitated saying that they were under pressure from the mullas.

A higher office, however, has promised to do the needful.

TLP ACTIVISTS IN ACTION

Silhoke Chatha, District Gujranwala; March 2022:

Mr. Adeel Ijaz, an Ahmadi, resident of Rasool Nagar, District Gujranwala, ran a mobile shop in Silhoke Chatha. Tahrik-e-Labbaik (TLP) activists told him to vacate the shop; he had to comply. In anti-Ahmadiyya hatred, TLP activists washed the shop before setting up their office in it. TLP is busy

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

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

A SAMPLE REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Lahore; 2015-2021:

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

Faiza faced opposition at the university for her faith. She was harassed in various ways. On days, she was maliciously assigned duty in the two campuses of the university at a distance of two kilometers. While she was doing her MSc, an attempt was made to block her distinctive success. She nevertheless stood first and won 'Gold Medal'. Her opposition escalated when a university teacher went to England for a PhD, and the head of the department accused Faiza of sending him to England after converting him to Ahmadiyyat. Other teachers also joined the head in this case and accused

Faiza of preaching Ahmadiyyat to students. A committee was set up to look into the matter, and they threatened Faiza that if the allegations were substantiated, she could be booked under PPC 298-C. In this situation, Faiza had to resign. When Faiza's boss saw her resignation, he said happily, "It was very painful for five years. Thankfully, it's over."

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

ANTI-AHMADIYYA LECTURES AT GOVERNMENT SCHOOL

Rajanpur; February 27, 2022:

On February 26, local Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat invited an anti-Ahmadi mulla Irfan Mahmood Barq to Rajanpur. On February 27, he held anti-Ahmadiyya sittings in different parts of the city, two of which were at the Government High School. The school assembled the students in the playground and mulla Barq delivered fifty-minute anti-Ahmadiyya lectures. He promoted

there his anti-Ahmadiyya book, "Radde Qadianiat (Rebuttal of Qadianiat), Islam or Science k katehry mein (in the courtroom of Islam and Science)".

On February 28, three motorcyclists came over to the shop owned by a prominent Ahmadi, stopped in front, passed information to someone by phone, made a video and departed.

HATEFUL WALL CHALKING IN HYDERABAD

Darul Barkat, District Hyderabad; March 2022:

Here a Pakhtun youth named Muhammad did wall chalking: 'Qadianis are infidel'. He is a madrassah student. Earlier, on 12th Rabi-ul-Awal, a news reporter gathered a few people in front of an Ahmadi's house and made provocative speech

against Ahmadis; its video is also available.

Ahmadis informed the administration; we are not aware of the follow-up.



PARTING PRESENT BY RELIGIOUS BIGOTS

Lahore:

In October 2021, the Punjab Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution seeking inclusion of oath of Khatme Nabuwat in the Nikah (marriage) documents. The Speaker later explained that it was very important to include such affidavit because some cases had been reported in the past that after marriage the groom turned out to be a Qadiani; as such all doubts and suspicions should be removed before the marriage takes place. The daily Nawa-i-Waqt, October 27, 2021.

Now a notification has been issued by the Governor that ***“he is pleased to make relevant amendments in the West Pakistan Rules under the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance 1962, with immediate effect.”***

We produce this Notification as Annex II to this report.

Para 4 of this Notification provides an Affidavit for the parties to prove their Islamic credentials. It contains the following sentence (Tr): ***“I consider Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani to be a Jhoota (false/liar/fabricator) Prophet.”***

It may be asserted authoritatively that never in the past 14 centuries, anywhere else, a Muslim was identified formally by this affidavit or by the definition of Khatme Nabuwat mentioned in it. It is an innovation. Also, it is bizarre,

inappropriate, and unethical to uphold your religious identity by calling bad names to the holy personages of people of another belief or denomination.

The Ahmadiyya Community adheres to the principle of KN; however, it strongly condemns the abuse aimed at its founder in the said KN oath.

This affidavit will have to be signed by the bridegroom, the bride, the witnesses to the Nikah ceremony, the official who administers the Nikah and the registrar of the Nikah.

In addition, it is relevant to point out that through this affidavit the government has made it mandatory that the registrar of marriages would have to be a legal Muslim. It is obvious, that the registrar's post is a clerical one, and one of any religious beliefs should be able to handle it. This reminds one of another Punjab Government order in the recent past that all teachers of Arabic language will have to be of Islamic faith.

On the issue date of this Notification, Mr. Pervaiz Elahi was the Speaker, Mr. Usman Buzdar the Chief Minister and Ch. Muhammad Sarwar the Governor of the Punjab.

Within two weeks, both the governor and the chief minister had lost their job while Mr. Elahi was not elected to his coveted post of the chief minister.

