



HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION
AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS

Persecution of Ahmadis IN PAKISTAN

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DID YOU KNOW?

AHMADIS FACE THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT UNDER FEDERAL LAWS FOR:

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

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

Know the Facts

THIS YEAR SO FAR

- 2 Ahmadis have been murdered for faith, raising the total to 272 since the promulgation of Ordinance XX
- 11 murder attempts
- 1 Ahmadi prisoner died in custody, he was imprisoned on the basis of his faith.
- 12 Ahmadiyya places of worship have been desecrated
- 90 graves have been desecrated, 45 of these were in September 2021
- 20 new cases have been registered against Ahmadis under PPCs 298, 298-B,C, 295-A,B,C
- Sacred inscription from 17 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.

AHMADI SHOT DEAD ANOTHER ONE IN PESHAWAR

Sethi Town, Peshawar; November 9, 2021:

Mr. Kamran Ahmad worked at one of the factories in Industrial Estate Kohat Road, Peshawar. He was shot dead by an unknown person in the factory. He died on the spot. He was 44 years old. He left behind two daughters, two sons and a widow.

He was facing ongoing opposition for a while. Previously, he along with his brother bought a store. The landlord of the store evicted them on a single day's notice, only because they were Ahmadi. Thereafter, the opponents renamed the crossing [near it] as "Khatme Nabuwwat Chowk" Afterwards they purchased another store nearby, opponents evicted them from that store as well. Recently, a large demonstration was also held near their house and inflammatory speeches against the Ahmadiyya community were made.



ADVOCATE ACTIVE TO DEMAND PROSECUTION OF AHMADIS OVER THEIR WORSHIP

Lahore; July-November 2021:

Anti-Ahmadiya Ali Jassim Butt Advocate filed an application for registration of police case against Ahmadis in which he wrote that he was passing through Allama Iqbal Road Garhi Shahu, Lahore on July 21, 2021, at around 6 a.m. when he saw many people had gathered outside the Qadiani worship place near the Shell gas station and found them reciting Islamic recitations (glorification of God). Upon inquiry, he learned that these people had gathered for Eid prayers. He then inquired of the police officer present of why the Qadiani infidels were allowed to assemble and worship on an Islamic festival. He replied that he had been posted there for security, and showed him the duty chart stating: "Duty arrangements about Qadiani worship place on Eid ul Azha". The applicant took pictures of these papers. Meanwhile, Eid prayers started inside and outside the place of worship. Thus under these circumstances, the Qadiani administration had tried to mislead the naive people by using Islamic rites, which is violation of law PPC 298-C (sic), he said. He demanded immediate legal action against the accused Abid

Naseem and his accomplices for conducting the prayers in the place of worship.

Ali Jasim Butt filed an application before the Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore calling CCPO Lahore as party under section(s) 22-A and 22-B on which the Additional Sessions Judge, Lahore ordered the SHO of the concerned police station to record version of the petitioner and probe into the matter. The Ahmadiyya Community categorically denied the allegations as no member of the community was offering prayers outside the place of worship and the community had not violated any law. The police also submitted a report to the court that there was a terrorist attack in this place of worship in 2010 in which about 50 people were killed. No illegal activity has been reported on any occasion, etc.

Ali Jassim Butt is part of mulla Hassan Muawiyah's anti-Ahmadiyya band of End of Prophethood Lawyers Forum, which is at the forefront of litigation against the Jamaat at various levels. He has previously filed petitions against the Jamaat at various occasions.

ELECTRONIC CRIMES ACT AND AHMADIS

Rabwah; November 2021:

Electronic Crimes Act initially had a purpose and a rationale -- fair indeed. However, such acts of the state end up in the hands of unscrupulous and malicious officials as tools of persecution and tyranny against the Ahmadi Community, This month, a directive had to be issued and circulated by the local Ahmadi leadership among the Ahmadi population of Rabwah. We produce its translation below. It will give some idea of the gravity of the malafide application of the law. In the name of Allah

Letter Nr: GS-4288

Dated: November 18, 2021

Respected President... (Neighborhood)

Adaab

Subsequent to the passage of Election Crimes Act (PECA), Ahmadis' activities in the social media are being kept under extensive surveillance, and action is taken against the users. There is need to frequently remind the Ahmadi brethren of remaining cautious on media, particularly the social media and to abstain from all kinds of religious, community and political talk or controversy in public. Please oblige by passing the under mentioned directions to all members of the Jamaat.

