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Persecution of Ahmadiis IN PAKISTAN

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Highlights

TWO AHMADIS BARELY SURVIVED DEADLY ASSAULTS

Syed Ali Shah of Gujrat was facing threats for some time and was attacked with a cleaver injuring his head and arm. The second survivor was a High School teacher from Sialkot who received bullets in his chest and one arm. This was the 11th such incident in 2021. 6 Ahmadis lost their lives in similar attacks since Jan 2020.

OATH OF KHATME NABUWWAT IN MARRIAGE DOCUMENTS

As if the oath of Khatme Nabuwwat was not enough to cast a vote, to stand for an election, to accept an elected office, or to apply for a passport or an ID card. Now, the Punjab gov’t intends to enforce taking this oath to get marriage documents. Ahmadis already face difficulties in the registration of marriages, this will aggravate their dilemma.

AHMADI CHILDREN DENIED ADMISSION IN A SCHOOL

Surprisingly, it may only be Pakistan where school-going children are required to declare their faith to apply for a school place. It is to add fuel to the fire if the declared faith is ‘Ahmadiyya’. For Ahmadis, this means continuous bullying and discrimination, and its impact on children’s minds is lifelong. One of such incidents is reported on page 8.

WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT & CHALLENGES IN EARNING LIVELIHOOD

Country Policy and Information Note, on Pakistan Ahmadis by the UK Home Office states on page 48, ‘It was noted in the DFAT report that ‘Government policy restricts Ahmadis joining government service, and imposes career ceilings for those who do obtain public sector jobs. In the military, which is widely regarded as the most meritocratic institution in Pakistan, Ahmadis face an “unwritten” promotion ceiling at brigadier level.’* The discrimination is not only in the sectors mentioned above, this hatred is all over, even if an Ahmadi runs his own business. Take a look at the conditions where Ahmadis earn their livelihood; pages 6-7

* https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1015790/PAK_CPIN_Ahmadis.pdf

HOLY PROPHET’S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS DELUGED WITH ANTI-AHMADI RHETORIC

12 Rabiul Awal (Oct 19, this year) is the birth date of the Holy Prophet (peace be on him). Rallies and conferences are held all over the Muslim world to commemorate this blessed day. Similar rallies are held in Pakistan, however, in spite of pronouncing the high status of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), these are often deluged with hatred towards Ahmadis. Other KN conferences are also held and threatening Ahmadis, hurling abuses in front of Ahmadi houses is a norm. Every year such conferences & rallies are openly held in the headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Pakistan and they walk through the streets of Rabwah raising anti-Ahmadi slogans and abuses. See details: Pages. 4, 5, 9, 12-15.

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 9 FOR DETAILS ON VOTING RIGHT FOR AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN

AHMADI SURVIVES ATTEMPT ON LIFE

Moin ud Din Pur, District Gujrat; October 8, 2021:

Syed Ali Shah, an Ahmadi, was attacked by his neighbor with cleaver because of his faith. He got injuries on his head and arm. He was rushed to a hospital where he received medical treatment. Earlier, the assailant had scuffled with the local

Ahmadiyya president, but people intervened and rescued him.

Ahmadis have been facing hostility here for some years. The accused Naeem Ahmad had been threatening Syed Ali Ahmad Shah for some time. The police registered an FIR of the said incident on Oct. 10 under Section 506.

AHMADI SUFFERS BULLET ATTACK

Pakki Kotli, District Sialkot; October 2021:

Mr. Abdul Waheed Ghumman, 50, a teacher in Government Sir Syed High School left for home when he was intercepted by two unknown assailants who opened fire at him. One bullet hit his left arm and the other his chest causing him

to bleed profusely. The assailants were bearded. He was rushed to the hospital where he is under treatment.

Mr. Ghumman had no vendetta with any one. The police have been informed.

WORSENING SITUATION IN RAJANPUR

Rajanpur; October 2021:

A fabricated police case was registered in July 2020 against five Ahmadis in the context of an Ahmadi-run school. The trial was held in an anti-terrorism court. Three of the accused have been acquitted.

As a result of the acquittal, the opponents are angry and are planning to make life difficult for Ahmadis. They talk of cleansing the city of all

Ahmadis. In this, the mulla has co-opted some lawyers, teachers and others of the civil society. They passed a joint resolution against Ahmadis and took practical steps to harass them. They have formed teams for this purpose and mount recce against Ahmadi-owned businesses and residents.

The situation in Rajanpur is tense and stressful for Ahmadis.

TO BE AN AHMADI IN KPK!

Topi, District Swabi; October 2021:

Anti-Ahmadi elements are very active here. On October 26, they announced a Khatme Nabuwat conference in front of the residence of Mr. Umer Ahmad, an Ahmadi. Prior to the conference, the activists came to Mr. Ahmad and asked him to become a Muslim, upon which he recited the Kalima and they went away, but later he started getting text messages on his mobile phone e.g. *“What do you believe about Mirza Ghulam Ahmad?”*

Due to the conference, it was feared that

the opponents could become violent at this occasion, so the police were informed. Three Ahmadi families decided to temporarily move elsewhere to avoid exposure. The rest of Ahmadis also took safety precautions.

The conference was held on October 26. The departed families intend to go back to their homes on permission of the authorities.

It seems that human rights and various civic freedoms or the lack thereof, are now the domain of the mulla, and not of the government.

TENSION IN FAISALABAD

Chak 109 RB Roda, District Faisalabad; September 7, 2021:

Opponents planned to hold a Khtame Nabuwat conference here on September 7. On September 5, they announced that in addition to the conference a procession against Ahmadis would be taken out. Ahmadis informed the administration. The police contacted the conference organizers and disallowed the conference. The next

morning, it was announced from the mosque that Ahmadis had blocked the conference. There was a strong reaction from some villagers and they threatened to demolish the minaret of the Ahmadiyya mosque and kill Ahmadis. Some of the residents however supported Ahmadis and expressed their views against sectarian activities.