INTERNATIONAL BODY'S STATEMENT ON AHMADIYYA SITUATION WORLDWIDE

IRFBA, March 1, 2022:

IRFBA stands for International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance. Its following members are Ex-signatories to a Statement on the “Ahmadiyya Muslim Community”: Australia, Brazil, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Israel, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sovereign Order of Malta, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Although the statement addresses all countries in the world that need to improve their treatment of Ahmadis in their midst, its principal and direct unnamed addressee is

Pakistan, as it is in Pakistan that Ahmadis, as mentioned therein:

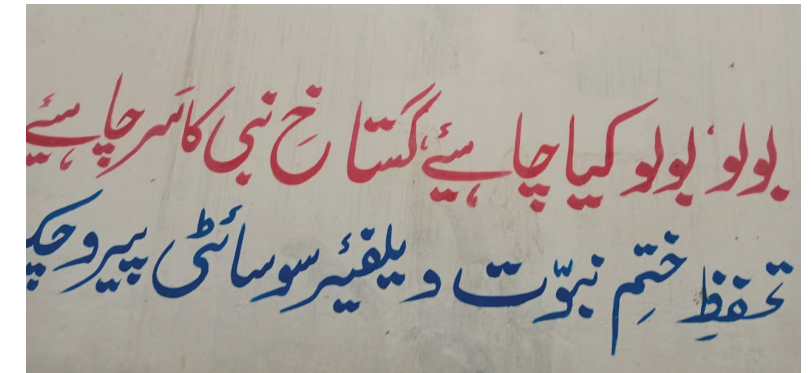


- Are held prisoners for exercising their religious belief for being blasphemous and self-identification as Muslims
 - Are denied their right of vote through special provisions in law
 - Suffer raids on their places of worship
 - Are discriminated with respect to the issuance of national identification documents, etc. etc.
- We reproduce this statement in Annex III to this report.

MULLA TASKS POLICE TO UNDERTAKE EVIL

Peeru Chak, District Sialkot; January-March 2022:

Anti-Ahmadiyya wall chalking was done here at various places and a couplet was written in front of the Ahmadiyya mosque: ***“Tell me what you want? Head of a blasphemer!”*** Ahmadis informed the police; the SHO PS Motra came and removed it. Thereafter the situation worsened for Ahmadis. Wall chalking was done again in the village, and the authorities effaced it.



Bilal Butt, an Anti-Ahmadi activist of Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat, filed a complaint with PS Motra against Ahmadis, Messrs. Yaqub Ahmad Dogar (local Ahmadiyya president), Maqsood Ahmad Dogar, Abdul Khaliq, Jameel Ahmad, Malik Abdul Salam, Muhammad Yaqub and Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din for allegedly violating anti-Ahmadiyya sections PPCs 298-B, 298-C.

On March 24, the locals went to the neighboring village and announced there to go to Peeru Chak to help Islam by prosecuting Qadianis. These opponents went to see DSP Daska with accusation that Qadianis had used Islamic rites.

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

Did you know!

92 graves of Ahmadis were desecrated & sacred inscription from at least 16 houses and shops were removed during 2021.
47 graves have been desecrated in the first quarter of 2022.

ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE IN CHINIOT

Chiniot; February 26-27:

The 60th Fateh Mubahila Conference was held on 26-27 February 2022 in Chiniot. Mulla Abdul Ghafur (General Secretary International Khatme Nabuwwat Movement Sindh), Mulla Zahid Al-Rashidi of Gujranwala, Qari Ahmad Ali Nadeem (President Khatme Nabuwwat Pakistan), Syed Kafeel Shah Bukhari of Multan, Mulla Shahid Imran Arafai of Sahiwal, Mufti Tahir Masood of Sargodha, Mulla Ilyas Chinioti MPA and some other politicians including Hafiz Ammar Yasir (Minister for Minerals, Punjab), Capt. (R) Safdar (PML-N, son-in-law of Mr. Nawaz Sharif), Ikhtiar Wali Khan (MPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Bilal Tariq Tarar (MPA, Lahore) and Ghulam Muhammad Lali (MNA) participated.

During the conference, the mullas stated that Qadianis who have strayed from Islam are invited to Islam by believing in the finality of prophethood and thus become entitled to the pool of Kausar on doomsday. Pakistan's nuclear assets are not safe without removing the Qadianis from key posts. The silence of human rights organizations on the violation of basic human rights by Qadianis in Chenab Nagar is beyond comprehension. The intent to take control of any religious seminary in the country, including Islamabad, will not be allowed to succeed under any circumstances, they asserted.

On this occasion, they approved the following resolutions:

- This Ijtema (conference) pays homage to the male and female members of provincial assemblies from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab who have included the affidavit of Khatme Nabuwwat in the marriage form.
- This Ijtema demands column of religion in the identity card.
- This Ijtema demands from the Punjab government that a third party audit of the so-called Qadiani welfare organizations be carried out and the 1034 kanals of land purchased by Qa-

dianis in Chenab Nagar be demarcated.

- This Ijtema declares that insulting of the Prophets, Companions, Ahle Bait and other holy persons, by Qadianis and the non-religious on social media be treated as terrorism. Legal action should be taken against them.



Capt. Safdar (PML-N) son-in-law of Mr Nawaz Sharif

- This Ijtema pays tribute on behalf of the entire Muslim Ummah to Afghan Taliban for liberation of their homeland from the infidel powers and the establishment of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan after 20 years of struggle.
- This Ijtema salutes the courageous Muslim daughter of India, Muskan Khan, for taking the bold step of raising the slogan Takbir to save her hijab (veil) and thus challenging extremist Hindus.
- This Ijtema calls on all institutions to work for the welfare of the people by finding a political solution to the ongoing political conflict in the country.
- This Ijtema demands the government to control the rising prices of petrol, electricity, gas and other commodities in the country.
- This Ijtema pays tribute to the professional sacrifices of the armed forces and agencies in fighting the incursions at country's borders and the internal interference.



