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# *Persecution of Ahmadiis* IN PAKISTAN

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# Highlights

FABRICATED CASES AGAINST AHMADIS	GRAVEYARD SEALED & BURIAL DENIED	DESECRATION OF THE AHMADIYYA MOSQUES
<p>There is absolute no respite to Ahmadis who face police cases on almost anything that could be termed as ‘posing as a Muslim’. This month an FIR is lodged against an Ahmadi lawyer only because his full name carries ‘Syed’, which he mentioned in his statement. Blasphemy clauses have been added to the case. Strange!</p> <p>Further the Police has registered another case against 5 Ahmadis under blasphemy clauses. This case is registered on the complaint that Ahmadis had built a mosque-like place of worship in Wazirabad.</p>	<p>This year more than 150 graves have been desecrated in the presence of the Police. This month the burial of an Ahmadi lady, was denied by the administration on the complaint of local clerics. Surprisingly, the AC decided to seal the Ahmadiyya graveyard. The bereaved family had to bury the dead body of their beloved away from their village.</p> <p>Another graveyard faces similar threat in Sargodha (page 7)</p> <p>In addition to this, 7 graves have been desecrated including removing a tombstone from the grave of a minor Ahmadi girl.</p>	<p>Wazirabad: Opponents lodged a complaint with police that the Ahmadis have built a mosque-style place of worship.</p> <p>Lahore: The police came to Baitur-Rehman, took pictures of the hall upon the complaint of the mullah. The police also left a message to send the person in charge to the police station immediately. The case continues.</p> <p>Karachi: Investigation is under-going on a complaint that Ahmadis have constructed a centre in the style of a mosque.</p> <p>Sheikhupura: “295-C Red Zone” is graffitied opposite to the Ahmadiyya mosque in Oct.</p>

## AN AHMADI STUDENT IMPRISONED FOR FIVE YEARS

A minor named Imran Ali falsely accused Mr. Abdul Majeed, Ahmadi, aged 20, of blasphemy on September 10, 2020. The police succumbed to the pressure of mullas and registered a fabricated case against him under section 295-C (it carries death penalty). He was arrested on 13.09.2020. His family had to leave the town. His father passed away during his incarceration.

Additional Sessions Judge Tahir Aurangzeb Khan heard this case. On completion of the trial, The ASJ acquitted Mr Majeed of the blasphemy charge but declared him guilty of hurting religious feelings and awarded him 5 years imprisonment. He has been in captivity in Peshawar Jail for more than two years.

## 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 15 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN





# ANOTHER 'PIOUS' JUDGE FROM LAHORE HIGH COURT

**Rawalpindi; November 2022:**

Judiciary is the last resort of the persecuted and the marginalized in the modern age. Ahmadis have faced and continue to face severe persecution and harassment at the hands of the state and the society for the last half a century, against which higher judiciary did occasionally come to their succor and provided some relief. For this, they are grateful. However, all said and done, the judiciary is a part of the overall Pakistani society and to expect it to be very different from other institutions of the state would be unrealistic, even unintelligent.

It is not rare that Ahmadis got a rough deal at high court level. Some judges' verdicts and observations in open court created a very hostile atmosphere when cases involving Ahmadis, under religious and Ahmadi-specific laws, came up for hearing. It is surprising that on such occasions some judges decide to care more for piety than justice, and they display their commitment to religion as self-recommendation. Some of these are on record.

For instance, the Daily Dunya reported on June 10, 2021: "Lahore High Court Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan has directed the federal government: Qadianis or people who have been declared non-Muslim should be identified and cases should be registered against those who distort Islamic teachings which is a crime under the laws of Pakistan. The government should file a case against them, that privately individuals should come and file a case is against the law." Qasim has since retired. Also on record is Justice Farooq Haider, also of LHC, for his endorsement of a sessions court verdict that Ahmadis are forbidden to keep books of their founder in their possession, otherwise face charges under the blasphemy sections PPC 295-C and/or PPC 295-B. Subsequently, a superior bench demolished this verdict. We should not fail to mention here the well-known (former) Justice Shaukat Siddiqui of IHC who wrote in 2018 a 172-page verdict



Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan

against Ahmadis, without ever hearing an Ahmadi or their advocate even for a minute — almost unbelievable.

This month we came across another judge of Lahore High Court (Rawalpindi Bench) who went out of his way to show his deep concern about 'blasphemy', etc when a case concerning Ahmadis came up for hearing. He linked it quickly to national security, Islamic punishments, rape of minor girls etc. We refrain from comments, but will restrict ourselves to report only his observations reported in the press.