Ahmadis feel threatened.

ANTI-AHMADI ACTIVITY IN KARACHI

Korangi, East Karachi; October 2021:

There are a few Ahmadi houses in this neighborhood. A local cleric hurled insults at Ahmadis and enraged locals in his Friday sermon. After this, the locals came to an Ahmadi Mr. Khalil Ahmad and said to him that he was a good man but a Qadiani. They posed him some questions. He replied and the visitors had little to say.

Mr. Ahmad’s brother Mr. Shakeel Ahmad lives in another street. The opponents gathered near his house and conspired that the two Qadianis in the area should be made to leave. So, they put up anti-Ahmadiyya posters outside the house of Mr. Shakeel.

Ahmadis feel insecure.

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY NOW REQUIRES OATH OF KHATME NABUWWAT IN MARRIAGE DOCUMENTS

Lahore; October 27, 2021:

The Punjab Assembly passed a resolution regarding the inclusion of Khatme Nabuwat declaration in marriage forms, the daily Dawn reported. We produce below extracts of the report:

Punjab Assembly backs Khatm-i-Nabuwat oath in marriage documents

LAHORE: During its brief proceedings on Tuesday, the Punjab Assembly adopted a resolution seeking inclusion of oath of Khatm-i-Nabuwat in the Nikah (marriage) documents, as the speaker skipped other agenda items, including a debate on the rising inflation.

... A public-interest resolution was taken out of turn and adopted unanimously, recommending the in-

clusion of Khatm-i-Nabuwat oath in the marriage documents...

(Published in the daily Dawn, October 27, 2021)

The same news was published in the daily Nawa i Waqt. Translation of some extracts are produced below:

... Parvez Elahi (speaker PA) said that the Punjab Assembly had unanimously passed the law regarding the Qur’an Act and the end of prophethood. It is very important to include the 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 can be removed before the marriage takes place (through such an affidavit)...

(Published in the daily Nawa i Waqt, October 27, 2021)

HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AT WORKPLACES

AN OVERVIEW - OCTOBER 2021

DR WASEEM AHMAD'S POSTING IN SCHOOL

Lodhran; October 2021:

Dr Waseem Ahmad, Ahmadi has been mentioned in our dispatches for some time. His appointment (non-)issue is kept alive by the religious lobby. We report the latest known to us.

Dr Waseem Ahmad graduated from the well-known King Edward Medical College (now University) and joined govt service 25 years ago. He has a very satisfactory service record.

On transfer orders, Dr Ahmad reported to Chakwal on August 20, 2021. There, religious bigots opposed his appointment, and the local press joined the crowd to demand his immediate transfer elsewhere. His departmental superiors, keen to avoid a controversy, transferred him to Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Kahrur Pukka in District Lodhran.

Here too, activist mullas of Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat (MTKN) met the Superintendent of the hospital and demanded the transfer of Dr Ahmad. The rabble-rousers of the local bar association also demanded his removal; otherwise they threatened to take 'direct action'. Similarly, the traders of Kahrur Pukka sent an application to the Deputy Commissioner Lodhran demanding Dr. Ahmad transfer. We'll protest otherwise and observe shutter-down, they threatened.

Dr Ahmad is putting up a bold front — but for how long? It seems TTP is well-entrenched in the Punjab.

AHMADI OFFICIAL TOSSED AROUND FOR HIS FAITH

October 2021:

As reported in earlier reports Mr. Shaukat Hayat Majoka, Ahmadi, is facing great opposition and harassment at the hands of religious and political groups, in the performance of his official duties. There is a follow-up.

Earlier, Mr. Majoka was transferred from Fatah Jang, and in District Attock, to Chakwal, then to Noor Poor Thal, then Mianwali and thereafter Rawalpindi as Tehsil Municipal Officer (TMO). The Punjab Government found it convenient to accept baseless protests against this dutiful official and canceled its orders.

He was posted as Chief Officer Tehsil Council Khushab. He took charge on September 25 and started work. However, as soon as he took charge, his opponents started protesting and demanded his replacement.

On September 29, 2021, following the protests by opponents, his charge was again withdrawn by a notification. He has now been posted as Assistant Director in Punjab Local Government Board Lahore.

EARNING LIVELIHOOD MADE PROBLEMATIC IN RAWALPINDI

Rawalpindi; October 2021:

Ahmadi entrepreneurs, government servants and private employees are receiving threats nowadays. Some of them have been fired and some had to quit their jobs.

Mr. Mohammad Waqas deals in furniture. The trade union forced him to vacate his shop, as he is an Ahmadi.

Mian Faizan Ahmad has been fired from his job for his faith.

Mr. Naseeruddin Amini has a business: Amini Garments. Opponents gather at his business place and shout slogans.

AHMADI FEMALE GOVT. TEACHER FACES HOSTILITY

Batali Goi, District Kotli; September 25, 2021:

Muhammad Zaheer Shah along with a few locals submitted a petition to the Deputy Commissioner of Kotli in which he wrote that a protest was scheduled on September 25, 2021 at Government Boys and Girls Schools, Batali Goi; as Qadiani teachers had been posted there while a local teacher was posted far away. As a result, female teachers are upset and there is intense grief and anger among the people of the area and their religious sentiments are severely affected, he wrote. The appointment of a Qadiani teacher was also having a bad effect on the lives of the students which is not acceptable at all. Naseem Akhtar belongs to the Qadiani religion and has been brought in as a primary teacher. The locals did not allow her to attend the school but Assistant Education Officer Kotli posted her to the office. There should be an inquiry in all this, the protesters wrote down unashamedly.

Ms. Naseem Akhtar feels very disturbed.