FAIR VERDICT OF THE SUPREME COURT

Islamabad:

Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan, a two-member bench comprising Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice M Amin Khan, in a verdict overturned orders of lower courts and the Lahore High Court that could have set a dangerous and unjust precedence in prosecution of Ahmadis.

Briefly, three Ahmadis of Shaukat Abad, District Nankana were booked under anti-Ahmadi laws in 2020 and were arrested. One of those three accused died during his incarceration. The other two were released on bail, however, they remained under trial.

On-demand of the opponents, a magistrate ordered that PPCs 295-C and 295-B be added to the charge sheet. These sections provide penalties of death and imprisonment for life respectively. The magistrate based his decision on the wrong presumption that Ahmadis, while reciting the Kalima, consider their founder to be the Muhammad PBUH.

Thereafter, Sessions Judge Nankana upheld the magistrate's decision on May 3, 2021. Ahmadis appealed to the high court against this decision. Justice Farooq Haider endorsed the entire verdict of the Sessions Judge, and dismissed Ahmadiyya petition.

This decision conveyed in principle that any Ahmadi who recites the Kalima (Islamic Creed) or is in possession of the Holy Quran is guilty of

blasphemy against the Holy Prophet and the Holy Quran. In the written verdict the Ahmadiyya place of worship was termed an 'unholy place.' This was a matter of great concern, as it exposed all Ahmadis to great harm. So, Ahmadis appealed against it in the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court issued a written verdict on March 24, 2022. It observed that the trial and the revisional courts had not correctly examined the ingredients necessary to constitute the offences punishable under sections 295-B and 295-C and the petition was therefore converted into an appeal and allowed. Accordingly, sections PPC 295-C and 295-B added to the charge sheet were removed.

The honorable judges issued a 9-page verdict Crl. P.916-L/2021 (against the order dated 24.5.2021 of Lahore High Court, Lahore passed in Crl. Misc. No. 31929 of 2021). This worthy verdict is very readable as it clarifies a number of unfair assumptions and positions against Ahmadis. The judges rightly pointed out: "Article 260(3) of the Constitution though declares the Ahmadis/Qadianis as non-Muslim, it neither disowns them as citizens of Pakistan nor deprives them of their entitlement to the fundamental rights guaranteed under the constitution." (Para 12)

A press report on this issue tribune.com.pk/story/2349814 issued on March 26, 2022 is placed at Annex I to this report.

AN EXCEPTIONAL SHO!

Chak 96 GB, Sarih, District Faisalabad; March 17, 2022:

The police sent for the heads of five Ahmadi families resident here, and told them that they had received a complaint against them for using Islamic rites on the gravestones of their deceased. This includes the use of Bismillah and names such as Ali and Muhammad etc.

An Ahmadiyya delegation went to the police station. There, opponents including the complainant Saqib, president of the local TLP, were present. The Station House Officer of the police station (SHO) heard the views of both the parties. One of the opponents said that Ahmadis cannot use Bismillah

and names like Hasan, Hussain and Muhammad etc. Also, they use Islamic rites on their cars, motorcycles and houses. "If we stop them, they pose to be oppressed; so we have come to the administration", he added. The SHO explained that on receipt of the complaint, he studied the Constitution and contacted a couple of legal experts. There is no restriction on Ahmadis for using Bismillah and the mentioned names. If there was a restriction, NADRA would not have issued them ID cards with these names, he asserted. The SHO told the opponents to come up with some constitutional reasoning; in that case, he would remove those unconstitutional Islamic inscriptions.

ISLAMOPHOBIA, IMRAN KHAN — AND AHMADIYYAT

March 2022:

The UN General Assembly passed a Resolution, introduced by Pakistan, to recognize March 15 as the International Day to combat Islamophobia. It was generally lauded in the backdrop of global hate crimes and state-sanctioned bias against Muslims.

Mr. Imran Khan, who is in dire straits these days did not let the event pass without drawing his extra liter of milk from the political cow. He said the following the next day in a public gathering at Swat (Tr):

"This after 1973...In 1973, Pakistan's National Assembly decided that those who do not consider our Prophet as the last Prophet are not Muslim. The 1973 Assembly decided this. They decided that Qadianis who do not believe in the finality of our Prophet (PBUH) are non-Muslim; they are a minority. This (UN Resolution on Islamophobia) is the biggest achievement for the Muslim world since then. Today the UN has accepted that the world should raise its voice against Islamophobia. 15th March has been declared as the day of Islamophobia every year."

In our opinion, it is unfortunate that Mr. Khan chose to put this laudable UNGA Resolution in the same category as the 1974 anti-Ahmadiyya Amendment Nr II to the Pakistan Constitution, which stands, decades later, condemned by most scholars of civics and political science including some from the PPP whose leader ZA Bhutto sponsored this Amendment.