However, before that, we should mention briefly the essentials of the case. Like most people, and all other denominations, Ahmadis had also produced their Urdu translation and short commentary of the Holy Quran. This was prior to legal restrictions imposed later. Once non-Muslim status was imposed on Ahmadis, the mullas and bigots urged and the state obliged them in a big way by imposing numerous unfair and senseless restrictions on Ahmadis. Laws were promulgated that prohibited Ahmadis from publishing their primary scripture, the Holy Quran. They were forbidden to translate it, stock it, sell it etc. The hostile lobby expanded the purport of the law beyond its words and prosecuted Ahmadis for holding sort of Quran classes or even organizing them through social media. As a result, it is ages that Ahmadis have stopped publishing the Quran. They hold no stocks, no sales, no buys, nothing of their holy scripture. However, hostile elements continue to pressurize police, authorities, even courts to pursue Ahmadis for imagined acts of violation of the Quran Act. In this, some official departments like FIA (Lahore office) became servile to the mulla who wielded power with the political bosses in Islamabad. The situation, although essentially baseless and concocted, is unbearable for the innocent accused. One such case was placed before Justice Abdul Aziz of LHC (Rawalpindi Bench) who hurried to accept on face value what the complainants and



Justice Abdul Aziz

the prosecution told him. The man accused in this fabricated case was Mr. Saleemuddin, the Ahmadi Director of General Affairs – a big catch with anti-Ahmadi mullas.

The daily Jang E-paper published the following report (extracts) in its issue <https://jang.com.pk/news/1160817>:

Publication of blasphemous material is a danger to national security; joint actions will be required: Lahore High Court (LHC)

Rawalpindi (Our reporter). Justice Abdul Aziz of LHC \*Rawalpindi expressed displeasure over lack of action on orders of the higher judiciary against publication of blasphemous material and demanded a report from federal ministries, PTA and FIA on next hearing concerning follow-up action on court orders. He ordered presence of the current and the former DPO Chiniot on failure to arrest the proclaimed offender involved in placing the blasphemous material on social media. While hearing the petition of Hafiz Omer Nawaz and Aamar Zafar on the propagation of blasphemous material on social media, the court expressed displeasure over separate rendition of reports from federal ministries. He remarked that the relevant ministries will have to take joint actions in tackling this grave (sangeen) issue. Satisfactory results will not be obtained through separate actions by the ministries.... Propagation of blasphemous material is a danger to national security. It is a constitutional responsibility of the state to ensure the security of the country. The basis of this mischief is pornographic material and websites. One occasionally heard registration of a rape case in a police station, now rape of seven year old girls is common occurring...Crimes have become prolific

because of non-implementation of Islamic punishments...Advocates for the complainants took the position that the IT Ministry and PTA have not taken due actions to stop the dissemination of the blasphemous material...Justice Chaudhri Abdul Aziz remarked that an appeal was made against the LHC verdict to control the blasphemous material, during the rule of the party that claimed to establish the Riasat Madinah. Does this party and the IT Ministry support the position that the corrupted version of Quran be uploaded on social media? The IT Ministry and PTA have no intention to stop the publicity drive. Now this Court will see to it, how the IT Ministry and PTA take no action against this publicity drive of the blasphemous material. This court is not concerned with the appeal of the IT Ministry to the Supreme Court – it is up to the Supreme Court and the Ministry. To date the Supreme Court has not undone the verdict against the propagation of the blasphemous material. This Court will ensure action on high court orders by the IT Ministry and the PTA. The High Court orders strict compliance by the IT Ministry and PTA of its orders and to take action against the publicity drive of the blasphemous material. The court expressed great displeasure over the non-arrest of the accused involved in publicity drive of the blasphemous material. He observed that the DPO who holds meeting with the person accused of publicity of the blasphemous material should resign and take become an office worker (Munshi) in Chenab Nagar. The High Court ordered that on the next hearing the present and previous DPOs should personally appear in the court....The hearing was postponed till November 25.