Under the said Act, an Ahmadi's sharing of any extract of the Holy Quran, Hadiths or banned (Ahmadiyya) books is a violation of the Electronic Crimes Act, and they add PPC 295-A, B and C to the sections of the Electronic Crimes Act. This could thus call for death penalty in addition to other penalties. Simultaneously the authorities confiscate the mobile phone, laptop and other such devices belonging to the accused. Thereafter, through a forensic test, they check the records of other persons linked to the accused, who could be booked for criminally assisting the first accused. Our opponents thus get an opportunity to have the Ahmadis prosecuted because of their carelessness. Some of our opponents, in their evil designs, pose being Ahmadis and share Ahmadis' information through fake IDs, and look for an opportunity to make mischief and create problems for Ahmadis. As such, no Ahmadi is permitted to share on any forum of the social media any Ahmadiyya text, verses of the Holy Quran, any Hadith, any photo of the Promised Messiah, the Khalifas, the elders, or Jamaat events, Jamaat info, banned books or their extracts. Similarly issue no programs online of any event of the community or auxiliary organization. Also, do not create a website of the community or any auxiliary organization, and do not share any message, information regarding the community through a website or on a social media platform. If you need to pass a message, do that by personal approach to each individual. Do not from a 'group' or 'page' on social media i.e. WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube etc, nor offer any information on religious issues, proselytizing or Ahmadiyya Community. Similarly do not place on Title, Profile or Status any Ahmadiyya extract, Quranic verse, Hadith, photos of the Promised Messiah, Khalifas, Ahmadi personages, community picture, community information, banned publication or their extracts. Occasionally you would get an invitation from a known or unknown source to join a group, or you are included in a group — exit the group immediately. Ahmadi brethren should exercise great care these days in such matters to avoid an unpleasant development.

Sincerely,

President
Local Anjuman Ahmadiyya Rabwah

A GLIMPSE OF THE PROTECTION GIVEN TO AHMADIS BY THE POLICE - NOVEMBER 2021

THREATS TO AHMADIYYA MOSQUE IN GUJRANWALA

Gajju Chak, District Gujranwala; November 2021:

An application was filed with SHO Police Station Rahwali Cantt, alleging that Ahmadis had built minarets and niche at their place of worship, and written Islamic inscriptions on their graves, which is a violation of 298-B, 298-C and 295-C (sic). Legal action and punishment were demanded by the bigots against the following Ahmadis:

(1) Daud s/o Muhammad Din (2) Altaf s/o Ghulam Rasool (3) Hafeez s/o Rafiq (4) Naveed Ahmad s/o Bashir (5) Zaheer s/o Nazir (6) Manzoor s/o Muhammad Din (7) Abu Bakar s/o Nawaz (8) Ahsan s/o Ghulam Rasool (9) Nawaz s/o Malik.

In this regard, the parties were summoned to the police station on November 12, 2021. About 30 non-Ahmadis accompanied the Ahmadiyya delegation from the village. The opposition gathered some people from a nearby village. Ahmadiyya delegation asked for a separate meeting with police officers. There, Ahmadis told them that only two or three persons were trying to create mischief. Otherwise, the rest of the village is with Ahmadis and most of them have come with them to the police station. The DSP asked Ahmadis about the minarets as they are not allowed to build minarets (sic). Ahmadis told him that these are very old and were built before the anti-Ahmadi ordinance.

The DSP told Ahmadis to sort out the matter with the locals. On 13th November he told both the parties to resolve the issue mutually within 15 days, thereafter the opposing party should withdraw the petition.

On 26 November, police officials, officials of the revenue department, and members of the peace committee of district Gujranwala visited Ahmadiyya mosque and graveyard. They first visited

the mosque and objected to the prayer on the notice board, thereby the local Ahmadiyya president took down the prayer. Along with the administration, three of the petitioners also entered the premises of Ahmadiyya mosque. A person wanted to take a picture of the Holy Quran lying in the mosque on which the chairman peace committee forbade him. Later, they went to the cemetery. There they objected to the gravestones of about 50 Ahmadi graves. In this regard, the parties were summoned on November 29, 2021.