AHMADIS PRESSURIZED TO VACATE SHOP AND HOUSE

Joharabad, District Khushab; October 2021:

Two Ahmadi brothers Mr. Atif Ijaz and Mr. Kashif Ijaz were running here a shop called Ali Mobiles. On 14th October 2021 the owner of their shop came to them. He told the brothers to vacate the shop because the local president of PML-Q Malik Ilyas had filed an application against their shop in which he stated that the Qadiani's shop is located in front of the niche of their mosque. He wrote that Muslims pray and prostrate towards it. The owner also told the brothers that he will reimburse the security deposit only if they vacate the shop by Thursday. They had to close down their only business.

A few years back, they had to vacate another shop adjacent to this one. They had to pay more rent and advance to rent this one, but now this had to be vacated as well.

Similarly, Mr. Amjad Hayat was living with his family in a rented house in Joharabad. The landlord told him to vacate the house by October. He saw a house for rent in Shabbir Colony but even there the landlord refused to accommodate him because of his faith. Ahmadis in different districts of the Punjab are facing similar problems.

FRIGHTFUL THREATS TO AHMADI IN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL

Bhati Gate, Lahore; September 9, 2021:

Dr. Pervez Zarif is a government employee; he also runs a private clinic at home. On September 9, while departing for work, he found two letters outside his house. The letters were 8-10 pages long, and contained threats. The letter senders claimed to be Qatari Taliban. They threatened to kill Dr. Pervez and his family for being Ahmadi and wrote that they could blow up his house with a bomb or kill him; also the staff of his clinic were not safe. Moreover, "If you want to stay alive, you should hand over ten tola gold and procure ten gold biscuits from Sharif Jewelers, Rang Mahal. Go there on Friday, we will contact you and receive these in our own way. Thereafter vacate your house and leave the area", they directed.

Dr. Pervaiz informed the police, closed his clinic and shifted elsewhere temporarily.

AHMADI CHILDREN DENIED ADMISSION IN SCHOOL

Korangi, Karachi; October 2021:

Mr. Rahat Ahmad Karamat's son Masroor Ahmad Karamat and daughter Sadia Karamat cleared the admission test for the Creek View Academy.

Mr. Karamat took his children to school on September 16 to join and start regular schooling. Mr. Karamat wrote Ahmadi in the column of religion in the admission form, to which the principal expressed some surprise and then said, "It doesn't matter; we have Christians and Hindus too studying here, but we cannot teach Islamiyat to your children." After the admission process, the children went to their respective classes and Mr. Karamat went to talk to the van drivers for the pick and drop facility.

When he came back to the principal's office, the atmosphere had changed. The principal told Mr. Karamat that she had talked to

the administrator regarding the admission of his children and they will inform him in a day or two about the refund of his money. At this, Mr. Karamat asked her the reason, as the forms had been filled and the admission done. The principal said his being Ahmadi was the reason. "Aren't Ahmadi's Pakistani citizens? Can't they get their children educated?" asked Mr. Karamat. "My job is at stake", she replied.

The same afternoon, the principal called and informed Mr. Karamat that the admissions of his children have been canceled and he could submit all his receipts to claim the refund. When Mr. Karamat went there, the principal refused to talk to him, and referred him to the accounts office. Mr. Karamat asked the administration to return the admission forms as these had his personal information, but they refused and sent him away after refunding his money.

LAHORE HIGH COURT (LHC) ORDERS QURAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Lahore; October 16, 2021:

The daily Dunya published the following report on this issue, (extracts):

Quran compulsory; District CEOs to inspect schools

The Secretary will intimate number of periods allocated (for this purpose): Lahore High Court Secretary Education and MD PCTB told to report along with compliance report, on November 3

Lahore (Court Reporter): With reference to Court Orders on declaring the Quran syllabus as a compulsory subject, LHC ordered all District CEOs in the Punjab to look up all public and private schools. The Court told the Education Secretary and the MD of Punjab Text Books Board to

report back compliance on November 3. Justice Shahid Waheed and Justice Muhammad Iqbal of the Bench issued a 3-page order....

The Secretary will inform the Court as to... how many teachers were tasked specifically for teaching the Quran and what is their educational qualification, also whether the text books taught have been approved by the PTBB or not.

This issue is of utmost gravity, that is not only a constitutional responsibility, it is also essential for future generations, observed Justice Shahid Waheed.

(https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2021-10-16&edition=FAB&id=5809311_47246712)

MULLA INCITES HATRED AND VIOLENCE

Jaboki Dhillwan, District Gujranwala; September 24, 2021:

Qari Tahir Baloch delivered a provocative speech against Ahmadi's to incite hatred in public against the community. In his speech, the mulla

called for a boycott of the Ahmadi's and incited the public to kill them for their (alleged) blasphemy; he referred to an incident of Hazrat Umar, who killed his uncle (sic).

A FAIR QUESTION

Islamabad; October 2021:

This month, Tehrik Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) protested and took out rallies in the country and particularly in the Punjab in support of their demands. In order to support their agitation, they depended heavily on their assumed commitment to Namus Risalat (Honour of the Prophet P.B.U.H.). The campaign turned violent and in clashes with the police, eight policemen were killed and hundreds injured, some grievously.

As the TLP mullas intended to march on to the federal capital, the federal government rightly got very concerned over the prospect, and in view of the bloodshed already taken place, called out the Rangers and deployed them in the Punjab for two months. Sheikh Rashid, the federal Interior Minister took a very serious view of the threat posed to the state and to peace and law and order in general, and condemned their agitation. He held a presser on October 27, 2021 to vent his

displeasure and outcry against the rabble-rousers. Therein, to emphasize his religious credentials, he stated, inter alia:

- We also are the warriors (sipahi) of Namus Risalat and of Khatme Nabuwwat.
- I am the warrior of Qala, Qala Rasulullah (so said the Messenger of Allah). I sacrifice ten such lives (as the present one) on Namus Risalat. If anyone can prove in entire Pakistan that anybody has spent more time in prison than I over Khatme Nabuwwat, I am prepared to undergo whatever punishment (is awarded to me).

The question arises: If the honorable minister is so proud of having undergone punishment for violating the law, in support of his commitment to Namus Risalat and Khatme Nabuwwat, why is he now objecting to the agitation precipitated by the TLP for the same reason and cause?