Mr. Khan is proud of getting a resolution passed against Islamophobia, while simultaneously he is proud of the constitutional amendment



that gave birth to, promoted and nourished Ahmadiophobia in the land. This is obvious incongruity. If Islamophobia has put Muslims' lives at risk and generated discriminatory treatment of Muslims in the field of social justice, jobs, business, education, worship, etc, the Amendment II has resulted in promulgation of Ordination XX, scores of Ahmadiis murdered for their faith, serious violations of Ahmadiis' religious freedom and human rights and blatant discrimination in voting rights, jobs, education etc. Referring to the Ahmadiyya situation in Pakistan, International Humanist and Ethical Union conveyed to the UNHRC in 2010: "Need we remind the Council and the government of Pakistan that it was government and media support for expressions of hatred that led to the Nazi Holocaust and the genocide in Rwanda."

We are not alone in taking note of Mr. Imran Khan's freak; many took to Twitter to express their censure. We reproduce here only three (from academia):

@theRealYLH: How a representative of the public becomes selective about representing only the dominant group of the public — very Animal Farm

@SaleemudDinAA: World connecting Islamophobia with religious discrimination is not equally wrong?

And what are we trying to achieve here by resorting to derogating terms & religion card?

@NadeemParacha: In a nutshell, IK's peal of wisdom today (he comes up with one every single day)

West has Islamophobia, but we have resolved religious bigotry by ousting a whole community from the fold of Islam. Bravo



RETURN OF CARNAGE, AND AHMADIS

Peshawar/Islamabad:

Thus wrote the daily Dawn on March 5, 2022:

"A pall of gloom hangs heavy in Pakistan. Peshawar's fragile peace — which was at times tested, but had largely endured for the past few years — was rent asunder yesterday by the indiscriminate slaughter of Shia worshippers gathered for weekly Friday prayers. As the faithful packed the halls of a mosque in the provincial capital's Kocha Risaldar area for the congregation, at least one attacker shot his way inside the place of worship before detonating a vest rigged with explosives. At the time this paper went to print, hospital sources had confirmed 57 dead and more than 190 injured...."

The Dawn concluded thus its editorial with very suitable advice:

"Yesterday's attack, grave tragedy that it is, also represents a significant setback for those who have been working to change how Pakistan is perceived internationally. There needs to be a rethink of national security policy regarding outfits that target communities for their beliefs, as well as those that enable and encourage them to further their hateful agendas in the name of some misguided ideology."

Well, Ahmadiis are such a community, and there are outfits that target them openly for their beliefs. In October 2021, Aalami Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat (AMTKN) held a big open-air rally in Rabwah, where Ahmadiyya community's national center is located; there, the speakers spewed the following hateful statements inter alia, that comprised lies, slander, threats etc: "Qadiani community comprises liars...In the near future Qadianis will flee from Pakistan", said Mulla Irshad of Muslim Colony in 1st Session on October 27.

"We will crush the villain who commits robbery against the belief in KN," said Mulla Abdul Razzaq in 1st Session on October 27.

"The US and allies waited to destroy Afghanistan and the beard, but they themselves met disgrace. Qadianis similarly will be disgraced and will flee from Pakistan," said Mufti Azamtullah of Bannu in 2nd Session on October 27.

"Mirza Qadiani is the worst man anywhere. We are not acquiring Kashmir because of Qadianis. Bangladesh too got separated because of them," said Mulla Abdul Shakoor of Faisalabad in the third Session on October 28.

"Imran Khan's government would like Pakistan to become a Qadiani state, but we'll not let that happen. Qadianis consider the British to be their patrons. Mirza Qadiani, in order to please the British, declared Jihad to be haraam (unlawful in Shariah); we'll not allow this conspiracy to succeed," said Mulla Mujibur Rahman of Sheikhpura in fourth Session on October 28.

"O Qadianis, we will chase and crush you all over the globe. You are traitors to the Constitution and robbers of Khatme Nabuwat (KN). It is not distant future when all of you will flee from Pakistan," said Mulla Zahid Qasimi in the third Session on October 28.

Finally yet importantly, a quote from Maulvi Fazl ur Rehman (JUI-F) who is a regular visitor to anti-Ahmadi rallies: "Qadianiat is a great evil (fitna) in the Sub-continent; it must be crushed. God has chosen us to safeguard the belief in Khatme Nabuwat."

These threats are not empty threats. These convey their wishes and design. In 2010, a group of terrorists attacked Ahmadi worshippers in two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore and killed 86 Ahmadiis and one Christian. In the recent past, Ahmadiis have been murdered in Peshawar in targeted attacks. Also the very next day after the massacre in Shia mosque in Peshawar, the terrorists attacked an Ahmadi's clinic in the same city and killed one person.

Because of such hateful violent extremism, hundreds of Ahmadiis have been target-killed in Pakistan since promulgation of anti-Ahmadi Ordinance XX.

As for those who enable and encourage them to further their hateful agenda, as mentioned in the Dawn editorial, it is on record that district authorities themselves permitted, facilitated, enabled and supported the AMTKN rally mentioned above. They, of course, receive their policy instructions from Lahore, where the executives get their orders from Islamabad.

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 on appearance in the FIA office; they are in Camp Jail Lahore. Syed Ali Abbas, Addl. Sessions Judge Lahore added the deadly blasphemy clause PPC 295-C to the charge sheet on June 29, 2021. Thus, they are now exposed to penalty of death. Their post arrest bail Petition is pending before the Supreme Court.