On November 29, the Ahmadiyya delegation went to the CPO office. They met the SP Police and shared their reservations about the security risk created by the opponents entering the Ahmadiyya mosque along with the officials. Ahmadiyya delegation also asked for a meeting with the authorities. The SP directed the DSP to meet the Ahmadiyya delegation. The police first listened to the opposition and later heard the Ahmadiyya delegation. On this occasion, the chairman of the peace committee said that as the minarets were also among the Islamic rites so Ahmadis cannot build them as per the Constitution (sic). He was told that minarets are not part of Islamic rites and there is no such law, but if there is any objection to them then they can cover them to avoid visibility from outside. It was also decided that the writings of gravestones should be left as it is, but in future, Ahmadis will take care of this aspect. Opponents objected to this and said that minarets are not acceptable to them. At this, the administration told Ahmadis to remove the minarets. The officials tried to take in writing from the parties that minarets will be removed by the authorities and no one would have any objection. However, the text could not be agreed upon. Police have summoned the parties again on December 02, 2021.

This discriminatory treatment of Ahmadis is very wrong and very hurtful.

REPAIR WORK OF THE AHMADIYYA MOSQUE BARRED BY THE POLICE

Bhera, District Sargodha; November 2021:

The repair work of Ahmadiyya mosque was in progress when the opposition filed an application with a civil court against the renovation. Both the parties were summoned to the police station and Ahmadis were told to stop the construction work until October 29. In this regard, Ahmadis met an influential person of the area, who sent for the petitioner and told him to refrain from mischief. Thereafter, the application was withdrawn on court appearance on October 29.

On 28th October, Bhera Police Station officials, town committee officials and Abrar Bagvi, Khatib of Sher Shah Mosque Bhera visited the Ahmadiyya mosque. The SHO said that a committee consisting of persons from both parties would be constituted to have a meeting regarding repair work, in the office of CEO Town Committee, Bhera.

On October 29, the committee held a meeting in which it was decided that the repair work of the roof would be completed but the niche and minaret

will not be repaired. It was also decided that a permission would be necessary from the town committee before starting any kind of repairs in future. 'Bait-ul-Zikr' will be inscribed on the main wall of Ahmadiyya place of worship. The administration will revisit the site from time to time. Furthermore, they told that Muslims would 'save' the Kalima written therein, at which Ahmadis said that they could not confront the administration but they would not allow any private opponent to enter their mosque.

It is obvious that restrictions imposed by the police on Ahmadiyya worship place are discriminatory and unfair. On October 30, 'Bait-ul-Zikr' was inscribed on the wall of Ahmadiyya place of worship.

In the dark hours of December 01, police and town committee members came to the Ahmadiyya mosque, destroyed the Kalima written in the hall as well as in the courtyard, and took the debris along with them.

SOME FACTS ON AHMADIYYA MOSQUES 1984 TILL 2020

- 30 Ahmadiyya mosques demolished
- 40 Ahmadiyya mosques sealed by the authorities
- 28 Ahmadiyya mosques set on fire or damaged
- 18 Ahmadiyya mosques forcibly occupied
- 60 Ahmadiyya mosques, construction of which was barred by the authorities
- 12 Ahmadiyya mosques have been desecrated so far in 2021

PAK AUTHORITIES AND THE MULLA

Lahore; November 5, 2021:

According to press reports, LHC Justice S. A. Khan has summoned Punjab CM Usman Buzdar to appear in person in a case pertaining to the alleged publication of the Holy Quran by the Ahmadiyya Community, on a petition filed by mulla Hassan Muawiyah. We reproduce below the report as published in the Express Tribune (tribune.com.pk dated November 5, 2021), sans comment, for the reader to draw his/her own conclusions on authorities-mulla relationship in the country:

CM Buzdar summoned to ensure implementation of LHC order

Provincial top court told that relevant authorities are not complying with its directives

LAHORE:

Lahore High Court (LHC) Justice Shujaat Ali Khan has summoned Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar to appear in person in a case pertaining to the alleged publication of the Holy Quran by the minority Ahmadiyya community.