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**
2. **COME OFF THAT LIST AND VOTE AS A MUSLIM** (REQUIRES TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION)

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)

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

AHMADIYYA MOSQUE AT RISK

Samundari, District Faisalabad; October 2021:

In the last few months, opponents have filed applications with the administration against the niches, minarets and holy inscriptions in Ahmadiyya places of worship. As a result the police took action to demolish the minarets, etc.

On 11th September 2021, a petition was filed with the Punjab Police that Ahmadis are non-Muslims as per the Constitution and their usage of Islamic rites, preaching of religion and calling themselves Muslim violated the law. It was further stated that by constructing a mosque-like building, Qadianis are insulting Islamic rites and constantly violating the Constitution and law. The application stated that dozens of Muslims express their grief and anger every day because of this provocative action of the Qadianis. It was demanded that the Qadianis should be stopped from their actions so

that the law and order situation in the area does not deteriorate.

The above mentioned interpretation of the Constitution and law is mostly self-serving, bigoted and in violation of the letter and spirit of the law.

However, on October 4, 2021, the miscreants pressurized the police. More than 50 mul-las assembled at the DSP office and threatened that if the police did not take action, they would act on their own. The police told the clerics that they would talk to Ahmadis. Later that day, the Assistant Commissioner and the DSP told Ahmadis to demolish the minaret and remove the holy inscriptions. At this the local Ahmadiyya president told them of the Ahmadiyya SOP.

The police, however, told Ahmadis to do as told, by the evening of the next day.

KALIMA REMOVED FROM AN AHMADI'S HOUSE

Ganda Singh Wala, District Faisalabad; September 10, 2021:

Malik Rafiq Ahmad, Ahmadi, had written the Islamic Creed (Kalima) and an Arabic phrase on the main gate of his house. Police arrived at his

house on September 10, 2021. His son Basil Ahmad was at home at the time. Police told him that someone had taken a picture of his gate and sent it to the SP police. They told him to erase the Islamic words or face consequences. Basil had to comply.

SOME FACTS - 2021 SO FAR

- 2 AHMADIYYA MOSQUES DESECRATED DURING SEPTEMBER
- 11 AHMADIYYA MOSQUES HAVE BEEN DESECRATED SO FAR IN 2021
- SACRED INSCRIPTIONS FROM 17 HOUSES & SHOPS HAVE BEEN REMOVED DURING 2021
- 90 GRAVES HAVE BEEN DAMAGED IN 2021, HALF OF THEM WERE DESTROYED DURING SEPTEMBER.
- THE POLICE IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SUCH INCIDENTS

SOME FACTS ON AHMADIYYA PERSECUTION 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
- 39 Ahmadis' **bodies exhumed after burial**
- Burial of 76 Ahmadis was **denied in common cemetery**
- 156 **graves were damaged** only in 2020, this figure has reached 90 so far in 2021.

DID YOU KNOW!

IN PAKISTAN AHMADIS MAY FACE THREE YEAR IMPRISONMENT FOR CALLING THEIR PLACES OF WORSHIP A 'MASJID'.

AHMADI DENIED BURIAL IN COMMON GRAVEYARD

Nawan Kot, District Sheikhpura; October 6, 2021:

Opposition to Ahmadis has been on the rise here for some time. Opponents obstruct the burial of Ahmadis in the joint cemetery. In view of this situation, the government decided to allot a separate graveyard to Ahmadis, which was under process.

An Ahmadi died here on October 6. Funeral arrangements were made at the joint cemetery, but opponents obstructed and caused a commotion. This was reported to the administration. Police and administration officials arrived at the spot and handed over the letter of land allotted to Ahmadis for cemetery, and also identified the land. The burial took place in the newly allotted plot.

HOLY PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONVERTED INTO ANTI-AHMADI HATE CAM- PAIGN

Chenab Nagar (Rabwah); 18, 19 October, 2021:

12 Rabiul Awwal is celebrated by all Muslims as the Holy Prophet's birthday. This year this day fell on October 19, 2021. Anti-Ahmadi mullas from far and wide converged on Rabwah this year as well. They held jalsas (open-air meetings) took out rallies in the Ahmadiyya town and indulged in profuse diatribes against the local residents and their holy personages. In this exercise, they received all the necessary support from authorities who must have had some anxiety over ensuring that the rallying crowd remained peaceful.

Majlis Ahrar, notorious for their traditional anti-Ahmadiyya extremism, held an End of Prophethood conference in nearby Kot Wasawa on the night of October 18. Attendance was meagre. One, Muhammad Akif called Ahmadiyyat a Corona virus and asserted that it was the greatest evil (fitna) of the time. He said that Ahmadis, planted by the British, are enemies of Islam and Pakistan. He urged the participants to unite and crush (sarkobi) these people. Mulla Nasiruddin Khakwani who came all the way from Multan disclosed to his audience that Ahmadis were agents of Jews.

The second session started at 8:20 p.m. Mulla Abdul Mannan Shah said that Ahmadis were converting the poor in Sindh. Maulvi Sarfaraz Muawiyah of Faisalabad urged the Muslims to rise and lay a siege against Qadianis on all fronts. He urged their complete boycott.

The third sitting commenced at 22:30. The attendance improved. It went on till 02:00.

One mulla Mughirah invited Ahmadis to Islam to save themselves from hell-fire. Maulvi Aziz Ahmad repeated the lie regarding 'the circumstances in which the Mirza died'. Maulvi Daud called Ahmadis "traitors to Islam". Mulla Khalid Latif Cheema, the Ahrar general secretary affirmed that Ahrar would chase Qadianis on all platforms to crush them (sarkobi). Kafil Shah Bokhari repeated his resolve to pursue Qadianis worldwide.

Maulvi Haidari, a JUI (F) leader, spoke at Madrassa Kot Wasawa on October 19 and remarked that the US had no objection in 1974 to Ahmadis being legislated as Non-Muslims, while now they are objecting to it.