3

Mr. Muhammad Mahmood Iqbal Hashmi, 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. Mr. Shiraz Ahmad was arrested from Hafizabad on February 25, 2021, while Mr. Hashmi was re-arrested on August 9, 2021 after cancellation of his bail.

As of March 31, 2022:

- 7 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- A local Ahmadi leader arrested in March 2022.
- 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.

4

Malik Zahir 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 Zahir 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.

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)

NATIONALIZATION OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

- BETWEEN 1947 AND 1972, AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY OWNED AND OPERATED A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN PUNJAB, PAKISTAN. IN 1972, THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN INTRODUCED A POLICY OF NATIONALIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT PAKISTAN. HENCE, 8 SCHOOLS AND 2 COLLEGES WERE NATIONALIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT.
- IN 1996, THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB ISSUED A NOTICE GIVING THE OWNERS OF NATIONALIZED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THE OPTION TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS UPON FULFILLMENT OF CERTAIN CRITERIA AND INFACIT RETURNED NUMEROUS OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO THEIR ORIGINAL OWNERS.
- *DESPITE FULFILLING ALL TERMS & CONDITIONS & REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE COMMUNITY, THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN NO ACTION.*
- *THE SUPREME COURT IN ITS RULING OF FEB 22, 2000 CLEARLY STATED THAT THE OWNERSHIP OF NATIONALIZED INSTITUTIONS RESTS WITH THE ORIGINAL OWNERS. HOWEVER, THIS RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP HAS BEEN DENIED TO THE COMMUNITY DESPITE THE CLEAR VERDICT OF SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN.*
- *THE COMMUNITY THUS MOVED WRIT PETITIONS IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT. HOWEVER, THE HEARING ON THESE WRIT PETITIONS IS ALSO PENDING FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS AND THIS MATTER IS STILL LINGERING.*

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

295

Up to two years' imprisonment or fine, or both

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

295 A

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

Defiling, etc., of the Holy Quran

295 B

Life imprisonment

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

295 C

Death and fine

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

298

Up to one year imprisonment or fine, or both

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

298 A

Three years' imprisonment, or fine, or both

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

298 B

Three years' imprisonment and fine

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

298 C

Three years' imprisonment and fine

Know the Facts

SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 2 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 272 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 13 murder attempts, 2 attempts were made during March 2022
- 2 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 15 Ahmadiyya mosques have been desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities.
- 139 graves have been desecrated, 47 of these were during 2022
- 25 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws
- Sacred inscription from 16 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.

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The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 2, 2022
- Notification issued: Khatme Nabuwwat affidavit included in Nikah Form

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 22, 2022
- Attack on Shia mosque claims 57 lives (in Peshawar)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 5, 2022
- Those who exercise violence will be crushed: Interior Minister (Sh. Rashid)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 11, 2022
- The police released on personal surety all the persons detained during a raid on the parliament lodges...

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 12, 2022
- Angry over not imparting Quranic education in schools: Lahore High Court

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 4, 2022
- LHC again rejects report on ‘Arabic teachers’ recruitment’

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 4, 2022
- PM urges nation to follow Holy Prophet’s teachings

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 4, 2022
- Bilawal links Peshawar blast(57 dead) to non-implementation of NAP

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 4, 2022
- My party and govt are committed to carry forward the vision of our Quaid Jinnah for a just society and a sovereign welfare state

@ImranKhanPTI of March 23, 2022
- It is a crime to hurt anyone’s religious sentiments: Islamabad High Court

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 8, 2022
- Hindutva-driven ideologies damage strategic stability of region: naval chief

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 30, 2022
- Taliban bar govt employees without beards from work

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 29, 2022
- Taliban block unaccompanied women from flights

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 27, 2022
- Four soldiers martyred in attack from across Afghanistan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 25, 2022
- Bangladesh: JI leader sentenced to death (for 1971 crimes)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 25, 2022
- Leaving girls in tears, Taliban orders closure of high schools

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 24, 2022
- China: Former governor sentenced to 14 years imprisonment for taking bribe

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 23, 2022
- 95pc Afghanis face hunger, malnutrition (UK Report)

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- Moscow drafting thousands in Syria for war: monitor

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 16, 2022
- UN designates March 15 as Day to counter Islamophobia

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- I don’t care if Biden has misunderstanding on me: Saudi Crown Prince

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 4, 2022
- Imran hits back at EU over remarks on abstention (in the Ukrain-Russia war)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2022
- Beware of the fallout if no-trust move fails, PM warns opposition

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2022
- UNSC urges states to help catch brains behind attack in Peshawar

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2022
- US lawmakers seek sanctions against Pakistan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 11, 2022
- S. Arabia puts to death a record 81 people in one day

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 13, 2022
- Karnatak (India) HC rejects women students request to practice hijab (in classes)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 16, 2022
- Apex court to steer clear of NA’s domain

- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 22, 2022

(President) Alvi moves SC to end defections forever
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 22, 2022

We’ll launch a decisive drive after March 31 to impose Islam (Nifaz Islam): Sirajul Haq
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 28, 2022