In the recent past, petitioner Hassan Moavia had filed a petition claiming that the members of the minority community were not only publishing the Holy Quran with “distorted text and mutilated translation” but also sending its copies abroad. Justice Shujaat had disposed of the petition by passing certain directions. Now the petitioner has once again approached the court, saying that the authorities concerned are not implementing the court’s directives.

During the hearing of the case, the LHC judge also summoned other stakeholders for getting their view on the matter. It transpired during the proceedings that police shifted the burden onto the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA).

The FIA claimed that the police did not cooperate with them during the investigation of the case.

An FIA official told the court that they conducted a raid at Chanab Nagar but the district police officer (DPO) Chiniot and the other police officials were not fully cooperating with them.

However, the DPO maintained that FIA officials did not complete the due process before conducting the raid.

The petitioner’s counsel told the court that certain directions of the court had been implemented while most are left unattended.



At which Justice Shujaat summoned the Punjab chief minister on November 8 at 1pm to ensure the implementation of the court’s order in letter and spirit.

In its earlier order, the court had passed 18 directions for the authorities concerned that include the availability of a standard copy of the Holy Quran along with its literal meaning at federal, provincial, district and tehsil levels duly approved by the respective Quran Boards to use it as a specimen to determine as to whether any subsequent publication qualifies the test of authenticity of the original text of Holy Quran and its literal meaning or not. Secondly, the court had directed the federal as well as provincial governments to take steps to ensure that only the printers/publishers, authorised by the Quran Board, are allowed to print the Holy Quran and other religious books of the Muslims. “Further, the authorised printers/publishers be bound down to give specific Bar/QR code as well as a distinct serial number against each copy of every religious book, in particular the Holy Quran, to know the authenticity of the said book and to fix responsibility in case of any omission/ommission on the part of any publisher/printer,” read the judgement.

Furthermore, each page of the Holy Quran is embossed with the name of the publisher/company in order to eliminate the possibility of replacement of any page at a subsequent stage.

Note: We authoritatively state that the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan has not published the Holy Quran for years. It never published any distorted text. These allegations are false.

ANTI-AHMADIYYA CONFERENCE IN KARACHI

Drigh Road, Karachi; November 19, 2021:

A conference was held at Bilal Mosque (Deobandi) near Ahmadiyya worship place. Mullas of Tablighi Jamaat from various locations in Pakistan attended the conference. The participants numbered around a thousand. In their speeches, the Mullas slandered the Ahmadiyya community and its

founder. They also quoted distorted references from the founder’s writings. The speakers also incited the participants against Ahmadi. Participants shouted anti-Ahmadiyya slogans there. It was all in violation of the law — PPCs 153, 295-A and 298. Rangers and police personnel were present at the occasion.

HATE AND DISCRIMINATION IN SPORTS

Faisalabad; November 2021:

Four Kabaddi clubs organized their annual Wahla Kabaddi Cup, Faisalabad to be held on November 28, 2021 at 8 Chak Panjgrain, Daewoo Road, Small Estate, Faisalabad. They publicized the event through posters as well.

On the posters following was written in bold letters: Qadianis’ entry is banned. Qadiani is Kafir. (sic)

The following four clubs were shown as participants:

- Wahla Kabaddi Club
- Bandisha Royal Belgium Kabaddi Club
- Qadirabad Kabaddi Club
- Sanjha Punjab Kabaddi Club

The police apparently took no action against these perpetrators of hate.



A poster produced to advertise a Kabaddi tournament in Faisalabad.

It conveys interalia: Qadianis’ entry is banned. Qadiani is Kafir.

AHMADIS BEHIND BARS

1

A contrived case was registered against four Ahmadis, Mr. Khalil Ahmad, Ghulam Ahmad, Ihsan Ahmad and Mubashir Ahmad of Bhoiwal, District Sheikhupura under PPCs 295-A, 337-2 and 427 on May 13, 2014 in Police Station Sharaqpur. Two days later Mr. Khalil Ahmad was murdered by a madrassah student, while in police custody, on May 16, 2014. The remaining three accused were arrested on July 18, 2014. A year later, the deadly clause PPC 295-C was added to their charge sheet at the suggestion of a high court judge. A sessions judge sentenced them to death on October 11, 2017. Appeal against this decision was then made to the Lahore High Court. The Court has not found time to hear them for three and a half years. These three Ahmadis are in prison for seven and half years.