A rally was taken out from village Khichian; it proceeded to the Bus Stop via Aqsa Chowk and returned to disperse at Chhani/Khichi. Its leaders were decent enough to use the occasion to speak on the life (seerat) and high moral profile of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) and wasted no time in bad-mouthing Ahmadis.

The second rally made a sortie from Masjid Bokhari. Mullas addressed the participants. One speaker, Taufiq Ahmad was very rabid in his sectarian anti-Ahmadi speech. What he said should better be not quoted. Qari Arshad promised a day would come when Khatme Nabuwat signboard will be displayed on Darul Ziafat and Aqsa (Ahmadiyya guest house and worship place). Qari Ghulam Mustafa challenged Ahmadis, "Wherever you go, we'll crush you". He indulged freely in falsehood by claiming that the Ahmadiyya founder was one-eyed. He called Ahmadis 'laanati' (cursed), and a cancerous boil (Nasur).

The third rally emerged from Kot Wasawa at 14:30 with Kafil Bokhari of Majlis Ahrar leading. The number inflated to approximately 5500. They came over to Evan Mahmud, the central office of the Ahmadiyya Youth Organization. The speakers invited Ahmadis to join the constitutional Islam, and accused Ahmadis of being enemies of both Islam and the state. They repeated the fib that Ahmadis' second headquarters was Israel.

Apart from the above, smaller rallies came over to Rabwah from nearby Chiniot, Muslim Colony, Ahmad Nagar and other villages. They came to the Bus Stop, went to Aqsa Chowk, shouted anti-Ahmadi slogans and went back.

Ahmadis bore all these provocations with grace, restraint and due care. As for the authorities, they permitted all these gatherings who blatantly violated the relevant laws like PPCs 153-A, 295-A, 298 and 298-A. These officials of the Punjab government failed to see that such permissive attitude in 1953 led to the riots and first-ever martial law in the country. More recently, similar attitude towards the extremism promoted by the proscribed TLP has resulted to-date in death of eight policemen and injuries to hundreds of them. *(Casualties reported by the daily Dawn; October 28, 2021)*

A SECTARIAN CONFERENCE OF EXTREMIST ELEMENTS

Chenab Nagar (Rabwah); 28, 29 October 2021:

Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwat (AMTKN), the leading anti-Ahmadiyya organization held a 2-day rally in the Ahmadiyya headquarters town of Rabwah. Authorities permitted this conference despite the fact that both the federal and the provincial governments were facing a crisis situation precipitated by another sectarian and extremist organization — the TLP. The TLP killed eight policemen and injured hundreds others, on their march towards Islamabad.

The Ahmadiyya central office had written to the concerned authorities, a few weeks earlier, of the AMTKN intention to hold this conference, and had requested its cancellation in view of the sensitive situation prevailing in the country. The authorities, however, showed no will to dissuade the mullas from their program in which they do little else than use vitriolic language against the local community and incite their audience to indulge in sectarian violence.

The conference was held over two days, in five sessions, as planned. It was almost a repeat of similar conferences held in previous years. The mullas competed with one another in their negative comments against Ahmadis. It is neither necessary nor appropriate to report all that they uttered, however a brief sampling of their statements would be in order to place on record the social and cultural evil they undertake in the name of religion. As these are in violation of the law of the land, these deserve a place in archives to hold all those responsible accountable.

1st Session: October 27; 10:30 to 13:10; presided by Mufti Hasan of Lahore; attendance 550

- Mulla Irshad of Muslim Colony, Chenab Nagar said (extracts): "Qadiani Community comprises liars. They committed atrocities in 1974 at the railway station, whereby many Muslims were martyred. In the near future Qadianis will flee from Pakistan. Qadianis attempted to occupy Baluchistan; they now intend to occupy entire Pakistan. Leave alone entire Pakistan, we'll not let them occupy even an inch of this land."
- (Note. The mulla lied; no one died or was killed at the railway station.)*
- Mulla Abdul Basit of Baluchistan said, "May Allah allow us to die while defending the Khatme Nabuwat (KN). We'll not let any harm come to this belief."
- Mulla Abdulla of Karachi said, "Gohar Shahi attempted burglary in the sacred house of Islam. Riaz Gohar Shahi targeted the Holy Prophet (pbuh). He blasphemed against Adam too. He called himself Mushkal Kusha (problem solver) and Mehdi. For this reason courts sentenced him to death. The followers of Gohar Shahi are Kafir and Murtad (apostates)."
- Mulla Ziauddin of Mamun Kanjan said, "Our belief is to accept death over the honour of the Holy Prophet. If anyone talks nonsense over his KN, we'll deal with him."
- Mulla Abdul Razzaq of Laki Marwat said, "We'll crush the villain who commits robbery against the belief in KN."
- Mulla Lutfullah of Sindh said, "Till you do not curse the Qadianiat, you don't do justice to Seerat-un-Nabi." This was followed by repeated slogans: **Countless curses on Qadianis.**
- Qari Jamil Akhtar of Lahore demanded that Qadianis should be removed from all key posts. (Note: The mulla forgets that the removals were done decades ago.)
- Mulla Zubair of Toba said, "Qadianis deliberately get police cases registered against them, so as to avail asylum in Europe....Muslims are duty bound to boycott Qadianis and their products."