Eight (security) personnel martyred in Tank
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 31, 2022

PTI dissidents surface in Sindh House ‘sanctuary’
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 18, 2022

Interior Minister recommends Governor’s Rule in Sindh
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 18, 2022

Anyone who wanted to vote for the no-trust motion would pay to pass through a crowd of PTI supporters on their way to and from parliament: said Fawad Chaudhry
- The daily Dawn editorial; Lahore, March 16, 2022

We’ve neither quit the govt nor joined the opposition: Pervaiz Elahi
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 17, 2022

Sacks of currency notes in Sindh House for horse-trading; the Election Commission should explain
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 17, 2022

Four FC men martyred as tragedy revisits Sibi
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 16, 2022

No martial law despite Imran’s efforts: PPP
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 16, 2022

We’ll not allow civil war: Khurshid Shah (of PPP)
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 16, 2022

Imran tricked everyone; opposition has more numbers; major surprises in offing: Pervaiz Elahi
- The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 31, 2022

D-Chowk picked as first war front. Fawad, Ki-yani say law-makers will face ‘one million’ PTI workers on way to cast votes.
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 15, 2022

Police raid Parliament Lodges to forcibly remove Ansarul Islam volunteers guarding JUI-F lawmakers
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 11, 2022

DSP among three martyred in Quetta blast
- The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 3, 2022

JI to rid country of US, British subservience:

- Siraj

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2022
- Rattled PM scrambles to find support

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 9, 2022
- Six (security personnel) martyred in attack (22 injured) in (suicidal) attack after president’s motorcade leaves Sibi

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 9, 2022
- PM Imran Khan said, “I am waging Jihad against the three (Zardari, Shehbaz, Fazl) – I am pitted against 3 robbers – A sea of people will assemble at D-Chowk the day before the no-confidence vote — Pakistan was established on the foundation of Kalima...

TV Dawn 1630-1645 on March 11, 2022
- No confidence motion will fail: Asad Qaisar (Speaker)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 13, 2022
- 10,000 JUI-F volunteers to protect Islamabad marchers: JUI

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 18, 2022
- Hunting for turncoats, PTI workers breach Sindh House (in Islamabad)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 19, 2022
- This is the first No Confidence vote in which no horse-trading has taken place: Shujaat (of Q-League)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 19, 2022
- Peoples Party offered me Rs 160m (to switch over in No-Confidence vote) Ms. Nusrat Wahid, PTI

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 21, 2022
- Opposition calls for Asad Qaiser’s trial under Article 6

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 21, 2022
- Bani Gala; tons (Manon) of meat is burnt there for sorcery (Jadu Toonay): Shehbaz (Sharif)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 25, 2022
- Pervaiz Elahi (proposed as) chief minister Punjab; PM tells Buzdar to resign

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 28, 2022
- We’ve been threatened in writing: Imran

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, March 28, 2022
- Peshawar mosque (attacked by a suicide bomber) was not categorized as sensitive

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 7, 2022

FROM THE MEDIA

Blog:

If we say human rights matter, they must indeed, matter, regardless of the circumstance. Politics, relationships, funding, and economics should change in the face of abuse. The consequence should follow: Certainly, the US and other partners need the continuously, highlight violations, as global scrutiny can bring change or at least moderate oppression. But without consequences, statements are nothing more than paper (or electrons).

US scholar Knox Thames’ blog

Editorial:

Anti-extremism policy

HAD there been more far-sighted policy making on the part of the state and an understanding of how religious extremism can insidiously seep into society and that the forces of radicalism can never be ‘managed’, we may not have come to such a pass.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, January 24, 2022

Op-ed:

Pakistan’s Donald Trump-II

D-Day on D-Chowk will damage democracy, but PTI’s legacy of harm will extend much beyond that.

On education: Khan’s toxic legacy will be nearly irreversible. While madressahs do exactly today what they have done for decades and centuries, Punjab’s regular schools now function more as madressahs and less as schools. Even the super-rich are only partly exempted. The kind of mixed-up, confused and ignorant generations that the so-called Single National Curriculum will produce is absolutely terrifying. On the higher education front, Khan has disembowelled the HEC and made it a hotbed of intrigue.

When Khan proclaimed Naya Pakistan would be Riyasat-i-Madina, most people thought it was a metaphor for a cleaner, more equitable Pakistan. Our friend from Washington can be forgiven for thinking this as neither “nasty nor nefarious”. Almost everyone failed to see the hidden text: the head of any religious state must claim divine sanc-

tion in some form. With near-daily fiery pontifications on his ideas of moral behaviour and proper dress, Khan’s ‘high vision’ is fully before us. And, just in case you are unsure whether Naya Pakistan’s head should stay or go, please remember that “only animals can be neutral”.

Pervez Hoodbhoy in the Dawn March 19, 2022

Editorial:
Speaker’s partisan approach

Such are the stakes, however, that this fairly linear process (No Confidence move) is now being twisted and mangled in an attempt to force an outcome of choice.

In this respect, Speaker of the National Assembly Asad Qaiser is playing a role that will not be favourable to his legacy. Not only has he made no attempt to disguise his partisanship, he has actually flaunted it with obvious glee. This has undermined his standing as a moderator, but perhaps more significantly, it has made him interpret the laws and rules governing this procedure with such creative spin that the matter has now gone to the courts..