3

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.

As of November 30, 2021:

- 13 Ahmadis are behind bars solely on account of their faith.
- A 70 year old Ahmadi has been arrested under PPC 295-C in September 2021, this clause carries death penalty.
- PPC 295-C is added to the case of three imprisoned Ahmadis in June.
- A 20-year-old Ahmadi student is in jail under PPC 295-C.
- 3 Ahmadis have been on death row since 2017 and in prison since July 18, 2014
- 1 Ahmadi prisoner died while in police custody in Feb. 2021

2

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.

4

Four Ahmadis 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. Mr. Hashmi was also arrested on August 9, 2021 after cancellation of his bail by the trial court.

5

Malik Zahir Ahmad was arrested on September 30, 2019 by fabricating a 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, under PPCs 295-A, 298-C, PECA-11. He was not even formally nominated in the case (*details of this case are mentioned above at point 4*)

6

Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Tahir was booked in a police case with FIR No. 217 under 16 M.P.O. at police station Haweli Lakha, District Okara on March 31, 2021 and was arrested. The plaintiff alleged that Mr. Tahir passed negative remarks about his religious program which outraged him. DPO approached the FIA Cyber Wing for interrogation and forensic of the phone. Their report resulted in FIA registering a separate FIR of the same incident with FIR No. 112 under PECA 2016. They took him in custody from Okara jail and shifted him to Camp jail, Lahore. He is detained under both FIRs.

7

The police registered a case with FIR No. 750 against Mr. Naveed Ahmad and others under Sections 149, 148, 324 of PPC and 7-ATA in P.S. Dijkot, District Faisalabad on the complaint of Muhammad Waseem, brother of the injured attacker. Muhammad Amin, a non-Ahmadi friend, although not named in the FIR, was also detained for his cooperation with Ahmadis. Mr. Ahmad is in jail.

8

Mr. Asghar Ali Kalar, an Ahmadi, aged 70, was booked under the blasphemy law PPC 295-C with FIR Nr. 651 on the complaint of Hafiz Javed Mustafa Head of Jamia Saeedia Model Town, Bahawalpur, in the police station Bhaghdad Aljadid on September 24, 2021. He was arrested and sent to Bahawalpur Jail.

CM summoned in unauthentic Quran publication case (by Lahore High Court)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 6, 2021

P.R. “Islam protects all religions and has nothing to do with extremism, terrorism or destroying other religions or spreading the message of Islam with sword.” Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V

www.pressahmadiyya.com(Press Release on November 4, 2021)

Riots erupt in Charsadda amid allegation of Quran desecration. Riots broke out in Tangi tehsil of Charsadda district after alleged burning of the Holy Quran at a mosque as protesters destroyed the areas main police station, four posts and several residential quarters of police on Sunday.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 29, 2021

Govt, TLP ink deal to end impasse.

Both sides maintain secrecy over detail.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2021

Police find body of constable ‘kidnapped, tortured by (TLP) protestors’

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2021

Punjab govt release 86o TLP activists

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 3, 2021

Six JUD leaders acquitted in terror financing case

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 7, 2021

PM allowed force use (against TLP), but military opposed it

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2021

Total cease-fire with banned TTP

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 9, 2021

Blasphemy case against four family members (on allegation by mulla in Lahore)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 27, 2021

North Waziristan: Two troops killed in terrorist attack

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 28, 2021

Hindus enjoy freedom in Pakistan while Muslims are persecuted in India: Shah Mahmud (FM)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 5, 2021

Punjab Police arrests one for insulting Namaz (Islamic regular prayers)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 7, 2021

CJP to celebrate Diwali in Karak tomorrow

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 7, 2021

We recognize the role of ulama in religious tolerance: Pervez Elahi (PML-Q)

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 9, 2021

Quranic education: Session judges asked (by LHC) to check situation in their areas