**Outré ? Non!**

## AHMADIYYA GRAVEYARD UNDER THREATS

**Sahiwal, District Sargodha; November 2022:**

In 2003, 4 kanals of land was allotted to Ahmadis for a cemetery in Sahiwal, District Sargodha. Ahmadis had started with burials and had constructed a surrounding wall and a room there. Muhammad Yusuf Rahmani, an opponent applied on various forums against the Ahmadiyya graveyard, like Assistant Commissioner, SHO Sahiwal police station and also in the court under 22A and B. In this petition, he accused Saeed Ahmad, an Ahmadi, of putting proselytizing pamphlets on the wall and when told to stop, he engaged in preaching and occupied the said area and built a graveyard there. Earlier, the accused had attempted to build

a Qadiani place of worship in Nawan Lok, which was foiled by the scholars. Due to his actions, the religious sentiments of Muslims have been hurt so action should be taken against him.

The Assistant Commissioner sent for Ahmadis. The Ahmadiyya delegation showed him the allotment papers, to which he objected that the allotment orders need to be accompanied by transfer documents, which are missing. Therefore, Ahmadis should present some solid evidence of ownership; otherwise, the graves of Ahmadis will be removed. Moreover, he called on reports from Tehsildar and Patwari. Earlier, two officers along with mullas visited the site. The case is under trial in court.



## FOUR MORE AHMADIYYA GRAVES WERE DESECRATED — THIS TIME WITH GRAFFITI



**Prem Kot, District Hafizabad; November 22-23, 2022:**

Maulvi Umer Hayyat and his associate Ali are active in provoking the people against Ahmadis. These two miscreants desecrated graves of four Ahmadis with 'Muhammad' and 'Ali' written as part



of the names on the gravestones. They graffitied 'Kuta Qadiani' on the back of the tombstones.

Earlier they accomplished with the help of the police desecration of 45 Ahmadis' tombstones in February 2022.

## THREE AHMADIYYA GRAVESTONES TORE DOWN IN FAISALABAD

**89 Ratan, Dist. Faisalabad; November 20, 2022:**

Unidentified miscreants tore down three Ahmadiyya gravestones at midnight. Police were informed about the incident.

*Before that three Ahmadi students were forced by their Islamiyat teacher to take Ethics instead of Islamiyat because of their Ahmadi faith.*



*Tombstones thrown outside*



*Tombstone of a minor girl removed*



*Tombstones removed*

## AHMADIYYA GRAVEYARD SEALED AND BURIAL DENIED TO AN AHMADI WOMAN

### GRAVE DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLATION OF AHMADIS' HR BY OFFICIALS

**Peru chak, District Sialkot; November 2022:**

An anti-Ahmadi activist of Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat, filed a complaint with PS Motra against Ahmadis for allegedly violating anti-Ahmadiyya Sections PPCs 298-B and 298-C. On March 24, the locals went to the neighboring village and urged them to come to Peeru Chak to help Islam by prosecuting Qadianis. On March 28, the SHO police came to the graveyard along with locals started destroying Ahmadis' tombstones. On April 6, Assistant Commissioner Daska along with the SHO police station Motra and a heavy contingent came to the graveyard and destroyed 43 tombstones of Ahmadis.

This graveyard has the graves of Ahmadis on one side and non-Ahmadis' on the other, and has been thus shared for the past 71 years. A few days ago an Ahmadi woman Ms. Bushra Bibi died. Arrangements were made for her burial in the said cemetery, but the administration, on the complaint of mulla, did not allow Ahmadis to bury the dead. The administration was told by Ahmadis that this place is reserved for the burial of Ahmadis. The officials threatened that Ahmadis should 'cooperate' otherwise their names would be put in the Fourth Schedule and a criminal case could be registered against them. They were told that every time it is Ahmadis who cooperate with

the administration while the opponents create problems and get away with their wrongful demands. They have four graveyards in the village, while Ahmadis have only one.

This matter was then sent to the District Core Management Peace Committee, on which they opined that the cemetery was allotted to Muslim emigrants at the time of Partition, the majority of whom were Qadianis. Despite the constitutional amendment, there was no dispute over the burials until 6 months ago. Later, differences arose, and the situation has become volatile which can cause a dangerous incident at any time. Apart from the disputed cemetery in Peru Chak there are four cemeteries for Muslims. The Qadiani side has more graves in the disputed cemetery. Organizations that maintain law and order should find a permanent and sustainable solution to this so that there will be no threat to peace, they timidly suggested.

On this, surprisingly the AC decided to seal the Ahmadiyya part of the cemetery and said that some other area of the government land would be allotted for the cemetery. Ms. Bushra's dead body had to be carried away from her village for burial.