The daily Dawn; Lahore, March 22, 2022

Tweet:



Ammar Ali Jan
@ammaralijan

The man who never got blackmailed by Hazara mourners, families of missing persons, farmers, students, workers, and women activists has finally surrendered to blackmail by the Chaudhry’s. What a sad spectacle of humiliation for the sake of power.

6:23 PM · Mar 26, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Cartoon:



ANNEX I

ISLAMABAD: The top court has noted that bigoted behaviour towards minorities painted the entire nation in poor colour, labelling people of Pakistan as intolerant, dogmatic and rigid as it overturned a Lahore High Court order, which had endorsed the charges of blasphemy against members of the Ahmadiyya community on the allegation that they had styled their place of worship as a mosque and displayed Islamic symbols on its inner walls.

“To deprive a non-Muslim (minority) of our country from holding his religious beliefs, to obstruct him from professing and practicing his religion within the four walls of his place of worship is against the grain of our democratic Constitution and repugnant to the spirit and character of our Islamic Republic,” read nine-page judgment, authored by Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, who was heading a division bench hearing a petition against the offence of blasphemy on Ahmadi individuals.

It was also alleged that the electricity bill of the Ahmadi place of worship described it as a mosque. On these allegations, the petitioners were put to trial. On November 23, 2020, the trial court had framed the charge against the petitioners for offences punishable under Sections 298-B and 298-C of the PPC. Later, the complainant filed an application under Section 227 of the CrPC for alteration of the charges. He claimed that offences punishable under Sections 295-B and 295-C PPC were also attracted and should be added to the charges.

The LHC also endorsed the inclusion of blasphemy charges against the petitioners. The apex court posed the question as to that whether or not the allegations levelled in the crime report and the material collected in the course of the investigation attracted the commission of offences punishable under Sections 295-B and 295-C of the PPC.

The judgment noted that observations of this court and of the Federal Shariat Court were in line with the constitutional values enshrined in the preamble to constitution which require citizens to be tolerant as a people, believe in freedom, equality and social justice, and respect minorities and make adequate provisions for them to freely profess and practice their religions and develop their cultures and to safeguard their legitimate interests.

The court noted that even though Article 260(3) of the Constitution declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims, it neither disowned them as citizens, nor deprived them of their entitlement to their fundamental rights.

The court observed that to constitute an offence under Section 295-B, the reading thereof showed that the accused must have defiled, damaged or desecrated a copy of the Holy Quran or an extract therefrom or use it in any derogatory manner or for any unlawful purpose.

“There is no allegation in the crime report that attracts the said offence. The courts below have held that the mere reading of the Kalima or the Holy Quran by a non-Muslim/Ahmadi attracts Section 295-C. This, in our view, is not only far-fetched, but also fails to meet the fundamental constituents of the crime, i.e., mens rea and actus reus. Only that which resides in the mind of a non-Muslim while reading the Holy Quran is not sufficient to constitute the offence.”

Similarly, the court added, to constitute an offence under Section 295-C of the PPC, there must be words spoken or written or by visible representation or any imputation, innuendo or insinuation, direct or indirect, which defiled the sacred name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

“In the instant case, the display of the Kalima and having the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) inside the place of worship do not attract the constituents of the said offence.”