Second Sessions: October 27; 14:10 to 16:20; presided by Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman Sani; attendance 7500

- Mulla Ismail of Multan said, “After the descent of Hazrat Isa, he and Imam Mehdi will first kill Dajjal (anti-Christ), thereafter they will kill the Jews, and then rule over the whole world.”
- Mufti Azamatulla of Bannu said, “The US and allies wanted to destroy Afghanistan and the beard, but they themselves met disgrace. Qadianis similarly will be disgraced and will flee from Pakistan.”
- Mulla Aleemuddin of Lahore said, “Qadianis, your Prophet never herded goats. Our Prophet herded these. Imran Khan, listen, if you played around with KN, you will come to naught.”
- Pir Abdul Majeed of Shikarpur said, “The British, apart from other things, planted Qadianism here. They raised a fake prophet, and made him a claimant to prophethood. It was an attack on our elders. We’ll surely counter this attack.”
- Mulla Qayyum Haqqani of KPK said, “Taliban, by defeating the US in Afghanistan, have raised the banner of KN. This banner will now be raised all over Pakistan.” (Note: The intention is noteworthy.)
- Mulla Amjad of Lahore said, “Taliban, having conquered Afghanistan, will head for Kashmir — there-after Palestine. Keep an eye on the Jewish lobby. Raise slogans loud enough to reach Bani Gala... Only Maulana Fazlur Rahman can turn Pakistan into a Riasat Madinah.”

Third Session: October 28; 19:45 to 01:20; presided by Sahibzada Aziz Ahmad of Kundian; attendance 9500

- Mulla Atiq ur Rahman Hazarvi said, “Recite the Drud so loudly that Qadianis flee from this town. Boycott Qadianis’ products.”
- Mulla Abdul Rahman of Talha Gang said that just as the recitation of Drud on the Holy Prophet (pbuh) brings Sawab (Divine reward), “similarly cursing the Mirza brings Sawab, as he was a fabricator and liar (kazzab)”.
- Kafil Shah Bokhari of Multan said, “If someone disturbs the law on KN, we’ll drag him in streets.”
- Mulla Abdul Shakoor of Faisalabad said, “Mirza Qadiani is the worst man anywhere. We are not acquiring Kashmir because of Qadianis. Bangladesh too got separated because of them.”
- Mulla Mateen Khalid said, “If a Qadiani recites the Islamic Creed, or writes the same at home or on his shop, he violates PPC 295-C. Supreme Court itself has given a verdict to that effect. Qadianis are fraudulent, and fraudsters have no rights.”
- Mulla Sirajul Haq (JI) said, “It is obvious that... one who demands a proof for Ahmadis’ Kufr, is also a Kafir. Even after 74 years (of Pakistan’s existence), Qadianis and their system’s presence poses us a great challenge. We condemn the proposed Bill in Sindh Assembly that disallows a non-adult to change religion.”
- Mulla Ilyas Chiniot MPA said, “The Jewish lobby is fully patronizing the Qadianis. Similarly, European countries are also supporting them financially and providing them all assistance.”
- Mulla Zahid M Qasmi said, “O Qadianis, we’ll chase and crush you all over the globe. You are traitors to the Constitution and robbers of the Khatme Nabuwwat. It is not distant future when all of you will flee from Pakistan.”
- Pir Zulfiqar Ali Naqshbandi said, “O honorless Qadianis; listen, you are robbers of KN; we’ll never let you do away with the constitutional amendment regarding Khatme Nabuwwat.”

Fourth Session: October 28; 10:00 to 13:10; presided by Maulvi Aziz ur Rahman Sani; attendance 10,000

- Mulla Mukhtar of Mirpur said, “The greatest mischief (fitna) in the country is Qadianiat. They are a terrorist organization. They have turned Rabwah into a separate state.”

- Mulla Tausif Ahmad said: “There was a time when Muslims could not enter Rabwah, but thanks to our elders’ efforts, now Muslims can go anywhere in Rabwah as desired.”
- Mulla Mujib ur Rahman of Shikarpur said, “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.”
- Mulla Abid Shami of Gujranwala said, “Qadianis blaspheme. A blasphemer is Wajib-ul Qatl (must be put to death).”
- Mulla Rashid of R Y Khan said, ‘Qadianis’ worship is nothing but fraud and deceit.”
- Abdulla Gul son of Lt Gen (R) Hameed Gul said, “Pakistan is now a battle field. It came into being on a principle (Naziria); no law will come into force that violates Quran and Sunnah. Only Afghanistan can protect Muslims, as it defeated big powers (Nakon chaney chabwaey). The situation in Pakistan is bad; the army and the people confront each other.”

Last Session: October 28; 14:10 to 16:00; presided by Maulvi Nasiruddin Khakwani; attendance 12000

- Mufti Popalzai of KPK said, “The TLP is also protecting the Khatme Nabuwwat, while the government is douching them with acid. I remind the rulers of the fate of former rulers; you also will turn into ‘former’ some day.”
- Maulvi Fazl ur Rahman (JUI-F) arrived at the venue at 15:10. He addressed the crowd and said, “Qadianiat is a great mischief (fitna) in the Sub-continent; it must be crushed (sarkobi). God has chosen us to safeguard the belief in Khatme Nabuwwat — it is a great honour....If the rulers disturbed the Islamic provisions (in law) they will be disgraced and debased. We shall work as warriors (sipahi) of the Majlis Tahaffuz Khatme Nabuwwat.”

Notes:

1. Most of the audience were Pashtuns.
2. Most of the banners were of JUI-F, so was the management.
3. Although the authorities had not permitted the management to offer the Friday Prayers in the Central Park of the Colony, but they still did that. They even announced that from next year onward they will hold the conference in the Park.
4. In a Resolution, the conference demanded that important chowks (squares) in all cities be re-named as Khatme Nabuwwat Chowk, as already done in 28 cities and towns.
5. The conference, in a resolution, expressed profound thanks to the District Chiniot administration for full co-operation to facilitate the conference.
6. Another resolution admired the Punjab and AJK Assemblies for including the KN affidavit in Nikah (marriage) forms. It thanked Mr. Pervez Elahi the Speaker of Punjab Assembly and the movers of that resolution, and urged them to keep alight the lamp of KN and Namus Risalat in corridors of (political) power.
7. Other than those mentioned in the report above, following mullas also addressed the crowd: Mujahid Mahmud, Rabwah; Inayatullah, Quetta; Haroon ur Rashid, Rawalpindi; Hafiz M Idrees; Mufti Saeed, Chicha Watni; M Sumro, Sindh; Aziz ur Rahman, Faisalabad; Nurul Haq, Karachi; Faisal Mahmud, Lahore; M. Tayyab, Faisalabad; Ziaullah Bokhari, Sahiwal; Rashid Madni, Tando Adam; M Idrees, Quetta; Tajamal Hussain, Nawab Shah; Jamil Bandhani, Sukkar; Karim Bux, Multan.