The province of Punjab is ruled these days by the PTI and PML-Q. A few days later, Mr. Imran Khan the PTI chief stated elaborately in his political sermon to his huge rally in Rawalpindi: "No society can progress sans justice."





## PRIORITY ISSUE WITH PAK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**Islamabad; November 10, 2022:**

With most intellectuals and sages in Pakistan, the country's major issues are slide in economic change, the climate crisis, population growth, threat of terrorism, political polarization, absence of rule of law, low literacy, prevailing inequality etc; but apparently not so with the National Assembly. Its Speaker and the Parliamentary Secretary consider the inclusion of affidavit regarding the End of Prophethood in the Nikah (marriage) Form as the important issue which deserves priority consideration and handling at the highest level. This was reported by the daily Dunya in its issue of November 11, 2022. We translate the original vernacular below (extracts):

Mandatory provision of the End of Prophethood affidavit in Nikah Form must be legislated: Speaker National Assembly  
The government is in favour of making it obligatory to include the Khatme Nabuwwat affidavit in the Nikah Form.

Islamabad (Staff Reporter, Political Reporter, Agencies). Raja Parvez Ashraf, the National

Assembly Speaker issued his Remarks on the Attention Notice (Twajjuh Dilau) concerning making it obligatory to include the affidavit on the End of Prophethood in the Nikah Form. He stated that the Government favours making it obligatory to include the affidavit regarding Khatme Nabuwwat in the Nikah Form. So this should be enacted as law. This Notice was served by (MNAs) Noor Alam Khan (PTI), Salahuddin Ayyubi (MMA), Shagufta Jamani (PPP), Alia Kamran (JUI-F) and Jamal ud Din (MMA). The members demanded immediate passage of the provision to make it obligatory to include the affidavit on Khatme Nabuwwat in the Nikah Form. Dr. Sajjad, the Parliamentary Secretary (Interior) asserted that this was an important issue (Aham moamila) and our faith remains deficient in its absence. He assured (all) that this issue will be brought to the notice of the prime minister. The NADRA Form contains the Khatme Nabuwwat column; however we'll strongly support (dil o jan say) its inclusion in the Nikah Form as well. The Speaker forwarded the Notice to the relevant Standing Committee for drafting the Bill.....

## ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON IMRAN

**HOW DANGEROUS TO INVOLVE RELIGION IN POLITICS!**

**Punjab; November 2022:**

Imran Khan, Chairman of PTI, while on his 'Long March' to Islamabad, on board a container, was targeted in an assassination attempt in which he received bullet injuries in his leg. His colleagues put him in a vehicle and rushed him to Lahore for treatment. A number of bullets were fired in the melee. As a result, one man died while reportedly 10 were injured. The incident shocked the people; everyone, including political adversaries, condemned it. Imran made a speedy recovery and declared that the 'March' would continue from the point (near Wazirabad) where it was interrupted. Pakistan was spared a major cataclysm — at least for the time being.

The attacker was apprehended by the people nearby and delivered to the police. Someone managed to interview him, make a video recording, and shared it on social media. We produce below a few important extracts from two parts of the interview:

Q: (By attacking Imran) Did you do the right thing?

Ans: All thanks to Allah; I have no doubt in that. I

am concerned that he has lived (bachgiya hai), it is hurtful that he has lived. My purpose has not been achieved.

**Q:** Why did you want to kill him?

**Ans:** For the reason that he claimed to be a Prophet – Prophet of the 14th century (Hijra). "The way the Prophet conveyed his message to the people. I do the same, the same way, (he said). So, my conscience did not allow me to call him a Prophet. My Prophet is Muhammad — he is the last Prophet. My Allah broke off the pen... of the Prophethood ... He put a seal on it and declared — that's it, no more Prophets. How could he say that he was the Great Reformer of the 14th century. I didn't like that. That's it. This is there in my mobile (phone). Sir, you can listen to it.

**Q:** Whose statement is that?

**Ans:** Of Imran Khan – from his own mouth.

**Q:** Did you talk to someone else? "This fellow calls himself a Prophet, what am I to do?"

**Ans:** No Sir,

**Q:** Well, why did you do what you did?

**Ans:** Assalamo Alaikum Sir, I did that as he Imran Khan was misleading the people. I could not bear up with it, so I killed him (or) attempted to kill him. I tried my best to kill him, only Imran Khan — none else.

**Q:** Why did you think of that?

**Ans:** I noticed that while there was Azan (call to prayers) here he was making noise on deck (music loudspeaker). All this, I didn't like.