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 12, 2021

HRCP concerned over inflation, religious extremism

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 13, 2021

No one can dare dictate judiciary, says CJP (Adv.) Kurd says Pakistan judiciary has the lowest ranking in the world due to its functioning

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2021

No society can flourish without justice, brotherhood: (Hafiz Tahir) Ashrafi

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2021

Former BD Chief Justice gets 11 years jail for money laundering

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2021

Gulf states hold first joint naval exercise with Israel

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 12, 2021

American military hushed up massacre of Syrian civilians in air attack: New York Times

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 15, 2021

Biden, Xi trade warnings on Taiwan in lengthy virtual summit

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2021

6opc of Afghans force ‘crisis level of hunger’: UN

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2021

EU ambassador (Ms Kaminara) receives International Peace Award (in Islamabad organized by Majlis Ulamae Pakistan)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2021

UK court upholds decision to cancel Malik Riaz visa

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 28, 2021

Three security men martyred in Baluchistan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2021

PM deplores a ‘convict’ (NS) addressed an event where CJP was invited

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2021

Bureaucrat faces FIA probe over social media text deriding govt. Senior joint secretary drew parallels between PTI govt and Afghan Taliban.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 24, 2021

Saad Rizvi released on the eve of father’s anniversary

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2021

Auction of Nawaz properties stayed

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 17, 2021

FIA alleges transactions Rs 16 billion illegal by Shehbaz, Hamza

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2021

PML-N wants action against Imran, Buzdar over Daska by-poll fiasco

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 7, 2021

Ban on TLP revoked at Punjab govt request

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 8, 2021

ECP releases another damning report on Dask by-poll

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 9, 2021

PU suspends 27 students for clashes (students of the Punjabi, Pashtun and Baloch councils and the Islami Jamiat Talaba)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 9, 2021

Five security men martyred in separate attacks (in KPK, Balochistan)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 14, 2021

PML-Q finds it hard to back PTI

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2021

Govt shrings off rivals outcry, bulldozes 33 through joint sitting

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 18, 2021

We’ll soon receive aid from Saudi Arabia: Advisor Finance

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 23, 2021

Crimes mount 46% in the Punjab

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 23, 2021

...Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmad’s inauguration of a restored (Hindu) temple last week in Karak, KP was a notable gesture...

Editorial in daily Dawn; Lahore, November 10, 2021

Lahore second in world for poor air quality

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 1, 2021

Usman Buzdar (CM Punjab) authorities filling 100,000 vacancies

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 5, 2021

2o booked for thrashing police officials (in District Bahawalpur)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 12, 2021

Claims by former cricket player Azeem Rafiq about racism have led to the resignation of several top officials at Yorkshire County club

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-59316567, November 19, 2021

Woman denied life for bearing third daughter (in Narowal, Punjab)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2021

Boy tortured by seminary teacher dies

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 15, 2021

Four policemen sacked for taking away truckload of cloth worth Rs 10 million (in Punjab)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 21, 2021

State, govt not fully ready to fight extremism

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2021

Rabia (Jaweri Agha) new chief of human rights body (NCHR)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 19, 2021

27 migrants drown in boat tragedy between France and UK

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2021

New virus variant triggers global alarm, sends stocks-tumbling

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 27, 2021

Pakistanis among hundreds of migrants rescued by Tunisian navy from sea

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 25, 2021

Interior Minister (Sh. Rashid) visits PNS Zarrar (in Baluchistan). Briefed on 29 operational readiness of

FROM THE MEDIA

the Navy.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 29, 2021

Audit finds massive irregularities in Covid spending

The daily Dawn; Lahore, November 30, 2021

Punjab Assembly Resolution to recite the Holy Quran prior to the National Anthem

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 23, 2021

Sirajul Haq departs for Qatar on organizational trip

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 23, 2021

Two accused condemned to death, acquitted after 12 and 17 years in prison

The daily Dunya; Faisalabad, November 22, 2021

Cartoon:



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Op-ed:

“Was this our War” A General reflects back!

Enough is enough!