A Question:

We again raise the question about the source of funds that made it possible for 12000 men to come from all over and coverage on Rabwah to avail 2-day hospitality and listen to speeches that promoted violence (read terror) unabashedly.

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 October 31, 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.

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.

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. FIA Cyber Crime registered a new police case on the same incident against him with FIR No. 112 under PECA 2016. They took him in custody from Okara jail and shifted him to Lahore jail. 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.

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

THIS YEAR SO FAR

- 1 Ahmadi has been murdered for his faith, raising the total to 271 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.

FROM THE MEDIA

- Punjab Government has ordered that Verses and Ahadith regarding Khatme Nabuwwat be displayed in all public spaces

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 07, 2021

- Punjab Assembly: Resolution adopted to include Khatme Nabuwwat declarations in the Nikah Nama (Marriage deal)
Declaration is essential to ensure that the groom is not a Qadiani: Speaker (Ch. Pervaiz Elahi)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 30, 2021

- LHC sets aside cancellation of students’ admission. Court also asks BZU VC to probe the incident.
- Qadianis’ protector should know that the Muslim is wide awaked: Fazlur Rahman. We are under pressure to revise Amendment II that declared Qadianis to be Non-Muslim.
This belief is now a part of the Constitution: Mufti Taqi Usmani, the guardians of Khatme Nabuwwat are (well) alive: Hanif Jalandhari

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 08, 2021

- Qadianis on key posts should be sacked: Khatm-e-Nabuwwat conference

The daily Jinnah; Lahore, October 30, 2021

- LHC sets aside second detention of Saad Rizvi (of TLP)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 02, 2021

- IS claims responsibility for killing Sikh in Peshawar

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 03, 2021

- TLP chief’s release orders issued as govt withdraw reference. High alert issued as Saad’s supporters gather outside jail.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 10, 2021

- Two cops (perhaps 3) as many TLP workers die in Lahore clashes. Lal Masjid’s Maulana Aziz asks supporters to join sit-in on Monday.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 23, 2021

- Govt decides to treat TLP as militant outfit. Punjab police chief says four cops martyred, 263 injured in clashes. Rangers deployed to maintain law, order in Province for two months.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2021

- TLP used sub-machine guns in Komoke clash

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 30, 2021

- We also are worriers (sipahi) of Namus Risalat and

of Khatme Nabuwwat as well.
I am the worrier of Qala, Qala Rasulullah. I sacrifice ten such lives on Namus Risalat. If anyone in entire Pakistan has spent more time in prison than I over Khatme Nabuwwat, I am prepared to undergo any punishment: Sh. Rashid, Federal Interior Minister

Geo TV (18:30-18:50), October 27, 2021

- Situation is getting worse rather than improving. One doesn’t know what the government is doing... Who is responsible?: Peshawar High Court

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 25, 2021

- (PM’s) Announcement to establish Rahmat ulil Alameen Authority — that will supervise (school) syllabi. Great religious scholars will comprise the Authority. The country will progress if it follows the policies of Riasat Madina: Imran Khan

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 11, 2021

- Freedom of religion for all. We’ll continue to uphold the Constitution: CJP
We’ll give all the rights to all minorities including Hindus, as per the Constitution and law. Supreme Court will protect places of worship.

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 25, 2021

- PA backs Khatm-i-Nabuwat oath in marriage documents

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2021

- Hindu temple desecrated in Kotri

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 29, 2021

- SC irked by delay in vacating Hindu Gymkhana

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2021

- Suicide bombing in Qunduz Afghanistan during Friday prayers. 100 dead; over 200 injured.

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 9, 2021

- Security chief endorses \$169m theft charge against Ghani (former Afghanistan president)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 11, 2021

- India hints at surgical strike against Pakistan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 15, 2021

- Afghans bury their dead as Kandhar (mosque) attack mounts (to 60).
IS claims assault, says two suicide bombers attacked mosque.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 17, 2021

- Apple takes down Quran app in China (on official request)

BBC Top Stories October 17, 2021

- Saudi gov’t revives \$3bn support to Pakistan

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2021

- Dozens held in India for disrupting weekly Muslim prayers

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 30, 2021

- (Govt forms) 12-memeber Ulama Committee to negotiate with the proscribed group (TLP)

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 31, 2021

- Pervaiz (Elahi) advises gov’t to ‘shun ego’ while dealing with TLP’s march

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 30, 2021

- Islamic Sharia prohibits forced conversion, marriages: Ashrafi

The Nation; Lahore, October 14, 2021

- 12th Rabiul Awwal event to be biggest in country’s history: PM

The News International; Lahore, October 15, 2021

- Consensus achieved for Quran Board to publish error-free Holy Book: Noorul Haq Qadri

The Nation; Lahore, October 05, 2021

- Five security personnel martyred in terrorist attack (in South Waziristan)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 3, 2021

- Sheikh Rashid calls on Bohra Community leader

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 3, 2021

- Pandora Papers unmask the elite at home and offshore

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 4, 2021

- Gov’t assailed over unilateral TLP talks

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 4, 2021

- ECP summons Swati over his caustic remarks

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 13, 2021

- New social media rules give more powers to PTA

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 15, 2021

- National Assembly pays homage to Dr Qadeer

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 15, 2021

- Gov’t yields to TLP, frees 350 activists

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 25, 2021

- Gov’t accepts all but one demand of TLP. Interior Ministers says it’s not possible to expel French ambassador.