**Q:** Was it an instant decision, or a prior consideration?

**Ans:** It was a quick decision, in the morning. The day he started from Lahore, I decided not to spare him.

**Q:** Who is supporting you?

**Ans:** Praise be to Allah, I am on my own acting singly. I came on my own (motor) bike.

We do not go into the validity or truth of what the hit man said, however a brief mention of Mr. Khan's (IK) religious attitude with regard to his politics is in order. He himself would not deny it, as it was his deliberately declared policy. We restrict ourselves to only those aspects that are directly related to the religious belief of Ahmadis.

As early as July 2018, IK attended on End of Prophethood conference at Golra Sharif and there declared that he believed in unconditional Khatme Nabuwwat (KN) and considered anyone claiming prophethood after the Holy Prophethood (PBUH) to be a liar. In response, the Pir of Golra Sharif declared support for the PTI doing the forthcoming elections.

IK took over as PM in Islamabad in August 2018. His government organized a major conference later in November 2018, on theme: "Khatme Nabuwwat and Muslims' Responsibilities". Mr. Azam Swati, one of his federal ministers stated in public, "I curse them, and Imran Khan also curses Qadianis." IK did not refute the practice attributed to him.

PTI ruled in the Punjab as well, but in league with PML-Q. The provincial assembly found it convenient to pass numerous resolutions and measures that were essentially sectarian and anti-Ahmadiyya. The Education Department issued orders to emphasize the teaching of Khatme Nabuwwat in schools.

At the federal level the government dropped the name of Prof Atif Mian an Ahmadi, from the 18-member Economic Advisory Council.

The cabinet decided that Ahmadi will not be part of the National Commission for Minorities. Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi of Pakistan Ulama Council declared, "I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country". Imran appointed him PM's Special Representative on Religious Harmony, etc.

KP was also ruled by the PTI. Murders Ahmadis in Peshawar for their faith became brazen as never before.

Desecration of Ahmadiyya mosques in the Punjab became routine. Twenty-six Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship were partly destroyed, defaced, defiled, sealed, handed over to others, were ordered to be 'closed down', attacked or kept under surveillance by the opponents, were threatened through police interference, subjected to litigation, or their repairs/construction had to be stopped on orders. During the PTI rule, the authorities defiled and desecrated 374 graves, mostly by destruction of their tombstones.

This list of persecution of Ahmadis for their faith during the Imran regime is long, and our space here does not permit us even to tabulate them. All these actions made the common man greatly sensitive to the issue of the End of Prophethood. Ahmadis were not allowed by law to present their understanding of this belief. Others found it convenient to leave the public in obscurity and be content with bigotry. No wonder that, for the first time, a man killed an Ahmadi whom he did not know or ever met before. The killer, within a few seconds assessed him to be an Ahmadi and stabbed him to death in broad day light — at a bus stand.

Naveed, who attacked Imran Khan, is surely product of the same farm that was cultivated, watered and provided with ample manure during his regime. Eventually chicken came home to roost.

We are not alone of this opinion. Two days after the assassination attempt the daily Dawn reported in a headline. "Govt sees religious extremism behind attack on PTI Chief." Even Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman (JUI) expressed the opinion: "Imran Khan not only misled his followers, but also pushed them to religious lunacy." (TV HUM at 22:38 on November 4, 2022). Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, a federal minister (PML-N) came to the same conclusion: "Imran Khan is the victim of religious lunacy that he agitated." (TV Dawn at 05:24 on November 6, 2022)

There is an obvious lesson to learn, but are there enough sensible souls around in this country who would benefit from the shocking incident that has jolted the state and the society like a major earthquake?

# ACTIONS AGAINST AHMADIYYA CENTER IN LAHORE

**Johar Town, Lahore; November 2022:**

Opponents are maneuvering against Ahmadiyya Bait-ur-Rehman, Johar Town, Lahore. They have repeatedly submitted applications to the court and the administration. In all these activities, the neighbor of Ahmadiyya Center, Maulvi Ehsanul Haq, Maulvi Laeeq, Hasan Muawiya and the president of the local society Sheikh Nasir, are at the forefront. They have taken the matter to the police several times on various pretexts.

On November 6 at evening prayers time, the police came to Bait-ur-Rehman, took pictures of the hall and left a message to send the person in charge to the police station immediately. After some time the police came along with mullas and asked for the Ahmadiyya missionary. The security guard did not open the door of the center and while talking on the phone, the police were told

that Ahmadis would not meet in the presence of the other party. Ahmadis demanded for a separate meeting.