The State has fought this war to liberate its areas from the scourge of militancy. Many lives have been sacrificed and a lot of treasure exhausted. It is time to now consolidate the concept of how this State ought to function in the future. Will madrassas, Maulvis and extremists be allowed to continue to destabilize this nation as they have been doing since 1947? Here now is the opportunity when State must lay down the law, governance has to be firm and not tentative. This country has no place for the likes of Mullah Aziz Burqa or heroes such as Mumtaz Qadri who murdered the very person he was supposed to protect. This country can no longer afford

mobs such as the TLP or leaders who sell God and exploit religion for their own selfish pelf and privilege. We have had enough!!!

(https://www.globalvillagespace.com/was-this-our-war-a-general-reflects-back/

By Gen. Tariq Khan on October 23, 2021)

Op-ed:

No, it wasn’t a surrender

With TLP on board and TTP nearly so, PM Khan has scored a century against the ‘bloody liberals’ he hates.

With TLP-TTP on the rise and liberals demolished — and mainstream parties too afraid to be seen as liberal — the consequence of joining state to religion becomes starker by the day. While Pakistan’s non-Muslims will remain useful punching bags, insistence on expelling France’s ambassador suggests TLP has national and global ambitions. As for TTP: a glance at Afghanistan should tell where it wants to take us. Crucially: TLP and TTP are two violent organisations, one Barelvi and the other Deobandi. At daggers drawn, both have mass followings; that of TTP will skyrocket now that the Taliban rule Afghanistan. Both want a Sharia state but with different versions of Sharia. Which one prevails can only be settled by force and civil war. Imran Khan will have certainly created a Naya Pakistan, albeit not the one he promised.

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(Pervez Hoodbhoy, Published in Dawn, November 13th, 2021)

Op-ed: Making peace with militants

The ambiguity around the terms of negotiations has made the talks extremely controversial.

There was no cessation in hostilities while Pakistani security officials engaged in talks. Just days before the ceasefire announcement, an ambush in North Waziristan claimed the lives of four soldiers. Scores of soldiers have lost their lives

in renewed terrorist attacks over the last few months in former Fata. Such an escalation in violence raises questions about a tentative truce delivering peace.

It appears that it is the state that has virtually surrendered to a group that is also on the list of global terrorist networks. There is no indication yet that the TTP is willing to lay down its arms and accept the Constitution. The demand for the release of prisoners before talks would make it clear that the outfit seeks to negotiate from a position of strength.

Most troubling, however, is the absence of a clear strategy on the part of the state on how to deal with terrorist and violent faith-based extremist groups. There has not been any effort to develop a national consensus on such critical national security issues.

Any deal with the TTP is likely to reverse the gains the country has made in its battle against terrorism and violent extremism. Unconditional negotiations will legitimise the terrorist group. The shameful deal with the TLP last week and talks with the TTP should be cause for serious concern. It certainly raises questions about our resolve to fight terrorism.

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Cartoon:



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Op-ed: Vulnerable groups

Globally, discriminatory practices are corrected through training and sensitising the police towards vulnerable populations. Policies are carefully reviewed to adapt to the needs of marginalised groups and put in place a bridge of

trust between them and the police. These policies also prohibit profiling and stereotyping as well as discrimination based on vulnerability. At the tactical level, officers are trained for crisis intervention techniques and alternative ways of resolving conflict. At the operational level, vulnerable populations are effectively engaged so that they share their problems and help the police devise cultural and social responsiveness to violence.

(By Maria Taimur in the daily Dawn, November 18, 2021)

Op-ed: Age of extremes

... And linked with this is our economic well-being. We have to ask ourselves why is it so easy for any political party to bring so many people on to the streets for days at a stretch. Why is there no economic cost these protesters have to pay for taking to the streets for an indefinite period? Or if there is an economic cost, why is it so low for the individuals who form the horde? Especially for reasons which are unclear to begin with? Be it a dharna by Tahirul Qadri or the TLP, we must consider not simply the lives these people lead which are so easily exchanged for camping out on the roads but also the ease with which they confront violence. It is too simplistic to believe that only ideology is at work here. And the state cannot and should not be blamed for simply encouraging religiosity — it needs to be held responsible for not offering anything else.

(By Arifa Noor in the daily Dawn, November 2nd, 2021)



Translation: The groom, bride and witnesses are required to also sign Khatme Nabuwwat certificates.

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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