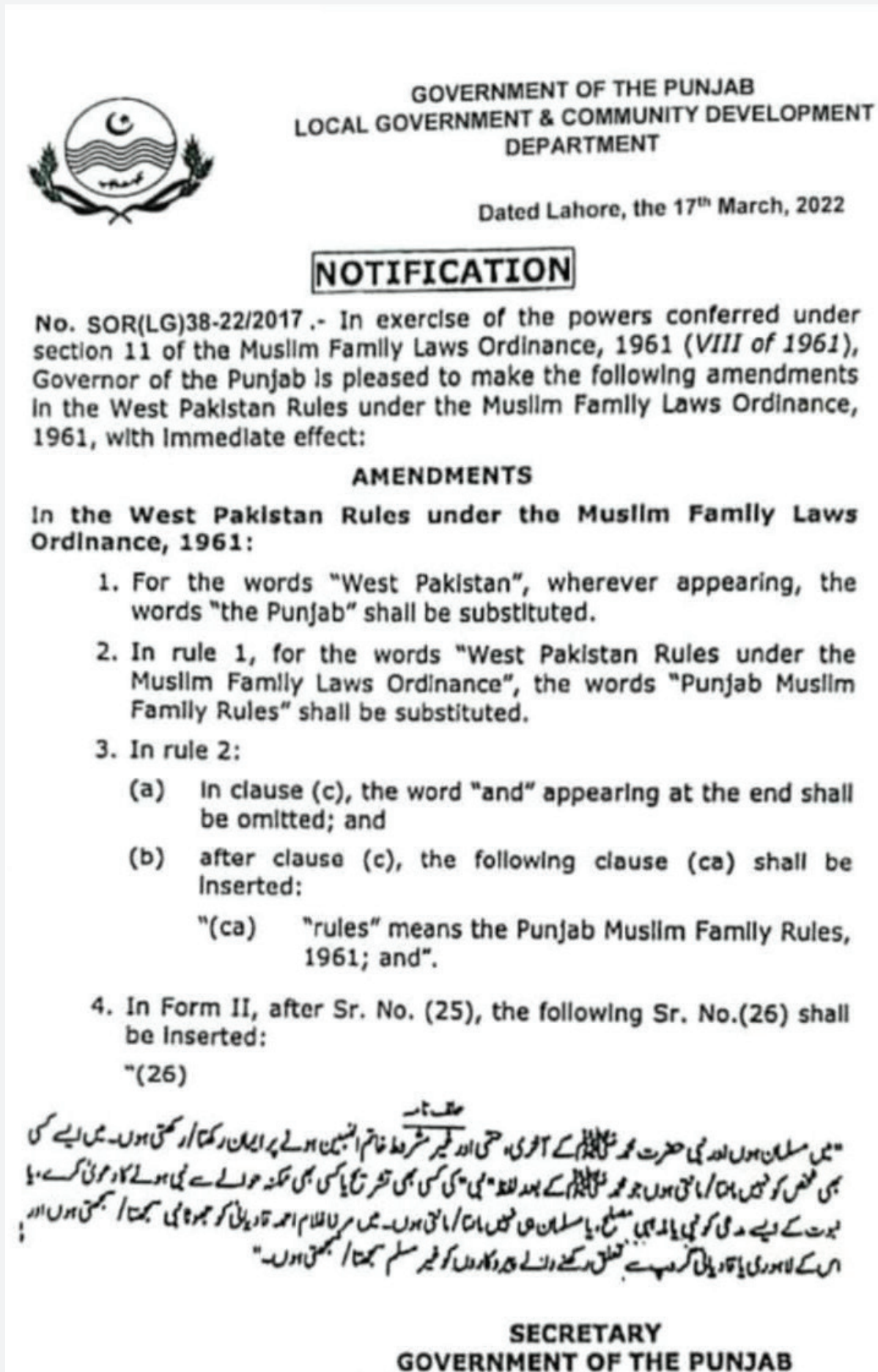
The verdict read what ran inside the mind of an Ahmadi while reading the Kalima did not constitute an offence punishable under Section 295-C of the PPC unless there was some overt act on his part that defiled the sacred name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

The court observed that the trial and revisional courts had not correctly examined the ingredients necessary to constitute the offences punishable under sections 295-B and 296-C PPC and the petition was therefore converted into an appeal and allowed.

“The impugned order is reversed, the petition of the petitioners under Section 561-A CrPC is accepted and the orders of the trial and revisional courts are set aside. The trial of the petitioners shall proceed on the basis of the charge framed on 23.11.2020 only for offences punishable under Section 298-B and 298-C of the PPC.

(<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2349814/bigotry-towards-minorities-defames-entire-nation-sc>)

ANNEX II



ANNEX III



IRFBA statement on the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

As members, friends, and observers of the International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance, we note with grave concern the hostility toward the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in a range of countries, and the threats to the human right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) for members of this community. For Ahmadi Muslims, as for all individuals everywhere, freedom of religion or belief includes having the ability to affirmatively define or identify their religious beliefs.

We note, for example, that some state authorities prevent Ahmadi Muslims from self-identifying as they so choose, restricting their ability to worship, prosecuting them for practicing their faith, and tolerating attacks against them by non-state actors. Au-

thorities frequently use laws on offences relating to religion (blasphemy laws) to target these individuals, preventing Ahmadi Muslims from exercising their rights to freedom of religion or belief, to freedom of expression, and other human rights. In addition, some state authorities have threatened to charge Ahmadi individuals who reside in IRFBA member countries and other third countries with blasphemy for posting Ahmadi web content and threaten organizations who host it with legal action.

We also note with deep concern significant societal hostility toward Ahmadis in far too many countries.

We affirm that the right to FoRB, in accordance with Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, includes the freedom to manifest an individual's religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance. States should not, therefore, discriminate against and tolerate violence toward Ahmadi Muslims – or anyone – based on their interpretation of the Islamic faith.

We call upon all states to, where applicable:

- Immediately release all Ahmadi Muslims imprisoned for exercising their religious beliefs, including on charges on the grounds of their religious expression (for example, blasphemy), activities, and self-identification as Muslims;
- Immediately re-instate the right to vote to Ahmadi Muslims;
- Immediately end capital punishment of Ahmadi Muslims pursuant to blasphemy laws;
- Immediately end home raids and raids on places of worship for Ahmadi Muslims;
- Immediately eliminate any discrimination against Ahmadi Muslims with respect to the issuance of national identification documents;
- Immediately eliminate any discrimination against Ahmadi Muslims with respect to their access to justice within courts and hearings;
- Immediately eliminate discrimination against Ahmadi Muslims with respect to their employment and education;
- Immediately eliminate targeting Ahmadi Muslims in third countries under laws that curb free expression, including religious expression, and bans on their religious texts, online and offline;
- Review and address current intersecting forms of violence and discrimination against women and children of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community*; and
- Hold accountable individuals and groups who use violence or intimidation against Ahmadis.

*Chair's explanatory statement: For clarification this refers to violence and discrimination by state actors against Ahmadi Muslim women and children.

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.

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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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