On November 7, Ahmadis met with senior police officer and informed him about the Ahmadiyya position. He referred the matter to his juniors. Ahmadi met accordingly and informed them that the opposition has developed a method that after some time they call the police and harass Ahmadis even though the High Court or the DC office have not granted them any relief. Opponents made a strategy that they put pressure on the local SHO and try to compel Ahmadis to make incremental concessions violating their rights.

Ahmadis were called to the SP office on November 8. The new SP was informed about the entire past situation. He asked Ahmadis to remain careful.

# HATEFUL CONFERENCE IN KARACHI



**Shah Latif Town, Karachi; November 13, 2022:**

Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat organized a Tahaffuze Khatme Nabuwat Conference in Shah Latif Town, Karachi on November 13, 2022.

Anti-Ahmadiyya speeches were made through loudspeakers in this conference. The clerics asked people to boycott Ahmadis by announcing their names and told them to compel Ahmadis to leave behind their homes and properties. Moreover, the clerics incited people against Ahmadis.

It has been learned from some sources that they are planning to file a false FIR against Ahmadis in which religious provisions will also be included.



# PAKISTAN POLITICS

**Rawalpindi; November 26, 2022:**

Pakistan is now 75 years old. Its politics have developed a pattern that must be realistically known, assessed, analyzed and improved, if any genuine progress or amelioration is intended. A major event culminated in Rawalpindi this evening. It provides an opportunity to look inward and learn lessons.

Mr. Imran Khan, chairman of PTI, arguably the single major political party in the country, launched a powerful movement ‘Long March’ a fortnight ago. It made numerous sorties from various parts of the country, and Mr. Khan addressed the big rallies. He has quite a following. His lectures tend to be loaded with moral and religious appeal. There is no dearth of pious motivational content, and an average audience believes what he hears, and hopes that things will improve qualitatively and quantitatively — surely.

Mr. Khan addressed the final rally at about 8 PM on Saturday the 26th November in Rawalpindi. Most television channels telecast his address LIVE. Bol TV, a supportive channel made sure that salient points of his address were simultaneously displayed in original on the bottom line. We reproduce below English translation of four such statements for further comment:

- Justice is the main feature of human society (Insanon ka Muashirah).
- In the animal world, it is the most powerful who rules.
- No society can progress sans justice.
- The main fault of those in prisons, is that they are poor.

Surely, the above statements are true; these even sound like part of a sermon. One would assume that if the originator of these pious words gains political power, all will be hunky dory. But, till seven and half months ago, Mr. Khan was the PM and chief executive in Pakistan, and held that position since August 2018. What happened during those long years and months of his rule? We provide below brief facts and figures of his time. Before we do that, it is relevant to mention that Pakistan Constitution upholds human rights and freedom of religion or belief of all its citizens, including the minorities — of course.

- Azam Swati, a federal minister said in public, “I curse them and Imran Khan also curses Qadianiat.”

- PTI regime in the Punjab not only did not ensure the sanctity of Ahmadiyya mosques, but the administration and the police supported religious thugs in their persistent attacks on Ahmadiyya worship and freedom of religious. During this period 26 Ahmadiyya mosques and places of worship were compromised including partial destruction.
  - Within a few weeks of his taking over, Mr. Khan’s government organized a major conference in Islamabad on theme. “Khatme Nabuwat and Muslims’ Responsibilities”.
  - Desecration of Ahmadis’ graves and destruction of tombstones became routine with Punjab’s police and administration. In all, they defiled and desecrated 374 graves during this regime — a record.
  - PTI and PML Q in the Punjab came up with a joint ruling that in future, a Nikah (marriage) would be valid only if the groom, the bride, the witnesses, the Nikah solemnizer, as also the registrar, all signed a Khatme Nabuwat (End of Prophethood) affidavit.
  - A school administration in District Khushab told nine Ahmadi children to leave the school — for being Ahmadis.
  - During his regime, 48 police cases were registered based on religion against 193 Ahmadis, under clauses which include penalties of long imprisonment, life imprisonment — even death.
  - Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi, in 2019 stated in an open multi-religious meeting: “...I am not willing to accept them (Ahmadis) in this country... I am speaking of Qadianis here. They are full of mischief....To speak against the Qadianis is religious harmony.” Mr. Imran Khan seemed to agree; as he appointed the Hafiz, his Special Representative on Religious Harmony.
  - In PTI-ruled Lahore, anti-Ahmadi elements put up a huge banner with threat in bold letters that for any change to the 1973 Constitution, “Chenab Nagar will be coloured red with the blood of Qadianis, and the world will forget even Tamerlane.” etc, etc.
- Wither Justice? Wither political sermons? Politicians need to honour their words, otherwise the history will remember them as leaders, not of politics, but of hypocrisy.



# AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

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

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

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

The SC rejected their post-arrest bail application.

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

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. The ASJ acquitted Mr. Majeed of the blasphemy charge but declared him guilty of hurting religious feelings thereby, and awarded him five years imprisonment.

4

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

# 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 Nov 30, 2022:

- 6 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- Fabricated cases against 8 Ahmadis were registered during Nov 2022.
- 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.
- 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.)



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

## Alarming Facts

### SINCE JANUARY 2021

- 5 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 275 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 17 murder attempts, 10 attacks during the current year.
- Fabricated cases against 8 Ahmadis were registered during Nov 2022
- 2 Ahmadi prisoners died in custody, they were imprisoned for their faith.
- 21 Ahmadiyya mosques have been desecrated, 1 mosque sealed by the authorities. 2 desecrated in Sep.
- 243 graves have been desecrated, 180 of these were during 2022. Burial of an Ahmadi lady denied and the graveyard sealed in Nov.
- 38 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under the blasphemy laws & Anti-Ahmadi laws, 10 of these were registered during August. A criminal case was registered against 8 Ahmadis in Sep. Further cases were registered against 8 Ahmadis during November 2022.
- Sacred inscription from 19 houses and shops have been removed

### AHMADI CENSORSHIP

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

# FROM THE MEDIA

- Inclusion of affidavit on End of Prophethood in Nikah Form should be legislated: Speaker National Assembly  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 11, 2022*
- Chenab Nagar: Many neighborhoods face problems. Piles of filth. Foul smell due to sewerage drains. Mosquitoes abound. Officials urged to take notice.  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 19, 2022*
- Mirzaia, the apostatic mischief is the greatest mischief of this era, and the efforts to crush it are perpetual sacrifices in life and link since the Battle of Yamama (632 C.E.): (Mulla) Ilyas Chiniot of IKNM  
*The daily Nawa-i-Waqt; Lahore, November 14, 2022*
- Qadianis are trying to ruin the image of the country at every level, and they indulge in sordid machinations at the call of their external lords, and in league with them: Preachers of AMTKN at Lahore  
*The daily Mashriq; Lahore, November 19, 2022*
- Qadianis are the root of all disorder including sectarianism in Pakistan and the entire region....We shall shed the last drop of our blood (in fighting this cause): Allama Sajid Mir Markazi Amir of Jamiat Ahle Hadith in KN Seminar at Sargodha  
*The daily Pakistan; Lahore, November 7, 2022*
- The Khatme Nabuwwat belief is the foundation of our faith. We just cannot move forward without it. Qadianis are the common enemy of Muslim Ummah; we should be ever ready to crush it: (Mulla) Shabbir A Usmani (of IKNM)  
*The daily Khabrain; Lahore, November 6, 2022*
- Miscreant torch girls' school in Diamer (Gilgit-Baltistan)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 9, 2022*
- Eight law enforcers martyred in Lakki, Bajaur  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2022*
- TTP ditches ceasefire, returns to warpath  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 29, 2022*
- Swati claims being stripped, filmed in FIA custody  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2022*
- Govt sees 'religious extremism' behind attack on PTI chief  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 5, 2022*
- Imran Khan is the victim of religious lunacy that he agitated: Ahsan Iqbal  
*TV Dawn at 05:24 on November 6, 2022*
- Imran asks president to rein in military  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2022*
- (Azam) Swati held by FIA for 'defamation'; Imran terms move fascism  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2022*
- Solution to our problems lies in Nizam Mustafa: Siraj ul Haq (JI)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 28, 2022*
- Christians now a minority in England and Wales, census released  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2022*
- Tokyo recognizes same-sex relationship  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2022*
- Al-shabaab attacks Somali military base, kills 10 soldiers  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 8, 2022*
- Afghan women cannot visit parks (in Kabul)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2022*
- Nine bank accounts of Chinese firms, individuals frozen for 'fraud' (in Pakistan)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2022*
- Pakistan pledges support for Saudi Arabia's security  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 11, 2022*
- France to provide €2m aid to Pakistan for the flood-stricken  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 11, 2022*
- Immunity for MBS in Khashoggi case angers rights groups. Amnesty International official calls move a 'deep betrayal'.  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2022*
- 21 nations urge India to ensure religious freedom (particularly for Muslims)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2022*
- (Muslim) Student confronts teacher for calling him a 'terrorist' (in India)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 29, 2022*
- KP minister wants 'weapons for protection' during march  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2022*
- Imran promises revolution, through 'ballot' or 'bloodshed'  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2022*
- Attempt on Imran's life shocks nation.
- PTI supporters let loose their rage all over province.  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 4, 2022*
- As soon as I am well, I'll give a call to march on Islamabad. I'll be on the road (again):Imran  
*TV Dawn News at 07:15 on November 5, 2022*
- Pak Army rejects Imran Khan's allegations against it
- Legal action should be taken against false accusations