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2021

- Eight embrace martyrdom (four soldiers, four constables) as terrorist attacks rise in KP

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 28, 2021

- Global Covid-19 deaths hit 5m as Delta variant sweeps the world

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 3, 2021

- French church probe uncovers 3,000 paedophiles

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 4, 2021

- UK offers help to Taliban on tackling terrorism

The Express Tribune; Lahore, October 6, 2021

- Tanzania-born novelist wins Nobel Literature Prize

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 6, 2021

- Gunmen kill 16 worshippers in Nigeria mosque attack

The Nation; Lahore, October 27, 2021

- Artist who drew sacrilegious sketch dies in Sweden car crash

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 6, 2021

- Israeli FM opens embassy in first visit to Bahrain

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 1, 2021

- Seventy thousand persons perform Umrah (circuit of the Kaabah) daily: Saudi ministry of pilgrimage

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 5, 2021

- Nine shot dead by dacoits for being ‘police informers’ (in R.Y.Khan)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 11, 2021

- Criminal gang opens fire over non-payment of extortion money. Three citizens injured. Police fails to arrest the culprits.

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 11, 2021

- Two (sugar) millers arrested in a rare move

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 16, 2021

- Largest cake in the world, weighing 63 maunds (approx 2500 Kg) produced in Chiniot (at HP’s birthday celebrations)

The daily Dunya; Lahore, October 19, 2021

- Pakistan show World Cup credentials with India romp

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 25, 2021

- Girl, declared murdered by police recovered alive (in Sahiwal)

The daily Dawn; Lahore, October 27, 2021

- Former Indonesian president Ahmad Soekorno’s daughter converts to Hinduism

BBC Top Stories, October 30, 2021

- California condors: Virgin births discovered in critically endangered birds.
US wildlife researchers have discovered that two California condors without any male genetic DNA

BBC Top Stories, October 30, 2021

FROM THE MEDIA

Press Release:

HRCP demands immediate action to improve the situation in view of the crisis state of human rights

(Extracts) The Governing Council of HRCP, at the end of its 6-monthly session, expressed great concern on the states’ total inability to provide protection to weak sections of the society...

Religious minorities and communities are under utmost pressure. Their worship places are often attacked or desecrated. The state should take immediate and firm action to implement Supreme Court’s verdict of 2014. This verdict required establishment of a special police force to protect places of worship. The government should be mindful that the Shia Hazarah Community is particularly targeted on communal basis. ...

Monthly Jehd-e-Haq, HRCP, September 2021, p.3

Op-ed: The cost of surrender

THE terms of surrender may not have been made public but the capitulation could not have been more humiliating. There was nothing surprising about the government succumbing to a lawless brigade. The writ of the state has yet again crumbled in the face of violent extremism. After two weeks of blowing hot and cold, the PTI government has apparently signed on the dotted line. It is the seventh time in the past five years that the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) has brought the state to its knees. Each time it has returned more empowered. ...

Many in the PTI, including the prime minister, would assure the group that there was no difference between their and the TLP’s allegiance to the faith. The PTI’s increasing emphasis on religiosity, however, doesn’t seem to have appeased the radical clerics. What happened over the last two

weeks was predictable. The banned outfit was once again out on the streets choking GT Road and threatening to storm Islamabad.

...

The oft-repeated mantra of ‘establishing the writ of the state’ became a joke with the zealots paralyzing the administration. While the federal government was bending over backwards pleading with the banned terrorist group for negotiations the violence continued unabated, leaving several policemen dead. The writ of the state was nowhere to be seen.

...

The deal has legitimized a banned terrorist group. The crisis is far from over. Emboldened by their latest triumph, the radical clerics will soon be back with new demands. The country remains hostage to a terrorist band threatening to tear apart national security.

(Zahid Hussain in the daily Dawn, Lahore; November 3, 2021)

Op-ed: Our exclusivity syndrome

Prime Minister Imran Khan has announced the establishment of the Rehmatul-lil-Alameen Authority to raise awareness, both abroad and at home, of Islam and the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). This is a noble cause. However, religion is a delicate issue in Pakistan. Any initiative linked to religious or moral codes only strengthens the clergy. Pakistan’s history is replete with examples. Secondly, it is also important to see how the authority will work as it has a very broad agenda, ranging from the development of youth’s moral character and preparing and monitoring the religious curriculum being taught at schools, to countering Islamophobia globally, particularly in the West.

Apart from the mammoth scope and mandate of the proposed authority, it is also not clear who will lead it. If

the clergy holding traditional Islamic scholarship is given a lead role, the authority will eventually become an institution of moral policing and may not be different from the Taliban ministry of Amr-bil Maroof Wa Nahi Anil Munkar meant to promote virtue and prevent vice. Another issue will be to identify and engage with religious scholars who not only have the required scholarship but also credibility with the masses in a diverse religious landscape. Had Pakistan such scholarship, the performance of the existing federal and provincial institutions, that are working for similar purposes, would have been far better.

Most importantly, Prime Minister Imran Khan announced the establishment of the authority in a special gathering of religious scholars, instead of putting it before parliament or the executive; nor were its modalities and objectives debated in public forums.

Apart from parliament and the executive, the security establishment has also been exhibiting a similar approach.

(Muhammad Amir Rana in the daily Dawn, Lahore; October 17, 2021)


Op-ed: Checkmate


... Ideologically, the movement’s rhetoric places a significant straitjacket on the state itself. It speaks for love of the Prophet (P.B.U.H.). Its followers call themselves ashiq-i-rasool. It seeks to defend the honour of the Prophet and the finality of prophethood from international conspirators and their local compradors. How can a state ostensibly created in the name of religion oppose any of this? How can a federal government that has spent the better part of the last few years trying to establish its own religious credentials disallow others from expressing theirs? How can a provincial administration that is creating more space for religious authorities in everything from nikah documents to curriculum oversight and management stop any section of the religious

elite from staking their claim? ...
(Umair Javed in the daily Dawn, Lahore; November 01, 2021)



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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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