- TV Samaa at 05:20 on November 5, 2022
- Imran Khan not only misled his followers, but also pushed them to religious lunacy: Fazl ur Rahman (JUI)  
*TV Hum at 22:38 on November 4, 2022*
- If in power, decisions will be made in mosques: Siraj ul Haq (Amir JI)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 7, 2022*
- Exchange of firing between two PTI groups (in Taxilla)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 11, 2022*
- Operation, gun attack leave seven dead in Bolan, Kech (Baluchistan)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 12, 2022*
- Imran rejects 'religious' tilt being given to attack  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 5, 2022*
- PTI chairman no longer blames US for his ouster  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 14, 2022*
- Thousands take to streets to denounce militancy  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 14, 2022*
- 'Peaceful or destructive', change to come at any cost: PTI chief  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2022*
- Buzdar (former CM Punjab) gets pre-arrest bail in assets case  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 20, 2022*
- I love the name Raiwind (w.r.to Tableeghi Jamaat): Parvez Elahi (CM)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 20, 2022*
- PTI chief ... vows to quit assemblies  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 27, 2022*
- Nine terrorists killed, three held in Kohlu, say ISPR  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 27, 2022*
- KWSB official active against water theft shot dead (in Karachi)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2022*
- Lahore once again sets unique record of world's most polluted city  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 2, 2022*
- Three brothers shot dead on their way to court in Pakpattan (Pb.)  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 3, 2022*
- Graft case against seven Mayo Hospital doctors ...Rs 800 million embezzlement case against seven doctors and four other officials....  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 4, 2022*
- Constable kills two brothers in courtroom (in Faisalabad)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 5, 2022*
- DSP, two SHO among five cops dead in (150)

- robbers' attack (in Ghotki District, Sindh)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 7, 2022*
- No trace found of Rs101br expenditure by the federation and the provinces  
*The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 7, 2022*
- Armed attack on anti-encroachment team leaves revenue official dead  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2022*
- A citizen dies of torture by police (in Faisalabad)
- Seven-year-old missing girl found murdered after being raped (in Karachi)  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2022*
- Gen Asim Munir new COAS-designate, Gen Sahir Shamshad Mirza made chairman joint chiefs of staff committee  
*The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2022*

## Editorial: Punjab Crisis

How bad the administrative crisis is can be gauged from the fact that the province has had 28 higher education department secretaries, 10 primary and secondary secretaries and eight specialised health secretaries in the last four years under the PTI. In addition, there have been six chief secretaries and nine police chiefs. In the last eight months, we have seen that no bureaucrat or police officer worth their salt is prepared to serve in the top positions as chief secretary and IGP. Lately, these officers have proceeded on long leave. Almost every transfer and posting for important administrative and police positions is reportedly made on the recommendations of the PTI and PML-Q legislators and directly handled by the chief minister's office. Published in Dawn, December 1st, 2022

## Op-ed: Failure of governance

All countries have problems but successful nations resolve them. Our governments only put off resolving problems and, in the process, exacerbate them. From population planning to illiteracy to extremism to budget and trade deficits to local autonomy to privatisation to growth to income disparity — our governments have been unable to fix any issue. We can't even resolve the simple issue of moonsighting! Take, for instance, the circular debt. This arose during Gen Musharraf's regime and was around Rs25bn. It grew to Rs500bn under PPP, Rs1,100bn under the PMLN and Rs2,500bn under the PTI. No government has been able to fix the issue, as none has had the time, will or competence required to resolve it. Written by Miftah Ismail, Published in Dawn, December 1st, 2022



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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